

Market, grading sidewalks, crosswalks and box gutters, between Eighth and Fifteenth streets—almost completed.

Clay, same as above.

Harrison, heavy grading between Front and Water streets—almost completed.

Third and North Third, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks, bridge and Oakland macadam, bet. Washington and North Front streets—work about two-thirds completed.

Third and South Third, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks, box-gutters and Oakland macadam, bet. Market and Sheridan streets—work about half completed.

N street, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, with bridge across Couch's lake, between N. Front and N. Thirteenth streets—work begun.

Morrison street, replenishing macadam, between Front and First—work begun.

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WORK PROVIDED FOR.

Besides the improvements which have been noticed under the above headings, the Common Council have by ordinance, provided for improving certain streets, as follows—the estimates for the same not having as yet been made:

Twelfth street, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between Columbia and Montgomery streets.

B street, grading, including heavy fill, sidewalks and crosswalks between North Eleventh and North Fifteenth streets.

Front and North Front, macadam and stone crosswalks, between Vine and F streets—estimate filed, but contract not let.

North Front street, heavy filling, sidewalks, crosswalks and plank road, between F and N streets.

North Seventh, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks and macadam, bet. D and H streets.

North Eighteenth, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between B and M streets.

North Sixteenth, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between B and G streets.

F street, grading, sidewalks, and crosswalks, between North Thirteenth and North Nineteenth streets.

E street, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between North Fourteenth street and city limits, and Hall street, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, bet. Ninth and Thirteenth streets.

BOX DRAINS,

have been laid under ground, with catch-basins at street intersections, for the purpose of carrying away the surface rain water from the district between Clay and Lincoln streets. This work has been done at about one-third the cost of a more permanent improvement, but will not be generally useful, nor should it ever be permitted to be used for sewer purposes. As yet the catch-basins are not completed and the drains are not in full operation. It is unfortunate that they were not entirely completed before the rainy season began, though but very little remains to be done to make them complete. There is a drain in Montgomery street, from Tenth to Sixth; in Sixth street, from Montgomery to Clay; and in Clay, from Sixth street to the river; and also a tributary drain in Eighth street, from Short street to Montgomery; in Seventh street, from South street to Jackson; thence down Jackson to Sixth; and thence down Sixth to Montgomery; and in Third street from College street to Clay. The work now done on these drains amounts to about \$7,000, and it will require about \$2,000 more to complete them.

SEWERS.

During the past year the city has constructed more than four times as great an amount of street sewers as was laid in 1879, having constructed terra cotta pipe sewers:

In Madison street, from Eighth street to the Willamette.

In Oak street, from Seventh street to the river.

In Alder street, (continued) from Fifth street to Ninth street.

In Morrison street, from Sixth to the river.

In Main street, from Twelfth street to the river.

In Taylor street, from Seventh street to the Willamette river.

The sewers in Main and Taylor streets lack some finishing work, such as re-filling small portions of trench and putting finishing touches on a few catch-basins, etc., but are already in fair working order. The sewers laid by the city in 1880 aggregate a total

length of 15,396 lineal feet, against 3,810 feet in 1879, and cost \$25,600, or \$1.66 per foot for the sewer complete, including grading, man-holes, lamp-holes, catch-basins, etc., which is considerably less than the construction of sewers cost a few years ago. The city has also connected the waste pipes, water closets, etc., of the police building and No. 2's engine house, with the Oak street sewer, at a cost of about \$300.

GENERAL WORK.

During the past year 306 permits for doing street work have been issued to private parties, against 202 in the year 1879, and 170 in 1878. Under such permits a large amount of street improvements have been made during the year, and a considerable amount has been accomplished as repairs to the improvements of former years, and taking together all the improvements made as above set forth, the aggregate total amount of work done upon the streets of Portland during the year 1880, as shown by the forthcoming annual report of the City Surveyor, will be found to have cost about \$240,000, or nearly twice the amount of the year 1879, which was one of unusual activity in street work.

THE RESULT.

In view of the fidelity of the members of the Common Council in economically conducting so much business without compensation, a high appreciation of their labors is due, and particularly to the Committee on Streets and Public Property—Messrs. J. S. Keller, Henry Hewett and Donald Mackay, the latter recently succeeded by Mr. W. H. Andrus—who have had direct control of all street matters. The city officers who draw pay are entitled to some consideration, but they probably prefer their salaries to the glory of spending their time and talents for the city for empty honor of working for nothing and receiving the blessings (?) of every man who thinks he could have done better.

The relative amounts of work done during the past several years, may be seen from the following table from the City Surveyor's report of 1879, with the amount for 1880 added thereto:

COST OF STREET WORK SINCE 1871.

1872	\$ 42,382.10
1873	75,281.79
1874	17,118.78
1875	22,092.44
1876	33,825.17
1877	42,109.78
1878	119,811.91
1879	140,881.64
1880	240,000.00