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to \$65 per month; seven republicans voted against the amendment and it was lost; thereupon another republican, Mr. Stewart, moved to amend the ordinance by raising the salary to \$70 per month; only four republicans voted against that amendment and it carried. The ordinance provided for reducing the pay of the bookkeeper in the water commissioner's office from \$75 to \$50 per month. A republican, Mr. Dobson, moved to amend the ordinance by raising the salary to \$75 per month; only two republicans voted against that amendment and it carried.

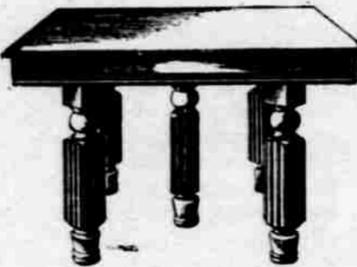
With one exception every motion to advance salaries was made by a republican and every proposition to increase the compensation of those supported by a public tax was carried by the votes of republicans who comprise the voting majority of the council. If the salary ordinance had been passed as introduced it would have been a step towards retrenchment to be followed by others of greater magnitude; but the first attempt at economy was defeated by the party in power. The ordinance, if enacted, would have worked no injustice for the reduction proposed would not have equalled the increased purchasing power of the salaries provided by it: Under it the city would have received the same or better service than at present, for no man would have resigned, because in no other position could the same men obtain as high compensation for any service they could render, while in at least one instance an inefficient official whose term has expired, but who is supported by a public tax because the mayor dares not appoint his successor, would have been legislated out of office. Plans and specifications are not so much required as an admonition to the political party in control of the municipal administration which refuses to diminish the burdens of taxation and makes such communications and complaints as came from the ex-mayor pertinent and timely. That admonition could best and most effectively be administered by an influential party organ. The Journal could administer it if the counting room of the State Journal company were not in too close proximity to the editorial sanctum of the Journal.

The peculiar indignation with which a respectable class of citizens of Kansas City, Mo., received the news of the arrest of Jesse James for train robbery cannot be explained without a reference to that primeval admiration for law breakers which Robin Hood counted upon and which kept Jesse James senior safe for many years. Before the public knew what evidence the police possessed of Jesse James' complicity or participation in the train robbery the police were accused by bankers and lawyers in good standing of arresting the boy because he was the son of his father. It is very certain that young Jesse will have a fair trial. Meanwhile, the chief of police of Kansas City is also on trial and if he cannot show other proof than his name and suspicions aroused by his paternity, young Jesse James will be set free and awarded a martyr's crown, and his cigar stand will do a large business and the chief of police will lose his job and walk the streets in disgrace. The grand jury has indicted Jesse among others for robbing the Missouri Pacific train on the night of September 23, and unless his lawyer can discredit the confession of Lowe or show that the police have manufactured evidence, the chief of police need not fear criticism. To the mind of a school boy in the dime novel period or to the somewhat crude mind of a real Missourian a train robber is a glorious being, brave and

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chivalrous, who robs corporations that he may divide his spoils with the hungry and sick and old. The real robber, of course, is a mean coward with a belt of pistols everlastingly strapped about him, who sneaks upon an unarmed man from behind, who works when his victims are asleep or who blows up a car with dynamite, himself at a safe distance. With the morality and cunning of a gorilla, the train robber's courage has been over-estimated. As a wholesale murderer of men, women and children, he does not deserve any sympathy after his guilt is established. In the case of Jesse James, the son, his guilt has not yet been established. A conclusion that the police selected him as a victim because of his father's career, still lacks corroboration as well as the crime for which the accused has been indicted by the grand jury.

The visit of Emperor Wilhelm to Jerusalem is not approved by his people because he leaves Germany without a regent when European affairs are, as they always are, in a crisis, and more especially because they, the people, will have to pay all the expenses of the trip, including the presents to the sultan and the various and numerous oriental potentates. The reichstag will cheerfully pay the bills, however, if the emperor negotiates a coaling station on the Suez canal from the Sultan, over whom he holds an indefinite power. The emperor is given to spectacular appearances. He dearly loves the actor's part. When he enters the Holy City it will be as Richard, Cœur de Lion or as Barbarossa, with the combined magnificence and mien of both. All the people will be there to see and he will set his royal spurs into his horse to make him

prance and the moment will be worth the trouble of the scenic artists who have been at work on the scenario for months.

The western world is so far ahead in many things of the orient that the latter has got to catch up. History teaches that barbarous nations are civilized either by conquering a highly civilized people or being conquered by them. Turkish conquest was definitely stopped a long time ago at the battle of Tours in 732. Since then christendom has been growing and the signs of the times indicate that the Mohamedan conquests of the seventh century are to be reconquered by a Germanic people. The God of the children of Israel led his people into captivity that they might acquire the culture and secrets of the Egyptians, at that time the most civilized race on the earth. The children of Asia are about to receive the same ethnological instruction. They will probably not be forcibly dispossessed, but Europe, England and America will visit and settle in the orient until it has caught up with the procession. Emperor Wilhelm knows the strategic importance of the canal and his expedition is not altogether dramatic and spectacular.

The negro boys who have passed the examination and have been entered at West Point and Annapolis, have been made of stern stuff if they have remained through the four year's course. Political disability can be borne without any special discomfort, but social ostracism and persecution is most painful. The white boys whom the country is educating at these two schools have been in the habit of refusing all signs of fellowship to the few lonesome colored lads who have