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Solons Still in Warpaint

Major Venable Attacks the Law Department

In Strong Terms

Never in His Experience Has He Seen Its Equal

First Hot After Rinehart

Ninth Ward Councilman Defends the Mayor and Is Vigorously "Roasted"

As a fitting memorial of the last day of the 19th century the Mayor's opponents in the Council at their meeting last night spent an hour in pouring the vials of their wrath upon His Honor's absent head.

In the Second Branch, led by Major Venable and President Wilmer, the recalcitrant solons passed the \$1.95 levy ordinance over the Mayor's veto. In the First Branch, being unable by the provisions of the charter to consider it until their next meeting, and unwilling, because of the lack of a winning majority, to defy the charter, they contented themselves with falling upon Mr. Reinhart, who rose to defend the Mayor. In both branches the debate was unusually warm. Major Venable, in moving the overriding of His Honor's veto, made a speech attacking the City Law Department for its support of the Mayor.

Major Venable was followed by President Wilmer, who charged the Mayor with being responsible for the loss of the schools and improved streets. Mr. Wilmer quoted the charter to show that the Council's course was a legal one. This brought Mr. Guyton to his feet, and in a vigorous speech he answered one by one the counts in Mr. Wilmer's indictment of the Mayor. His defense was unavailing, for every one of his fellow members voted to pass the ordinance over His Honor's veto. Mr. Guyton alone voted "nay." The 60 cent suburb tax ordinance was similarly reconsidered and passed.

When the official notification of the Second Branch's action reached the First Branch, President Gephart ruled that the consideration of the Mayor's veto must be postponed, under the law, for at least five days. Thereupon Mr. Howser rose to a question of personal privilege to combat certain published criticisms of the Council by the Mayor. To this Mr. Reinhart replied in a heated protest.

Mr. Morgan charged the Mayor's friends with opposing the repaving section of the ordinance of estimates, because their own wards had been slighted in the selection of the streets to be paved. As the seven rose to deny the accusation, Mr. Galvin moved an adjournment, and thus, in their war paint, the solons ended the century.

In the First Branch Mr. Reinhart introduced an ordinance providing for a reorganization of the assessors' departments of the Appeal Tax Court.