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RESUME OF 2 YEARS MADE

Showing briefly some of the things accomplished by the commission form of government in La Grande, an annual report filed by City Manager Laffy last evening before the city commission goes into a resume of what has been done. The report says:

The last two years have covered a period of adjustments and retrenchment. Quite a number of suits and claims against the city were adjusted. Most of the paving disputes were disposed of except the re-assessment clauses of the city charters.

Concessions were made in a number of cases. Many parcels were divided and the assessments apportioned. These matters required considerable time on the part of the manager, the city attorney and the city engineer.

The water fund had \$10,000 outstanding warrants, the road fund about \$1000. Many delinquent assessments were collected and a few were foreclosed. The city holds certificates of sale on only three of the properties foreclosed on city liens.

The O avenue hill was filled to prevent further settling of the paving. Some \$1100 assessments were cancelled on this street. Land was deeded the city to provide for a wider fill and make a roadway under the hill. The entrance to this was concreted and drainage was provided. This was done at public expense because no reduction of assessment was granted on the Stoddard property. Besides a small strip of land was granted to provide an entrance to the road under the hill.

The flusher bill of \$1100, and the force account bill for excavation at the subway, of \$664.40, were paid in cash. Final payment was made on all warrants for street improvements except North Second and South Fourth.

Many dirt streets were smoothed up and some were slightly graded up. Cove avenue was graded up to provide drainage, and gravel was placed on it from Hemlock to passed the foundry.

A sewer was built to drain the proposed subway. This was necessary to meet the contract the city had with the railroad for the subway.

Both years, weeds were cut on all city streets. A dog campaign was put on to dispose of stray and uncared for dogs.

The tin sewer was extended from Fourth street west. A small dam was built in 1914 on Cove creek, to increase the water supply. Then came the freeze last winter when about \$1000 was expended in thawing out and fixing up water pipes.

During the summer.

Some \$2000 was spent in lowering pipes found subject to freezing. A five foot rim was built on the storage reservoir at a cost of \$2050. This increases the storage to 1,700,000 gallons. Then a dam was constructed at the intake costing about \$20,000. This included clearing the Lake bed and burning the brush and grass. It also included a spillway 300 feet away from the dam. The road to the intake and the camp was rebuilt a distance of about four miles. New roads were built up the hill from Standfield Ranger Station and from Dry Jordan. This makes it possible for autos to reach the camp without assistance. The entire cost of all these improvements was paid out of the water fund. The taxpayers paid \$10,450 interest and \$7200 sinking fund in their taxes. Thus the city has added to its water supply without adding to its indebtedness either bonds or city warrants. Several neighboring cities have spent several hundred thousand dollars each to extend or renew water supplies and systems.

It has not been necessary to pump water from the river since last winter.

A concrete drain was built from Spring to Jefferson on First street. This is three feet by three feet with a concrete floor. This cost about \$2000. The re-inforcing steel and the catch basin covers cost nearly \$300.

Concrete walks were built on both sides of First street from N to Jefferson. Concrete walks were built as follows: First to Fourth on L. ave; Penn to Spring on Second; Penn to Spring on Oak; Main to Washington on Walnut; Sixth to Seventh on L; K to L on Seventh; and Spring to J on Fourth, where not already built.

Sewers were built north of the shops, also two blocks, Jefferson to Grandy.

The basement under the city hall building has been excavated in part and concreted. The sewer is being relaid to meet the new requirements.

The saloons have been regulated, crooks and gamblers have been prosecuted. With but three men and the chief the city has been remarkably clean of crime and disorder. The city treasury loses the saloon revenue of \$12,500. It may be possible to get along with only two policemen besides the chief after this.

No serious fires have occurred. There were two large fires several years ago. In 1914 there were 69 calls and 1915 there were 57 alarms.

The fire loss for these two years has only been a couple of thousand per year. Were it not for the previous excessive loss La Grande would be entitled to a reduction of insurance rates.

The outstanding general fund warrants have been reduced from \$110,000 to about half that sum. These warrants were selling at 10 per cent discount two years ago. They are 5 per cent discount now. After the next tax collection they should be worth 98 to near par.

Enough is being raised by taxes to make adjustments on North Second street and reduce these warrants still further. No money was levied to reduce warrants last year and \$5200

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was levied year before last. Thus outside the \$5200 the reduction of warrants represents the saving effected the last two years.

An accounting was effected with the former treasurer. All sums due were turned over with interest from the date of the appointment of his successor.

If the dam and reservoir had not been necessary the floating debt of the city would have been reduced over \$20,000 more than it was the last year.

With city affairs as they are now a large reduction of floating debt may

be looked for the current year and if no new obligations are taken over the taxes will be materially lower next year.

Notice to Stock Holders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National Bank of La Grande will be held at their banking rooms on Tuesday January 11th, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year.

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