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of the United States custom house the river bends into the shape of a fowl, and this place is called the "old hen." From the Arkansas side of the river to the mouth of Wolf river, which supplies the city with water, is nearly three miles, and in this mighty bend lies the biggest sand bar in the Mississippi river from mouth to source. The vast bar is more than a mile long and three-quarters of a mile wide, and on this bar is the most interesting colony in America,

says a Nashville correspondent. On cold days, when the stiff northwestern breeze comes down the "old hen," several hundred campfires may be seen on the bar, around which a heavy smoke whirls and rises into the faces of the dozen or more men crouched about each fire, poorly clad, cold and shivering. Men and women from every state are huddled together there, migratory by nature or necessity, indifferent

and cheerful. Their abodes are either the close and dark shanty boats tied to the river's bank, some rudely thrown together hut of driftwood and stray boards, miserable little tents, or, rudest of all, nothing more than a square pen built of logs, in the center of which the fire burns and about the inside edges of which are the men huddled together, lazily passing the hours away. If a census were taken, it would be found that they represent every section and all the large cities, but they generally claim homes in the great Mississippi valley. The Crescent City will secure the increment in the winter months, and when warm weather comes the southern visitors again go north. The unfortunates on the bar constitute the human driftwood of the valley, and they are congregated all the year around on the big bar, which is but a waste of sand covered with logs,

branches and debris. Most of these visitors come to the bar by boat. Those who arrive in this manner generally live in their boats, but others, having left St. Louis in a shanty boat, have met with misfortune, been forced to sell out, and with their surplus have purchased a skiff and a tent and have reached Memphis in an open

The city and certain individuals have been in dispute for many years over the possession of the bar. But the real owners of the bar find a fruitful source of revenue in the squatters who sojourn there. The settlement assumes the character of a small empire. The owner is emperor, and he has his collector, who draws tribute from the men who enjoy his land and his driftwood. Twenty-five cents a week is collected from each tent, but, pen and shanty boat, and the collector is merciless in dealing with them. Each day the agent comes to the bar and takes a census of its inhabitants. These he notes carefully in a book, and at the end of a week they must pay or be subject to ejection. Fishing, washing, begging and indolence are the occupations of the people, all ef whom declare that they are willing to work, but cannot find it.

River men have observed that since the Mississippi has been falling lately the big sand bar which has long threat ened the Memphis levee has not only been given a higher surface by new de posits, but has been extended in dimensions until still less of the Memphis side is now navigable. The recent reports of the river commission in the matter of appropriations give nothing favorable to this danger. Two methods have been suggested to remedy it. One contem plates the changing of the mouth of the Wolf river in such a way that the outflowing current would wash away the accumulated bar. The other involves an artificial extension of Hopefield point in such manner as to carry the main current of the river across the sand bar, with the certainty that it could be washed away in a short time. The latter is considered the most feasible plan, though it would cost a great amount of money. Year by year the danger to the city becomes more imminent. Much of the old and most valuable of the river front has been washed away. If succeeding years repeat the inroads of the past, it is a question of only a short time when it will be necessary to construct new levee facilities for the river trade. -Chicago Record.

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RALEIGH COUNCIL

Raleigh council met on Monday 15th,

Raieigh council met on Monday 18th, February. All members present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

The amended report of W. G. McGeorge on the repairs and improvements on the Pike drainage work was submitted and read. C. Crow, J. Bradley and others were heard in favor At Memphis the Mississippi river is nearly 1 1-2 miles wide. Just at the foot of the United States custom house the Morrison and others were heard against Morrison and others were heard against the United States custom house the inclusion of the lands east of the Drake road in the assessment for the work Also a letter from Levi Anderson as to the amount expended on drainage on E. haif of lot one con 3.

Mr. Chinnick gave notice that he

would introduce a by-law at next meeting to adopt the report and provide for the completion of the work.

The amended report of W. C. Mc

George on the improvement of the Irwin drain was submitted and read, Mr. Rhodes was heard suggesting that the work could be done by statute labor. Mr. Pardo gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce a by law to adopt the report and provide for the completion of the work.

The reeve submitted a communica-tion from the deputy minister of agriculture, Ottawa, enclosing a declara-tion of quarantine as to the removal of swine from the township in con-sequence of a contagious disease, known as swine plague, being reported to exist in the township.

Moved by Pardo-Chinnick, that the clerk be instructed to notify the minister of agriculture that no swine plague is known to exist in the Town ship of Raleigh, and that we are unfairly dealt with as compared with ad-joining townships where said plague is known to exist and not under quarantine. Carried.

Wilson, Rankin, McKeough and Kerr, account \$321.83. Referred to reeve with power. Atkinson & Atkinson account \$2

Mr. Rhodes asked that an account for \$15 presented on the 7th September last, on which no action was taken, be considered. Mr. Morrison said that it was understood by the council that in the event of government drain No. 1 being proceeded with the said claim

would be withdrawn, no action. The report of the commissioners on the Kaleigh plain drai, read at last meeting, was, on motion of Mr. Chin-nick at the request of certain ratepayers on the drain, again read, and which is as follows:

To the muncipal council of the township of Raleigh. Gentlemen, -Your commissioners appointed to let and sup erintend the construction of the Raleigh Plain's drain, the erection of five steel and have reached Memphis in an open boat. They soon pitch their tent and are at home. There is a vast number of these transients, however, who are members of the great army of rapid transit devotees, who disdain anything slower than a freight train, who arrive on bumpers, trucks, in cattle cars and "blind baggage." The sand bar is known to all the hoboes of America as a good thing, and it is probably the largest tramp colony in the country, its population being from 400 to 1,200 all the year round. When a hobo strikes the city, he soon learns the whereabouts of the rendezvous and is received into camp with welcome.

The city and certain individuals have bridges and the purchase of right of settle with the owners in order to save way, etc. Beg leave to report to your expense of litigation, and the same was the other companies could have done the work as per specifications. The company have been at work 1616 months and had two dredges the most of the ime and will have the work nearly completed within the time, viz., 1st January, 1897. The work has been a heavy one and, in fact, nuch more so than your commissioners and many others expected. The company will make fair wages but nothing more, when the wear and tear of their machinery is taken into account, interest on plant, etc. The bridges are also getting on well, we have four completed and grading nearly all done, fencing, etc., and the 5th, and last, we expect finished early in January. We will have to let the painting ary. We will have to let the painting go till spring. The bridge company are fulfilling their contract very satisfactor ily, we have no fault to find, although your commissioners were warned that said company would never do the work on account of their low tender, but the on account of their low tender, but the result of said warning has proved wrong so far. You will see by our accounts (annexed in detail hereto) that we have spent a good deal of time on the work, but we thought it entitled to all the time given. The percentage will be less than 6 mills in the dollar, which must be admitted a very low rate on the council hereby approves of the enterprise known as The Chatham and Suburban Electric Railway, and believe that its operation will be a benefit to must be admitted a very low rate on such work that all must admit required close attention. Dec. 26th, 1896. The dredges have got down to the Drake road and across it into the 80 feet cut, and are now laid up for the winter. The engineer in charge (Mr. Smith) has passed and received the drain from the head to the Drake road, also from near the line of lots 3 and 4 to its outlet in Tilbury. The balance to do is a strip on the north side of lot 6, about a week's work of one dredge. Or in other words that part of the drain across lot 6 is yet to be received by the engineer and a little work around the C. P. R. bridge

The dredging contract was \$44,775. Paid on orders grated to the company \$42,500. Balance due on completion, \$2,500.

The bridging contract was \$6,590. Paid on orders due to company, \$5,650.



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Your commissioners reported to you last year of the offer made to owners along the drain for the purchase of lands for right of way, being in every case much more than the engin-eer allowed for widening said drain, this was done with a view of trying to

Account of R. J. Morrison, detailed herewith, \$116. Account of N. H. Shepley, detailed herewith, \$80.50. All of which is respectfully submitted R. J. Morrison, and N. H. Shepley,

Raleigh, Dec. 23th, 1896."
S. T. Martin addressed the council for the purpose of making certain explanations as to the work of excava-tion on the Raleigh Plains drain, and to remove certain false impressions currently reported in connection with currently reported in connection with the work, especially as regards a comb or elevation in the centre of the drain, which he said was little, if any, above the bottom depth called for in the specifications, the cut on each side be-ing from 18 inches to two feet deeper than required, and that the specifica-tions of the engineer are exceeded all along the drain. G. C. Rankin, president of the Chat-ham and Suburban Electric Railway.

ham and Suburban Electric Railway and J. G. Kerr addressed the council

Suburban Electric Railway, and believe that its operation will be a benefit to this township; and that in the event of the company complying with all the requirements of the law, this council will do what may be in its power to further the project and its construction and operation.—Carried.

Moved by Clayton and Pardo, that the trustees of S. S. No. 15 be allowed to be proposed from time, to time the results of the second time.

to berrow from time to time as required, a sum not exceeding \$300, preliminary to the issue of debentures upon their filing a bond with the clerk for the sum of \$300, signed by the trustees and sealed with the corporate seal.—Corried.

Report of Chas. Crow as commission-er on Pike Pumping Works for 1896 was read and adopted.

Accounts from General hospital, \$5, for two weeks' care of John Weirs, and from S. Jahnke, \$12.50, for coffin, grave and funeral expenses of same.

-Paid.
Certificate from Registrar General of registration in 1896 of 108 births, 24 marriages and 47 deaths.
Moved by Chinnick and McKay, that this council instruct the commissioners on the Raleigh Plains drain, forthwith, to make a reasonable offer to every owner of land required for the said drain, and to notify the reeve of any parties who refuse a settlement.—Carried.

-Carried.

J. B. Thackeray filed notice of demand for \$500 damages sustained by reason of the enlargement and construction of the Raleigh Plains drain, and nominating James Clancy as arbitrator on his behalf.

G. B. Douglas, instructed by Johnston Orr, gave notice that action will be taken to prevent the cutting of the embankment on 12 and 13 sideroad for an outlet to the Chinnick drain.

The reeve submitted agreement with

The reeve submitted agreement with C. A. Williams and Felix Shreeve withdrawing suits now pending.—Adopted. A petition to open up the 3rd and 4th concession road across lots 1, 2, 3 and 4.—Laid over.
The auditors submitted report for accounts of 1896.

counts of 1896.

The treasurer reported receipt of \$705.54 from city of Chatham, \$16.97 from Blenheim, and \$1,519.82 from Harwich, being assessment in full for Mud and Indian Creek drain.—Adopted. W. G. McGeorge, acets., \$10 for survey of Irwin drain and \$35 for survey of Pike drainage works.—Paid.

Planet Printing Co., acet., \$24.80, for assessment rolls and advertising.—Paid.

Council adjourned till 1st March. J. G. STEWART,

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