

MORE FUNDS NEEDED

Mayor Rowe's First Message to the Council.

LEGISLATURE MUST PROVIDE

Otherwise the Fire and Police Departments Must Fall Below the Point of Efficiency—Estimates for the Year.

The first meeting of the Common Council for the year was held yesterday afternoon, Mayor Rowe presiding and all the members present except Nealson. The members having just completed the labors of one session, seemed in no hurry to commence on those of another, and as there was not much business to be transacted, they chatted and joked until 2:30 o'clock before taking their seats.

The Mayor presented his annual message. Auditor Devin submitted the best guess he could make at the income of the city for the year. The report of the viewers in the matter of opening and extending Seventh street was adopted. The name of East Water street North was changed to Occident street. All unpaid bills of the police department were disallowed.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Mayor Rowe presented the following message, which was received and ordered printed: "Portland, Or., Jan. 1, 1901.—To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Portland, Or.:

CITY'S EXPENDITURES FOR EIGHT YEARS.

Table with columns for Year, General Expenses, Police, Street, Light, Interest, and Total. Rows for years 1893 through 1900.

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"From the foregoing table it will be seen that the cost of the various departments of the city has been decreasing each year, and that the charge for interest has been continually increased, until it now absorbs a very large share of the city revenues. The economy practiced in the various departments necessitated by the period of hard times has not in many instances been judicious. The equipment of the departments has been permitted to deteriorate until they are no longer serviceable. This is shown to us very forcibly in the Fire Department. In consideration of securing improved apparatus for this department the Board of Fire Underwriters are offering a reduction in insurance rates which in two years would mean that the equal expenditures necessitated. It must be apparent to every citizen that the elevated roadways and bridges built in prosperous times have been decaying very rapidly, and that the maintenance of the same has necessitated a very large expenditure, which is charged as part of the general expense of the city."

"The item in the above table designated as 'General Expense' of the city does not necessarily mean expenses paid out of the general fund, but the salaries of officers and clerks, expense of litigation, maintenance of Municipal Court, the Plumbing Department, the Health Department, contagious diseases and the care of indigent child, care of City Parks, expense of City Hall, the operation of the garbage crematory, the Harbormaster's Department, the improvement of streets in front of public property, street and bridge repairs, insurance, advertising, stationery and blanks and all other similar items for which no provision is made by general taxation, but which must be cared for by revenues from licenses."

"Following is the summary of receipts and disbursements for the year 1900, excepting interest on water bonds, street and sewer improvements and street extensions: Total receipts, \$1,183,000 00; Disbursements for all purposes, \$470,806 64; Total balance, \$712,193 36."

"Available Resources. 'At this time it is impossible to estimate the resources of the city for the year 1901, but from the best information obtainable it is very evident that unless the Legislature will provide relief for the

City of Portland, the available funds for the current year will be much less than for the preceding year. This is due to the fact that near the close of the year 1899, delinquent taxes for a number of years were collected, aggregating for city purposes about \$55,000. There will be due on May 1, of this year, bonds in the sum of \$54,500, which were issued May 1, 1891, to take up bonds then due, and which were originally leased for the purchase of the City Park. I find no provision in the city charter for the renewal of those bonds, and, therefore, they must be paid."

"The estimates for the various departments which have been approved by the Board of Public Works have been made with a view to the strictest economy consistent with reasonable service. The necessity for certain amendments to the city charter that will provide sufficient revenue for the maintenance of government and the payment of interest on the bonded debt of the city is imperative. Otherwise the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Street-Cleaning Department and many other branches of the city service will have to be reduced far below what they were last year, and so their entire usefulness will be destroyed. We have also a floating debt for the sum of \$12,102 90, the warrant therefor having been issued to satisfy a judgment rendered against the city. There are also moral obligations for police service and street lighting for the months of October, November and December of 1900. I am in favor of paying the obligations of this city and maintaining its credit, although by so doing we may be compelled to dispense with every character of public service."

Keep Streets Clean.

"Our city presents a bad appearance because our people are careless about keeping the streets clean. I recommend a more rigid enforcement of the law relative to the piling of wood, lumber and other material in the streets. I would like to see all property-owners compelled to cut the weeds and grass between the curb and property line on improved streets. Our streets are also filled with every kind of old vehicle, machines, wood-saw etc., and I would recommend the passage of an ordinance providing that the Poundmaster shall remove and impound all such articles, provide a fee for the redemption of the same, and if not redeemed within a limited time, the sale of the same at public auction."

"Many street improvements have been made during the past year, but our system is defective inasmuch as it provides

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no permanent system for repairs, therefore, the condition of many streets is deplorable and if a little attention were given to them at the proper time, they would remain good for many years. I would particularly call the attention of your honorable body to the condition of Grand avenue from East Clay street east to the Southern Pacific Railroad. This street is subject to heavy traffic which nothing but stone or block pavement will stand up to. I would recommend that a provision be made that would enable the city to make such an improvement without charging the entire cost to the abutting property, which has already been repeatedly assessed."

Franchisees.

"I find that the former municipal corporations of Albina, East Portland and West Portland gave a number of franchises for light, water and railroad purposes, in which the rights which the public should have were overlooked, and only the interests of the companies and corporations receiving these franchises were considered. Many of those franchisees were granted in very indefinite terms."

"The duty which the former municipal corporations owed to the public seems to have been forgotten. However, the validity of said franchises granted in such manner and what are the mutual rights between these franchisees and the steps taken under them are all involved in doubt. I believe it to be an important duty of the present administration to carefully examine into these franchises and adjust the same upon some basis that will protect the rights of the public and at the same time be fair to the corporations interested. These franchisees are ready of great value and will become more so each year. I believe that if careful attention was given to this subject it would be possible to recall the franchisees granted by the former cities and in lieu thereof to grant other franchises in which the rights of the public would be protected by a suitable provision regulating the operations of the companies, providing for the proper maintenance of the streets by the companies, the payment of a reasonable sum for the privileges conferred, the forfeiture of franchises for failure of the companies to perform their obligations to the public, and to provide therefor for a definite time not too far distant when the franchises shall end."

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Judges of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the Fourth Judicial District appointed as members of said Commission the following-named citizens: Charles F. Beebe, Thomas L. Elliot, Henry Fieckelstein, L. L. Hawkins and Rufus Mallory. These gentlemen are devoting a great deal of time to the duties assigned them, and I am confident will secure results in the way of park improvements which will contribute largely to the beauty and attractiveness of this city."

Board of Public Works.

"The Board of Public Works is composed of men of superior ability. They are shrewd and painstaking business men, and I feel sure that in the line of their duties no city receives a more valuable service from officers than the City of Portland is now receiving from this body. In the administration of every department under their control they are seeking to systematize the work and are scrutinizing every expenditure as well as the character of the work done and the supplies purchased with the utmost care."

"I desire to thank your honorable body for your daily assistance and your diligent work, and also to congratulate this city on the shrewd and businesslike manner in which it requires a very great degree of civic pride and local patriotism to devote so much time to a public service without compensation. I have been gratified many times to note the amount of thought you have given to matters which were in themselves apparently of small concern, but it is the aggregate of such matters that determine the economy and wisdom of the administration of public affairs. Respectfully submitted,

"H. S. ROWE, Mayor."

On motion, accepted and placed on file.

Auditor's Estimate of City Revenues.

Table with columns for Estimated receipts, General Licenses, Saloon Licenses, Vehicle Licenses, Delinquent taxes, City taxes, and Total. Rows for years 1893 through 1900.

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Routine Business.

An ordinance authorizing the condemnation of a strip of land 15 feet wide on each side of the center line over and across sections 21 and 22, in township 1 north, range 1 east, from the Willamette River to the west line of Maryland avenue, to enable the city to construct a sewer therein, as part of the Beach-street sewer district system, was passed."

An ordinance was passed amending lot 8, in block 7, Carthage Addition, \$2 20 the cost of repairing the sidewalk in front thereof."

An ordinance appropriating \$200 out of the general fund for the payment of janitors and watchmen at the City Hall was passed."

Ordinances declaring the probable cost of improving certain streets and making appropriation therefor as follows, were passed: "Tillamook street, from Williams avenue to Rodney avenue, \$148 50."

"East Fifteenth street, from Belmont to East Burnside, \$567 34."

"South half of Thompson street, from East Eleventh to East Seventh, \$747 26."

The claims of the police department against the city for the months of October, November and December were, on motion of Mulkey, disallowed. This was done to accommodate the police department, who desire to commence a suit against the city to recover the wages due it."

ARRESTS IN THE PAST YEAR

Police Apprehended 3364 Persons in the Last Twelve Months.

Arrests to the number of 3364 were made by the police in Portland in the year 1900. Apart from the arrests for gambling, so far as the total number of arrests in connection with the past year is concerned, there has been less crime this past year in the city than in the year 1899. Of the total of 3364 arrests for the year 1900, 314 were males and 255 females. The police have made 900 arrests, took place are: Assault and battery, 171; drunkenness, 81; violation of city ordinances, 929; larceny, 173; vagrancy, 149; suspicious persons, 165; sturdy beggars, 52; trespass, 46; larceny from person, 46; drunk and disorderly, 50; disorderly fighting, 31; burglary, 20; larceny by bailee, 17; larceny in dwelling, 13; forgery, 12; robbery, 11, and miscellaneous, 68; total, 3264."

For the year 1899 there were 2882 arrests in the city. Now, since July, 1900, the police have made 900 arrests, included in the total of 3364 in the new system of raiding gambling-houses once a month, but not including these gambling arrests. That is, they do not claim that there have been less arrests and therefore less crime in Portland in 1900 than in 1899. The gambling arrests for 1900 are included in the arrests for "violations of city ordinances."

In speaking of the arrests for 1900, a police official said last night: "We are glad that the showing is such a good one. Of course, we do not claim that for every offense committed in the city for 1900 there has been an arrest in every case. Sometimes the persons committing such offenses are placed in our hands; and in other cases the persons who suffered by reason of the acts of the guilty parties did not lodge complaints with the police department. In that event, no arrests were made, of course. Still, when one considers the numbers of homeless and desperate men who, during 1900, have not had any luck in Alaska, and after being arrested here from Seattle and Tacoma, float to Portland, the showing is a good one for the Portland police department."

In 1898 the total arrests were 229, of which 229 were males and 47 females. For drunkenness, 144 arrests took place, assaults and battery 258, burglary 50, larceny 122, sturdy beggars 111, and trespass 129. In 1896 there were 2972 arrests; in 1895, 3721, and in 1894, 3344 arrests."

New Schoolhouse for Gresham.

At the recent school meeting held at Gresham, a 30-mill tax was levied by the taxpayers of the district for the erection of a new schoolhouse. A year ago a 50-mill tax was levied, but there was not quite enough, although it brought \$4600. The last levy will produce \$25000, which, with the first sum, will enable the directors to put up a good two-story structure. The present building, which has done service for a good many years, will be sold. Plans for the proposed schoolhouse are being prepared, and the structure will be built in vacation next year."

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children cutting their teeth. It soothes the gums, cures all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

FENDERS IMPRACTICABLE

BEST SAFETY DEVICE FOR STREET-CARS IS A GOOD BRAKE.

Enclosed Vestibules Obstruct View of Motormen—Fenders Would Be a Nuisance in Portland Streets.

Portland street railway men decline to be scared over the talk of laws to compel them to put fenders and vestibules on their cars and otherwise equip them with special contrivances for safety or comfort of the public or the operators. If the Legislature will pass laws on the subject, they say they will have to do the best they can under the circumstances imposed. It is intimated, however, that if the current report correctly represents the intentions of Legislators, they have much to learn regarding the business of operating street railways. It is proposed to solve by a statute problems that have long vexed and still baffled street-car men."

"The best safety devices for street-cars," said a street railway man yesterday, "are alert motormen and good brakes for the cars. As to fenders, there have been about 50 invented and tried, and none of them have proved satisfactory. There are only four or five of them now on the market, and they will probably all go the way of the others. It is impracticable to keep a fender scraping the track, and the spring of the car is sufficient to raise the fender at times so that it would not scoop up a person fallen on the track. It is found that the fender is often an agent of injury rather than a means of protection. It projects three or four feet in front of the car and trips up people and rams wagons that would otherwise be safe. They hurry past a car, but fall to give allowance for the protrusion, and are caught by it. It decides both the motorman and the person who gets in its way."

"In Portland there is particular reason for non-use of the fender, the streets being so narrow and crossings so numerous. The fender would add materially to the length of cars. Where streets are so wide that it is not necessary for teams to use the car tracks, and where the crossings are not so numerous as frequent in Portland, such devices may be tolerated, even if they do no good. But here they would be a positive menace to pedestrians, and an obstruction to business in the street. They shall be a fender invented that shall prove its worth as a safety device, always reliable and efficient, there will be no necessity for laws to compel their use. Still, public sentiment is in favor of the use of any of the contrivances now being experimented with in various Eastern cities."

"It seems advisable that street-cars should be equipped with inclosed vestibules for the motormen. Many of the cars now operated in Portland are thus equipped, and probably all soon will be. It is impossible to have such a vestibule to protect the motorman from the weather without at the same time restricting his view to a greater or less degree. This increases the danger of accident. It is not the person walking along or the team driving along the track that are run down by the cars, but those who suddenly come from behind the car. Anything that obstructs the view of the motorman correspondingly deprives him of power to avert accident. Still, public sentiment is in favor of the vestibule, and the companies provide it."

"Probably the best that could be done would be to require all street-cars to be equipped with the best modern brakes, and to have them inspected by the city. All improvements are constantly being made, and the companies find it to their own interest to have the best practicable equipment for preventing damage to their own property, or that of others, or to their own employes or other persons. This is a mere matter of practical economy, and no amount of legislation will affect it."

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

Thirty-eighth Anniversary of the Freedom of the Negro.

To celebrate the 38th anniversary of the emancipation proclamation, there was a large gathering at the First A. M. E. Church last evening. An interesting programme was rendered under the auspices of the Afro-American Council, No. 1. The evening was devoted to discussion of the historical significance of the proclamation, and in chronicling the progress of the negroes as a race since their freedom. On the rostrum were displayed, draped with American flags, portraits of Lincoln and Grant, to whom the colored speakers referred as the greatest benefactors of their race."

B. R. Carle presided. After the singing of 'America' and an invocation by Rev. Mr. Collins, W. L. Brady, president of the Council, described the work of the committee in securing for the race the greatest commercial, educational and moral benefits, and restoring its moral prestige, and aiding the sufferers in the Galveston disaster. "We need our own apostle for present conditions," said the speaker, "and a man who shall take high rank among the other races making their mark in the world."

Miss Jennie Logan read the emancipation proclamation, after which the address of the evening was delivered by Wallace McCamant. It was a tribute to Lincoln, and a statement of the importance of civilization of the emancipation document. The advancement of the Negro since Emancipation" was presented by Rev. Mr. Collins. The speaker said: "The duty of the negro in the twentieth century is to

prepare himself for new responsibilities. The new possessions of the United States offer him opportunities which he must seize. In business and industry he must make his mark. We have already acquired the habits of economy, and have reduced the percentage of illiteracy 46 per cent. We have produced over 300 books. We have \$7,000,000 in our churches; \$725,000 in farms and homes; \$186,000 in personal property. We have raised 150,000 for school purposes. We number 2,758,504 Christian church members, against 250,000 at the close of the Civil War. In our colleges there are 31,000 students. Once we were homeless, drifting about. Now we can take our place in life as well as our white brothers."

J. N. Falluive made some vigorous remarks on the necessity of a stronger race spirit in order to protect the rights of colored men, whenever and wherever infringed upon. During the programme, W. H. Carter sang 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' and Mrs. Dora Newman gave a soprano solo, 'Twins and I Dream' which was heartily enjoyed. The meeting closed by singing the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic,' with benediction by Rev. Mr. Swan."

SECURED LOWER TAXES.

How One Man Obtained a Promise From the County Commissioners.

Some of the members of the reform associations who are endeavoring to reduce the expenses of the municipal and county governments are not as well informed concerning certain things as they ought to be, and the result has been a number of very amusing blunders. One of these gentlemen recently waited upon the Board of County Commissioners to talk over road taxes, and he was cheerfully assured a hearing. He began by telling the Commissioners that he was a prominent member of the Reform League, and said that taxes were too high. He stated that a 5-mill tax for road purposes was excessive, and the Commissioners agreed with him that a 5-mill levy was rather stiff. The reformer asked if it was not possible for the Commissioners to get together with a less levy, and he did not think it was necessary to spend so much money on the roads. The members of the board relieved the man's mind somewhat by assuring him that there was no possibility of the levy for roads would be less than 5 mills, and he departed with a smile of satisfaction, which seemed to say: "Well, I have saved the taxpayers something on roads."

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EASTERN OREGON FOR CORBETT

Baker City Lawyer Says He is the Man the State Needs.

Charles A. Johns, one of the leading attorneys of Baker City, and Mrs. Johns, passed through Portland yesterday, en route to Coquille, where they will spend a vacation. Mr. Johns returning the latter part of this month and his wife remaining for some time longer. Mr. Johns is the legal representative in Baker County of the O. & N. Co. and is also attorney for eight or ten of the large mining companies of that district. He is a recognized power in Republican politics, though when seen by an Oregonian reporter stated he was too busy to pay any attention to politics. When asked the position of Eastern Oregon in the Senatorial contest, Mr. Johns said he thought that the leading Republicans were for H. W. Corbett, because they recognized in him a man of character and ability, who would give in the East that would guarantee to Oregon the greatest amount of Federal support during the next few years, which would be a crucial period in the history of the State."

"This will be my first visit to California, and I intend to see all there is there, particularly to compare their mines and mining methods with ours. The three Pacific Coast states of Oregon, Washington and California are destined to be the great power of the Union in the development of our Pacific interests, and we Oregonians cannot learn too fast the best things to adopt into our business and economical methods."

Factory Partly Mowed.

The cheese factory of Carlson & Co., at Fairview, has been partly mowed by a new building which was secured some time ago. The new buildings were not entirely ready, but were in condition so they could be used. Something over 100 pounds of milk are used daily at the factory, but arrangements have been made to more than double this amount in the Spring."

East Side Notes.

Frank Green, shamesake of 11 East Third street, slipped on the sidewalk yesterday, and broke his right leg. There will be a joint installation of Summer Post and Relief Corps Saturday night. It will be for the members and a few invited guests. While Mrs. Carmody was hanging out some clothes Monday on the Convent road on the eastern slope of Mount Labor, a bullet from a target gun passed through her dress and buried itself in a pine box a short distance off. The bullet evidently came from a small target gun in the hands of some youngster."

Wanted—A Worm-Destroyer.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 2.—(To the Editor).—Last Summer my wheat crop was almost ruined by a small worm about one-fourth of an inch long, and on examination a few days ago, I found them still alive and well in the stubble. Now, if you will allow me space, I wish to know if any reader of The Weekly Oregonian knows any remedy to prevent them from destroying the crop next year. L. L. MATTHEWS."

Would-Be Suicide May Recover.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 2.—Edward Rice, the convicted murderer, who yesterday attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat, and who cut his windpipe in two places, is tonight resting easily, and the prison physician thinks he has a good chance to recover. It has not yet been learned how Rice secured the case-knife with which he did the deed."

The Removal Sale of the Wiley B. Allen Co. Still Continues

Advertisement for the removal sale of the Wiley B. Allen Co. featuring musical instruments like flutes, clarinets, and piccolos. Includes text about the means of several prospective buyers and the availability of various instruments.

Advertisement for the removal sale of the Wiley B. Allen Co. featuring sheet music and small goods departments. Includes text about the termination of the sale and the location at 211 First Street.

The Wiley B. Allen Co., 209-211 First Street, Portland, Or.