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Mayor Hayes Congratulated

On His Victory in Council Fight-A Summing Up of Results

When Mayor Hayes reached his office in the City Hall yesterday morning he found upon his desk a large stack of letters congratulating him upon his victory in his fight with the council.

To Pass \$1.81¹/₂ Levy

After disposing of his correspondents' well wishes the Mayor went home. Today he will prepare a \$1.81 ½ levy ordinance, and on Monday night it will be introduced in the second branch by Councilman Guyton, His Honor's only friend among the senatorial solons. Under a suspension of the rules the measure will be given three readings, and thereupon, without loss of time, it will be forwarded to the first branch.

Owing to the absence of Councilman J. Fred Megenhardt, of the Twentieth ward, who is still seriously ill, the lower house will be able to give it but one reading. To expedite matters sessions will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday the ordinance will be signed by the mayor, and March 15 the collection of taxes will begin.

As the Court of Appeals decision effectually cleared the municipal deck the solons will have little to do after the levy ordinance is passed, and until May, when their terms expire it is probable that they will be seldom in the public eye. Summed up, the results of the municipal muddle are as follows:

Debit

The people have lost \$190,000 worth of new school buildings. The people have lost \$180,100 worth of new streets. The people have lost the January and February discounts upon their tax bills. The people have lost the fees of the lawyers who fought the case. The people have lost much sleep wondering what it was all about.

Credit

The mayor has the satisfaction of soundly trouncing the solons.

The mayor has the satisfaction of having the charter-his handiwork-sustained by the highest tribunal in the state.

The solons have gained a lot of experience.