

ORDERLY CITY

Need in 1905.

CITIZENS SHOULD HELP

Much Done to Improve Portland in Two Years.

MORE THAN IN ANY CITY

Mayor Williams Declares Portland Has Not Been as Free From Municipal Corruption in Forty Years as at Present.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR.

CLEAN AND ORDERLY CITY—I once more appeal to the people of Portland to exert themselves individually to put our city in a clean and orderly condition preparatory to the Lewis and Clark Fair, and not depend upon the city government to do everything.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—The police force is wholly inadequate to meet the wants of our city, with a territory of 40 square miles and 150,000 of population.

GARBAGE—CRIMINALLY—There seems to be an absolute necessity for a new furnace and a thorough renovation of the old one preparatory to the '05 Fair.

NEW CITY PARK—It would be a great thing for Portland and the State if the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds could be secured for a permanent park.

CIVIL SERVICE—Amendment suggested so as to allow employment of common labor as the exigencies of the city may require.

LIGHTS—A clamorous demand and urgent necessity for more lights.

Mayor George H. Williams' annual message, to be read before the Council at its meeting this afternoon, was completed yesterday and given for publication.

His Honor has given much time and conscientious study to the preparation of his message in an endeavor to make the communication as complete as possible in every particular.

Probably the most important part of the message is the text of Mayor Williams' suggestions for permanent improvements which are as follows:

"A great hue and cry has been made about the Tanner-Creek sewer as though this was the first time in the history of Portland that a contractor with the city had failed fully to perform his contract.

"I am satisfied that there are defects in this sewer and I am further satisfied that they have been greatly exaggerated.

According to the judgment of several engineers who have examined the sewer, it can be made perfect without the expenditure of a dollar beyond the amount the contractor was to receive under his contract for its construction.

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"I will say in conclusion, giving due credit to the Council and all departments of the city government, that in proportion to the means at their command more has been accomplished for the improvement of the City of Portland within the last two years than in any other city in the country, and I have taken some pains to inform myself upon the subject, and I will further say that I have personal knowledge of the government of the city for the last twenty years, and during that time Portland has not been as free from municipal corruption as it has been during the present administration."

The following are the salient features of the message:

To the Honorable Council of the City of Portland—Gentlemen: Pursuant to section 147 of the charter, I submit the following as my annual message:

Receipts and Disbursements.

(Transfers to and from general fund not included.)

Under receipts and disbursements, the Mayor gives a tabulated statement of the city's finances, which is summarized as follows:

Total balance, January 1, 1904, \$509,562.00. Funds, including general, Fire Department, Police Department, bonded indebtedness, interest, street repair, water, park and other, segregate receipts, \$2,648,529.20; total receipts, \$3,158,091.20. Total disbursements, \$2,438,949.20. Total balance, January 1, 1905, \$660,612.00.

The receipts and disbursements in the Library fund are from April 4, 1904, to date.

Statement of resources and liabilities of the City of Portland, January 1, 1905. Cash in treasury, \$603,757.09. Parks and public squares, Market block, City Hall, Hospital for Consumption Diseases, Fire Department, lands and equipment; Police Department, lands and houses and equipment; water works and land thereon; street repair, land and equipment; street-cleaning and pound department; garbage crematory and land; other real estate, bridges and ferries; bridge values; miscellaneous property, bonded liens for special assessments and Marine-street bridge (present value under construction), \$100,000.00; \$22,731.20; total resources, \$1,013,008.29. Total liabilities, including outstanding warrants, \$350,396.29; balance, \$662,612.00.

Police Department.

Of the police department, the message shows that one Chief, 4 captains, six detectives, three sergeants, one stenographic clerk, one line-man, two jailers, one matron, three patrol drivers and 83 patrolmen are at present employed.

The salary of the Chief, says the report, is \$200 per month, and of other police department employees as follows:

Captains, \$90; detectives, \$80; sergeants, stenographic clerk, jailers, patrol drivers and patrolmen, \$75; line-man, \$60, and the matron, \$50 per month.

One detective, the report states, is detailed for the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, and one patrolman for the Humane Society. Eight of the patrolmen are mounted.

The report shows the total expenses for the police department in 1904 as \$2,064,207, and the receipts \$2,438,949.20.

The tax levy for 1905 is estimated at \$81.30, which the Mayor considers is insufficient to pay the department's expenses.

The Mayor makes his recommendations for the department as follows:

The Chief of the Department recommends that 10 patrolmen be added at once to the present force and 20 more during the 1905 Fair. The police force is wholly inadequate to meet the wants of our city, with a territory

of 40 square miles and 150,000 of population.

The Chief has adopted the policy of sending hobos and vagrants who are picked up on our streets and are not charged with any specific crime, but of whom it is known that they are a public nuisance, to the city in providing for them as prisoners.

I have lived in this city more than 40 years, and have been an interested observer of what was going on during that time, and I do not hesitate to say that Portland at this time has the best organized, best disciplined, and most efficient force that it has ever had. There is now no grafting in the Police Department.

Fire Department.

Under the heading, fire department, the Mayor shows that the monthly payroll for 1904 was \$107,016.60. The total expenses of the department for 1904 were \$173,541.27. Continuing, the Mayor says:

There are now in this department eight engine companies, four truck companies, four hose companies, four chemical engine companies, 40 horses and one fireboat.

The personnel of the department is as follows: Chief, one; assistant, one; chief engineer, one; assistant chief engineer, one; superintendent of the alarm telegraph, one; engine driver, one; switchboard operator, 21; captains, 17; lieutenants, 10; engineers, 28; drivers, 54; hose men, 10; fireboat men, one; freeman, one; fireboat, one; freeman, two; policemen and two stokers—108 in all.

Salaries: Chief, \$105.10; assistant and battalion chiefs, \$110 per month; engineers, \$100 per month; captains, \$78 per month; lieutenants, \$65 per month. The monthly payroll amounts to \$111,071.95.

The expenses will necessarily be larger in 1905, on account of a change in the department and the use of a fireboat. The tax levy for this department for 1905 amounts to \$116,200. It will take at least \$50,000 more to defray its expenses for 1905, which must be made up of the general fund.

Within the last year this department has been changed from a call to a full-day department. Within the last year the fireboat has been constructed and put in commission, which is a good success and a great protection to property adjacent thereto.

There is great need of an engine company in North Portland, in South Portland and in the city.

There have been added to the service, in this department, within the last year, besides the change of a full-day department:

One fireboat.

8000 feet of hose.

One four-wheel fire engine.

One combination hose and chemical wagon.

One fire alarm bell.

10 new alarm boxes.

25 hysene doors for fire alarm boxes.

10 horses.

House and dock for fireboat and crew, costing \$10,000.

Houses and lot for Engine Company No. 8, costing \$3000.

Repairs to houses of department costing \$2000.

Three new hose wagons.

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I cannot say too highly of the efficiency of the officers and men of the Fire Department.

Water Department.

With reference to the water Department, the Mayor states that on December 31, 1904, there was a balance on hand of \$168,847.70. The receipts for water sold in 1904 were shown to be \$449,448.70. Disbursements, say the report, were \$270,545.40. The balance on hand, \$222,550, making a balance of \$42,936.41 on January 1, 1905. The Mayor continues:

The appropriation of the above \$449,448.70 received during the year 1904 is as follows: 12 per cent for operation and repairs, \$19,821.76; for interest on bonds, \$51,131.20; for extending mains and reservoirs, and 26.1 per cent on account of interest on the bonds.

There is no tax on property for water purposes. All cost of operating, maintaining and extending the water works and the interest on the bonds is paid from the receipts for water sold.

The charter provides that annually, on and after the first day of 1905, sums not to exceed 10 per cent of the fair value of the water bonds shall be set aside from the receipts to constitute a sinking fund for the redemption of those bonds.

Receipts for water sold during 1904 were 14.1 per cent more than during 1903. As the water rates were the same, the increase must be due to an increase in the quantity of water consumed, and is an indication of the growth of the city.

On January 1, 1904, there were 168 miles of distributing mains of pipes ranging from 4 to 24 inches in diameter. During the year 1904, there were laid 11.5 miles in diameter, making the total length of mains, 186 miles.

Health Department.

The Mayor, under this head, first gives a tabulated statement showing the work accomplished by the crematory in 1904:

Garbage consumed, cubic yards, 34,396. Horse manure, 1,000. Cows cremated, 45. Nuts cremated, 11,720. Cords of straw burned, 368. Loads of sawdust, 1,478.

"There seems to be an absolute necessity for a new crematory for the city, and I have had an expert for an estimate of the cost of such a crematory, and it is estimated that if a new furnace is made and the furnaces now used are put in good condition, sufficient provision will be made for next summer. The present system of managing the garbage of the city is unsatisfactory, and it is difficult to say how it can be improved, but I am inclined to the opinion that it would be better to build a new crematory for the city, and to take charge of the collection as well as the consumption of the garbage. There ought to be a crematory on the city property, and it should be under the management of the city.

One considerable item of expense to the city are the charges of the hospitals. Any person found by the health department suffering from contagious disease or needing immediate relief is kept at the hospital until discharged or removed to a private hospital. The city pays the hospitals \$1 per day for each patient.

The good health has prevailed in Portland during the last year. There have been no epidemics. The death rate in this city, in proportion to the population, has been less than in any city of the United States, with possibly one exception.

The appropriation for this department for the year 1905 is \$24,500, which must be paid out of the general fund.

The appropriation of the Health Department for the year 1904 were \$18,442.67.

Public Parks.

Expenses for the parks for 1904 were \$27,275.59, says the Mayor, under this head. The tax levy amounts to \$124,540, which, the Mayor feels, will be sufficient for the present year. Continuing he says:

All of the parks—Terwilliger Park, Hawthorne Park, Mackay Park, Hamilton Park, Columbia Park, City Park, Lincoln Park and the Park blocks—have to some extent been improved during the past year.

Near the Washington entrance to the City Park, and adding much to its appearance, a stone wall has been erected, with an attractive waterfall, and at the eastern entrance, in place of the old wooden arch, handsome bridge of cement and brick have been constructed. A group of electric stations has been set up in this park by the heirs of the late D. P. Thompson.

One buffalo, three kangaroos, two storks, two white turkeys, six monkeys and six young bears have been added to the zoological department of the park.

Musical concerts were given every Sunday afternoon in the City Park during the summer, which were enjoyed by from 3000 to 5000 people each Sunday, for which the Park Board subscribed \$1000. I hope these concerts will be continued.

Considerable work has been done to improve and beautify the other parks. Four hundred trees were planted in the Park blocks in place of old trees removed.

The corner-came for the Lewis and Clark monument was laid in the City Park, May 21, 1903, and some large blocks of granite laid near the east entrance to the park, but nothing has been done since.

It would be a great thing for Portland and the State if the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds could be secured for a permanent park.

Free Public Library.

Ordinance 12,362 provides for a contract with the Library Association then existing for the use of the library by the people of this city. The charter provides for a tax levy of one-fifth of a mill for the support of this library.

The receipts from taxes for 1904 were \$308,254 from the county and \$507,070 from the city. The disbursements payable out of this fund were \$18,545.67.

There is also a book fund, the receipts of which in 1904 amount to \$438,021, and the disbursements from which amount to \$400,130.

The receipts from the Lewis and Clark Fair, the receipts from the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds could be secured for a permanent park.

Two hundred and forty-two thousand, seven

hundred and ninety persons have made use of books in the library during the past year.

The free library, and according to the information I have, is well and wisely managed, and is rapidly growing in estimation.

Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service Commission have devoted much time and labor to their duties during the last year. Ninety-one persons were appointed for examination, 640 were examined, 567 passed, and 153 failed. The examinations were conducted on the morning without any reference to personal or party considerations.

I am of the opinion that the civil-service provisions of the charter ought to be amended so as to allow the employment of common laborers as the exigencies of the city may require, and according to the judgment of those by whom such persons are employed.

The appropriation for the year 1905 was \$1900.

Street Cleaning and Sprinkling.

The total expenses of the street-cleaning and sprinkling department for 1904 were \$44,846.15 out of the general fund. The appropriation for 1905 is \$70,000. Forty-eight men are employed in this department, the city owns 27 sprinklers, five of which are worthless, as well as 25 dump carts and 35 horses. Of the work of the department and the importance of keeping the streets clean and well sprinkled during the 1905 Fair, the Mayor says:

Owing to the rapid growth of our city and the increase in the number of streets, it has become impossible for this department to meet all the requirements made upon it, but its operations during the last summer were quite satisfactory, as it did all it could do under the circumstances. I therefore recommend that the appropriation for 1905 for this department should not be less than \$70,000, which should be in the best possible condition during the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Lighting Department.

Our city is lighted by 1000 arc lights, the number of which is rapidly increasing. There is a very clamorous demand and a great necessity for more of these lights.

Pound Department.

The following is a statement of the doings of this department for 1904:

The receipts for dog licenses were \$3307.00. Pounds fees, \$1,001.25. Received for stock returned, \$1,001.25. Received for stock sold, \$1,001.25. Dogs caught, 487. Hogs destroyed, 412. Horses impounded, 22. Cattle impounded, 214.

City Attorney's Office.

There are 14 live cases pending against the city, of which one is appeal in the Supreme Court of the United States, the city being respondent; four on appeal in the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon, the city being appellant; and nine others pending in the Circuit Court of Multnomah County.

Eight of these cases are brought to prevent the city from collecting for street improvements; one is an action for damages for personal injuries received by a citizen; one for wages claimed to be due the employe of the city; one to obtain money claimed to be due on contract work on the city; and one to restrain the city from enforcing certain ordinances.

There have been seven cases or abandoned during the past year disposed of in which the city was a party. No cases have been decided against the city.

Four proceedings have been started to reassess property for benefits for street improvements under section 100 of the charter. During the year about 4000 cases have been tried in the Municipal Court.

Engineer's Department.

The appropriation for 1905 is \$104,000.00. Rights persons, including surveyors, instrumentmen, inspectors and chainmen have been dropped from the payroll on account of the unavailability of the appropriation. It is difficult to see how this department can meet the growing demands upon it for 1905 with this limited appropriation and consequent reduction of force.

The following statement is submitted to show the work done in this department in 1904:

Lined feet of sewers made in 1904, 28,907. Lined feet of sewers made in 1903, 22,829. Lined feet of sewers made in 1902, 17,613. Lined feet of sewers made in 1901, 10,724.

This does not include the Tanner-Creek sewer or any of the other sewer or party made which have not been accepted.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Artificial stone, lined feet, 90,043. Wood, 90,043. Gravel, 9,236. The steel bridge across Marquam Gulch is completed, and the bridge across the Willamette Heights gulch is nearly completed. The steel bridge across Marquam gulch, on First street, is in progress.

(The Mayor's suggestions for street work in 1905 include the following:)

(Signed) GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

DEATH OF RICHARD LEAMAN.

Pioneer of Sellwood and a Prominent Building Contractor.

Richard Leaman, a pioneer resident of Sellwood and a well-known Portland contractor, died at his home, 543 Third avenue, Sellwood, Monday night, of paralysis. Mr. Leaman was 54 years of age, and had lived in Portland since 1882, spending 20 years in Sellwood, where he came as one of the first settlers in that suburb. He has been identified with the growth of the place, and was a member of the Sellwood Board of Trade. He was also a member of Sellwood Lodge, A. O. U. W.

Mr. Leaman had been a prominent building contractor in Portland for several years, having built several of the government lighthouses on this coast. A wife and four children survive. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at the Episcopal Church.

Says He Treated All Alike.

"I turned over \$100 penalties and interest to the County Treasurer. I don't know how much in penalties and interest were turned over before, but I do know that I treated all alike, rich and poor. I had only the interest of Multnomah County at heart. If the taxes were not paid by October 1 they had to be paid by interest. I called up everybody. I gave them all a chance to pay before the taxes were delinquent and if they did not pay it was their own fault. I will have seven extra books and \$300,000 more taxes to collect than ever before. Wait until I have a chance to make a record and then they can tell if I cost more to run the office than before. I met a man today who employs 1000 men and he said they were all with me. The people at large are satisfied with what I am doing."

NEW ASSESSOR INSTALLED.

Major C. E. McDonnell Succeeded in Office by B. D. Sigler.

Bluford D. Sigler, elected County Assessor in June, 1904, for a term of four years, assumed the duties of the office yesterday, succeeding Charles E. McDonnell, who has served two terms of two years each as Assessor. The Legislature, in 1903, increased the term to four years, and Mr. Sigler will hold office until January 1, 1907.

L. H. Maxwell remains as chief deputy and W. C. North, H. N. Welch, A. J. McDonnell, S. C. Holbrook and W. H. Galvan, who were deputies under Major McDonnell, have also been retained. Frank M. Raley, A. Motzer and Mrs. M. A. Morris, who have been employed in the office, were not reappointed. Hazel Page, formerly a deputy under Mr. McDonnell, comes back into office with the new assessor. Concerning his policy, Assessor Sigler said: "You may say that there will be no general raising of the valuations. I intend to assess property at what I consider fair and what interest the valuation until I have completed the work. I cannot say. Some changes will probably be made, but they will be all

CALLS IT POLITICS

Sheriff Will Not Let Guards Feed Prisoners.

MEANWHILE PRISONERS REST

Word Will Surrender Rights Only on Order of County Court—Denies He Has Been Extravagant.

The county prisoners, 50 in number, who have been working on the rockpiles were not taken to yesterday. Sheriff Word refused to permit them to be taken from the jail because the members of the County Court took the furnishing of the noon-day meal to the prisoners

terations in valuations made by piece. There will not be a general increase.

Major McDonnell, speaking of his future plans, says he is considering several good propositions, and will take his time in deciding what he will do.

FINDINGS ARE YET TO COME.

Local Grand Jury Works Hard, but Announces Nothing.

The report of the grand jury, expected yesterday, was not forthcoming. In the morning the statement was given out that the jury would report at 2:30 o'clock and in the afternoon, Foreman M. F. Johnson told inquirers the members were not ready to make a report. The jury worked hard until 6 o'clock in the evening. A number of cases, of persons held to answer in the Municipal Court, were investigated. Chief of Police Hunt was in the grand jury room in the afternoon. Dan Weimer, detective, was called as a witness, as was Officer E. W. Cobb. It is said the grand jury is seeking information regarding the taking of rewards by detectives, for recovering stolen property and restoring it to the owners.

On June 6, P. Duff was arrested in the Municipal Court for illegal voting and was sent to the County Jail. He was soon afterwards released on bonds. Since then nothing has been heard of the case.

REPORT FOR FOUR YEARS.

County Clerk Submits Summary of Receipts and Expenses.

County Clerk Fields yesterday submitted a comparative report to the County Court of the receipts and expenses of his office for each December of the past four years. The report shows that in December, 1904, the office realized a profit of \$148.52. A summary of the report is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Dept. 1902. 1903. 1904.

Circuit Ct., \$706.35; \$695.50; \$77.00; \$1,290.50

County of, 231.77; 232.20; 260.55; 1,238.99

Recording, 938.52; 1,121.00; 1,245.15; 1,288.99

Total, \$1,876.64; \$2,048.70; \$2,072.70; \$3,818.48

EXPENSES.

Supplies, \$45.42; \$48.00; \$100.00; \$71.20

Salary, 4,377.34; 1,938.33; 2,003.51; 1,754.63

Total, \$4,822.76; \$2,026.33; \$2,103.51; \$2,465.83

Expense to county, 1901, \$2,678.81

Profit to county, 1901, \$63.29

Profit to county, 1902, \$148.52

Profit to county, 1903, \$1,463.92

New Men for the Road.

Three changes in road superintendents were made yesterday, by the County Commissioners. Carl Nelson, superintendent of district No. 12, east of the Sandy River, was discharged, and Emmett Kelly was appointed in his stead. H. F. Hanson was appointed to take charge of division No. 2, Hywam, in place of R. A. Baybrook, removed. Thomas Striess was appointed superintendent of division No. 6, on the West Side, in place of R. H. Love. The latter will be employed as a foreman.

Legal Jottings.

James Barnard, who stole a horse valued at \$100 from J. H. Peterson, pleaded guilty, when arraigned before Judge George yesterday.

Frank Seely, who stole various articles of jewelry valued at \$243 from W. S. Harris, also entered a plea of guilty. Sentences in these cases will be pronounced later on.

Suit for \$7100 damages was filed in the State Circuit court yesterday by L. N. Hamilton against Smyth & Howard Company, contractors. On November 18, 1904, the company was unloading gravel from a barge at the foot of Ankeny street, when Hamilton was driving one of the gravel wagons, and he alleges that a heavy bucket of gravel containing a yard was allowed to fall upon him, breaking his ribs and injuring his spine, rendering him lame. Claude Strahan and Waldemar Seton appear as attorneys for the plaintiff.

Notice of incorporation of the Holmes Coal & Ice Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by R. J. Holmes, J. W. Holmes and H. C. Holmes. The objects announced are to sell and distribute coal, to buy and sell coal, etc. The capital stock is \$100,000.

Jessie M. Honeyman, executrix and Arthur Honeyman, executor, of the estate of Walter J. Honeyman, deceased, administrators of the partnership and estate of the Honeyman & McBride Company, filed a report in the County Court yesterday showing \$125,209 in claims, and \$1400 on hand. There has already been \$12,403 disbursed. A dividend of 50 per cent is to be paid to the creditors.

John W. Franzen was appointed administrator of the estate of her