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The City Debt.

To THE EDITOR OF THE PHOENIX: It is fair to presume that the report of Gen. Stolbrand on the city finances, and the speech of Hon. L. Cass Carpenter on the same subject, embraces about all that the City Council has to say in defence of its management of city affairs during the past five years. This is not much, after all, but as the figures, so disarranged by these gentlemen, may confuse some persons who are honestly and earnestly seeking for the facts, I take the liberty of asking for a small space in your columns to repeat, in part, the statistics contained in the report of the Citizens' Committee of Investigation, and to add thereto an exact statement of the debt as carried on the Treasurer's books at the beginning of Mayor Alexander's administration, at the end of his first term and at the end of his second term. The first statement is made for the 31st of May, 1870, as, according to my recollection, that is about the date at which the litigation between the old and new Councils ended, and the new Council was installed into office:

Debt May 31, 1870.	
Five per cent. bonds.....	\$15,500 00
Six per cent. bonds.....	157,900 00
Seven per cent. bonds.....	161,450 00
Past due bonds.....	30,250 00
Bills payable.....	8,000 00
City currency outstanding..	16,204 10
Total.....	\$399,324 10

Debt March 31, 1872.	
Five per cent. bonds.....	\$15,500 00
Six per cent. bonds.....	157,900 00
Seven per cent. bonds.....	161,450 00
Bills payable.....	81,000 00
Total.....	\$425,850 00

Debt April 30, 1874.	
Six per cent. bonds.....	\$157,900 00
Seven per cent. bonds.....	178,950 00
Seven per cent. bonds, 1872.....	213,750 00
Bills payable.....	53,478 75
City currency outstanding.....	7,513 95
Total.....	\$619,592 70

Recapitulation.	
Debt May 31, 1870.....	\$399,324 10
Debt March 31, 1872.....	425,850 00
Debt April 30, 1874.....	619,592 70

Between the first two periods named, that is, during the first term of Mayor Alexander's administration, 1,233 2/9 shares of stock in the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad were sold, bringing the sum of \$49,078.38, which must be taken into account in making a comparison of the actual debt at the two periods. If this sum be added to the debt on March 31, 1872, the correct figures, for the purpose of comparison, are \$474,926.38. The figures will sustain this statement.

Real Increase of the City Debt.	
Between May 31, 1870, and March 31, 1872.....	\$75,602 28
Between March 31, 1872, and April 30, 1874.....	193,742 70

This is the debt as obtained by an examination of the books of the administration under review, derived from its own records, which, as public records, are open to the inspection of all. I have not included in either statement an estimate of the unpaid coupons, or of outstanding bills, for the reason that there is no data upon which to predicate any reliable conclusions. Such an exclusion does no real injustice, however, for it is freely stated that the forthcoming statement of the debt, under the oath of the Mayor and City Clerk, will show the outstanding coupons to exceed the sum of \$60,000, a greater sum than is even claimed by Mr. Carpenter to have been unpaid at the inauguration of Mayor Alexander's first term. Hence, I may disregard the coupons for the purposes of comparison. The statement by Gen. Stolbrand, that after the date of May 31, 1870, bills made by the former Council to the amount of \$15,000, were paid by the new Council, need not be left to guess work; it is susceptible of proof, and it is only necessary to take up and examine Mr. Eter's accounts to specify every one of such payments. The records of the city show the debt to have been increased, between May 31, 1870, and April 30, 1874, by the sum, in round figures, of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and that property was sold during that time and the proceeds used to the amount of forty-nine thousand dollars in addition thereto. I invite Mr. Carpenter to make a new and more careful study of these figures, and to bear in mind at the same time, that prior to the passage of the Act of March 13, 1872, the maximum tax imposed upon the city, for all purposes, was ten mills on real estate alone; while now, for the present year, the tax is eighteen mills on real and personal estate; and it is well known that it has not produced sufficient to liquidate even the outstanding current expenses of the city, a considerable portion of which, it is asserted by members of the present Council, was incurred by its immediate predecessor. I did not propose to restate the figures of the report of the Citizens' Committee on the payment of interest or redemption of city currency, or any other point, as they are taken directly from the ledger, and can be examined by any one who may feel interested to do so; but I cannot pass over one item of Mr. Carpenter's book-keeping, which looks so much like the cross entries of the City Treasurer, whose busi-

ness it seemed to be to confuse the accounts at the period when Mr. C. was at the head of the Finance Committee. I am really not surprised at the error he has fallen into, following such skillfully (?) kept records. But if he will scrutinize them more carefully, he will see that the money deposited in the Carolina National Bank, under the head of "Construction fund," was drawn out and applied to payments on the City Hall, and that it is an error to credit it twice to the City Hall fund. In other words, he cannot eat his cake and have it, too. It is always safe to look at both sides of an account. The figures remain, as stated by the committee, that over sixty-six thousand dollars of the proceeds of the bonds were not used either in the construction of the City Hall or new market, but diverted to other purposes.

I don't know that it is really necessary, yet I may as well here disclaim the credit given me by Mr. Carpenter, of having represented the Carolina National Bank in its transactions with the city, relating to the sale of the bonds or the arrangement of the trust. I merely acted as the officer of the bank, carrying out its interests as ordered by the Board of Directors. My recollection is that the negotiation on behalf of the bank was initiated and carried on by its President, the Mayor and Mr. Carpenter being the principals representing the city. Of the use made of the funds, neither the bank nor its officers can be held responsible. That responsibility rested, in part, on Mr. Carpenter, and I decline to relieve him of his share.

On behalf of the Committee of Investigation, I desire to say that they were not actuated in their report by any desire to promote partisan ends. They do desire to bring about a better city government, to limit its expenses, to reduce the taxes, to pay its debts and to build up its credit. These things will promote the well-being of us all. The committee were satisfied that the present city government had introduced some reforms, and was doing, perhaps, the best it could. It has simply exposed the mis- conduct, under the circumstances, and has not made a single criticism upon its management, waste and extravagance of a former administration, for the benefit of the public at large. Are there partisans who can afford to defend these things? I think not. The reform of the city finances is a matter of business, and I have sought to confine their investigation strictly to business considerations. Very respectfully, W. B. GULICK.

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