

Occasional Rain Tonight and Wednesday, Cooler Tonight.

GOVERNORWEST

Is Scored by Members of the City Council.

MICELLI IS "WHITEWASHED"

Governor West Is Invited To Proceed and Bring Either Civil or Criminal Suits Against Mayor and His Officers.

In an apparent effort to "whitewash" Mayor Micelli and at the same time discredit Governor Oswald West, of Salem, and the advocates of law-enforcement in Roseburg, Councilman J. C. Fullerton last night submitted a resolution to the consideration of the council, in which he denounced the state's chief executive, and in so many words, invited him to bring any civil or criminal action that he desired against Mayor Micelli and his subordinate officers.

While the resolution sounds very well to those unacquainted with conditions, its origin can be traced to members of the council who favor Micelli and his administration. That the resolution was presented according to a pre-arranged plan is the accusation of those who purport to be on the "inside". In substantiation of the latter assertion it is said that as early as nine o'clock yesterday morning a certain councilman was on the streets advertising the fact that something "sensational" would be sprung at last evening's meeting of the council.

The "sensational" came according to program, but according to current gossip it has had little effect other than furnishing food for Micelli's press. To the person acquainted

DEAL AT HOME

For good tailoring call at 137 Jackson street. S. A. PHILLIPS.

NOTICE.

The Roseburg Dancing Society has secured the Maccabee hall for the purpose of conducting a dancing school and first class dances. Commencing Saturday, Nov. 16th, the society will give dances every Saturday evening, commencing at 9 o'clock. First class music guaranteed. Boisterous conduct and rag dancing is absolutely prohibited. The opening night, terms, etc. for the dancing school will be announced later. Invitations will be mailed. Ladies must have escorts. n21

with the present mayor there was nothing in the resolution which could be considered even worthy of more than passing notice.

For the benefit of the public The News prints the resolution in detail:

Resolution Adopted.

"WHEREAS, Governor Oswald West has repeatedly stated in the last few weeks through the newspapers in substance and effect, that the mayor and incidentally the other officers of the city of Roseburg, have failed and neglected to perform the duty enjoined upon them by law, and that it has become necessary for him to use the authority that he assumes is vested in him to clean up the town and compel the county and city officers to perform the duties required of them, and

"WHEREAS, These statements published broadcast throughout the country emanating from the governor of the state are calculated to and do in fact injure the good name and business of the city, and cause people residing elsewhere to gather the impression that Roseburg is lawless and immoral, and an unfit place for the homes of law-abiding, self-respecting people, a place where the officers fail to perform their duty, and wink at and approve violation of the law; and,

"WHEREAS, in truth and in fact Roseburg is as law-abiding and well governed as any city in the state, and violators of the law are as speedily and as severely punished as

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MAYOR MICELLI'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Is Submitted to the Consideration of the City Council at Last Night's Meeting.

Probably the most important matter brought up for consideration at last night's meeting of the city council was the annual message, prepared and submitted by Mayor Joseph Micelli. The message comprises six closely typewritten pages of manuscript, and gives a clear and detailed statement of the city's revenue and expenditures from the expiration of the year 1911 until the present date. The message also recites the tentative expenditures and revenue for the year 1913, as figured on a basis of the past three years.

On January 1, 1912, two months after Mayor Micelli assumed the office of Mayor the official exhibit of the city's financial condition for the year 1911 showed a deficit of approximately \$19,187.70, including a joint accumulation from the year 1911 and the three preceding years.

Preliminary figures indicate that on January 1, 1913, the deficit for the year 1911 and the three preceding years will have increased to approximately \$22,000, or an increase of about \$3,000 within twelve months. At the end of another twelve months, the Mayor alleges, the deficit will be even further increased. The future increase, the Mayor contends, can be partially accounted for through the fact that a revenue of about \$3,000 realized from the several "near" beer resorts has been abolished and cannot be compensated for in any other manner.

Inasmuch as the message is concise and gives a clear and detailed account of the city's finances, together with recommendations addressed to the several departments of city government, there is no need for comment.

The message as submitted for the consideration of the council at last evening's meeting follows in full:

The Mayor's Message.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL,

Gentlemen: "In submitting to you herewith my annual message it is my unple-

asant duty to call your attention, particularly to the growing deficit in the City's finances, despite the rigid economy that has been, and is still being practiced in the administration of our municipal affairs. Inability by a wide margin to meet expenses with the revenues from all sources is becoming a matter that merits your serious consideration. I have tried to carry out a policy of retrenchment that would remedy the situation but after a year of the best endeavor I find that I have accomplished nothing of material benefit in that way.

"On January 1st, 1912, two months after I assumed office the official exhibit of the City's financial condition, at the end of the year 1911, showed a deficit in round numbers of \$19,187.70 a joint accumulation from that year and the immediately preceding three years, notwithstanding the most careful attention given to the City's business affairs during that period.

"Preliminary figures now at hand indicate that on January 1st, 1913 the deficit will have advanced to approximately \$22,000.00, an increase of \$3,000.00 in twelve months, and at the end of another twelve months I deeply regret to state there promises to be an even greater increase in the indebtedness of the City because of the loss of \$3,000.00 in the annual licenses resulting from the abolishment of near beer traffic which cannot be compensated for in any way as far as I can see.

"On the 6th day of November, 1911, I assumed the office of Mayor with the deepest sense of the responsibilities involved, and with no friends to reward, or enemies to assail, my sole purpose was to give to the citizens of Roseburg an economical and businesslike administration. I was fully aware from previous service on the Council that the municipal finances were in an unfavorable condition, and that the City was living beyond its means. I resolved to devise a plan whereby both ends could be made to meet, and to establish a business policy that would ultimately wipe out the floating debt and put the City on a sound financial basis. Pursuant to this plan I reduced expenses wherever it could be done and I increased the city's revenue three thousand dollars above the regular taxation, by personal efforts in enforcing the occupation tax law.

"During the year that I have served as Mayor of the City there has been collected in occupation taxes the total sum of \$6,747.31 or over twice the amount collected for that purpose in any previous year. This was accomplished by the devotion of nearly all my personal time for months in a thorough canvass of the City, which engendered a great deal of ill feeling, chiefly among persons engaged in business for many years who had never before been compelled to pay City Licenses. By impartial and complete enforcement of the occupation tax law, the total revenue of the City from all sources from November 1st, 1911, to November 1st, 1912, was brought up to \$28,715.75 an increase of \$3,760.00 over those of the immediately preceding year. The City's expenditures for the year ending November 1st, 1912 were nearly \$5,000.00 less than they were the year before, yet with the increased revenue at hand the general deficit in the City's treasury has grown \$3,000.00. During my first year's administration the expenditures have exceeded the receipts by \$632.76. During the year before I went in office the disbursements exceeded the receipts by \$9,311.76, a difference between the two years of \$8,575.00. I have brought about this big reduction by a strict economy on every item of City business, and I have now reached the limit of retrenchment, to find the City's floating debt increased, and with demands coming in for costly betterments, necessitated by the growth of the City and its needs. Prominent among such demands is one relating to the establishment of City parks. It would be an expensive luxury to make an investment along that line at this time, as the city's finances are sorely depleted. No person more than myself would rather see Roseburg beau-

tified by a park: How to meet this situation is the problem beyond my power of solution. I submit it to you, gentlemen of the Council, in all candor and with the earnest hope that you may be able to find a way out of the dilemma.

"For your guidance I will state that the City has but two ways in which to raise revenue. One is by direct taxation, the other by occupation tax, or, as it is familiarly called, City license. We have had during the past four years a direct tax levy of ten mills, the maximum allowed by the charter. Unless the people see fit to vote a higher tax on themselves by amending the Charter so as to increase the levy limit there is no hope of raising more money from that source. The occupation tax you doubtless realize is the most unpopular of all forms of raising public revenue. It is unjust too in that it discriminates against our own citizens. I doubt very much if the City's occupation tax can be increased as long as the



CONSTANCE CRAWLEY, At the Palace Theatre in "The Broken Law" Tonight.

people have the power of the referendum. This matter, however, is left entirely in your hands.

EXHIBIT

*I present here a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements for the two years referred to in the fourth paragraph of this message, the close of my first year in office on November 1st, 1912, shows the following receipts:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Taxes: \$21,553.22; Fines: 352.00; Licenses: 6,747.31; Dog Licenses: 241.50; Sundries: 21.02.

Total: \$28,715.75

Disbursements for the same period were:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Salaries: \$2,081.00; Fire and water: 2,036.01; Health and Police: 3,093.23; City Improvements: 4,633.69; Lights: 4,291.96; Printing: 904.70; Elections: 100.25; Street Cleaning: 3,411.32; Interest on Bonds: 7,968.28; Miscellaneous: \$28.01.

Total: \$29,348.45

"During the year before I assumed the Mayor's duty the receipts were:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Taxes: \$20,410.01; Fines: 453.00; Licenses: 3,674.80; Dog Licenses: 60.00; Sundries: 356.32.

Total: \$24,954.13

For the same period there were the expenditures:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Salaries: \$1,953.00; Fire and Water: 675.47; Health and Police: 5,707.18; City Improvements: 10,752.34; Lights: 4,936.91; Printing: 401.75; Elections: 120.00; Street Cleaning: 3,281.43; Interest on Bonds: 6,028.21; Miscellaneous: 289.60.

Total: \$34,165.89

DEPARTMENTS.

"It is met that I shall now place before you a brief statement of the status of the City's utilities and departments:

Fire Department: "This department I commend to your fostering care. While its volunteer members are doing everything in their power with the present equipment accorded them it must be patent to all that the City has

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STUBBORN FIRE

Occurs Shortly After Two O'Clock This Morning.

TOTAL LOSS IS ABOUT \$6,000

Fire Ignites In The Offices of Dr. C. L. Pearson and Spreads to Adjoining Offices—Henson Grocery Damaged.

FIRE LOSSES.

- Walter Hamilton, damage to building occupied by Roseburg Review and E. C. Benson: \$800. Fully covered by insurance. John H. Lawrey, attorney; damage to fixtures and books from smoke and water: 1,000. No insurance. Dr. E. V. Hoover, damage to office equipment from smoke and water: 800. No insurance. Attorney F. G. Micelli, damage to law books and fixtures: 600. Fully covered by insurance. Dr. C. L. Pearson, contents of dental office, together with Chickering piano: 1,000. No insurance. E. C. Benson, damage to grocery stock from water: 1,000. Fully covered by insurance. Ewart Brothers, contents of office: 300. Insurance \$150. Dr. Houck, medical supplies, stored in rear room of Dr. Hoover's office: 100. No insurance. Roseburg Review, damage to stock and machinery from water: 300. Fully covered by insurance. J. F. Barker, damage to warehouse, situated in rear of Caro store: 100. No insurance.

Fire which ignited through some unknown source in the dental offices of Dr. C. L. Pearson, on the upper floor of the Review building on Jackson street, shortly after two o'clock this morning resulted in losses to the approximate amount of \$6,000. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

The fire was first discovered by pedestrians, and at the time was confined to the offices of Dr. Pearson, situated on the second floor of the building and facing on Main street. An alarm was immediately sounded following discovery of the flames, and within a few minutes the fire department was at the scene. Believing that the flames could be extinguished without material difficulty, the chemical engine was first brought into play, and for a time excellent results were accomplished. Inasmuch as the fire had gained considerable headway at the time it was discovered the flames spread to the offices of Ewart Brothers, situated almost directly across the hall from the dental offices of Dr. Pearson, and burned furiously.

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