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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Recommends Action Looking to Construction of Sea Wall Along City Front.

Mayor Suprenant's annual message, presented yesterday, while giving no statement as to the financial condition of the city, contains several important recommendations. Mayor Suprenant commends the work of Auditor Anderson and City Physician Pilkington; recommends winter legislation for summer street improvements; says there should be a permanent street cleaning department; recommended acceptance of the offer of Joseph Schamberger for a new engine house site, and, most important of all, advises the public property committee to consult the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company officials with the end in view of constructing a sea wall along the waterfront. The message follows:

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Astoria—Gentlemen: Having arrived at a new year in the city's existence, it is proper that we briefly consider the achievements of the past year, profit by considering our mistakes and shortcomings, and contemplate the good that we may accomplish in the future.

The past year has been a very satisfactory one. Many improvements have been constructed, an efficient fire department and competent police force maintained, and at the same time the expenditures of the city have been less than its income to an amount exceeding one-half of its annual receipts from direct taxation. I feel that the officers of the city are justly entitled to the thanks of the public for the faithful manner in which their trust has been performed and, while it may seem unjust to single out any particular officer when all have been very attentive and able, I feel that the auditor and police judge and city physician are entitled to special commendation for the able and efficient manner in which those offices have been administered.

With reference to improvements for the coming year, I recommend that without delay the streets which are to be improved during the coming year be selected and that the proceedings for their improvement be commenced soon, so that they may be improved during the early summer. It is very urgent that the present financial condition of the city be maintained and great care should be exercised in improving new streets to see that no street be ordered improved where any considerable portion of the expense of the improvement will fall upon the general fund.

The council acts as trustee for the public in keeping the improved streets safe for public travel, and when a street is improved it acts as trustee or agent for the property owner, who is to be assessed to pay for the same, and consequently the utmost good faith should be exercised in keeping the improved streets free from danger, and when any new street is improved to see that the improvement is economically and properly made.

Care should be exercised in cleaning the streets and I would recommend that a street cleaning cart be procured and that two men be employed to keep the streets in a clean condition, and also that a suitable dumping ground be provided.

The fire department is satisfactory in every particular, with the exception of the location of the No. 2 engine house, and I would recommend the purchase of the property offered to the city by

Mr. Joseph Schamberger as a site for an engine house and also as means of making Duane street a continuous thoroughfare.

The police force and police commission are entitled to great credit in guarding the revenues of the city as well as the public safety, and I do not see how it could be improved upon, but would recommend to the special consideration of the police department the enforcement of the ordinances for the ornament of the city, such as tearing down dilapidated buildings and painting roofs, as an active effort should be made to make the city more presentable, and especially so on account of the number of strangers who will visit the city during the next two years.

Recently I vetoed an ordinance providing for the purchase of a site for a new city hall for the reason that I did not consider it wise to purchase property for that purpose before the present city hall had been disposed of. Should that veto be sustained by the council, I would recommend the repairing of the present city hall by removing the engine house and repairing the place occupied by it for offices for the auditor and water commission, the construction of a vault, the building of a new jail and remodeling the council chambers and other offices on the second floor of the building; but, should the veto not be sustained and the property be purchased, I would not consider it advisable to spend a single dollar in repairing the present building.

Finally, while a matter that can not be accomplished in the near future, I consider the construction of a sea wall along the trestle of the Astoria & Columbia River railway, from near the Clatsop mill to the old Kinney cannery,

Suggests Winter Legislation for Summer Improvement of Thoroughfares.

and the filling in of the portion of the city enclosed by the same, a feasible improvement, and I would recommend that the committee on public property take up this matter with the Astoria & Columbia River railway company and ascertain the probable cost of the improvement and what proportion of the same the railroad company would pay, and report the matter to the council during the coming year.

I thank all the officers for their courteous treatment and express my confidence in their ability to accomplish as much in the present year as was done during that just past. Respectfully, J. W. SUPRENANT.

WILL CONTEST FOR TROPHY

Commercial Club Bowling Challenge Accepted.

Mr. A. Howard, chairman of the bowling committee of the Portland Commercial Club, has replied to the challenge of the Astoria Commercial Club committee for the Feidenheimer trophy. Mr. Howard says the Portland committee would be glad to receive the Astorians any night during January excepting Friday, which is ladies' evening at the alleys. The local team is thus left to select the date for the contest. It is probable the contest will not take place for about two weeks.

Sunday evening the first team of the Commercial Club played a match with

an aggregation of second team bowlers and was defeated, the second team taking three of the four games. Hardisty was the only first team man not present, and Anstadt, with five pins handicap, was substituted in his stead. The two first games went to the second team by totals of 267-219 and 234-227. The first team won the third game, 265-223, but the last game went to the second team, although the first team bowled better than 44 flat average. The first team bowled with seven pins handicap, while the handicap of the second team was 24 pins. The scores were as follows:

Second team—

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Mikkelsen | 51 | 29 | 24 | 51 | 155 |
| Grant | 42 | 48 | 31 | 27 | 148 |
| Regan | 33 | 36 | 41 | 41 | 171 |
| Eigner | 43 | 26 | 28 | 39 | 136 |
| Jones | 44 | 52 | 39 | 37 | 162 |
| Ralston | 39 | 19 | 36 | 51 | 125 |
| Totals | 243 | 219 | 199 | 256 | 905 |
| Handicap | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 96 |

Totals 267 234 223 280 1094

First team—

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| Sovey | 48 | 30 | 54 | 56 | 188 |
| Lewis | 32 | 48 | 40 | 46 | 166 |
| Bay | 43 | 42 | 47 | 35 | 167 |
| Pye | 45 | 30 | 34 | 48 | 157 |
| Anstadt | 20 | 39 | 41 | 39 | 139 |
| Peterson | 24 | 31 | 42 | 41 | 138 |
| Totals | 212 | 220 | 258 | 265 | 955 |
| Handicap | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 28 |

Totals 219 227 267 273 983

Regan's 61 was the best single game of the night and won the contest for the second aggregation. Peterson had an off night and was 30 pins or more short of his usual game. The detailed scores show that, while the first team men secured fairly good averages, their games were rather poorly bowled, and the necessity of team practice is evident.

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