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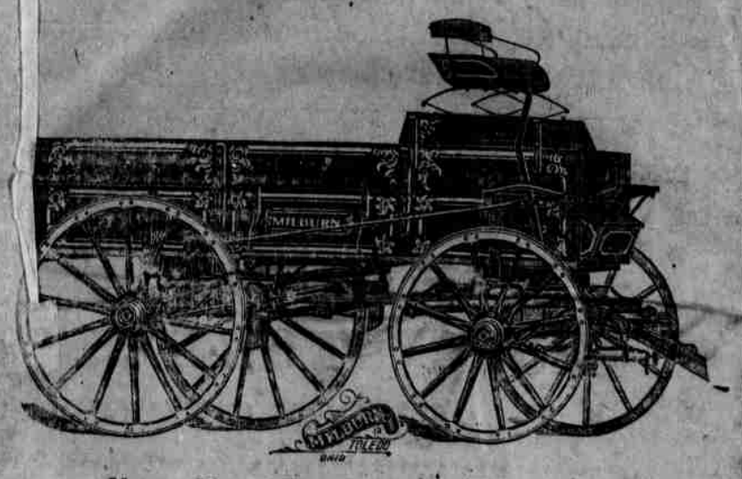

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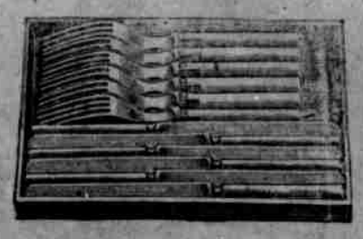

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Inaugural Address.

To the Members of the City Council of Oregon City:

In assuming the responsibilities as Mayor-elect of the municipality of Oregon City, I would commend to your consideration such measures as appear necessary and expedient to the general welfare of our city. Feeling as I do the great responsibility co-incident with my undertaking, I beseech the hearty co-operation of every member of this council and of all good citizens to the end that the greatest good to the city may be obtained.

The citizens of this municipality have elected you from among their number to represent their interests, believing that a public office is a public trust which should be filled with honor to yourselves and as well to the mutual benefit of all.

It is our imperative duty to preserve our public credit and to that end I would caution you to use it sparingly, avoiding all occasions of unnecessary expense and the accumulation of debt. The modern custom of incurring indebtedness has become prevalent in cities as well as among individuals and in both should be discouraged. The great burden of modern times is the assumption of our own obligations and of those contracted for us by others under the signal fallacy that indebtedness brings prosperity. Governments are instituted to promote the general welfare and happiness of the citizen and our city government, though diminutive compared with others in our state, should not be an exception to this rule and, therefore, whatever obligation or undertaking we would not privately engage in, under similar circumstances we should not favor in our public capacity.

In the discharge of your duties as the servants of the city bear in mind this principle that though the will of the majority in all cases prevails still that will to be commendable, must also be reasonable, expedient and right. The minority too possesses its equal rights with the majority which equal laws must necessarily respect. You will therefore listen to the demands of our most humble and arrogant citizens alike and mete out to each with no discrimination such just and rights as your conscience, tempered by your judgment, shall decree.

In order to facilitate and expediate business the council is divided into respective committees of Finance, Fire and Water, Streets and Public Property, Health and Police, and Cemetery. The Finance Committee is given special charge and is expected to cautiously and warily guard all inclination to extravagance and to allow no bill to be recommended to be paid which is not beneficial to the city and to use the same care as in administering their personal and private affairs. The Committee on Streets and Public Property should be well acquainted with all the streets and thoroughfares of the city and enabled to report intelligently upon the condition and requirements of any street in any ward or any part of the city at all times. In expending money for this purpose the best results may be had for the expenditure of the city funds. The Fire and Water Committee should see that the departments are well manned and organized and supplied with the best apparatus obtainable for the fire. Measures should be taken to prevent persons outside of the department from giving orders and causing unnecessary disturbance while firemen are actively engaged in the performance of their duties. The Committee on Health and Police should diligently endeavor to improve and preserve intact the sanitary condition of the city and prevent, if possible, all entrance to infectious and contagious and also disastrous in their results. The police in this regard should be required to attend strictly to the duties enjoined upon them. The duties of the Cemetery Committee are not numerous but none the less important and in the discharge of duty this committee should co-operate with the Committee on Health and Police to see that every ordinance and rule pertaining to their respective duties are strictly complied with.

I would further recommend that section of the city charter be so amended at the coming session of the legislature that it shall thereafter not be necessary to have published ordinances or amendments published in a newspaper. This would be a saving item of expense and appear unnecessary. To remedy this I would recommend that copies of the ordinances and amendments be posted for the period of 10 days after passage and before final passage. It seems that publication of proposed ordinances is required in neither Salem, Albany, Salem nor Portland and by the adoption of a similar method we would save from $150 to $300 per annum. It should be the duty of the City Recorder to make and certify to copies of proposed legislation and the duty of the Chief of Police to see that such copies are duly posted.

I wish also to call the attention of the council to the city maps which are now kept in the engineer's office, especially the more important and valuable ones. These, in my opinion, should be kept in a more available place, and I would suggest that a map roller holding five or six of the most important and useful ones be placed in the council chamber. By this means the maps would always be in a convenient place and in good condition.

In placing before you the financial condition of the city, I shall only approximate the figures on all amounts and for the exact figures and statements in detail would refer you to the annual reports of the City Recorder and City Treasurer submitted this evening.

Our present indebtedness begun practically in the year 1885. The indebtedness of the city then was about $15,000. Since 1890 the debt increased with alarming rapidity and now amounts to about $92,961 exclusive of water bonds of $10,000 and proposed sewer bonds amounting to $12,250, making a total indebtedness at present of $95,211.

During the past year the city has made valuable improvement in sewer district No. 2, and while the undertaking has been somewhat expensive it is nevertheless substantial and was indispensible.

Owing to necessary deviations from the plans and specifications on which the sewer contract was let there is some difficulty at present in arriving at a prompt settlement with the contractors, but I sincerely hope the council may be able to satisfactorily adjust the matter with the contractors and, if possible, avoid litigation. The city should, if possible, avert all expenditure of funds in legal controversies and it is not in a position to "fatten" contractors.

In conclusion, would earnestly entreat each councilman to allow nothing of a personal character to mar the concord of our deliberations nor let his interest in the welfare of his ward degenerate into selfishness and disregard for the interests of other wards, nor utilize his personal interest in any manner to the sacrifice of the public benefit of the city, guarding every avenue of extravagance, faithful to the respective trusts reposed in this body by the city pertaining to public finances, health, order and improvement. In your compliance with the foregoing injunctions I bespeak a progressive, successful and economical administration the forthcoming year of the affairs of our city.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. Dimick,
Mayor.

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NEW MODEL "STEEL BEAUTY."

John H. Meakin.

The subject of this sketch first saw the light of day in Raunds, Northamptonshire, England, July 9, making him 50 years old next July. He came to America in 1869 and Salt Lake City has a beautiful daughter (now Mrs. Meakin's wife and five children (boys).

Neighbor Meakin is by profession a lecturer, dramatic reader and vocalist. His lectures, "Footprints, or Onward and Upward," Human Progress and Fraternity," and "The Man With the Hoe," are gems of the highest order, and should be listened to by every thinker and lover of humanity.

Our neighbor has spent many years in fraternal work, for which he is by nature eminently fitted. He loves the brotherhood and works with mind and heart for the moral add intellectual advancement of the race. He is Head Camp Lecturer for our grand order. He is a past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythis, is an Elk, also a member of the Women of Woodcraft, Rathbone Sisters and several other orders.

He is a Woodman, tried and true, Camp 338, of Salt Lake City. He sees in the Woodmen of the World one of the great factors for the uplifting and bettering of humankind and from this basis he toils on. He is a "John the Baptist, crying in the wilderness." To know him is to love him. To hear him is to become a better man.

As a dramatic reader he has few equals. See him, hear him.

The readers of the Oregon Woodman are here advised of his work since coming to Oregon, and it is our wish that he continue with us until every camp and neighbor has been cheered and encouraged by his presence and eloquence. An evening with Prof. Merkin is a treat of a lifetime, beyond money calculation.

He is singing the song of love. "You may forget the singer but you cannot forget the song."—Oregon Woodman.

Mr. Meakin will be at Shively's hall, Jan. 10, under the auspices of Willamette Falls Camp, Woodmen of the World. On Jan. 11th, he will be at Sandy, and at Oswego, Jan. 24.

State Splitters.

About fifty years ago, when all Eastern Oregon was included in Clackamas county, and all that part of the state east of the Cascade range of mountains was The Dalles precinct, presided over by a simple justice of the peace, the question of splitting the territory and making two states thereof was often discussed.

Judge Humason, Colonel Gates, John Jeffries and Captain Thomas Jordan, of the U. S. A. Vic Trivet and others, now gone hence, were wont to point to the expanded maps of Oregon and say "we will [illegible] of our own on this side of [illegible]

[illegible] it
[illegible] co., all druggists.
[illegible] NE, Chemists, New [illegible]

A half [illegible] "original dr[illegible]" have [illegible] dreams [illegible] they dreampt lingers, and every now and then some ambitious sleepers awake from dreams of governorships, Congressional honors or senatorial togas, and shouts "statehood or the Inland Empire." The plodding taxpayers scouls and toils on; the dream has no charms to them. To the ambitious it means place of honor and profit but to the taxpayers it means additional demands for hard knocks, and pinching economies.—La Grande Observer.

Meteorological Report.

Following is the weather report for December, 1900, at Miramichi Farm, Clackamas county, near Aurora, Oregon, [illegible]

Date 16th to 29th.
Min. temp., 24.
Date 30th.
Total precip., 6.45 i[illegible]
Total snowfall — inc[illegible]
No. clear days, 2.
Partly cloudy, 7.
Cloudy, 22.
Dates of frost, light 17th and 18th.
Killing frost 28th to 31st.
Dates of hail, 16th.
The storms, 16th.
Prevailing wind, direction southerly.
Remarks, heavy thunder and lightning and hail on the 16th, 1.35 to 2.05 p. m., from southwest to northeast, dense fog 5th to 10th.

G. Muecke,
Voluntary.

School Report.

Following is the report of school district No. 93, Oak Grove for the month ending Dec. 21, 1900:

No. pupils enrolled, 32.
No. days' taught, 20.
No. days' attendance, 466.
No. days' absence, 73.
Cases of tardiness, 7.
Average daily attendance, 24.

Those who were neither absent nor tardy during the month are Johnnie, George and Willie Damm, Millard Adams and Cicero Grimm. Visitors present during the month: Orrin Wright, James Emert, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Graves, Columbus Cox, Charles Morris and Ross Eaton. We are pleased to note the interest patrons are taking in the school work and we hope they will continue to do so, for in it lies the hope of improvement. We extend a friendly welcome to all.

Robert Ginther,
Teacher.

Following are the names of pupils who have 100 in deportment for month ending December 21st: Eva Mattoon, Robbie Mattoon, James Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Christina and Russel Graham, Maurice Ward, Louis Gerber, Urania and Ruth Lacroy, Ava Lovelace, Edward and August Ficken, Albert and Florence Stone, Clarence and Thomas Jubb.

Following were the visitors: Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Lovelace, Cora Ward, Mrs. Miller, Lulu Miller, Mrs. C. Stone.

No pupils on register, 20.
Average daily attendance, 19.

Friends and parents are cordially invited to visit the school and note our progress.

Tennie Mayfield,
Teacher.

Great Reduction Sale on all trimmed Pattern Hats—Miss Goldsmith.