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THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR

COUNCIL NOT YET THROUGH WITH THE YEAR'S BUSINESS

Grist of Business For Last Regular Meeting Made a Lengthy Session. Council Takes Action to Have Buildings Removed From Public Alleys.

The City Council is not yet through with its year's business although the meeting last evening was scheduled to be the last regular session of the year. There was a grist of business to be transacted and it was 11:30 when the greater portion of it had been disposed of. It was decided to adjourn until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock when the remaining business will be cleaned up.

All the aldermen were in their places. The Mayor announced that the Mayor's supper will be held next Monday or Tuesday evening, more likely on Monday.

There was a long list of communications to be dealt with, and with the discussion the committee reports occasioned together with the reading of by-laws and other matters, made a lengthy session.

The by-law fixing the polling places and deposit returning officers, for the municipal elections was passed. The nominations take place at St. Mary's hall on December 29th, and the voting a week later, Monday, January 6th.

The by-law appointing H. C. Fischer, electrical inspector at \$75 a month, was given two readings. The third and final reading was deferred until the by-law governing the rules and regulations of electrical inspection, is passed. This by-law was considered last evening but its passing was held over until the next meeting for further consideration.

A by-law drafted after the Municipal Act to provide for the removal of trees on private property and public highways, where the municipality deems it necessary, was passed. A fourth by-law for construction work was also passed.

Use of An Alley. When the report of the Finance Committee was presented by Chairman Eitelhaupt, there was a lengthy discussion before it was adopted. Ald. Hett called attention to clause 3, which provided that Mr. H. L. Janzen be notified to open a public alley, which he has been occupying from King to Cameron streets, between Wellington and Louisa streets.

The time given was one year. Ald. Hett said that the same citizen had overstepped the line in the case of the New Grand Opera House. On request the City Engineer made a survey and reported that on the west side the building infringed ten inches on the public alley, and on the east side fifteen inches. He thought it was time the Council looked into this matter. Ald. Hett then moved and Ald. Pieper seconded the following amendment to the Finance Committee report:

"That clause 3 on Finance Committee report be amended to read: 'That Mr. H. L. Janzen be charged \$15 a month beginning Jan. 1, 1914, for occupying the alley from King to Charon streets and between Louisa and Wellington streets and that the Council have the necessary steps for getting the same, and in case Mr. Janzen does not wish to pay the rent he be notified to open up the alley as soon as possible and not later than six months.'

Ald. Breithaupt did not consider it to be a just motion. He pointed out that nobody was seriously affected by the alley being closed. The recommendation of the Finance Committee he thought, was ample in dealing with the matter. Other citizens have had use of alleys and streets.

If Mr. Janzen was given ample time, the building would be removed from the alley. He did not think the Council should stoop to an act of demanding a rental for the use of the alley, when nobody was seriously affected by its being closed.

Ald. Rumpel said the occupant should be obliged to pay the taxes. Pure Spite Work.

Mr. H. L. Janzen was present at the meeting and at his request was given five minutes in which to make an explanation. He said he had been surprised to learn of the Council's action, and he attributed it to "pure spite work."

Ald. Gallagher and Ald. Rumpel thought it would be unreasonable to have the municipality bear the taxes on the public property which was used for a private purpose.

Ald. Hagen also assured Mr. Janzen that there was no spite work. If there were other alleys being occupied the same way the occupants should be obliged to pay the taxes or a rental.

Ald. Hagen could not see when the Council was acting so strictly. Nobody was affected by the closing of the alley. If the Assessment Committee looked it up, he was confident he would find that there were many other alleys being used by private interests, including manufacturers.

"I can show you a dozen alleys that are costing the city more than this one," he said. Ald. Gallagher said if the alley was of no use to the city it would be better to deed over the property, and thus the municipality would escape this one," he said.

Ald. Schwartz said if the Council made a start to get after all persons occupying public alleys there would be quite a number found. It was not fair to single out one man. He believed if Mr. Janzen were approached, he would willingly pay the taxes on the property.

The Mayor suggested that the taxes be paid in kind of rental. Mr. Janzen asked that the matter be held in abeyance so as to give him an opportunity of considering the matter. Ald. Hett replied "do it now." When the vote was taken on Ald. Hett's amendment only the mover and seconder supported it.

The Other Alley. Ald. Hett continued to worry about the alley. Later in the evening, he brought up the matter of the other alley in the rear of the New Grand Opera House, on which he claimed the owner of the building was trespassing. He submitted the following resolution, which was carried after some discussion.

"That Mr. H. L. Janzen be notified to remove, within 90 days, the part of the rear of the New Grand Opera House, which has been built on the alley, and that Mr. Janzen be requested to sign an undertaking holding the city of Berlin harmless for damages which may result by reason of his building on the said alley."

The mover's original motion called for the building to be removed within 30 days but this time was extended to 90 days.

Committee Reports. The reports of the various committees were adopted as follows: take in committee reports then Finance Committee.

WHAT'S THE WORLD DOING?

As you glance through your favorite daily newspaper you get a pretty fair glimpse of the day's tragedies and comedies.

The newspaper brings the whole world to your door and holds it up like a great framed picture.

But do you give the advertising columns their proper value as a news factor?

Do you realize that these are the modern ambassadors of commerce, bringing to you the news of progress and achievement?

The advertising tells you of the rag wovens in the Orient, the shoes made at your door, the gowns designed in Paris, the furs caught in Alaska.

And speaking of good news, are you watching the Christmas advertisement in The NEWS RECORD? Not many days left for holiday shopping!

THE BERLIN NEWS-RECORD

BERLIN, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, DEC. 16th, 1913.

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VICTORIAN ORDER TAKE CHARGE OF SEAGUL FUND

At the Victorian Order of Nurses' meeting held in the Public Library Hall yesterday afternoon the Order consented to take charge of the News-Record Seagul fund. Over \$80 will be placed with the Order for Mrs. Seagul and children. Mrs. Alex. Eby, Mrs. W. C. Boese and Mrs. J. Kaufman were appointed a committee from the Order to look into the present needs of the family, and they will decide how best to give her the money.

SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR EXAMINATIONS

Among the list of those who have been successful in their examinations at the third examinations in the Royal Canadian Engineers at Ottawa is the name of Mr. Hugh A. F. Bowman. Mr. Bowman's name was in the honor class, showing the excellent work he has been doing during the past term. His next examination, which takes place in March, if successfully passed will admit him to the Department of the Interior.

He is a graduate of the Berlin Collegiate and Technical Institute and a son of Mrs. H. M. F. Bowman of the Berlin and Waterloo Hospital. His many Berlin friends will be pleased to hear of his success, and will congratulate him on his splendid standing.

SKATING ON THE LAKE AND FIRST COLD BATH

About one hundred young people enjoyed skating on the ice at the Victoria park lake last night. The ice was in splendid condition. As is the case in all out door skating, the ice was a little rough in places, but for the most part was excellent.

One small boy ventured too near one of the bridges, and went through there were many willing hands to take him out, and he was hustled off home by his companions. No bad effects are anticipated for his cold bath.

As long as the ice is good, and there is as little snow, the park lake promises to be the most attractive spot in the city for the young people who enjoy the popular winter pastime. It has the advantage of having no rules against small boys playing hockey or fancy skating, and while all these can be indulged in, those so inclined can enjoy a quiet skate.

FUNERAL OF MRS. OPELT WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

The funeral service was conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late residence, 170 St. George street, of Mrs. Orval Opelet, who died in the B. and W. Hospital on Saturday, after a very short illness. Mr. Gerald Barry, lay of London, England, conducted the services. He was lecturer at the International Bible Students' Association, of which Mrs. Opelet was a member. His sermon was in 1st Cor. 15th chap., the resurrection from the dead. A sad feature of the death was that deceased's mother died less than a year ago in Toronto.

The funeral was very largely attended by friends from Toronto, where she formerly lived, and from Berlin. Numerous flowers were sent from the friends she had made during her residence of one year and a half in Berlin, some coming also from Toronto.

Interment was made at Mount Hope cemetery.

Eight More Days to Help Swell the Good Fellows' Fund

This is the last whole week before Christmas, Goodfellows and here, that you must get in your best work for the children. Already lists have been coming in telling of children whose Christmas outlook is not very bright, and as the lists are being made up, the funds too, must come in, so that none of the children need be omitted.

All children, no matter to what family they belong, are entitled to a merry Christmas, for this is all seasons of the year, belongs to the children. There may be children who do not know what a real Christmas is, and this is your chance to help them. Mr. Goodfellow, End the old year of 1913 with some act that you will remember with pleasure through all the year 1914.

In order to swell the Goodfellow's fund, Mr. Beckerich, manager of the New Grand Opera House, has decided to give a matinee on Tuesday afternoon the proceeds to go to making the children happy. If you have not seen in your donation, patronize this matinee on Tuesday afternoon, and that will do something towards helping the children.

Mr. Beckerich is looking for a full house, and considering the worthy object and the excellent work he is preparing to put on, he should have it.

The last week should see the fund from the Goodfellows of Berlin for the providing of some Christmas joys for the children who might have doubtless at it with excitement otherwise be neglected, much more pecuniary of great things, that the last week before Christmas is entered upon.

Make your Christmas joyous by bringing a little joy to someone else. This is the Christmas spirit.

Previously acknowledged: \$23.50 Friend 2.00 Friend 1.00 Stranger 50 N.C.M. 1.00

The Allan line Victorian brought a heavy English mail, and also 400 brace of pheasants, Lord Strathcona's annual Christmas gift to friends in Canada.

Windsoy physicians heretofore will charge \$3 for night calls instead of \$2 while day visits are increased from \$1 to \$3 and office patients at \$1 instead of 50c.

There is a story in circulation that two Italian laborers near Port Colborne dug up an iron chest which contained \$70,000 in gold.

COST \$8,149 FOR WIDENING QUEEN STREET

Estimated Cost to Acquire Six Foot Strip on the West Side

City Engineer H. Johnston, last night submitted his report on the widening of North Queen street, on the west side, from King to Weber streets, which the Council decided to proceed with early in the morning. The report shows that the estimated cost to widen the street six feet is \$8,149.20. Of this amount \$2,455.20 is borne by the property owners and \$5,694 by the city. The report in detail showing the amount property owners are paid for the six foot strip, and the assessment, is as follows.

According to your instructions I submit herewith an estimate of the cost and an assessment for the widening of North Queen Street, six feet on the west side, from King street to Weber street.

I would recommend that the present buildings be allowed to remain on this six foot strip of land until such time as the residences are changed to business places but that all buildings and structures shall be removed within ten years.

The following is an estimate of the cost of the work, and the frontage of the properties affected.

Merchants' Bank, frontage 166.5 feet, \$491.88; W. G. Bernhardt, frontage 22.6 feet, \$759.35; Merchants' Bank, frontage 14.7 feet, \$52.92; J. H. Quirin, frontage 70 feet, \$252.95; Economical Fire Insurance Co., frontage 51.5 feet, \$185.46; J. E. Wiegand & Co., frontage 28.5 feet, \$102.60; L. J. Breithaupt, frontage 34.5 feet, \$124.20; C. Breithaupt Estate, frontage 60.4, \$217.44; Duke St.—H. G. Leckner, frontage 163.7 feet, \$589.32; English Lutheran church, frontage 110.8 feet, \$398.88; Carnegie Library Board, frontage 132 feet, \$475.20. Total \$8,149.20.

The following is an assessment for the cost of the work:

Merchants Bank, exempt 53.2, \$191.88, annual payment \$24.07; W. G. Bernhardt, \$81.36, annual payment \$11.06; Merchants Bank, \$52.92, annual payment \$7.19; John Quirin, \$252.95, annual payment \$34.25; Economical Fire Insurance Co., \$185.46, annual payment \$25.29; J. E. Wiegand & Co., \$102.60, annual payment \$13.68; L. J. Breithaupt, \$124.20, annual payment \$16.88; C. Breithaupt Est., \$217.44, annual payment \$29.55; H. G. Leckner, 60.7, \$373.32, annual payment \$50.73; English Lutheran Church, \$398.88, annual payment \$53.21; Carnegie Library Board, \$475.20, annual payment \$64.58. Total frontage 705.5 feet; exempt 113.3 feet, assessed 682.2, Total \$2455.20. Annual payment \$333.65. City of Berlin's share, \$5994.00. City's annual payment \$773.52. Total \$8149.20.

The assessments are made payable in ten equal annual instalments calculated at 6 per cent interest. Rate \$3.60 per foot frontage.

W. C. Smith, who has for twenty-five years been town clerk of Ingersoll, has been recommended for a \$300 honorarium and \$220 increase in salary.

The export of butter and eggs from Canada to Great Britain has entirely stopped, and the export of live cattle from Canada to Britain is decreasing.

It is stated that a royal commission will be appointed to investigate the high cost of living in collaboration with labor department officials.

WILSON IS UPHELD

Currency Bill Has Majority on Test of Strength in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A victory for the Administration forces in the first test of strength on the currency reform bill marked yesterday's session of the Senate. The vote, 46 to 35, upheld a substantial majority by Senator Hitchcock, for section two of the Administration bill, proposing a system of four regional banks, with a possible increase to eight, the regional bank stock to be owned by the public.

The defeat of this amendment practically insured the adoption of the Owen plan, which provides for from eight to twelve regional banks, with the stock owned by the national banks that become members of the respective regional banks. The Democratic leaders claimed that the result of the test vote, involving one of the most important features of the bill, indicated the complete success of the Administration measure.

No Confirmation of Outrages. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Except for a telegram from American Consul Leather, telling of threats of expulsion of Spaniards and confiscation of their property, the State Department up to late yesterday had received no official communication concerning reported indignities to other foreigners by Mexican rebels at Chihuahua City.

Secretary Bryan said there had been no interference with Consul Leather's telegram by the Constitutionalists, and that so far as he had been able to learn, no threats had been made to any of the foreign consuls.

Alex. McNeill, chief of the fruit division of the Federal Department of Agriculture since 1904, is dead at Ottawa.

EXCITING EXPERIENCE FOR HOTEL BOARDER

The story is told at a local hotel of an exciting incident that occurred in one of the hotel bedrooms at midnight Sunday. The room was not as comfortably heated as it might have been, to suit the occupant, who happened to be a street pencil vendor, the man who is becoming a familiar figure on King street, and who unfortunately lost his two legs some time ago. In order to make the bed more comfortable he unfastened the electric wiring from which was suspended the electric light globe. The globe he placed under the bed clothing and then proceeded to fall into slumberland, highly satisfied with the improved bed warmer. His slumber, however, did not go long undisturbed. The intense heat of the globe soon started to burn the clothing and it was not long before he was aroused from his sleep by the odor of smoke and excessive heat. He discovered the bed clothing burning, quite briefly. He quickly summoned a number of boarders from other rooms and the fire was extinguished by throwing the burning clothing out of the window.

There will be no more such experiments at this hotel.

SEEKING LOW TARIFF

Grain Growers of West to Wait on Premier To-day.

Demands Include a Fifty Per Cent Increase in the British Preference, Removal of Wheat Duty In Order to Secure Free Entry into the U. S., and Free Admission of Implements.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Representatives of the Western Grain Growers, together with Ontario delegates to the National Council of Agriculture, arrived yesterday and will be received to-day by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet. They are here to demand the removal of the duties upon wheat, flax and wheat products, free agricultural implements; a reduction in, or removal of the duties upon farm products, lumber and cement, and an immediate increase in the British preference.

A number of the matters to be dealt with to-day in respect of the tariff are to be found in the resolutions passed by the Western Grain Growers at Brandon last October, which declared as follows:

"1. That we urge the Parliament of Canada to increase at its first session, the British preference to at least 50 per cent, and to provide for a gradual increase from year to year until we have free trade with Great Britain in five years.

"2. That Parliament accept the offer of the United States of a free interchange of all agricultural and animal products between Canada and the United States.

"3. That all foodstuffs not provided for in the above offer of the United States be transferred to the free list.

"4. That agricultural implements, lumber and cement be transferred to the free list.

"5. That, pending the passage of legislation asked for herein, any duties imposed under the Canadian customs tariff, which are the means of countervailing duties being imposed against any food products of the country by any foreign country, be immediately removed.

"6. That any tariff or trade concession granted to any other country be immediately extended to Great Britain."

Among the delegates are: C. E. Platt, Tipton, Sask.; J. A. Maharg, Moose Jaw, and F. W. Green, Moose Jaw, representing the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association; E. Carswell, Red Deer; Rice Sheppard, Edmonton, representing the United Farmers of Alberta; R. C. Hendrie, Calgary; Rodrick Mackenzie, Winnipeg, representing the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association; James McEwing, Drayton, and W. S. Good, Inverfleur, representing the Ontario Grain.

YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORT NATIVE PASTOR IN INDIA

The annual meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of King Street Baptist Church was held last evening when the annual reports showed the society to be in a flourishing condition. The membership has reached 30, and an active interest is taken in all the meetings of the Society.

The Young People are supporting a native pastor among the Tuluvas of India, as their mission work.

Following are the officers for the coming year:

Hon. Pres.—Mr. Geo. Clark. President—Mr. L. G. Lecuyer. Vice Pres.—Miss Sylvia Shelley. Secretary—Mr. Horace Holmes, B.A. Treasurer—Mr. U. Ritchie. Usheer—Messrs. E. Moncur, W. C. Figures, P. Shelley and H. Lang. Pianiste—Miss Lillian Mitchell. Asst. Pianiste—Miss Erna Betzner.

Wm. McIntosh, an automobile machinist, was killed when a borrowed car he was driving, ran through crossing gates and was struck by a Delaware and Hudson train at Montreal.

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PROCEED WITH ORGANIZATION

Milk Producers Name a Committee to Start Association

Farmers of this vicinity who supply milk to the dealers in Berlin and Waterloo, held another meeting last evening to discuss the milk situation and to consider the advisability of forming a milk Producers Association. The meeting was held in the Grand Central Hotel Block. There were fewer farmers present than at the first meeting held a week ago. About two score turned out to the meeting. Mr. Ephraim Ernst acted as chairman.

When asked what was done at the meeting, Mr. J. S. Woolner, one of the leading milk producers, informed the Record that it was decided to proceed with the formation of an association and a committee of five farmers was appointed to proceed with the organization proceedings. The aim of the association will be to protect the interest of the milk producers.

Mr. Ellis of Galt, whom it was stated was an Ontario Government official, addressed the meeting relative to the formation of the Association along the lines of the Toronto Milk Producers Association.

Respectfully Submitted

A news despatch says that Galt folks are still cutting hay. Berhnes like the slow and sure methods of their Galt friends but say that their being six months behind time in this matter is just a trifle too deliberate.

A big hearted citizen said to the Record to-day: "Put the following ad in your columns: Wanted 25 citizens to undertake to pay \$1 a month each for one year from Jan. 1st, next in support of the Seagul family." Good idea!

It is not flattering to the race to be told by a big steamship company that Chinese sailors are more reliable than white men.

Mild, milder and mildest December on record.

Is the council trying to break the news gently?

CHRISTMAS STAMPS ARE SELLING WELL

The time has come when parcels and Christmas mail matter leaves the hands of the giver, to go to friends living in other parts of the country. This then is the time to purchase a good supply of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium stamps with which to seal them, and by so doing help the local institution that is expected to do so much good in the days to come.

The stamps are selling encouragingly. Out of the 50,000 already in a disposed of. Not only in Berlin are they purchased, but in many villages and towns surrounding Elmira, New Hamburg, Galt, Preston, Hespler, and other places, are helping to help the tuberculosis sanatorium stamps, which means money as well as advertising for the institution. If with every letter or parcel that left the Berlin station, a small Sanatorium stamp left too, the money coming in for the Sanatorium would be a sum worth considering. "The pennies make the dollars," is worth remembering when it comes to paying a cent for a Sanatorium stamp. To a person whose gift list is large, sheets could be purchased, and used.

THE WEATHER - Perhaps -

PHILIX and PHERDINAND

TAINT MUCH, PHERD, BUT IT'S A WELL-COME CHANGE FROM THAT EVER-LASTIN' TURKEY!

Fresh southerly to westerly winds, generally fair and mild today and on Wednesday.