

Report of the Board of Water Commissioners

For the six months ending December 31st, 1895, together with a statement of the value and condition of water works to date.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, January 1st, 1896.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council of Oregon City, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following report of the business and condition of the water works as required by the charter under section 122.

During the year we have laid 104 feet of 4 inch main, 72 feet of 10 inch, 14 feet 2 inch, 849 feet 1/2 inch, 266 feet 1 inch, besides the necessary bends, T's, etc., and have tapped the mains for 33 services.

Both pumps have been run continuously since last August, made possible by a change in the mains, whereby the Union Pump supplies the hill mains, at a pressure of 140 pounds, and the Worthington Pump, the down town mains, at a pressure of 70 to 80 pounds. Better service is given to both sections of the city, which allows both pumps to run at a slow speed and greatly lessens the wear and tear consequent on high speeds. The board expects soon to prepare plans for a reservoir to be built for use this coming summer, when it will then be possible to shut down the pumps, in case of any necessary repairs, and also greatly relieve them during the sprinkling season.

The total revenue derived from water rent since May 23d, 1891 to December 31st, 1895, has been \$2165.50.

The city is supplied with water for fire protection to fifty hydrants, besides flushing tanks for the sewer system.

There are no unpaid claims against the commission. The bonded indebtedness is \$10,000 of 10 year 6 per cent. bonds, having eight years yet to run. We feel fully warranted in saying that the water works are in first-class condition giving good service to consumers and paying the taxpayers a just return for their investment.

STATEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1895.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, Amount in Treasurer's hands July 1st, 1895, and DEBITMENTS. Total amount is \$4928.34.

Table listing INVENTORY OF MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31st, 1895, with items like cast pipe, valves, hydrants, and tools.

Table with columns: APPROXIMATE VALUE OF WATER WORKS and inventory items like Worthington pump, water wheel, flume and penstock station, etc.

Table with columns: Net Increase, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, and names of Charles H. Caulfield and T. L. Charman.

City Treasurer's Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CITY TREASURER, JANUARY 1, 1896.

Table showing financial reports for WARRANTS REDEEMED, MAIN STREET FUND, CEMETERY FUND, and WEINHARD SEWER FUND.

The sick and delicate need a gentle tonic-stimulant. It is often a matter of life and death with them. The ideal nutrient and restorative is pure whiskey. The whiskey usually given is poor and therefore dangerous. Too much stress cannot be laid upon this. Weaknesses cannot be laid upon this. Weaknesses cannot be laid upon this.

THE LENGTH OF A ROAD.

Time and Expense Properly Measure the Distance From Market. Distance is properly measured by the time and expense incurred in traversing it, says the L. A. W. Bulletin. This is the popular method of computing it in all cities. It should be so considered by farmers.



there. How many hours and how many horses does it require to haul a load to market? When thus measured, ten miles of good, smooth highway are not as far as a few miles of mud and stones. A road over which one horse conveys the load is only half as long as it would be were two horses required.

An impassable road is an impassible distance. The "rotting road" is not so long as the creeping road, and not near so long as the sticking road. The farmers are learning all of this.

Don't eat so rapidly. Sit on a chair and be quit after eating. Your stomach is not a coolbin. When you feel uncomfortable after eating you have eaten too much, and you need Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla.

All Recommend it. Ask your physician, your druggist and your friends about Shiloh's Cure for Consumption. They will recommend it.

For Dyspepsia. Aliver Complai you have's rid a teen every bott' Shih' Vialn near. ul. cure.

Heart Trouble Quickly Cured.

Advertisement for Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, featuring a portrait of Miss Ella Kurte and text describing her recovery from heart trouble after 19 years of suffering.

WHY GOOD ROADS ARE NEEDED.

Every Farm Should Be Connected With the Arteries of Commerce. It is reasonable to predict that road improvement is destined to spread with great rapidity in the next ten years, and that capital which heretofore built railroads will now seek investment in fine macadamized roads, says the New York Post.

The distance a farmer lives from market is not a question of miles, but of the roads he must travel to reach it. It is impossible to have every small hamlet and village connected with the main railroad lines by short branches, but the transportation problem cannot be said to be solved until every small place and farm of any size is connected with the great arteries of commerce by means of fine macadamized roads.

Good Roads Legit. If we could have good roads it would add more to the value of farm property than all the other public improvements put together ever have. It would reduce the cost of getting our crops to market one-half, and in the saving of feed that is now fed to idle horses 't would amount to a sum that staggers the imagination.

Use the Scraper Often. Ruts never should be filled with stone or refuse matter. The care and attention of the overseer, directed toward improving the road often than once in the spring and once in the fall, will produce a cure of ruts. The scraper kept in his shed during the summer months should be taken out for an airing and run over the road in his district at least twice a month, if not oftener.

Influence of the Bicycle. The talk about the political influence of the bicycle clubs is probably largely miscalled for. But the personal influence of the wheelmen will certainly be felt in many quarters for good roads, and perhaps that influence may reach into politics so far as this one great public question is concerned.

The Terror of the Road. Oh, I'm a demon who's much discussed 1 I'm a demon of shine and flood. When the weather is fair, my name is "dust;" when the weather is wet, it's "mud."

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Advertisement for NERVE SEEDS WEAKENERS, featuring a portrait of a man and text about nervous system ailments.

Advertisement for MANHOOD RESTORED, "CUPIDENE", featuring a portrait of a man and text about restoring vitality.

Advertisement for THE IOWA JEWELER, featuring a portrait of a watch and text about watch repair and jewelry.

Advertisement for The New Way East. AND O R & N CO. LINES, featuring the Great Northern Railway and listing routes to Washington, Idaho, Montana, Dakotas, Minnesota and the East.

Advertisement for CHILDREN CRY FOR FITCHER'S CASTORIA, featuring a portrait of a child and text about its benefits for children's ailments.