ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Board of Water Commissioners of Oregon City for the Term Ending December 31st, 1899.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, JANUARY 1st, 1900.

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

GENTLEMEN:

In compliance with the city charter we herewith submit our Annual Report regarding the condition and finances of the City Water Works.

Six new tappings have been made during the year at a net profit of $1.47. Owing to the increased cost of pipe the tapping fee of $5.00 charged consumers, barely covers the average cost.

The city has received since July 1st, 1895, $6,675.52 as part of the earnings from the City Water Works. There remains $250.53 still due the city which the board will pay in lumber, the same being taken in payment for the old four plunger pump of which the board retains ownership until paid in full.

The average expense of operating the water works for the past two years has been $238.81 per month which includes all improvements, repairs, salaries, commissions, interest on bonds and other expenses.

Regarding a new water supply we will state that as it was found impracticable to bring water by gravity from the Clackamas River as was fully set forth in our July report, we have in the meantime investigated the Gard Spring, about 10 miles southeast of the city, and upon careful measurement of the water flowing from these springs and two smaller streams, on October 6th, 1899, we found but 648,000 gallons flowing in 24 hours. There are other springs in this neighborhood but their combined flow would hardly furnish the city at the present time and there must be an ample supply in sight before it would be wise to locate any expensive pipe line. Owing to this unusually damp season and the early hard rains in August it is questionable what the springs would gauge in a dry season, consequently it is a bad time to decide the merits of a water supply. There is one other reason why the delay has been of advantage and that is regarding the cost of water pipe, which has advanced from 25 to 50 per cent. The board is of the opinion that a gravity supply within the reach of the city is still possible but it will require a careful investigation and survey to determine what is best in this direction, and that cannot be accomplished before this coming summer; then with cheaper pipe it is hoped that rapid progress may be made for a new supply.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS SINCE MAY 1, 1891, TO JANUARY 1, 1900.

May 1, 1891, to May 1, 1892	$4235 33	
May 1, 1892, to May 1, 1893	4677 75	
May 1, 1893, to December 31, 1893	3324 15	
January 1, 1894, to July 31, 1894	2450 22	
Total collected by T. F. Ryan, secretary		$14687 45
July 1, 1894, to December 31, 1894	$3069 45	
For the year 1895	6478 79	
" " 1896	6654 13	
" " 1897	6946 70	
" " 1898	7234 63	
" " 1899	7131 68	
Total collected by T. L. Charman, secretary		$37515 29
Grand Total		$52202 74

For the year ending May 1, 1891, before the board assumed control of the city water works there was only $1575.00 total collections from water rent. The above table shows the rapid increase in revenue and at the same time there has been a corresponding increase of service.

RECEIPTS.

July collections	$588 98	
August "	524 95	
September "	607 40	
October "	550 40	
November "	608 50	
December "	704 40	
Total for six months ending December 31, 1899	$3584 63	
Balance in treasurer's hands July 1, 1899	675 05	$4259 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Kieley & Mueller, regulator diaphragms	$ 4 50	
G. A. Harding, electric lamps	1 50	
Semi-annual interest on bonds to January 1, 1900	300 00	
Labor on mains and repairs	35 20	
Expense on account new water supply	16 00	
W. H. Howell, 6 months salary including watchman	270 00	
Oregon City Iron Works, repairs and material	36 05	
Portland General Electric Co., lights	14 45	
Pope & Co., material $80.39, labor 82.00	162 39	
C. N. Greenman, drayage $3.50; Charman & Co, oil $12.50	16 00	
V. Harris, coal oil	1 70	
T. L. Charman, salary $50.00, commission $179.18, ex $1.85	231 03	
G. H. Bestow & Co., cedar box	50	
Total for 6 months to December 31, 1899	$1089 32	
Balance in treasurer's hands January 1, 1900	3170 36	$4259 68

INVENTORY OF MATERIAL.

Cast iron water pipe: 12 feet of 3 inch, 30 ft of 4 inch, 48 ft of 6 inch, 30 ft of 8 inch, 24 ft of 10 inch	$100 00	
175 feet of 6 inch lap welded pipe, second hand	52 50	
One 10 inch and 3 6-inch tees, one 10 inch and two 4 inch elbows, two 10 inch, three 8 inch, one 6 inch and four 4 inch sleeves, one 6 inch and one 5 inch cap	50 00	
1½ sets cast gears $25.00. 200 lbs lead $11 00	36 00	
50 lbs packing $17.50, one air chamber $10.00	27 50	
Two eccentric straps for Union pump	40 00	
72 service cocks ½ inch at 40 cents	28 80	
12 " " 6¾ inch and 6 1 inch	12 00	
Four 6 inch $4.00, seven 2 inch $2.60, clamps	6 60	
Two rubber diaphragms $3.00, old iron $20.00	23 00	
Four plunger pumps	250 00	$ 626 40

INVENTORY OF TOOLS.

Chain blocks $17, valve reamer $12, 2 cement tappers $4	$33 00	
Three 8 lb hammers $5, one 9 lb stone hammer $2	7 00	
100 ft hose $10, one revolution counter $8, seal nd blanks $3	21 00	
Two tapping machines $95, one 8 inch ladle $1, 1 vice $4.50	100 50	
Three steel bars $5 25, two drills $2, shoyel .50, tool box $3	10 75	
One oil can .50, lead melting furnace and pot $15.00	15 50	
Rake .50, axe .50, 11 wrenches $12, two hammers $1 50	14 50	
Lantern .50, 150 feet of rope, a chain $5	5 50	$ 207 75

APPROXIMATE VALUE OF CITY WATER WORKS.

Worthington pump, Victor wheel, flume, etc, including station	$11000 00	
Union pump	5340 00	
Water mains on hill	16000 00	
Water mains on Main street	8200 00	
Water mains on Madison street	1180 00	
Reservoir, capacity 1,449,280 gallons	7000 00	
Reservoir grounds	1033 00	
Telephone line $70, inventory of tools $207.75, inventory of materials $626.40	904 15	
Total		$50657 15
Value when turned over to board May 23, 1891		20000 00
Net increase		$30657 15

BONDS

Bonds due in four years, 6 per cent. interest semi-annually	$10000 00
Due city on deferred payments	250 53

Sixty fire hydrants are distributed throughout the city. There are fully five miles of mains. The pumps, mains, and reservoir are in good repair and operating satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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Common Sense Talk With Women

If a person is ill and needs a medicine is it not wise to get one that has stood the test of time and has hundreds of thousands of cures to its credit?

A great many women who are ill try everything they hear of in the way of medicine, and this experimenting with unknown drugs is a constant menace to their already impaired health.

This seems to us very unwise, for there are remedies which are no experiments and have been known years and years to be doing only good.

Take for instance Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; for thirty years its record has been one unbroken chain of success. No medicine for female ills the world has ever known has such a record for cures.

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We have published in the newspapers of the United States more genuine testimonial letters than have ever been published in the interest of any other medicine.

All this should, and does, produce a spirit of confidence in the hearts of women which is difficult to dislodge, and when they are asked to take something else they say, "No, we want Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which has been tried, and never found wanting, whose reliability is established far beyond the experimental stage."

We have thousands of letters like the following addressed to Mrs. Pinkham, showing that

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"Four years ago I had almost given up hope of ever being well again. I was afflicted with those dreadful headache spells which would sometimes last three or four days. Also had backache, bearing-down pains, leucorrhœa, dizziness, and terrible pains at monthly periods, confining me to my bed. After reading so many testimonials for your medicine, I concluded to try it. I began to pick up after taking the first bottle, and have continued to gain rapidly, and now feel like a different woman. I can recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in highest terms to all sick women."—MISS ROSA HELDEN, 126 W. Cleveland Ave., Canton, O.

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