NAMED ON THE FIRST BALLOT

E. P. Davis Chosen President of the New City Council Last Night.

HAD A PERFECTLY LOVELY TIME

Mayor Cushing's Last Message Read and Highly Complimented - Morearty's Farewell-All Made Up-Organizing the New Body,

It is now President Davis.

The old city council has quit doing business at the old stand, and the new council is ready to look after the fegislative affairs of

All of these changes took place last night At an early hour in the evening, interested people wended their way to the city hall, and at 8:15 o'clock when President Lowry wrapped for order, the council chamber was densely packed.

The first thing on the regular program was a communication from ex-Mayor Cushing, in which he stated that he had approved the contract with the Ketcham Furniture company, and also the contract of the Fenton Metallic company.

Mr. Eisasser stated that he had a couple of resolutions that he desired to introduce. Mr. Chaffee questioned the right of the council to transact any routine business.

President Lowry informed the council that ex-Mayor Cushing was present and asked the council if it would listen to the retiring executive's message.

Read His Last Message.

There was a unanimous request that it should be delivered, and stepping to the front Mr. Cushing spoke at some length. He referred to the present financial condition of the city and its needs, touching upon taxation for local assessments and the necessities for charter amendments. The lighting question was discussed at length, Mr. Cushing showing that Omaha paid the highest price for electric lights of any city in the land The point was made that the council should take steps for buying in the plant, or erecting one for the city, to be put in operation at the expiration of the present existing franchise. In addition to this he urged the improvement of parks and the abolishment of several city departments.

Mr. Morearty's Farewell.

The message was received amid great applause and as soon as its delivery was completed Citizen Morearty made his fin speech for the great edification of a long suffering public. He did not want to see the document cast aside without comment. He ventured the opinion that it was the best and most satisfactory message that any mayor in the history of Omaha had ever delivered. No person present questioned Citizen Morentty's opinion, and then he flew into a rage. He struck a stage attitude and arraigned the newspapers. He wanted to bet his last month's salary that the press of Omans would devote less apace to the document than it did to the boodle investigation As no person offered to cover Citizen Morearty's wager be grew angry. He tore sad rents in the heated air of the room when he remarked that THE BEE would not give the message as much space as it did the bloody fight which took place in the council chamber a few weeks ago, when he was one of the participants. The recollections of that row caused Citizen Morearty to think of something else, and in a burst of eloquence that caused the arc light to tremble, he the vast audience that the whole council, and more especially himself, had been vilified by The Bee. Irstead of calling him what it should, it had said he was anything but a man who did his duty.

That ended Citizen Morearty's oratory.

Everybody Made Up.

Then there was a little love feast held, old sores were heared and the fighting factious embraced and wept upon each other's shoulders, so to speak.

Mr. Elsasser offered a resolution tendering

the thanks of the old council to ex-President Lowry for the fair, impartial and honorable manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the council. The resolution was adopted and then Mr. Elsasser ventured another in which a bountiful supply of thanks went to City Clerk Groves.

Mr. Osthoff, who had remained a quiet spectator, begged leave to introduce a resolution. He was given authority to read what he had written. The document was in behalf of ex-Mayor Cushing, and recited the fact that the time had arrived when that gentleman was compelled to surrender the reins of government; that the retiring mayor had as sisted in placing good balances in the treas ury and therefor he was entitled to the thanks of the council, With the exception of Mr. Madsen all of

the members voted to adopt the resolutions and Mr. Madsen would have voted the same way had be been present.

It was suggested that a number of copies of ex-Mayor Cushing's message be printed for distribution. Ex-President Lowry stated that he was willing to incur the expense.

Mr. Davis thought the matter should be left to the discretion of the new council, and

A number of papers, such as reports and or dinances, were placed in the hands of the clerk to be turned over to the new council, while those persons who stood up in the lobby had an idea that the old council was about to adjourn without a date. Their ideas were not correct, for there was a pleasant little surprise in store. .

One on Mr. Lowry.

Mr. Bechel moved around behind the reporters' table and said that he wanted to ad-dress the chair upon a question of privilege. Ex-rPesident Lowry looked sad, thinking that he was about to endure a roasting.

Mr. Bechel was given consent to talk, and in a neat and well chosen speech, in behalf of the outgoing council, presented Mr. Lowry with an elegant gold headed cane and a beau tiful diamond ring.

Mr. Lowry was so taken by surprise that

for a moment he was unable to speak. Gathering houself he thanked the members for their token of friendship and said that it was the first time in his life when he did not know what to say. Again he thanked his associates and stated that he had approved the journal and had found it correct. He said that in turning over the affairs of the city the new officials would find a treasury full to overflowing, and that they would have opportunities to make a brilliant record. wished the new presiding officer success and apologized if he had ever offended any mem-ber of the council.

As Mr. Lowry concluded his remarks half a dozen members rose to their feet, moving adjourn without a vote. Amid whoops and cheers the motion prevailed, and cess of ten minutes duration followed.

Mr. Davis Elected President.

At the end of that time City Clerk Grove possession of the president's chair and rapped for order. rapped for order. The roll of the new coun-cil was called by Deputy Balcombe and all of

the members responded. Mr. Groves stated that the first thing in order was the election of a president and asked the members to name their choice as the roll was called. Upon the calling of the roll, Mosars. Back, Bruner, Chaffee, Davis, Edwards, Jacobson,

McLearie, Monroe, Prince, Specht and Steal —eleven—voted for Davis. Mr. Bechel voted for McLearie, Mr. Tuttle voted for Lowry, and Messrs. Burdish, Con-way, Elsasser, Howell and Lowry-five-

voted for Tuttle. Mr. Davis, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

As he started toward the raised platform he was loudly applauded. He said that he had no speech to mase, but thanked the council for the honor conferred and promised to deal fair and in justice with all. He said that in his rulings and decisions he might err, but if he did such erring would not be or the heart.

Named a Sergeant-at-Arms

President Davis asked the council if it desired to elect a sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Becnel stated that he did not under stand that it was necessary to elect. The president, he thought, had authority to appoint the official

President Davis was of the opinion that he Mr. Lowry said that it had been the cus-

tom for the president to appoint the sergeant-

The council then adjourned with the under standing that another meeting would be held at some date before next Thesday night.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers for the liver.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

ing the Year Just Ended.

Sir-I submit the following as a partial

statement of business done in this depart ment during the past year, and also a state-

ment of the present financial condition of the

the city of Omaha sold bonds as follows:

District curbing bonds, 6 per cent. I to

District grading bonds, 6 per cent, 1 to

per cent, due in 1903.

per cent, due in 1909.

per cent, due in 1911.

The annual interest on these

The short time bonds now outstanding are:

District paying bonds \$1,499,000
District curbing bonds 218,850
District alloy paying bonds 35,500
District grading bonds 36,500

General fund......#31.772

Balance on hand December 31, 1891,:

Parks and boulevard fund...... Dog fund.

Tudgment fund Library fund Lire fund

Dog fund
Fire engine house building fund....
Fire engine house building fund...
Paving bond fund...
Sewer connection fund Nos. 56, 109,111.
Special street railway paving fund...
Police pension fund...
Plumbers Mt'g fund...
Sewer connections No. 114...
City hall fund...

Omaha sewer fund...... Special damages fund.....

The foregoing does not include the tax col-

lections during December, nor the proceeds

of sales in the county treasurer's office.

The sinking fund has been purposely kept

down to a minimum and has been used tem-

porarily for the redemption of district pay-ing and curbing bonds in cases where the

districts themselves have not been able to

neet their obligations promptly. These dis-

time about \$225,000, which, of course, will be

paid back long before there is any need

An additional burden upon the sinking fund

has been caused by the injunction preventing

the city from collecting paving and curbing taxes on streets which surround Hanscom

park; but I am sure the taxpayers will en

dorse the policy pursued by the department in thus preventing large accumulations to a

fund, especially when the money cannot be

used for other immediate purposes.

I have made several ineffectual attempts to buy outstanding bonds before maturity.

Those holding the regular city bonds will not give them up under any condition; while the

district bonds can be purchased only at a

price that would not be profitable to either

In 1890, I sold \$275,000, twenty year 414 per cent bonds at a premium of 3 per cent; and

with proper management, there is no reason

why we should pay a higher rate of interest on any future issues. In some districts the taxpayers have paid the entire amount of

paving and curbing taxes levied. With this money or as much of it as could be prudently

used, I have bought snort time bonds amounting to \$3,500.

As may be seen above, very few bonds were sold in 1891, but during the years of 1888, 1889 and 1890, there were sold, including

long and short time bonds \$3,554,950, upor

which the city received a premium of \$117,

Recent changes in the method of levying

and collecting taxes have operated disad-vantageously to the city. The most serious

of these is the provisions authorizing the sale of property for delin-quent taxes eighteen months after they be-

come due; and the levy of the annual taxes upon the previous year's valuation. In the

former case a tempting opportunity is given

the taxpayer to procrastinate; and in the latter, personal taxes of business firms and

individuals who have gone out of existence, or have sold their interests, can never be col-

lected. I draw your attention to these de-

fects, with the hope that your honor will urge future administrations to have it changed as soon as practicable. The follow-

ing figures show the rate of collection for the several years the undersigned has been treas-

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The business of this office has grown so im-

mensely, and has become so intricate, that it is too much for one man. To illustrate this

it is only necessary to say that four years ago there were 214 accounts upon the treasurer's ledger, and now there are nearly 1,500. This

implies that Omaha must soon adopt the sys-tem pursued by other large cities, namely, to

have a tax collector and a treasurer whose

respective departments must be distinct and responsible to the comptroller. Very re-

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup reduces

inflammation while children are teething. 25

NOTHING BUT TALK.

Mr. S. A. Searle of Nelson was in Omaha

yesterday. He had been mentioned as a

possible candidate for congress in the Fifth

district but in speaking of the matter yester-

day to a Buz reporter he said: "I am not a

candidate for congress nor will I be. I do

not know how it happened that anybody

spoke of me in that connection. The strong-

est man in the Fifth district for the con-

gressional race will be D. M. Nettleton of Clay county. He is well known, popular

Clay county. He is well known, popular with the farmers and has a good record in the state legislature to back him. He will be particularly strong with the antimonopoly element among the farmers."

Mr. L. G. Todd of Cass county, who ran for governor on the greenback ticket away back in the days of Poter Cooper, was in Omaha yesterday. In talking with a Ban reporter the oil gentleman said: "I am still firmly of the opinion that the government should issue all the money direct to the people and that paper money is the best

people and that paper money is the best money on earth. I believe it is necessary to have banks to conduct the business of the

country, but I think the present system is a bad one. I don't like the state bank scheme either." The old gentleman seemet to be

either." The old gentleman seemed to be thoroughly convinced that the present financial methods were bad, but he had not

figured out to his own satisfaction a system of institutions that would be better.

of institutions that would be better.
"While you are jotting down the names of
the probable candidates for office in the state

of the Fourth congressional district yester-day to a Baz man, "just set Mr. J. A. Cline of Minden down for a very likely man for the office of state anditor. Mr. Cline is being

urged by his friends to make the race and I think he will be in it. He is a clean and able young man and will run like a thor-

If you are bilious take Beecham's Pills.

oughbred if he gets a chance."

cts per bottle.

spectfully, John Rush, City Treasurer.

1890 1890 1891 (not including December).....

Per Cent

urer. The interest is included.

or district

Total ...

8100, 752,

During the year ending January 1, 1892

Jity hall bonds, 5 per cent 20 years..... \$ 100,000 District paying bonds, 5 per cent, 1 to

alley paving bonds, 6 per cent

During the same time there have been re-

deemed district paving, curbing and alley paving bonds amounting to \$253,800. The regular bonded debt of the city including

city hall bonds, which the city charter does not contemplate in the 1213 per cent list is:

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5,00

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WILL CARRY OMAHA FORWARD "If that is the case," responded President Davis, "I will appoint A. P. Gram." The appointment was confirmed by a unani-

Effect of the Policy Outlined in Mayor The council being fully organized Mayor Bemis' Inaugural Message. Bemis was invited to deliver his inaugural address. He was introduced by President Davis, and was closely listened to walle he delivered the address which is printed in au-

CONSIDERATE WORDS OF CALM COUNSEL

Necessity of Prompt Preliminary Action Pointed Out-Suggestions as to the Future-Plain Talk to City Officials.

What Was Done in a Financial Way Dur-Following is the full text of the inaugural CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, OMAHA, NEB, message of Mayor George P. Bemis as ac-Dec. 31, -Hon. R. C. Cushing, Mayor. : Dear dressed to the newly organized city council

it the moeting last night: To the Honorable the members of the City Council: Gentlemen-In assuming the duties of the chief executive of Omaha, I largely rest the hope for a successful adminstration on the good feeling and cordial relations which exist between the mayor and ity council.

It will be my earnest endeavor during the next two years to work in harmony with you for the best interests of the public and to fulfil in the utmost degree the wishes and expectations of those who favor honest municipal government and practical business methods in the administration of the affairs of the city. I feel sure that in my efforts in this direction I will have your cordial suport.

At a Critical Period,

We enter upon our duties at an important and somewhat critical period in the history of our city. At no other time has its prosperity and growth been more dependent or those in charge of its municipal affairs. At no other time have the citizens and taxpayers of Omaha been more solicitous for an honest and economical administration. At no other time could they more fully appreciate houset, faithful and efficient service. Let us not disappoint them, but prove by our record during the next two years that we are worthy of the trust and confidence reposed

We now have a rare opportunity both to restore confidence in Omaha and to give an impetus to private as well as oublic encorprises which will make itself plainly mani-test before the close of the present season. As the result of voting bonds for paving sewerage and other improvements, a large sum will be expended in addition to the amount provided by the general levy and from special assessments. We must see to it that the city secures a full equivalent for the money to be thus expended.

Prompt Preliminary Action Necessary. It is also important that we should promptly take all preliminary action neces-sary for the performance of work in contemplation during the coming season, in order that such work can be advertised and con tracts let at the earliest time possible. The business of the city should be conducted with the same foresight and on the same business principles as are applied to the successful management of the affairs of other corporations. The streets to be graded or paved and the sewers to be con structed can as well be determined within the next sixty days as aix months hence. This is much to be desired not only for the satisfactory completion of proposed improve-ments before the close of the summer season, but also to furnish early employment to graders, pavers and workingmen, who from necessity are compelled to remain idle a considerable portion of the winter. For the purpose of enabling property owners to determine the kind of material desired for paying, the streets to be payed during the coming season should be designated without delay and bids secured from conractors for the several kinds of pavement proposed to be used. This is due to the property owner in order to enable him to sat-sfactorily designate the material to be used for paying, as he has the right to do under the charier, and it would also tend to facili-tate the letting of contracts and hasten the final completion of such work.

Vigilant Enforcement of the Laws. It is not my purpose in this communication o make extended reference to the numerous subjects that might with propriety be re-ferred to. In accordance with the provisious of the charter I will from time to time avail myself of the right conferred to com-municate to you such information and ecommend such measures as may tend to the improvement of the finances, police, health, security, ornament, comfort and general prosperity of the city. I shall endeavor also, as required by the charter, to be active and vigilant in enforcing all laws and ordi and vigitant in entorcing all laws and ordi-nances of the city and to cause all subordi-nate officers to be dealt with promptly for any neglect or violation of duty. I am fully determined, to the limit of my power, that every department of the city shall be conducted honestly and economically and with a view solely to the best interests of the public,

Economy Without Niggardliness. White desiring economy on the part of every official and department of the city, I am not in favor of conducting the business or improvements of the city on a niggardly believe, however, that the services of a numerous assistants and unnecessary clerks and inspectors might be dispensed with. It is a question also worth considering whether some of the present existing departments could not be consolf dated with others to advantage. It is certainly true that the only evidence of active service rendered by some of the employes of the city is in the drawing of their pay and salaries. The taxpayer justly de-mands a reform. It is our duty as representatives of the people and taxpavers to see that this is brought about. The private citizen can economize so far as household expenditures and retrenchment of personal expenses are concerned, but he cannot escape the burden of taxation. We should see to it that this burden is not made unduly heavy. Reform Needed in Other Boards,

There are certain departments over which we have no direct control. So far as the Board of Fire and Police commissioners, the Board of Park commissioners and Board of Education are concerned we have no direc control, but can only limit in a measure the amount of taxes to be levied for their expenditure. It would seem desirable that there should be some retreachment and reduction of expenditures by the several boards referred to. An examination of the appropriation ordinances for the past year will satisfy anyone of the correctness of this statement. We can, pernaps, in the administration of the affairs directly intrusted to us, set an example in economy and efficient service that will be worthy of emulation. So far as the fire de-partment is concerned, it is possible that the present force cannot safely be reduced or the expenditures in connection with the same be

Recommends a City Workhouse, It is a question, however, whether the great outlay present made for political pro-tection might not be materially lessened by the establishment of a city workhouse. charter expressly provides that, as a part of the judgment in all cases before the police judge the party convicted may be required to work out both the fine and costs at such place as may be provided for that purpose. The ordinances also seem to be sufficient to require this to be done. The difficulty in carrying into effect a judgment of this character has been that no suitable work or place for doing such work has been provided. It would seem to me that this difficulty might be overcome by renting a sulta-ble lot or piece of ground in the vicinity of the city jail, and enclosing the same with a tight board fence, erecting sheds within the enclosure and providing some work for prisoners which would not necessarily come in competition with honest labor. The immediate and direct effect of doing this would be to rid the city of a lot of tramps and worthless characters who are on the outlook for an opportunity for the commission of crime, and whose presence in our midst necessitates the maintenance of a large police force. At the earliest time possible I believe the city should obtain a suitable site for the construction of a permanent workhouse and work yard for city prisoners.

Desires the Completion of the City Hall, One of the matters which should receive one of the matters which should receive our immediate attention is the completion of the city hall. For sound reason the work of finishing the interior seems to be unnecessarily delayed. I do not know as this delay is entirely the fault of the contractor. I am not even advised at the pre-ent time regarding the provisions of the contract. I propose, however, to at once refer the

contract to the city attempty with instructions to ascertain the rights of the city and to see if it is not possible to compet the conproceed with the completion of his At the present time, notwithstanding the fact that there are a large number of idle mechanics in the city, there are only three or four at work about the city hall building The city is paying a large sum each month as rental for city offices. In addition, a superfinement of the city hall seems—to be regularly drawing his salary. In the meantime the city offices are inconveniently located and the records of the city are of necessity in confusion and will so continue until the per manent location of the offices in the new city hall building. All of these considerations demand speedy action and that the contrac for, if responsible, be held accountable the damages resulting from the present unnecessary delay.

Condition of the City's Finances. I have not yet been able to definitely ascer tain the present financial condition of the treasury of the city or the amount to the credit of the general funds created by the charter. This information can probably be obtained from the report of the treasurer which he is required to submit on the first Tuesday of January and which should show a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures during the preceding fiscal year. It does not follow, even if a balance should stand to the credit of each of said funds that an "overlap" may not exist. If the liabilities created during the preceding fiscal year, which will be turned over as legacy to the present administration, exceed the balance on hand for paying such liabilities. an "overlap" exists as much as if such fund was actually overdrawn. It is therefore important to ascertain and know with accuracy all inherited liabilities as well as the exact condition of each fund, in order to correctly determine the limit of expenditures for the coming year. It must be constantly kept in mind that each and every fund should be strictly devoted to the purpose for which it was created and cannot be borrowed from or in any manner diverted or trans

Will Estimate Current Expenses. In pursuance of the provisions of the charter, I will, on or before rebruary I next, secure from the heads of each department of the city an estimate of the probable cost of such department for the current year and submit the same to the council for your consideration and action. With the data thus furnished, together with the reports of the officials and sev-eral departments of the city, which are required to be made on or before February I, you will be able to provide for and regulate the expenditures for the coming year so as to keep within the limit author ized by law.

best interests of the city and the proper management of its affairs requires not only a thorough and accurate knowledge of the details of every department but also requires a firmness of purpose to represent the city ind-pendent of all personal considerations.

Plain Talk to the City Officials, Every officer of the city should guard against becoming in an any manner interested in any contract with the city. If a member of the city council or other officials of the city wishes an interest in any contract with the city or desires to furnish any ma erial to contractors or others having direct ousiness dealings with the city he should first resign his office, that he may lawfully nd legitimately do so. The practice franchised corporations supplying city officials with street railway passes, free gas, water, electric lights and telephones evert a pernicious influence upon our whole sys-tem of city government. It is a species of bribing that cannot fail to have a demoralizing effect and creates a well founded impression that those who accept such gifts from franchised corporations can readily be manipulated. I venture to express both the hope and confidence that no member of the present city council will give occasion for the suspicions and rumors which in the past have so

ber of the council and myself will continue to the close of my term of office. Assuring you of my personal regard, I will at all times be ready and willing to confer with you individually or as an organized body with reference to the welfare and future prosperity of the city.

frequently existed and been circulated

also venture the hope that the friendly re-

lations which now exist between each mem

No other preparation combines the positive economy, the peculiar merit and the medi-cinal power of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

ONLY ONE READY.

Mr. Berlin Furnishes the Solitary Exhibit by County Commissioners' Committees. The members of the old Board of County Commissioners, in an effort to close affairs, preparatory to turning the offices over to the new board, met yesterday afternoon. Chairman O'Koefe patiently listened to the reading of the minutes of several previous meetings, while the other members devoted their spare time to getting their reports in

To start with a batch of official bonds of justices and constables were presented and A job lot of bills were presented and al lowed, payment to be made from the county general fund, notwithstanding its depleted

condition Frank Maho was awarded the contract for constructing the bridge over an arm of Cut-Off lake on the line of Ames avenue. The contract price is \$5,000.

The petition asking for the appointment of

J. J. Casey as constable was placed on file. The same action was taken upon the request of the Real Estate Owners association to furnish a list of all county employes, together with the amount of salaries received. Druggist Schroeder presented a bill of \$227.50 for drugs and medicines furnished the county poor during the month of Novem-

ber, 1891. After long discussion the bill was Mr. Berlin was the only committee chairman ready with a report. He as chairman of the committee on bridges reported: Amount of levy for 1891 \$33,483 03 Less 15 per cent 4,572 03

Available Warrants grawn to date..... Balance to meet future contingencies. Work under contract, for which funds must be held. Hell Creek sewer Conl Creek sewer East Omaha bridge . ming and numbering bridges ... Waterioo work Bennington bridge

This leaves a balance of \$4,158.20 in the fund of 1891 to carry on bridge work until the 1893 levy is available. The board will hold a session at 10 o'clock this morning to engage in committee work, after which the final meeting will be held this afternoon.

Total

. \$16,993 50

VERY SHORT OF CASH.

County Commissioners Find the General Fund Balance Painfully Small, Just now the county commissioners are in a deep study, trying to figure out how to make one hand wash the other, so to speak. This is caused by the fact that the general

fund is in a depleted condition and does not

contain enough money to run the expenses of the county during the next thirty days. the county during the next thirty days.

The county commissioners have just discovered that there is but \$12,919.79 in sight and it is still six months before one dollar of the 1892 levy is available. When the 1891 levy was made the commissioners had a spasa of economy and cut the levy 21.5 mills for general purposes. Notwithstanding the cut in the levy owing to the large as in the pumper of levy, owing to the increase in the number of judges the expenses increased some \$25,000 until now the commissioners find themselves in a position where Douglas county war-rants must be hawked about the streets and

sold to the hignest bidder.

The total levy for 1891 amounted to \$193, 120. The statutes provides that only 85 per cent of this amount can be drawn against, which left but \$168,393 available. Of that amount \$155,-673.12 has been expended, leaving only \$12,919.79 with which to run the county durant ing the noxt six months.

County Tressurer Snyder said that it was a deplorable condition of affairs, but that i was something that could not be helped. There were some financiers on the county board who thought the road to econor could only be reached by cutting down the nevy without taking the expeditures into con

TRYING ON THEIR NEW SHOES.

Newly Elected City Officials Assume the Duties of Their Offices.

THEIR CLERKS AND DEPUTIES SELECTED.

Comptroller Olson Keeps Some of the Oli Force, While Treasurer Bolla Makes a Clean Sweep-Judge Berka Begins Work.

"Good morning Comptroller Goodrich." "The same to you Comptroller Olsen, and two men shook hands over the desk of the comptroller in one of the rooms c the ground floor of THE BEE build

The speakers were the incoming city comptroller, Theodore Olson, and Charles Goodrich, who has just closed his term and retired from office. The hour was 2 o'clock vesterday morning.

After the formal greeting, Comptroller Goodrich took Comptroller Olsen by the arm and showed him about the office, explaining the manner in which the various city funds were kept and introducing him to the various records.
"Now you can handle the business," remarked Comptroller Goodrich. Comptroller Olsen opined that he could and Private Citien Goodrich went out into the cold world.

As soon as Comptroller Olsen had made dimself familiar with things about the office ie arranged his staff by appointing John N Westberg deputy, Fred Borthwick first be-keeper and J. J. Hall second. S. R. Cri nore was named as tax clerk and O. R. on as register clerk. Crickmore and Hal are old time employes, having served under Comptroller Goodrich.
Deputy Westberg occupies the desk va cated by Jerome Coulter and Bothwick steps into the shoes worn by J. W. Fead.

In the City Treasurer's Office. While these changes were going on in the comptroller's office, a transformation scene was being enacted in the treasurer's office in

he adjoining room. John Rush, who for a long time has been the trusty custodian of the city funds, was preparing to take his departure. He was in lose consultation with his successor, Henry Solin. The consultation did not last long, as Mr. Rush had everything ready and could account for every cent in his possession. The ledger showed that he had the sum of \$105. 393.25 on hand. Mr. Bolin receipted for the amount, after which Mr. Rush drew a check for the money and passed it over to Mr. Bolln. That was the last time that Mr. Rush attached his name officially to a docu

Mr. Rush remained about the office for some time, assisting Mr. Bolin in familiar izing bimself with the duties of the office and hen departed free from the cares of official

In leaving Mr. Rush said to a reporter tha he was not ashamed of his record. He had labored day and night for the best interests of the city and had accounted for every cent of the millions of dollars that had passed through his hands.

When asked if he would take a vacation he replied, "No. I cannot afford it. I shail at once begin work in the Nebraska Savings bank where I have large interests." There was a clean sweep in the clerical force of the offices, as all of the old men went out with their former chief. Treasurer Bolin has named the following men as his assistants: Deputies, Jerome Coulter and Harry G. Counsman; bookkeepers, George W. Holbrook, J. W. Fead and William Schwarick; clerk, J. B. Bruner. No Change in Groves' Office.

In the city clerk's office John Groves greeted himself as his own successor. He came down at the usual hour and not finding any person who demanded possession of the office the days' work was began with the same force at the desks as in times past. At the Mayor's Office. At the mayor's office ex-Mayor Cushing

outlently waited for the arrival of Mayor Bemis, that he might be informed of matters and things in the chief executive office. At 9 o'clock ex-Mayor Cushing thought that his successor would arrive, but as he did not, the outgoing official lighted another cigar and started in on another season Another hour rolled are with it brought a number of office seekers. They came in pairs, by threes and by fours. "Good morning Mayor Bem-Oh, pardon me, I thought it was..." out the last words of the sentence were spoken to walls of the halls and were lost to the public. This condition of affairs continued until noon when Ex-Mayor Cushing placed a "To let" card upon his office door and went to dinner. At 1 o'clock ex-Mayor Cushing returned to meet fifty or more hungry office seekers in the hall, waiting to interview Mayor Bemis. At 3 o'clock Mayor Bemis succeeded in running the gauntlet of office seekers and reached ex Mayor Cushing's office in the New York Life building. The two gentlemen in lulged in a hearty shake and at once pro l to business. Mr. ceeded anxious to turn over the affairs of the office and surrender the reins of city government. Without more ade Mayor Bemis signed a receipt for all of the official books and papers of the office and was at once duly installed as mayor of the city of

Omaha. At the Police Court.

Judge Louis Berka dropped into his old and new position in police court just as naturally as if he hadn't been out of the office for two years, and a stranger would not have imagined for a moment that a new incumbent had just taken his seat.
To show that he had been there before, if any such evidence had been wanting, and to demonstrate that he fully understood the duties of his new position, he flashed a box of cigars on the unsuspecting throng of attorneys, reporters and 'court attaches, and almost before be knew it he was unanin declared to be completely and satisfactori installed in his judicial office.

Ex-Judge Helsley, or Citizen Helsley, as ne now styles himself, was there counting the balance of the city's money still remain-ing in his possession, preparing to make his final report. He was as good natured as usual, and the only thing that he did to ma-the pleasure of the occasion was to appropriate three of his successor's remarking at the same time that he good thing when he saw it. With a bag of cein on one arm and Boiler Inspector Stande-even on the other, he started for the door singing "Comrades," but before a warrant could be issued he was out of sight and hear-ing, and the complaint that had been filed was tossed into the waste basket. Judge Berka disposed of the morning grist

with commendable neatness and dispatch He seemed to feel very kindly disposed toward his fellow-men until Charles Johnson's name was called, and one of the police court periodicals shuffled up to the railing.
"Charles," said the court, looking sternly over his spectacles, "methinks I have gazed over his spectacles, "mothliks I have gazed on that bleared and battered visage before." "Nay, not so, your esteemed highness," murmured Mr. Johnson, while his eyes ap-prehensively wandered in the direction of the police sergeant, who was only waiting to tip off the prisoner's hand. But there was

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no need of outside information, for no sooner were the words speken than the judge con-

"While I aid misdoupt me memory on thy general appearance after these two long and onely years, yet now do I know full well, me boy, that we have met pefore. Thy tones are indeed familiar to me ear, and awake uncanny recollections. Thy presence is not welcome, and twill cost thee three and friils.

Come not here again."

The other had men went unscathed and blessed their limited acquaintance list. But there was another occasion wherein he court displayed the training of other days. Neilie Collins filed a complaint against Pauline Stewart for fighting and disturbing the peace. The prisoner was ar-raigned and when asked "How say you Pauline, guilty or not guilty," replied in Pauline, guilty or not guilty," i Each was then called upon to tell the story of the occurrence and soon the viragoes were tongue lashing each other as flercely as when the trouble occurred.
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