

CITY'S DEBT IS REDUCED

Favorable Showing Is Made by the Quarterly Report of Auditor Anderson.

LIABILITIES NOW \$150,000

Reduction in Indebtedness in Past Year Was More Than \$8000, Despite Heavy Outlay.

City debt, Sept. 30, 1903.....	\$158,931 02
City debt, Sept. 30, 1904.....	150,819 98
Reduction	\$ 8,111 04

The report of Auditor Anderson for the quarter ending September 30 was made public yesterday. It shows that the excess of liabilities at the present time is \$150,819.98, or \$8111.04 less than the debt at the same time last year. In view of the extensive improvements made and the consequent heavy expenditures out of the general fund, the showing is a most gratifying one. When the new city hall is paid for some material reductions in the municipal indebtedness may be looked for, and the interest burden will be lightened.

Liabilities.

The statement of Mr. Anderson shows the liabilities of the city to be as follows:

General fund warrants outstanding	\$ 22,375 48
Street repair warrants outstanding	252 00
Street Improvement warrants outstanding	22,447 38
Municipal bonds outstanding	173,050 00
Municipal street bonds outstanding	5,259 03
Total	\$223,383 89

Resources.

The resources of the city are shown to be as follows:

Taxes outstanding	\$14,953 96
Street and sewer assessments outstanding	31,141 49
Cash on hand	26,438 46
Total	\$72,533 91

Summary.

Liabilities	\$223,383 89
Resources	72,533 91
Excess of Liabilities	\$150,819 98

CUNNING CUNNING.

Astounding Wonder Worker at Hedrick's Theater Tomorrow.

Unquestionably the most marvelous performer ever seen in the northwest will positively appear at Hedrick's tomorrow and will exhibit during the week. Cunning is a jail-breaker with a record. His record is that no jail, locks or chains can hold him. No matter how securely manacled, he mysteriously frees himself without assistance, and no officer of the law has yet been able to detect his apparently superhuman ability to free himself from all restraints.

The iron cage from which Cunning escapes after being securely locked in, is on exhibition in front of the theater all day, and may be inspected by all. Cunning has astounded police and public wherever he has exhibited and no

hall is large enough to contain the crowds of people who throng to see him perform his unparalleled feats. Besides Cunning there will be the usual strong bill and new moving pictures, making a show the equal of which has never before been in Astoria. Cunning alone is worth thrice the admission fee of 10 cents. Every night and matinee, at Hedrick's, corner Eleventh and Duane streets.

SUDDEN WEALTH NOT DESIRABLE

The Reward of Welldoing Is of More Practical Value.

Probably nothing is more universally and fervently desired by young men than the opportunity of falling into sudden wealth. Yet as a fact, says The Commercial West, which history records again and again, falling into sudden wealth may be as disastrous as any other fall. Because one doesn't land with a bump when he falls is no sure proof that he is not hurt. The fly that fell into a sudden barrel of molasses lighted without jar and enjoyed it for a season. Sudden wealth is unproven ground. It is full of bog holes and slime pits for the unseasoned man. The only safe way across the morass of wealth is the solid road built by hard and slow degrees. Things are good only when worked for. What makes anything you own of lasting interest to you? The life, the interest you put into it. That's all. If you think that things you have not earned can put life and interest into you, your philosophy is out of gear. Life comes from the inside out, not from the outside in. Life is a spring, not a rain barrel. Good things are worth working for. The scripture says: "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." But notice this, that the promise is to him that walks uprightly. Not to him that leans a little over toward the left side, nor to the man who sits around waiting for sudden wealth to fall on him, or for the fates to push him into it. It is to him who walks and walks uprightly, with the ramrod of righteousness for a backbone. Good things six abreast go by the man who waits for sudden wealth, and he does not know them from calamities. The man walking uprightly meets them, knows them, chums with them because they are of his kind. They work together to make this world fit and fine to live in. If everybody fell into sudden wealth all at once there wouldn't be upright men enough left in the world by next Christmas to run a mission Sunday school. The almost universal necessity of working for a living is the richest thing in the world's economy.

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"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Hayward of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infalible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by Chas. Rogers. Trial bottles free.

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RUSSO-JAP WAR COMING

Manager Hager of the Unique Theater Brings Fighting Japanese Soldiers to Astoria

IMMENSE EXPENSE INCURRED

Scenes of War on Land and Sea Brought Before Astoria Audiences With Vivid Reality by Men of Mikado.

The following is a reproduction, verbatim of a telegram received by Manager Hager of the Unique theater:—"Postal Telegraph Co., Portland, Ore., Sept. 27, 1904.—A. B. Hager, Mgr. Unique Theater, Astoria, Ore.: Lowest offer acceptable for Great Japanese War Troup, week October 3rd, is six hundred dollars. K. SAKAMOTO.

Manager Hager immediately wired his acceptance of the above terms, which means this much for the patrons of the Unique theater, that during the week beginning next Monday afternoon, October 3, there will appear at this popular playhouse, at the enormous expense of nearly one hundred dollars per day, an aggregation of performers never before equaled in the history of the Unique theater. It is due to the imitable enterprise of Mr. Hager that this great novelty show is brought to Astoria, and at an expense which to a more conservative manager would no doubt appear as appalling.

The attraction mentioned is the Imperial Japanese War Troup, consisting of 16 ex-Japanese soldiers and sailors from the seat of war in the far east, direct from under the command of the illustrious Admiral Togo and the Napoleon of today, General Kuroki. Sixteen actors of the Japanese stage, and patriots, including the famous Takishima, the Henry Irving of Japan, who are devoting the art of their profession by touring the American continent in the interest of the Japanese Benevolent Association at Tokio, the proceeds of their labor to be donated to the Japanese war fund, a movement started by the empress of Japan.

The performance consists of Japanese soldiers' drill, wearing the regulation uniforms of the army and navy of the mikado, the same uniforms that were worn by them while in active service under Togo and Kuroki. Another of the numerous exhibitions that will be given will be the Red-Cross Society of Japan in the field, showing Japanese Red Cross nurses attending wounded Russian soldiers and sailors. In addition to this there will be Japanese fencing, dancing and wrestling. Imitations of the great Captain Hirota will be given by Takishima, and the great naval fight of Port Arthur will be reproduced on the stage in miniature. A large number of stereopticon that were taken in Japan and Manchuria by Mr. Sakamoto, the Japanese commissioner who has this great troupe under his direct supervision, will be exhibited, depicting this titanic struggle in all its details. Also real moving pictures taken on the field of action before and after numerous bloody conflicts.

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that is filling the Empire theater in Portland nightly this week, at the Unique theater next Monday. Owing to the large expense entailed in this great attraction, the price of admission has usually been advanced by the different theatrical managers wherever this Japanese troupe filled an engagement, but regardless of that fact Manager Hager decided to adhere to the regular price of admission, 10 cents.

FOOTBALL SCORES.

- At Chicago—Chicago, 56; Indiana, 0.
- At Carlisle—Carlisle Indians, 41; Gettysburg, 0.
- At Ithaca, N. Y.—Cornell, 29; Rochester, 6.
- At South Bend—Notre Dame, 11; Wabash, 5.
- At Champaign—Illinois, 11; Knox, 0.
- At Chicago—Northwestern University, 34; Northwestern College, 0.
- At Cambridge—Harvard, 24; Williams, 0.
- At Iowa City, Ia.—Iowa, 88; Cornell, 0.
- At West Point—West Point, 12; Tufts, 0.
- At Brunswick—Exeter, 11; Bedoin, 0.
- At New York—Columbia, 16; Wesleyan, 0.
- At New Haven—Yale, 42; Trinity, 0.
- At Amherst—Amherst, 5; Yilliston, 0.
- At Hanover—Dartmouth, 17; Massachusetts Agricultural, 0.
- At Ann Arbor—Michigan, 23; Case, 0.
- At Salt Lake—Colorado, 23; Utah, 6.

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