

Oregon City Enterprise

DATES TO REMEMBER.

Monday, Jan. 11.—Convening of the Oregon legislature at Salem.
Monday, Jan. 11.—Annual meeting of the Oregon City board of trade—election of officers, etc.
Tuesday, Jan. 12.—Annual meeting Oregon State Horticultural Society in Portland for a two day's session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1897.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

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Is being made of the city's financial condition. I have also counted as part of city's revenue the amount due from water commission but not collected. The result last year seems had enough but when compared with previous ones it is some cause for congratulation.

I find by inspection of items of expense of the past year that about \$2,000 of same, consisting of such items as, fire hose, engine house on the hill, bridge on the Abernethy, fire bell tower, and sundry other smaller matters will not need to enter into next year's estimate. Assuming that our revenue for the present year will at least equal last, and taking it for granted that our expenses can be curtailed in different ways, leads me to have the fond hope that by the end of this year we will have reached that condition of affairs, to be desired by every prudent man in his own business, when our revenue will at least equal, if not exceed our expenditures. To bring about this desirable end I would urge on the council the most rigid economy in all matters, and would respectfully remind you that a city with a large debt and heavy taxes offers no inducement to outside capital.

If our town is to become the manufacturing centre we have all hoped for, outside capital we must have.

Through the work of the water commission the city now has a very complete system of water works. The reservoir constructed the past year is a great improvement, giving the city a reserve to draw upon in case of any accident to the pumps. The work seems to have been done in a very substantial manner making a permanent improvement that will require very little expense in future to keep in repair. The cost of constructing same exceeded somewhat the estimate made, leaving the commission with outstanding warrants amounting to \$2,245. This is not a serious matter however, as the revenue from water rents will soon clear up this indebtedness.

In my opinion the commission can be confidently expected to not only pay off its own indebtedness but be one of the most important sources to which we can look for the reduction of our city indebtedness. Our charter provides that 30 per cent of the gross proceeds shall be turned into the general fund. This was not collected from the commission last year on account of the extra expense incurred in the construction of the reservoir. In my opinion the water commission should pay interest on this amount due the city, as an offset to the interest paid by the city on that part of the city debt this payment would cancel if paid.

The only recommendation I desire to make at this time is in regard to the division of the city into wards. The residents of the southern and eastern portions of the city seem to feel as if they had some cause for complaint; and I am not certain but that they have. As the city is now divided we must have either two or four polling places. Having only two polling places, it is very inconvenient to the voters of the southern and eastern portion of the city. To accommodate them it would be necessary to have two additional polling places, one in each ward, in that part of town. If the city was divided into three wards making one ward of all that portion of the city, one additional polling place would answer all the requirements.

This is one source of complaint, but they have another and more serious one. When city conventions are held the majority attending them is naturally from the lower and most populous part of the city. The result is that candidates for the council are always selected from this portion of the city.

The people from the southern and eastern part of town begin to have some of the feelings of our Revolutionary Fathers of "Taxation without representation." I would suggest, if it meets with your approbation, that we give our earnest support to a proposed general state law granting all incorporated towns the right to change this number and size of its wards, as its needs may suggest.

In conclusion I would respectfully solicit in the city's interests the help and assistance of every member of the council in an honest endeavor to promote the city's welfare and prosperity.

I would kindly ask of you all forbearance and assure you that in my position as presiding officer over your deliberations, my only object will be to be true to the city's interests and fair with you all.

The following claims against the city were read and warrants ordered drawn for the several amounts:

Thos. F. Ryan, recorder.....\$25 00
Chas. E. Burns, chief.....60 00

E. L. Shaw, police.....	60 00
Chas. Babcock et al, street work.....	70 00
H. E. Straight, treasurer.....	40 00
Wm Kidd, special police.....	2 00
H. Gilbert.....	2 00
Wm Riedon.....	10 00
Geo Broughton, lumber.....	70 80
Maple & Hoffman, blacksmithing.....	1 00
Cornish, election ticket, ordinance.....	13 00
G. A. Hastings, electric lamps.....	1 85
P. Homelgarn, jail meals.....	2 60
W. A. Huntley, supplies.....	3 70
C. N. Greenman, hauling.....	1 80
Heckart & Durham.....	50
P. G. E. Co, lights.....	167 50
Wilson & Cooke, hardware.....	2 25

Ordinance authorizing the purchase of crushed rock at the regular market price to repair streets was read second time, amended and ordered republished.

Ordinance making fee for auctioneers \$15 per day or \$30 for day and night read first time and ordered published.

Jas. Roake and Rudolph Koerner were placed in nomination for president of the council. Koerner received 5 votes and Roake 2. Koerner declared elected.

Mayor Caulfield made the following appointments which were confirmed by the council:

Chief of police—Chas. E. Burns.
Nightwatchman—Ed L. Shaw.
City prosecutor—Chas. H. Dye.
Surveyor—David Kinnaird.
Street superintendent—Chas. Babcock.

The matter of changing some lights in the city so as to give the people of Kansas city a light, was referred to the committee on street and public property. Adjourned.

The prince of palate pleasers. Blue Label catnip.

E. E. Williams, the grocer.

PAY ROAD TAX IN MONEY.

So Long as It Is Worked Out There Can Be No Road Improvement.

While to have good macadamized roads in Iowa would be a "consummation devoutly to be wished," and conceding that broken stone is the best substance for a permanent highway the scarcity of suitable material and cost of preparing and placing it on the roads will prevent for years its use to any great extent. But, if we cannot have stone roads and must put up with those made with the natural soil, we can still have roads that for half the year will equal the best highways of Europe or the eastern states, for when a dirt road is good it has no superior, being both smooth and elastic and free from dust.

Then, seeing that macadamized roads are for the present beyond our reach, should we not go to work and make the best use possible of the material we have? Our dirt roads can be vastly improved without additional taxation if the amount levied was only judiciously expended, but no great improvement can be made so long as the road tax is to so large an extent paid in labor. That is the incubus that prevents improvement, and until it is removed no great amount of betterment can be looked for.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

SAFE FROM AN ENEMY.

Many of Our Country Roads Will Keep Out Friend or Foe.

Some writers are clamoring for a great system of military roads over which we could hurry our armies in case of invasion by a foreign foe.

It seems to us this is not the proper view to take of it. Why not keep the roads we have in many parts of the country? No foe could pass over them. They are the best kind of protection against friend or foe who may seek to pass along them.

There are many towns so effectually hedged about with these bottomless barriers that progress can't reach them in 100 years. They are barricaded against the world about them.

Sitting amid a vast contiguity of mud, some communities live and rot like weeds in a bayon, or if it isn't mud it is sand or dust that makes traveling impossible, or, at least, unpleasant.

As sure as anything can be mud is going out of fashion. Public decency and convenience are being looked after.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Chinese Ways.

The Chinese are said to be very skillful in telling the time of day by looking into a cat's eyes. When they want to know what o'clock it is, they will run to the nearest cat, open her eyes, and at once tell what time it is. This they do by observing the size of the aperture of the pupil of the eye, which they have discovered is of varying size at different hours of the day, being affected by the position of the sun and the character of light, even when the day is cloudy.—New York Times.

Expert Opinion.

The white gull, circling high in the air over the sand dunes along the lonely shore of the lake, looked with pitying contempt at the wreck of the flying machine far below.

"In my opinion," said the bird, "no inventor will ever hatch a real flying machine out of his head. The human skull is too thick."—Chicago Tribune.

Sewing Machine For \$20.

High grade sewing machines, that will do as good work as any that are on the market, will be sold for the next four weeks for from \$14 to \$20 by H. O. Cheney, at Cheney's art gallery.

Avoid Consumption.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

OREGON CITY, Or., January 1st, 1897.

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

GENTLEMEN—

Agreeable to the requirements of the City Charter, we herewith respectfully submit the following report, showing the condition and value of the City Water Works, with a brief history of the work done by the Board during the past year.

The most important work has been the building of the reservoir at Elyville, which will be fully described under a separate head.

We have laid 1500 feet of six inch main on Molalla avenue to connect with reservoir, also the following galvanized pipe: 212 feet 1½ inch on lower Seventh street; 256 feet 1½ inch on J. Q. Adams street, besides 78 feet 1½ inch, 18 feet 1 inch, and 360 feet ¾ inch, used mainly in 19 service tapplings, during the year, besides the necessary fittings. Five hydrants have been placed along Molalla avenue and one reset at corner of Seventh and Main streets.

The pumps have been run continuously with but slight repairs.

It was found necessary to change the Main leading to the union pump, which had developed a weakness, owing to heavy pressure of 210 pounds per square inch reacting on the right angles at which the same had been placed at the time the pump was set up. This pipe, by reason of being on top of the factory flume, was not thoroughly secure, and owing to the several angles in same, was also very unsightly. This pipe was removed and run under the flume at easy angles, and has since given good satisfaction.

In order to supply the city mains from the reservoir to their fullest capacity, it will be necessary to take up the four inch main on Seventh street, from Monroe to Molalla avenue, about 1000 feet, and replace with six inch pipe, which will double the capacity, and make a uniform main from reservoir to Monroe street, where it connects with the two six inch mains on Fifth and Seventh streets, until they join at Fifth and Center streets.

At the time this main was run, in the summer of 1892, it was then planned to lay an additional four inch main from Monroe street on Sixth to Molalla avenue, whenever it should be required; as at that time no definite location for a reservoir had been selected and the extra cost of a six inch pipe was deemed too much of an outlay at the time. As the expense of taking up the four inch pipe and relaying the six inch would not exceed \$300.00, it is therefore economy to have but the one main, and the four inch main can be relaid wherever it may be desirable.

In order to do this the Board will have to expend about \$1000.00, and commence the work early in May next, so that the same will be ready for sprinkling season, when there is such a great demand on the water supply. This change is really necessary to furnish an adequate supply in case of drawing from the reservoir for fire service.

You will notice from the exhibit that there is due the city, \$1996.24, which will be added to at the rate of 30 per cent of the gross revenues from month to month.

From present indications we see no reason why our outstanding warrants should not be nearly all paid off, so as to warrant us in paying the city at the rate of \$200.00 per month, commencing with August 1st next, and at the same rate monthly thereafter, until the city has been paid its full proportion; until such time we respectfully ask your forbearance.

RECEIPTS.

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Collections for month of July.....	\$503 75
" " " " August.....	480 00
" " " " September.....	667 48
" " " " October.....	496 55
" " " " November.....	469 65
" " " " December.....	700 00
Total collections.....	\$3317 43

Amount in Treasurer's hands July 1st, 1896.....

Total receipts.....\$5297 62

Warrants issued and outstanding.....\$245 06

Total.....\$7542 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Wetzel and Abrey, reservoir account.....	\$5153 73
Oregon Iron & Steel Co., pipe and fittings.....	64 97
Portland General Electric Co., light.....	14 70
J. Jones, carpenter work and service boxes.....	6 75
G. H. Bestow & Co., service boxes.....	1 25
Lawrence & Wishart, carpenter work at station.....	15 00
R. G. Pierce, laying brick for regulator well.....	3 25
Timothy Kieley, 8-inch regulator and diaphragm.....	139 50
Gratton Knight Mfg. Co., splicing belt.....	8 75
O. C. Enterprise, letter heads and notices.....	3 75
T. S. Lawrence, building and painting reservoir fence.....	72 90
C. W. Friederich, blacksmithing.....	8 45
J. and W. White, lead seals, press and rubber stamp.....	6 75
Reservoir account, miscellaneous bills.....	256 59
Geo. Broughton, lumber.....	72 37
Labor on mains and improvements at station.....	125 70
Wolf & Zwicker Iron Works, pipe.....	285 73
C. N. Greenman, drayage and material.....	10 95
W. H. Cooke, drayage.....	15 30
Pope & Co., labor, \$130.00; material, \$148.94; 4 taps, \$12.41; reservoir account, \$38.32.....	329 67
O. C. Iron Works, new work and repairs.....	104 46
W. H. Howell, salary as superintendent.....	270 00
T. L. Charman, salary as secretary, \$50.00; commission on collections, \$165.77.....	215 77
Sundry expense, freight, telegrams and stationery.....	23 15
Interest on bonds to January 1st, 1897.....	300 00
Interest on warrants from October 21 to December 31st.....	32 24
Total.....	\$7542 68

THE NEW RESERVOIR AT ELYVILLE.

The Board began to prepare plans and specifications early in February last, and had progressed so far that the necessary pipe was ordered in April, and bids were advertised for in the city papers and the Oregonian, which resulted in obtaining eight responsible bidders.

Messrs. Wetzel & Abrey, of Portland, were the lowest bidders and were awarded the contract at the following prices:

Earth excavation, 14½ cents per cubic yard.
Loose rock excavation, 48 cents per cubic yard.
Solid rock excavation, 90 cents per cubic yard.
Concrete lining, six inches thick, \$5.50 per cubic yard.
Concrete coping, \$5.50 per cubic yard.
Asphalt lining, 20 cents per square yard.

Smith & Howard received the sub contract for the excavation, and commenced work in the first week in June, and completed their part during the month, at least 10 days later than anticipated, owing to the large amount of rock met with, and delay caused by several hard rains.

The balance of the rock progressed rapidly, and by July 25th, the same was completed and the water was turned in.

The capacity is 1,449,200 gallons.
Height above Main street, 415 feet.

Pressure at pump to throw over 40 foot stand pipe, is 210 lbs. per square inch.

Water was pumped in for three weeks before it was filled. This was on account of the excessive use during the day for sprinkling and also due to the four inch Main on Seventh street, from Monroe to Molalla avenue, which causes too much friction for rapid pumping. The six inch main to replace this will give the desired service and remedy this defect.

August 25th, after a thirty day trial, the reservoir was formally accepted as completed, according to contract; and was found to come up to our most sanguine expectations.

All the laborers employed on the work were principally from this neighborhood, and outside of the material and cartage, the money expended benefited our citizens mainly.

All pipes were laid under the supervision of the superintendent, W. H. Howell, and without doubt cheaper than same could be contracted for.

The Board was ably assisted by city engineer, H. H. Johnson, and also J. F. Case, city engineer of Portland, who superintended the construction during the progress of the work.

The reservoir was made nearly 50 per cent larger than was first contemplated, and is none too large for present needs, affording about two days supply, but with economy in an emergency, would last longer.

In consequence of the large amount of rock to contend with, and the extra size, our original estimate of cost was exceeded from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00; but even then the cost is reasonable.

The whole work has been thoroughly and substantially done, and the progress of the work has been noted by frequent visits of each member of the Board, and we can truly say that work is all first-class, and that Oregon City has the best reservoir in the state.

The cost is classified as follows:

Wetzel and Abrey, contract.....	\$5375 58
Superintendence, engineering, plans and specifications.....	275 00
Gate well.....	100 00
Supply and waste pipes, gates, fittings and stand pipe.....	987 00
Labor of laying pipes.....	280 00
Fencing site, 812 lineal feet.....	204 11
Miscellaneous expenses.....	120 92
Total.....	\$7342 72

Cost of land for reservoir.....\$1033 00

Total cost.....\$8375 73

EXHIBIT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Amount in water fund, January 1st, 1896.....\$3118 03

Total collections for six months ending July 1st, 1896.....3336 70

Total collections for six months ending January 1st, 1897.....3317 43

Total receipts for the year.....\$9772 16

Warrants issued and outstanding.....2245 06

Total.....\$12017 22

CLASSIFIED DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid city, 20 per cent for quarter ending January 1st, 1896.....	\$349 25
Interest on \$10,000 6 per cent water bonds.....	600 00
Salaries, superintendent and secretary.....	644 00
Commission on collections.....	332 70
Cost of constructing reservoir.....	7342 73
Cost of constructing reservoir.....	23 40
Electric lights.....	23 42
Stationery, printing and incidentals.....	1000 00
Molalla avenue, main from Hickman's corner.....	566 70
Labor on mains and repairs.....	200 00
Eight-inch regulator on Seventh and Monroe streets and setting.....	500 00
Replacing mains at station.....	500 00
Material used in repairs and construction.....	408 02
Total.....	\$12017 22

INVENTORY

OF MATERIAL AND TOOLS ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

MATERIAL.....	\$36 00
1½ Dozen each ¾-inch and 1-inch service cocks.....	6 75
1½ Dozen 2-inch clamps.....	6 00
1½ Dozen 6-inch clamps.....	6 00
25 Service boxes.....	25 00
8 4-inch, 3 8-inch, 3 8-inch and 2 10-inch sleeves; 1 10-inch elbow; 1 10x4 Y.....	60 00
3 6x4 T's; 1 6-inch Y; 2 4-inch plugs.....	25 00
1 Set cast gears.....	10 00
2 18x18; 4 6x6 Iron covers.....	10 00
Air chambers.....	10 00
Old rubber belt.....	25 00
Leather belt.....	75 00
225 lbs. lead.....	10 00
500 feet 6-inch cast pipe.....	180 00
12 feet 3-inch; 30 feet 4-inch; 30 feet 8-inch; 24 feet 10-inch pipe.....	64 00
1 4-inch gate.....	8 00
One old four-plunger pump, valued at.....	250 00
Clamps and old iron.....	10 00
Total.....	\$800 75

TOOLS.

Two tapping machines.....	\$100 00
Revolution counter.....	12 00
One lead seal.....	3 50
Seven wrenches.....	10 00
Oil can, 50c; 4 shovels, \$1.25; 3 picks, \$1.00.....	2 75
Two 8-pound hammers, \$4.00; 3 steel bars, \$7.50.....	11 50
Two tapping bars, \$4.00; axe, 75c.....	4 75
Fifty feet 1 inch rubber hose.....	15 00
Two 8-inch ladles, \$2.00; lead melting pot, \$4.00.....	6 00
Four steel drills, \$5.00, stone hammer, \$2.00.....	7 00
100 feet rope.....	2 50
Tool box.....	3 50
Total.....	\$178 50

APPROXIMATE VALUE OF WATER WORKS.

Worthington low pressure pump, water wheel, station, flume and penstock, total.....	\$11500 00
Union pump, high pressure.....	5620 00
Water mains on the hill.....	14600 00
" " " Main street.....	8200 00
" " " Madison street.....	1180 00
Reservoir at Elyville.....	7342 73
Site at Elyville.....	1033 00
Inventory material on hand.....	800 75
" Tools.....	178 50
Total.....	\$50454 98

Approximate value, May 23d, 1891, when turned over to the Board.....\$20000 00

Net increase.....\$30454 98

Total revenue from May 23d, 1891, to December 31st, 1896.....\$28310 63

Estimated revenues for the year 1897.....6000 00

Water bonds due in 7 years, 6 per cent interest semi-annually.....10000 00

The council kindly consented last spring to allow the Board to withhold the 30 per cent due the city from the gross revenues, until such time as the Board should have funds to resume the payments; so that it was possible to build the reservoir last summer.

There is now due the city.....\$1996 24

Fire protection is afforded by some 55 hydrants throughout the city at no cost for water, which is quite an item, when one considers that in the early history of the waterworks the city paid \$10.00 per year for hardly a dozen hydrants on Main street.

There are no unpaid claims not here enumerated.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

CHAS. H. CAUFIELD, President.
T. L. CHARMAN, Secretary.

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