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TWO MILLION DEFICIT OPENS JERSEY'S EYES TO DEMOCRATIC REIGN

STATE TREASURY TURNED
OVER WITH THAT MUCH
ON HAND

NO DISPUTING THESE FIGURES

Comptroller's Warning "Breakers Ahead" Throbs Consternation In Administration—Two Years' Misrule Points To Urgent Need Of Rescuing Republican Policies And Good Management.

It was to be expected that the Democratic Comptroller, Edward J. Edwards, would present a gloomy showing in a Democratic administration as possible. Yet he could not have panted facts. The Ship of State, with a Democratic master and crew, was sailing a course which would fetch her up on the reef of Bankruptcy. It was the duty of the State Comptroller to "shout the alarm" and did so, but he may have the mast and crew a severe shock, which may be summarized as follows:

The estimated resources of the State for the year ending October 31, 1914, were \$109,999,97. Out of this must come appropriations made by the Democratic Legislature of 1913, and amounts payable on contracts of former years, totaling \$8,431,97.00. Included in the estimated resources, however, were the \$2,000,000 of bonded tax which the State law requires to be turned over to the counties for school purposes. Deducting that there was a deficit of \$10,970.00. But the worst was yet to come. This year the Legislature had no supplemental bill, and the necessities which the previous Legislature had not included in the regular appropriation bill. The supplemental bill for 1914, according to documents filed with the Comptroller, would add \$1,500,829. Here was a total estimated deficit for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1914, of \$2,508,797.70.

With these figures in view, a comparison of the State's financial condition under the last Republican administration is interesting. Comparing the totals at the close of the State's fiscal year, October 31, 1910, showed a cash balance in the treasury, available for state uses, of \$2,128,034.41.

This remarkable change from a two million balance to a two million deficit, should open the eyes of the people of New Jersey to the full meaning of Democratic rule. In the fifteen years of Republican administration from Governor Briggs to Governor Fort the revenues and expenditures were so judiciously adjusted as to eliminate any danger of a state Tax or a state bond issue. The State treasury was turned over to the Democrats, with a big balance on hand, while today it is practically empty, and the Federal administration is just to its wits' end to devise means of replenishing it.

The Republicans claim that upon the showing of a Democratic State Comptroller the people of New Jersey should be convinced of the wisdom of the State administration—the substitution of a policy of economy and good financial management for one that has brought the State to the verge of bankruptcy.

LAWYER SERIOUSLY INJURED WHILE SHOVELLING SNOW

John E. Izard Meets With An unusual Misfortune.

John E. Izard, veteran lawyer and member of the Township Committee, was seriously injured in a most unusual manner Tuesday last while shoveling snow in the yard at his residence here, and as a result is still confined to his home, though yesterday his condition was reported improved. Several years ago Mr. Izard injured his spine while playing baseball and as the result gave up the game. It is thought that in wielding the shovel he caused a recurrence of the old injury for he was unable to stand, practically paralytic below the waist. He was carried into the house and has since been hardly able to move.

His many friends extend their sincere sympathy to him in his misfortune with the hope that he will quickly recover from the injury.

Court Says Burns Must Be Paid.

The Supreme Court Wednesday allowed a writ of mandamus issued against the Atlantic County Board of Freeholders compelling the board to pay the bill of the William J. Burns Detective Agency.

This bill amounted to about \$5,700 and was for the gathering of evidence upon which several Atlantic City Councilmen were convicted of plied guilty in connection with the famous Burns' plant known as the Concrete Boardwalk Ordinance.

Ticket Agent at Mizpah.

After nearly two years fighting the people of Mizpah have at last won out for a ticket agent and regular railroad station at that place. On the first of March Benjamin Myers of Somers Point assumed charge of the new station agent. The station was secured only by an appeal to the Public Utilities Commission and necessitated a number of trips to Trenton for hearings, the commission finally ordering the company to maintain a ticket office at Mizpah.

Freeholders To Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Freeholders will be held Wednesday evening in Municipal Hall, Atlantic City, for the payment of bills against the county and transaction of other business. One of the features of the meeting will be the introduction of a resolution for the paving of the Meadow Boulevard.

How Road Money Was Spent.

From the annual report of the Township Committee it is seen that during the following distribution of road money was made during the year: Mr. Joseph S. Gravelin, Barn, \$100.96; May's Landing, No. 2, \$401.00; Westmount, No. 3, \$204.77; Bay Costa, No. 4, \$150.12; Colgate, No. 5, \$250.32; Mizpah, No. 6, \$100.40.

100-Trip Tickets Refused.

Recent report of the Board of Trade for 100-trip tickets between the Court House and Atlantic City has been refused by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The reason assigned is that these tickets are only issued for the purpose of commuting from large cities to suburbia.

Township Reports Printed.

Bound copies of the Township treasurer's report for 1913 have been printed and may be secured from the members of the Township Committee or the Township Clerk.

Forest Fires Expensive.

During the year 1913 the Township Committee paid out for fighting forest fires the sum of \$65,56.

SCRAPING SNOW FROM ROAD PROVES DECIDED SUCCESS

Township Follows Example of County and Clears Highways.

The idea originated in this County two years ago by Bold Supervisor Japhet Price, following experiments elsewhere, of scraping snow from the highways immediately after snowstorms has proven a great success and everyone excepting of course those who have weight has given the practice warm commendation.

By scraping the snow from the road the usual winter rut formerly experienced is avoided, with a few a day or two of sunshine the roadbed dries out, making good walking and driving. So successful did the experiment prove on the County highways last year and the early part of the year. Winter that the Township Committee wholly adopted the policy for the roads in this district. Not only is the road kept in better condition, but the usual wear and tear of the same during the winter months is largely avoided.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Easter Sunday falls this year on April 12. Mrs. G. Cramer is visiting relatives in New York City.

Read the regular announcement in another column of this issue.

Mrs. Lizzie Godwin expects to spend the summer in Ocean City.

Mr. James Baker is having the interior of the Union Hotel renovated.

Mr. Christopher E. Jensen was confined to his house several days by illness.

County Superintendent of Schools H. M. Crossman, of Egg Harbor City, was a visitor Thursday.

Mrs. H. C. Jones entered with her new friends Tuesday evening with her new Victoria. Known dates open during the Revival at the Presbyterian Church, March 22 to April 2, twelve persons braved the storm last Sunday night to attend service in the First M. E. Church.

Township Clerk Thompson G. Hoover was confined to his home part of the week by a severe cold.

Mrs. William McClure and Mrs. Frank Dibner, Jr., are planning a trip to the Orient in the next future.

Warden Thomas C. Barrett resumed his duties at the County Jail Saturday last after being absent for a month.

The Presbyterian Mite Society will meet next Tuesday evening with Mrs. Joseph R. Hartnett at the Sheriff's residence.

Mail carrier Roy E. Beach was unable to get further than Gravelly Run Monday on the rural route owing to the deep snow.

You are invited to attend the services tomorrow at the Presbyterian Church, Berlin subject: "The Seven 'I' Am's of John."

Union Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday evening next. Labor M. M. followed the meeting luncheon will be served at the American Hotel.

All of the church officials, sexton, organist and chorister were recently re-elected at the annual meeting of the Official Board of the First M. E. Church.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church held a Sewing Circle at the Parsonage Thursday afternoon, followed by refreshments served by Mrs. J. W. Lynch.

Mrs. Herman Boutin and daughter rejoiced this morning at the birth of a baby girl, Mrs. Boutin, of Trenton, accompanied them and spent several days at the American Hotel.

Mrs. Laura Shuster entertained the following at an evening party Wednesday last: Misses Ida and Anna Smith, Florence Ritchie, Alice Morris, Penney Barrett and Nineta Shuster.

The many friends of collector E. L. Johnson, who injured his back last week by slipping on the ice, will be glad to learn that he is able to leave his apartment in the Hotel Chelsea within a few days.

Tomorrow will doubtless be the last regular service conducted by Rev. John W. Lynch, Pastor of the First M. E. Church. In the morning he will preach a Farewell Sermon and at 7:30 p. m. will preach from the topic "Why I am a Christian."

They finally found a cottage at Seaside, Mass., where they met his friends, who is connected with the John Hopkins University and one of the most noted surgeons in Baltimore. Dr. Peurce opened the wound and it is believed dislodged the rubber drain in the child's neck.

TWENTY THOUSAND FOR SCHOOLS OF TOWNSHIP

Teachers' Salaries More Than Half

Which Are Paid By State Transportation of Pupils Becoming An Expensive Feature.

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