

HONOR MR. CORBETT

Directors Choose Him President of 1905 Fair.

H. W. SCOTT, VICE-PRESIDENT

Henry E. Reed is Elected Secretary and First National Bank Treasurer—Capital Stock Will Be Raised to \$500,000.

Officers of the Lewis and Clark Centennial, American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair were elected yesterday afternoon at the first meeting of the new board of directors that was chosen by the stockholders last week.

Chairman Corbett, who had presided at the stockholders' meeting, called the directors to order. The other directors present were: Rufus Mallory, W. D. Fenton, William D. Wheeler, H. W. Scott, Adolph Wolfe, C. W. Young, J. W. Malloy, A. H. Devers, J. N. Fleischer, F. Dresser, Leo Friede and John P. O'Shea.

The absentees were Charles E. Lead, who was out of town, and A. L. Mills, who was attending a meeting of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Scott nominated Chairman Corbett for president of the corporation. There being no other nominations, Corbett was elected. The question of the election of Mr. Corbett, and it was carried unanimously. Election of secretary came next in order, president and secretary.

There being no order for other officers, Director Mallory offered a resolution to the effect that in addition to the officers required by law a vice-president and a treasurer be elected. This was adopted.

Director Wessinger nominated Director Scott for vice-president and Director Mallory nominated the First National Bank for treasurer. Both were chosen by acclamation, there being no other names proposed for the positions.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Directors Mallory, Fenton and Scott, to frame necessary by-laws and submit them at the next meeting of the board.

Subsequently the drawing of supplemental articles of incorporation to increase the authorized capital of the corporation to \$500,000 was added to the duties of this committee.

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Mr. Devers deemed it wise to call public attention to the fact that upon the filing of the supplemental articles of incorporation there would be opportunity for people about the state outside of Portland to subscribe to the capital of the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

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"I am afraid of those enterprises, especially, which employ large numbers of men and women in the Hawaiian islands, where wage rates which private enterprise in industrial pursuits could not compete with, and which would make official intervention a necessary evil."

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public utility, our water supply, is yielding an income more than sufficient to pay interest and maintenance charges, and this surplus is now being applied to further construction of docks. The water plant of this city is an investment, and its bond debt should be stricken from the debt limitation of the city. I do not advocate the increase of the public debt, but I insist that the system should be expanded so that the public welfare could be protected between the pressing demands of our urban residents and the necessities of corporations seeking public grants, to give any adequate contribution from the earnings of those public utilities in which the government is interested, the most important element of production."

MUCH STREET WORK.

Board of Public Works Authorizes Many Improvements.

At the meeting of the Board of Public Works yesterday the committee on ordinances to which have been referred the ordinance providing for the improvement of East Burnside street, from East Eighth to East Twenty-eighth, a distance of one mile, reported favorably on the ordinance and directed the Auditor to advertise for bids for the work.

The ordinance providing for the improvement of East Fourteenth street, from the intersection of the street with the Auditor authorized to advertise for bids for the work. The street is to be improved with the best possible gravel improvement, and is to have concrete sidewalks on both sides the whole length.

The Street Department has been devisor of securing a better, and heavier roller for street work than the city now has, and it is understood that a roller will be sent here by some agent in time to roll East Burnside and East Fourteenth streets, to show what good work it can do, probably with the idea that this will induce the city to buy it.

The Auditor was directed to advertise for bids for the construction of sewers in the following named streets: East Sixth, Taylor, East Everett, Welder street and Michigan avenue.

An agent for some Eastern manufacturer of enameled streets signs appeared before the board and offered to supply the city with 300 more street signs at 25 cents each. The matter was laid on the table until the necessary expenditure has been authorized.

The board authorized the erection of a station or waiting-room for passengers at the corner of Gilman and Third streets by the City & Suburban Railway Company.

The board authorized the City Engineer to have the necessary street signs for the property of the following named persons, who have been notified to make said improvements, but have failed to do so, the names being: Milton W. Smith, Leo Friede, Henry Weinhard, Emma Roth, R. A. Sellwood and three unknown owners.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET.

Washington Men Will Investigate Service at Columbia Bar.

The Board of Washington Pilot Commissioners for the Columbia River will meet at Ilwaco February 4. The meeting will be held at the Ilwaco Hotel, and will be held in regard to the pilot and tugboat service at the mouth of the river. The board will take measures for the improvement of the service. This meeting was appointed at a session of the board held on Saturday.

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AFFAIRS AT UNIVERSITY

REGENTS FIND CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR GOOD WORK.

President Strong and Judge R. S. Bean Give Annual Reports, Showing Increased Efficiency.

The Board of Regents of the University of Oregon met in annual session yesterday in Judge Bellinger's office, in the Federal building, and received the reports of Frank Strong, president of the university, and Judge R. S. Bean, president of the board, besides which a large volume of accumulated routine business was disposed of. An adjourned meeting will be held at 10 A. M. today, and the reports of the board, besides which a large volume of accumulated routine business was disposed of.

The report of Judge R. S. Bean, president of the board, dealt largely with the financial condition of the university, which, condensed, made the following showing:

Table with financial data: Receipts \$50,720.30, Disbursements \$51,019.20, Balance on hand \$2,658.90.

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ACCEPTS OFFER OF CITY

ALBINA WATER COMPANY AGREES ON PRICE OF \$200,000.

Chairman Corbett Makes His Annual Report—Piedmont Water Company Wants to Sell.

At the regular monthly meeting of the water committee yesterday the purchase of the Albina water plant for \$200,000 was completed. Chairman Corbett submitted his annual report, a carefully-prepared and comprehensive document, which will be of interest to water-consumers and which is given in full below:

Chairman Corbett's Report. Portland, Or., Jan. 21, 1902.—The Water Committee of the City of Portland, Oregon, reports to the City Auditor and Disbursement Committee for the year 1901, the inventory of property in possession of the Albina Water Company, the close of the year, and the statements of the receipts and disbursements by the operating and the construction departments during the entire year, and also during the entire period that the water works have been owned by the city, are herewith submitted.

The following is a summary of the reports of the operating department: Cash received during 1901—\$281,233.45; Operation and repairs—\$34,783.74; Interest on bonds—100,000.00—104,753.74.

Balance paid treasurer—\$96,479.71. After reducing the water rate on certain water fixtures on January 1, 1901, which, it was estimated, would cause a reduction of 10 per cent in the total receipts for the year, the balance on hand January 1, 1902, was \$202,000.00, but owing to the very satisfactory increase in the number of water consumers, the receipts amounted to \$281,233.45, and the balance on hand January 1, 1902, was \$175,520.29.

Balance on hand January 1, 1901—\$58,525.44; Received during 1901—\$202,000.00; From operating department—\$56,479.71; King Real Estate Association—272.50.

Total—\$317,277.65. Paid during 1901 for—Electricity—\$5,904.56; Land, etc.—509.34; Depreciation—\$19,233.45; General expenses—3,156.32—30,007.48.

Balance with treasurer, Dec. 31, 1901—\$142,240.19. This balance will be used in part payment for the water works plant and franchises of the Albina Light & Water Company, which the committee, on December 24, 1901, decided to purchase for the sum of \$200,000—\$150,000 cash, the balance of \$50,000 on 100 or before one year from date of transfer, and \$25,000 on or before two years from date of transfer; the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. The purchase to be made upon the condition that the Albina Light & Water Company will furnish a perfectly clear title to all of its real estate, and will also receive the title to all city of all its franchises, and receipt its bills against the city for water for fire protection, unpaid for want of funds, amounting to \$415.75, which, when deducted, leaves \$136,187.25.

On December 17, 1901, before the purchase of the Albina water works had been decided upon, the committee had the following estimate for the year 1902: On hand January 1, 1902—\$142,000.00; Receipts during year—200,000.00.

Total—\$342,000.00. Operation and repairs—200,000.00; Interest on bonds—100,000.00—200,000.00. Balance for purchases, etc.—\$142,000.00. Now, the following amendments may be made: Cash to Albina Co., Feb. 1—150,000.00; Remainder—\$92,000.00; Receipts from Albina, 11 months—27,500.00.

Total—\$119,500.00. Operating Albina plant, 11 months—6,500.00; Dec. 31, 1902—\$25,000.00; Eleven months interest on same, 1.144—26,144.00.

Balance for further betterments, and repairs of equipment for the year—\$7,856.00. The work of constructing drainage tunnels under the sliding land west of the City Park reservoirs, commenced in July, 1900, was finished during the month of September, 1901, the total length of the same being 1,750 feet in length, has been constructed, leading from the King ravine along Kingston avenue to Johnson Creek, at a cost of \$4975.45.

Following is a summary of the mains used for distributing water throughout the city. Mains under four inches in diameter are not included: Purchased from Portland Water Co., Dec. 31, 1900—128 miles.

Purchased from Albina Light & Water Co., Feb. 1, 1902—4 1/2 and 6-inch mains—19 miles; 4 and 6-inch mains—17 miles; 8 to 14-inch mains—2 miles—19 miles.

Total—147 miles. The Albina plant will make an addition of 20 per cent to the number of fire hydrants and other plants connected with water mains.

The cost of the Albina plant will add not quite 5 per cent to the total amount invested in the city water works, and the revenue to be derived from it will add 10 1/2 per cent to the total receipts. It will be borne in mind that the city purchased the Portland Water Company's plant when they were charging the following monthly rates: For a dwelling with any conveniences for water faucet, \$1.50; for a dwelling having a bathtub, \$2.50, and for a dwelling having one bathtub and one closet, \$3.50.

The rates now charged by the city for such dwellings are, respectively, as follows: 50 cents \$1 and \$1.50. The Albina Company, when purchased, were charging the same rates as the city.

Therefore, considering the former rates charged, we regard the present purchase, considering the income, very favorable to the city.

Practically speaking, we pay for the Albina water plant \$150,000, the balance being paid during the next two years from the earnings of that plant. H. W. CORBETT, Chairman.

The report, with accompanying documents, was approved and ordered filed with the City Auditor, for publication in the municipal reports, as required by the city charter.

Albina Plant Bought. A communication was received from the

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As it will be necessary to lay three six-inch mains, comprising 133 lengths of pipe, to make the necessary connections to supply the Albina system with Bull Run water, and as the plan is to be taken out by the City of Portland, the necessary pipe had been advertised for and received, and were opened. There were only two bids, one from the agents of the Albina Light & Water Company and one from Oregon Iron & Steel Company, and the latter being the lowest, and the company prepared to furnish the pipe at once, it was accepted. The work of opening trenches for the connecting mains will be commenced today.

Piedmont Water Plant Next. A proposition for the sale of the Piedmont water plant to the city was received. No price was named, the proposition being that the city should purchase the water committee would deal justly by them. The proposition was referred to the operating committee for investigation and report.

The Engineer submitted a report on petitions for a six-inch main on East Alder street, from East Fourteenth to East Twentieth streets, placing the cost at \$2100. The Engineer's report had been duly considered and that section is building up rapidly, on motion it was ordered that the Engineer be directed to make a report on the petition for a six-inch main on various streets, all of which were referred to the operating committee.

Contesting Reclamation Companies Reconciled—Ready to Proceed. The announcement from Salem that the Oregon Irrigation Company, of which C. C. Murphy is president, and the Deschutes Reclamation Company, which claims its claim to 300,000 acres of arid land in the Upper Deschutes Valley, is received with much satisfaction by those interested in the development of that country. The reason for this withdrawal is not that the company intends to abandon the field, but that it has arrived at an understanding with the Pilot Butte Reclamation Company, whereby the two corporations will act in harmony, instead of being in conflict. Both companies have headquarters in Portland. The Pilot Butte Company laid claim to only 50,000 acres, nearly all of which was within the area already applied for by the Oregon Irrigation Company. But the latter applicant was able to attach strong title to the land it applied for, because it had gone ahead and spent between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in starting an extensive irrigation system, while the Pilot Butte applicant had done nothing to establish its legal rights in the premises. It is said now to be the intent of the Pilot Butte company to purchase the claim and eliminate those tracts that come in conflict with the claim of the Drake Company.

There are now three large reclamation enterprises on foot in the Valley of the Deschutes—the Oregon Development Company, which is operating in the Walker Basin, near the headwaters of the river, and the Hutchinson and Drake companies, which have locations in the Squaw Creek country and on the main stream west of Prineville. None of these concerns has yet got the approval of the State Land Office, which is necessary for obtaining advantage of the Carey arid land act, but it is now supposed that such approval will not be long delayed. Approval of the State Land Office is a prerequisite to the Secretary of the Interior will put the enterprises in shape for immediate progress, for there will then be something tangible to back up the claims of the capitalists. Considerable investments of money will be necessary to put the reclamation projects in condition for business, and the capital will be tied up for an indefinite time, but the security of the best thing the proper legal steps shall have been taken. A lien is held against all the land selected for 6 per cent interest on the cost of the reclamation improvements.

East Side Notes. Special evangelistic meetings are being held every night this week in the Mizpah and Centenary Methodist Churches.

T. C. McDaniel, of Mount Tabor, has purchased a lot on Belmont street, between East Thirty-third and East Thirty-fourth streets, and will shortly have a dwelling put up.

Secretary Uffo of the Brooklyn Board of Trade, has sent out a circular letter, calling attention to the condition of several cross walks on Milwaukie street, which are in bad condition.

Wise Bros, dentists. Both phones. The Yalling.

When you feel bad, take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will make you decidedly better.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Frankie Richter. Frankie Richter, the blind boy pianist and composer, who will appear at the Marquam Grand Thursday evening January 23, will be assisted by the members of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, who will play Liszt's E flat Concerto for piano and orchestra. Other numbers on the programme will be Beethoven's "Waldstein Sonata," Schumann's "Carnival Scenes," Chopin's "Grand Polonaise in A flat," Schubert's "Impromptu," and Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 12."

The sale of seats will open this morning at 10 o'clock for "Quo Vadis" to the Marquam Grand Theater next Friday and Saturday night, with a matinee Saturday. The complete original New York scenic equipment is to be seen here, and a large cast.

The Stange version of the play has aroused interest in every class of people. The theatre has been filled with cheering people as well as regular theatre-goers. Methodist and Presbyterian ministers, Episcopal clergymen and Roman Catholic priests have seen the drama, and have pronounced it equal to a sermon.

The religious side of the Stankiewicz story has been developed in the play, but the theme is handled so reverently that it pleases everybody. From the dramatic side the production is notable. Scenic effects are beautiful.

"At Valley Forge" at Cordray's. "At Valley Forge" will be the attraction at Cordray's next week, and it will offer the first opportunity in this city to see the play "At Valley Forge," which has succeeded in making a play based upon a historical theme and one most dear to American hearts, for it deals

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