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FURTHER FACTS ABOUT HALF & HALF SYSTEM

\$14,000,000 TO RUN WASHINGTON, D.C.

More than State of Illinois Spends Annually for all its Expenses Including Salaries of all the State Offices

By Chas. M. Thomson

I want to continue the subject of my letter of last week and give you some further facts about the so-called "half and half" system in use here in connection with the maintenance of the local government of the City of Washington and District of Columbia.

Since 1878 the Federal Government has paid one-half of the municipal expenses of this city. It has paid for one-half of the schooling of the children of the city, one-half of the expense of constructing the municipal public buildings, one-half the cost of paving streets and alleys, building sewers and so forth and one-half the cost of maintaining the police and fire departments—in fact, one-half of all the expenses of the city. Last year the expenses of running the municipality were about \$14,000,000. Of this the Federal Government contributed about \$7,000,000. That is a larger sum than most of the States of the Union collect and spend for the entire expenses of their state governments. It is more than the State of Illinois spends for all its expenses, including the pay of all state officers, its legislature and the maintenance of its university, eleemosynary institutions, penitentiaries and different state departments. There are only six states in the Union that spend more for the maintenance of their state governments than the Federal Treasury contributed last year for the support of the city of Washington.

Of course the \$7,000,000, or thereabouts, contributed annually by the Federal Government for this purpose is not created out of nothing. It is paid into the Treasury by the various states. The State of Illinois annually contributes for this purpose nearly \$380,000. Can anyone give a sane reason why the people of Illinois should make this contribution to the support of the citizens of Washington while they at home are paying a much higher rate of taxation for these benefits, than the people of Washington?

Why should the people of our cities and towns, who have to pay for all their own sidewalks, pavements, sewers and water systems, be required to bear one-half that burden for the citizen of Washington, especially while the latter is carrying little over one-half of the burden of general taxation that is being carried by them? The system is utterly indefensible. When the proposition is reduced to figures and to dollars and cents, the "half and half" system won't hold water. It could not hold hay. The interested citizens of Washington, baffled by cold figures, appeal to patriotism. Of course we should all be proud of our National Capital. We should not be niggardly in providing for its maintenance. Certainly not, but should we not be just first? Pride in our Capital city should not be carried to the length of making the people who do not live here or own any property here, pay the taxes that ought to be paid by those who do choose to live here and enjoy the pleasures and benefits of the Capital City. They point out to us here that the original owners of the land making up the city of Washington gave the Federal Government a large portion of it for its use. But who can estimate how much the remainder was enhanced in value by reason of the location of the Capital here? The Father of the Country made the people pay a bonus to get the Capital located here. What should he think if he came back and found that we are now paying \$7,000,000 a year for the privilege of staying here.

You are all more or less familiar with the beautiful and numerous public buildings located here and the spacious grounds and park that surround them, all maintained by the Federal Government. At least 80,000,000 of the people that helped provide these buildings and grounds and annually contribute for their maintenance, have never seen them and never will. The people of Washington and the District of Columbia get the benefit of all this without contributing a penny. There is not a city in the country that would not contribute millions of dollars for the creation of such buildings and grounds in their midst. The Federal Government is doing its full part by this city in spending the great sums it has and annually does, in providing and maintaining its property here. When we know that in addition to this, the people of the country are also contributing annually for the expenses of the local government of Washington, a greater ag-

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY THE 29th

Matters of Forfeiture of C. & M. E. Franchise and the City Comptroller's Report on Rebates Taken up

A special meeting of the city council was held Friday night upon the call of Mayor Hawkins for the purpose of considering the following matters:

First. Notification to the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad Company of the intention of the city of Highland Park to forfeit said Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad Company's franchise, as per resolution adopted by the city council, January 5th, 1915.

Second. City comptroller's report relative to rebates and cancellations in special assessment accounts.

The matter of the C. & M. E. was disposed of upon a motion by Ald. Fearing, seconded by Ald. Stevens that the city attorney, Attorney Schumacher and Mayor Hawkins be instructed to address a letter to the Receiver of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad Company bringing out the points that in their opinion, should be settled at this time; with the request that the Receiver make formal written answer to the same in time to be presented to the next regular meeting of this council on Tuesday next, at eight p. m. Motion carried.

Following this action the council went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the question of rebates due in special assessment accounts, after which the city comptroller reported as follows: To the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Highland Park, Illinois.

Gentlemen: The recent audit of special assessment accounts disclosed the fact that rebates amounting to \$4,614.94 are due various property owners, as follows: Warrants Nos. 87, 99, 102, 103, 107, 124, 131, 136, 137, 141, 144, 145, 146, 148, 150, 152, 153, 154, 155, 158, 159, 163, 164, 171, 173, 178 and 185.

I herewith submit itemized statement showing the distribution of the \$4,614.94 due in rebates. Of this amount \$2,849.81 is payable in cash and the balance, \$1,765.13 to be rebated by cancellation.

I recommend that the cash rebates be paid and that the city collector be authorized to make the cancellations.

Respectfully submitted, E. A. WARREN, City Comptroller.

Dated at Highland Park, Illinois this 29th day of January 1915.

Ald. Obee moved, seconded by Ald. Stevens, the adoption of the following resolution:

That the city comptroller report on rebates due to the various property owners in the special assessment accounts enumerated be accepted and that the city clerk be authorized to pay (upon presentation of the proper tax receipts to the party or parties legally entitled to same) such rebate as may be due and that the city collector be authorized to make cancellations in accordance with the recommendations in said report. Motion carried.

Alderman Fearing moved, seconded by Alderman Obee, that the city attorney be instructed to submit to this council at its next regular meeting in February 1915, a written report stating whether the person or persons paying the original assessment is legally entitled to any rebate that may be due in such assessment of whether such rebates are payable to the present owner or owners of such property. Carried.

Ald. Fearing moved, seconded by Ald. Sheahan, that the city comptroller address a letter to the Highland Park Press as follows:

By order of the city council the city comptroller is directed to order the publication of report showing rebates due to various property owners in special assessment account. (This report appears on another page of this issue).

PAUL UDELL WITHDRAWS CANDIDACY

If Elected, Would be Unable to Devote Time to Official Duties

EDITOR, HIGHLAND PARK PRESS: Since my announcement as a candidate for commissioner, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election March 9th, I find that it will be necessary for me to be out of town a great deal during the coming year and, if elected, it would be impossible for me to devote the time to the office that it should have, therefore I withdraw my candidacy. I wish to thank the men and women who urged me to run and who also offered their support.

Yours respectfully, PAUL L. UDELL.

WHEAT SELLS AT ONE SIXTY-FIVE



LUTHER LEAGUE ENTERTAINMENT

To Take Place Friday Evening, February 12th in the Church Assembly Room

The fourth entertainment given by the Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Friday evening, will be given February 12th at eight o'clock in the church assembly room. The program will be as follows:

1. Piano solo.....Helen Gipp
2. "Bunny, Cunny and Funny".....Harry Eichler
3. Recitation.....Axel Bjorkman
4. "Virtue Tilters".....Chas. Henning
5. Vocal solos.....Edwin Glover
6. Recitation.....Edwin Glover
7. Blumenstein's Toot Horn
8. Isaac.....Chas. Henning
9. Levi, his clerk.....Arthur Arnswald
10. Haak.....Harry Eichler
11. Bob.....Fred. Henning
12. Joe.....Theo. Arnswald
13. Len.....Edgar Gipp

SPECIAL SERVICES BEING PREPARED

Sunday, February Seventh at First United Evangelical Church

The public is most cordially invited to attend the special services being prepared for Sunday, February seventh at the First United Evangelical church, corner Green Bay Rd. and Laurel Ave.

The morning service at 10:45 will be in the nature of a presentation service or family day, at which time entire families are urged to be present. A sermon in harmony with the occasion will be preached by the pastor, Rev. J. Foster Van Evert.

The evening service will be in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society who are arranging a very interesting program celebrating Christian Endeavor day. Three addresses will be given by members of the local society on subjects relative to Christian Endeavor. Special music will be provided for both services.

FIREMAN'S DANCE FINANCIAL SUCCESS

\$240.50 Received From Ticket Sale. Money Still Coming in

Through the columns of THE PRESS the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank those who were so liberal in buying tickets for their dance at Ravinia Park last Thursday. Though the attendance was rather small the gross receipts were \$240.50. After all bills were paid the department still had \$170.50 with which to purchase needed equipment.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

J. P.'S & CONSTABLES WANT SALARIES

George W. Hutchison has been Town Clerk of Waukegan for 42 years. New Boundary Line at Winnetka

White Woman to Marry Colored Man

Miss May Mitchell, a prominent young white woman in Zion City who is one of the leading workers in Voliva's church, and Roderick M. Toombs, a negro member of the same church, took out a marriage license in Chicago on Monday. Whether or not the marriage took place at that time and in that city is not known but the natural assumption is that this is the case for the license, being issued in Cook county, would be of no use in Zion City or any other part of Lake county.

Holds Office 42 Years

George W. Hutchison, town clerk of Waukegan for the past 42 years, and one of the best known and oldest residents of the county, received the congratulations of his friends last Thursday on the event of the celebration of his 77th birthday. Mr. Hutchison has held office for a longer number of consecutive years than any man now living in the state of Illinois and probably as long if not longer than any other man in the United States. From the day in April, 1873, when he took over the duties of town clerk he has had no successor but himself. During the past several years there have been no candidates in the field against him and he has had an unparalleled hold on the chair which he now occupies.—Waukegan Gazette.

Salary Instead of Fees

Justices of the peace and constables throughout the state of Illinois are inaugurating an effort to have themselves voted a salary by the state legislature. The plan of the justices and their officers is that the legislature shall pass a law fixing the salary of justice and constable at \$1,000 a year each to be paid out of the county treasury of the counties in which they are serving. Heretofore all justices and constables have been working on the fee system. The movement was started in Cook county and is spreading throughout the state. According to one justice no meeting has been held in Kane county as yet but it is expected that one will be called within a short time and that a bill will be drafted and presented to the legislature.—Waukegan Sun.

New Boundary Line

The question of a new boundary line between Glencoe and Winnetka, which has been suspended in mid-air for a long time, is in process of being settled. The houses on Edison Ave., facing south have been occupied by the people who could, if they chose, when the taxes came to town, refuse to be at home to the Glencoe callers by sitting on their front porch and scorn the Winnetka visitors by hailing to the back one. Many discussions have taken place over the whiciness of the rights of either village, and neither one was getting its taxes paid in peace and quiet. At a special meeting called for Wednesday evening, at the village hall, members of the village board of trustees met representatives sent from Glencoe to thresh the boundary question to a finish. The result was a solution so practical it bids fair to prove acceptable when posted for approval. The new line is approximately 119.6 feet north of the present boundary line, which brings it to the rear of the lots facing south on Edison Ave.—Winnetka Talk.

PHILLIP GOLDBERG FINED

Plead Guilty of Selling Liquor Without a License Last Saturday

Phillip Goldberg was arrested Saturday at Blodgett, on a charge of selling liquor without a license. The warrant was served by George Wing upon evidence furnished by the State's Attorney. Mr. Goldberg having promised to plead guilty was allowed to appear before Justice of the Peace William Weiss of Waukegan, who fined him \$100 and costs.

INJURED BY RUN-AWAY

Olaf Lindblom has Narrow Escape in Trying to Stop Horse. On Monday afternoon, a horse belonging to the Highland Park Fuel Co., became frightened and ran away. When it reached Central Ave. and Second St., Mr. Olaf Lindblom, in trying to stop him, was caught in the shaft of the "bob" and thrown to the ground, the "bob" running over one of his ankles. Mr. Lindblom escaped with a few bruises and a sore ankle.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE FOR BEACH ST.

Ordinance Passed for Laying Sidewalk on Dean Avenue. Audit of Special Assessment No. 110 Handed in and Approved.

White Woman to Marry Colored Man

If we attempted to print all that transpired at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night it would make the composer of the "funny page" of the Chicago Examiner blush with shame. We won't attempt it. We will only print the business end of the proceedings. Here it is:

A communication from W. O. Johnson, receiver of the C. and M. E., giving his views as to the rights of his company in the streets of Highland Park, was read and made a matter of record.

Ald. Stevens moved, seconded by Ald. Moses, that the communication presented by the Highland Park Woman's Club relative to smoke nuisance be referred to the police committee. Carried.

Ald. Nichols moved, seconded by Ald. Moses, that the communication from the Highland Park Woman's Club relative to icy walks be referred to the street and alley committee and city attorney for report as to what can legally be done. Carried.

Ald. Obee moved, seconded by Ald. Stevens, that the communication from E. S. Gail relative to assessment Nos. 111, 12, 113, 103 and 124 be received and placed on file. Carried.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the city council of the city of Highland Park, Illinois: The city council, at the special meeting held on Friday evening, January 29th, 1915, ordered rebates and cancellations in special assessment account to \$4,614.94. The city has misappropriated from these assessments \$1,729.82, less cash rebates and cancellation due the city amounting to \$1,077.10, leaving a balance due from the city of \$3,205.82.

It will be necessary to place the above amount to the credit of these assessments before the cash rebates can be paid.

Respectfully submitted, E. A. WARREN, City Comptroller.

Ald. Obee moved, seconded by Ald. Stevens, that the communication be referred to the finance committee and that the committee be requested to report to the city council regarding same as soon as possible. Carried.

Ald. Moses moved, seconded by Ald. Stevens, that the city clerk submit statement as to rebates due on assessment No. 111, if any. Carried.

Ald. Putnam moved, seconded by Ald. Stevens, the adoption of an engrossed ordinance providing for the construction of a concrete cement sidewalk on the east side of Dean Ave. in front of lot No. 147, South Highland addition to Highland Park. Motion Carried. Ayes: Aldermen Sheahan, Nichols, Buckley, Putnam, Obee and Stevens. Nays: Ald. Moses. Ald. Fearing not voting.

Ald. Obee moved, seconded by Ald. Stevens, the adoption of an engrossed ordinance providing for the paving of Beech St. with macadam and the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge spanning the ravine in Beech St. Carried. Ayes: Ald. Sheahan, Moses, Buckley, Putnam, Obee and Stevens. Nays: Ald. Nichols and Fearing.

Ald. Fearing moved, seconded by Ald. Stevens, that the matter of going into an audit of the special assessment accounts be referred to the finance committee with power to act. Carried.

Ald. Fearing presented Barrow, Wade, Guthrie and Company's certified audit of special assessment No. 110. Ald. Fearing moved, by Ald. Sheahan, that a copy of the audit be loaned Attorney E. S. Gail who represents the property owners interested in special assessment No. 110. Carried.

Ald. Putnam moved, seconded by Ald. Buckley, that the action of the mayor be upheld in the matter of ordering an audit of special assessment No. 110. Carried. Ayes: Sheahan, Nichols, Buckley, Putnam, Fearing, Obee and Stevens. Nays: Ald. Moses.

Upon a motion by Ald. Fearing, a resolution presented by Special Attorney, Bowen W. Schumacher, in regard to the C. & M. E. franchise, was adopted. Ald. Nichols moved, seconded by Ald. Buckley, that the Fire and Water committee be requested to prepare for an entertainment at the pumping station on February 22nd, 1915. The event being the completion of the addition to the station and the installation of new boilers. Motion carried, but Ald. Stevens and Moses voting against an appropriation of \$30 for the entertainment.

Ald. Obee moved, seconded by Ald. Stevens, the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK: That a Primary election be held in said city according to law, on the second Tuesday following.

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