

ACCEPTANCE IS RECONSIDERED

Council Arrives at Mayor's Conclusions Regarding the Court Street Paving.

WARRANT FOR \$8000 WAS ORDERED DRAWN.

Property Owners May Pay Their Paving Assessment at Once—Mayor's Annual Message Advocates a New Charter, Giving Specific Reasons Therefor—Enumerates Necessity for New City Hall and for Thorough Repairs Upon the Levee—Public Library Needed—Compliments the Council.

At the council meeting last night Mayor James A. Fee read his annual message to the council, while annual reports were likewise submitted by the recorder and the finance committee. The mayor's address, which contains many strong recommendations regarding future improvements and likewise considerable praise for the present council, is given in full below:

Council Reverses Itself.
Aside from the annual reports and the mayor's message the most important action last night was upon the subject of accepting the Court street gutter and curb work. When the time arrived to take up that subject the veto of the mayor was in readiness. However, it was never read, for Councilman Murphy moved that the former action of the council, in accepting the entire Court street work, be reconsidered. The motion was carried, and when the original motion was put to a vote it received no support.

Immediately after the above action had been taken Councilman Murphy moved that a warrant for \$8000 be drawn in favor of the Warren Construction company in part payment of the amount owed by the city for the work on the squares. In making the motion he specified that the payment should in no way involve an acceptance of the work done by the company. The motion was carried. It was then declared that property owners could pay their paving assessments at once and that the bond of the paving company would be sufficient to insure repairs on the gutters and curbs where such is necessary.

The Mayor's Message.
To the Common Council of the City of Pendleton:

The law requires the mayor at the first meeting each year to state to the council the financial condition of the city; and, in performing that duty, I deem it proper to call your attention to some things very essential to the growth and progress of the city.

The city will increase in wealth and population by the adoption of a new charter, which will confer upon its inhabitants greater facilities for financing the improvement of its streets and levee, and the construction of a city hall, and providing for greater fire and police protection.

This charter should be broad and liberal, and should confer upon you greater authority in making public improvements, and increase your power in guarding the moral and intellectual welfare of the inhabitants of the city.

The work of improving the streets should be continued, but you should keep within reasonable limits, and not unnecessarily distress the property owners.

The work commenced upon the levee should be continued until every foot of it is put in first-class condition down to a firm foundation, so that it may be able to withstand any extraordinary freshet, and thus preserve the property of the city and the lives of its inhabitants.

A new city hall should be erected the coming year. At the present, aside from street and levee improvement, no other public work is so much needed.

All reasonable effort should be made by the people of the city to establish a public library.

I want to congratulate the council upon the work accomplished by it during the last year, and I venture the assertion that no other council that has ever sat in the council chamber of the city, has performed greater or more important services for its people. You have paved streets and you have constructed a levee; you have purchased property in a desirable location for a city hall; but more important than all this, you have enforced the laws you have enacted; you have been firm, yet moderate; you have improved the moral conditions without affecting the business interests; you have taught those who have come here that you grant license to conduct legitimate business, but not to commit crime, or to violate the law enacted for the regulation of their conduct; you have stood manfully by your chief of police and his assistants; you have, so far as it has been in your power, or the power of your police force, suppressed gambling; you have closed the doors of two disorderly houses, where the laws of the city and the state were ignored, which should serve as a warning to others that you are not to be trifled with.

In this work of suppressing disorderly houses in the city, and thereby driving vice and crime from your midst, you have the honorable and enviable distinction of being pioneers. I hope that as much, if not more, good shall be accomplished during the coming year, and that all may be able to act upon public measures in harmony for the good of the people.

During the last year some difference of opinion has existed at times, but that is inevitable. All men can not see or think alike. Our judgments are like clocks. If several clocks were started at the same time, and set upon the same shelf and run for a period of 10 days, the minute hand of no two would probably point, at the expiration of that time, to the same spot upon the dial's face. Yet I give you credit for having acted honestly and conscientiously and according to your highest conviction of duty, however far we may have been apart at times upon questions of public policy.

I herewith hand you a statement of the assets and liabilities of the city, and of its receipts and expenditures for the year 1906.

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GREATEST FLOOD IN MANY YEARS

WARM RAINS CONTINUE AND VALLEY IS COVERED.

Stock Marooned on Ohio Valley Knolls Are Starving—At Parkersburg River is Rising, More Rain is Coming and Hundreds Are Driven From Their Homes—Blizzard Rages at New York, With Heavy Wind From Sea.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 17.—The greatest flood in many years is certain here. Warm rains continue, and thousands of acres are flooded. Stock marooned on the valley knolls are starving.

River Rising Rapidly.
Cincinnati, Jan. 17.—Reports from Parkersburg are that the river is rising nearly three inches an hour with no signs of cessation. More rain is predicted. Thousands are inconvenienced and hundreds are already homeless.

Blizzard in New York.
New York, Jan. 17.—A blizzard rages here today. Rail and wire communication is practically knocked out. A heavy wind blows from the sea, and the mercury is 15 degrees above zero.

Pestilence Follows Destruction.
Kingston, Jan. 17.—Foreign residents of the old city are attacked by dysentery on account of the lack of food, and impure water. Dead natives and tourists alike are being buried in unmarked trenches, or burned on huge pyres of debris. Ships in the harbor are used as temporary hospitals. Outsiders are warned to keep away.

To Forbid Child Labor.
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 17.—A bill has been introduced in the senate forbidding the employment of children under 16. Another bill introduced provides that any insurance company removing a suit to the federal courts will forfeit their license to do business in the state.

Coldest Day Yet.
The thermometer registered lower this morning than at any time during the present winter, the temperature registering 8 1/2 below zero at the home of H. F. Johnson, weather observer.

Steel Bridge Has Arrived.
The steel bridge for the Umatilla river east of St. Anthony hospital, arrived today, after five months on the road since ordered. The county court received notice that the bridge passed Green River, Wyo., on Christmas day.

KINGSTON RUINED BY SECOND SHOCK

Harbor Bottom and Shore Sinking, and City Is Slipping Into the Sea.

POLICE ESTIMATE THAT TWELVE HUNDRED ARE DEAD

Last Quake Shocked Down the Tottling Ruins Left by the First—Gas and Electricity Cut Off and Fire Department Crippled—Two Thousand Injured and Ninety Thousand Homeless, According to American Consul—Pestilence Certain Should the Whites Resort to Native Means of Living.

Havana, Jan. 17.—A second shock occurred in Jamaica, as severe as the first, reported today via Santiago. It is said to have tumbled down the tottling buildings, but fire did not follow.

Slipping Into the Sea.
New York, Jan. 17.—The shores of the harbor of Kingston are sinking, adding terror lest the city slip into the sea. The bed of the harbor is also sinking in many places, and the water is already hundreds of feet deep. A correspondent cables from Holland Bay:

"Tourists filled the streets till a queer quake all over the city seemed to shiver it up. Buildings collapsed, filling the streets with debris. Gas and electric supplies are cut off and the fire department crippled. I saw terrible scenes in the streets and counted 15 dead in King street wreckage, and 18 in Harbor street. The police estimate the dead at 1200."

Ninety Thousand Homeless.
Kingston, Jan. 17.—Not all the Americans and English escaped. The first systematic search in the ruins started today, and revealed the bodies of a number of whites, and more are certain to be found.

United States Consul Payne this morning estimated 1000 dead, 2000 injured, and 90,000 homeless. It is likely the United States government will be called upon today for food. Every white tourist is in danger on account of the lack of supplies. The natives can live on the fruits of the island, but if the tourists resort to this it will cause a pestilence.

Tidal Wave on North Coast.
Holland Bay, Jan. 17.—A gigantic tidal wave swept Annota Bay on the north coast of Jamaica. It is reported the coast line is changed and a great stretch of beach is sunk into the sea.

Relief From London.
London, Jan. 17.—The king has started a relief fund with \$5000. A ship sails with supplies to Kingston tomorrow if it can get ready.

Relief From New York.
Washington, Jan. 17.—Red Cross supplies for Kingston amount to \$50,000, and were ordered from New York by the first steamer. Others will follow.

\$25,000,000 Loss.
Kingston, Jan. 17.—Twenty-five million dollars is the estimated loss. The statue of Queen Victoria was completely reversed, but wholly uninjured, and now faces the parade.

SAVINGS BANK COMPLIMENTED RETIRING PRESIDENT FURNISH

At the Savings bank yesterday the semi-annual meeting of the stockholders was held and much business of importance transacted. A semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent was declared and the plans of the officers regarding the building changes were endorsed. The entire set of directors was re-elected, while all of the old bank officers were likewise retained in their positions, the complete list now being as follows:

Officers—Montie B. Gwinn, president; E. J. Morris, vice-president; J. W. Maloney, cashier; F. G. Schmeer, assistant cashier.

Directors—W. J. Furnish, Charles H. Carter, E. P. Marshall, Joseph Basler, Rd Alexander and Montie B. Gwinn.

During the past 12 years the Savings bank, under the management of W. J. Furnish, has prospered much, and in that time the deposits increased from \$84,370.48 in 1894, to \$1,237,106.24 on December 31, 1906.

In token of the appreciation in which the retiring president is held by his fellow stockholders the following resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting yesterday:

"Whereas, For many years W. J. Furnish has been president of the Pendleton Savings bank, and during that period has devoted his time, attention and energies to the upbuilding of that institution, but has now resigned his position; and

"Whereas, During his administration the financial stability and the business of the bank have greatly increased; now, be it

"Resolved by the board of directors of the Pendleton Savings bank, that by this resolution we express to W. J. Furnish our appreciation of his energy and devotion on behalf of the bank, and of the marked success which has attended his efforts; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting."

While Mr. Furnish is retiring from the active management of the bank, he is still largely interested in the institution and is chairman of the finance committee.

SENATE RESOLVES TO BE ECONOMICAL

If the Face Value of the Agreement is Lived Up to Clerical Hire Will Cost One-Half.

LOOPHOLE LEFT WHICH THE SENATORS MAY BACK OUT OF.

Senator Kay Led Protest Against the Ancient Custom of Looting the State Treasury Through Senate Clerks—Senator Smith Introduces a Bill Designed to Save One Per Cent on Unpaid Warrants to the Taxpayers of Umatilla County—Goes to the Second Reading.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17.—(Special correspondent.)—After a spirited debate which was carried over from the morning to the afternoon session yesterday the senate arrived at a halfway compromise upon the clerkship question by which, so far as the agreement now stands, the expense of clerical hire in the senate will have been cut almost in twain, as compared to that of the last session.

Some loopholes are left, however, which, if taken advantage of later on in the session, the corps of clerks may be increased to an unlimited number, according to the wording of the resolution agreed upon by the committee, and in the judgment of the members in case "it is found that more clerical assistance is required, such clerks may be provided for by resolution."

It usually develops, as the session proceeds, that "more clerical assistance is required" to keep up the work and the force is increased from time to time until it attains almost double the original number.

The records of the last session show that there was a total of 92 clerks employed to do the senate work, exclusive of the desks, of which 37 were employed on joint committees and the cost of clerical assistance for the session aggregated \$16,265, a portion of which, for joint committees, is chargeable to the house. Under the resolution agreed upon by the committee a total of over 50 clerks are provided for at an average of \$4 per day, which will bring the estimated cost for the session to \$6500, and a possible allowance of five additional clerks is made, which will bring the estimated total to about \$7500.

Senator Kay of Marion, who introduced the resolution, says he is determined to keep the clerical force down to the lowest limit and will fight every unreasonable proposition for an increase to the finish.

The resolution in full follows: "Whereas, At the last session of the legislative assembly there were 56 stenographers and clerks employed in the senate in addition to the desk clerks; and

"Whereas, There were 34 clerks employed on joint committees; and

"Whereas, If only competent and expert clerks and stenographers were employed who performed a reasonable service, the senate could get along with a much less number and at the same time have better clerical service; therefore be it

"Resolved, That each member of the senate be and he is hereby authorized to employ one competent and expert clerk or stenographer in addition to those otherwise provided by law, and that all clerks and stenographers provided by section 2372 of Bellinger & Cotton code, as amended in 1902, be dispensed with, with the exception

of one chief clerk for the judiciary committee, one for the committee on assessment and taxation, one for the committee on revision of laws, one for the committee on ways and means, one for the chief clerk and the clerks provided for on the committees for enrolled and engrossed bills; provided, however, that wherever practicable, the clerk or stenographer so employed by any senator, shall act as clerk of any committee where such senator is chairman, and in cases where the work of the committee shall require additional help, the chairman shall first call upon the members of such committee and have their clerks render such aid, but in case of the clerks of all the members of such committees being otherwise employed, and it is found that more clerical assistance is required, such clerks may be provided for by resolution.

"The compensation of such clerks shall be: for each expert stenographer, \$5 per day; for each typewriter, \$4 per day; and for ordinary clerks, \$3 per day; such clerks to receive no additional compensation for any other duties performed."

Reduce Interest on Warrants.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17.—Through the effects of the provisions of a bill which he introduced into the senate yesterday afternoon, Senator C. J. Smith of Umatilla county, hopes to save the county, or the taxpayers, several thousand dollars in interest on warrants annually. Senator Smith's bill provides the manner in which warrants shall be drawn upon the county treasurer, identically the same as now in effect, with the exception that it proposes to reduce the rate of interest thereon from 6 to 5 per cent.

"You see," said the senator, "Umatilla county warrants are in great demand and at a premium, and at the rate of 6 per cent per annum the amount runs up to over \$13,000 annually. All I am seeking is to reduce the rate of interest 1 per cent which, if put into effect, will bring about quite a material saving to the taxpayers each year."

The bill has passed to the second reading.

Mrs. Mann Was Found Dead.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Sylvester Mann, wife of a mining man from Bisbee, Ariz., was found dead at the Elks hotel this morning, where the couple registered Christmas day. The police are investigating Mann, who says he was absent from the hotel all night.

STATE TO INVEST IN SALEM REALTY

BILL BEING PREPARED FOR \$30,000 PURCHASE.

Choice Property Between State House and Southern Pacific Depot May Be Bought for a State Printing Plant and a Governor's Mansion—Property Owned by Eight Individuals, Including Phil Metchan.

Salem, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—It is learned from an authoritative source that a bill is in course of preparation for presentation, asking for an appropriation not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase of property lying between the state house and the Southern Pacific railroad on Twelfth street, by the state for whatever use it may be put in future.

The property consists of eight lots owned by separate individuals, including the former residence of ex-State Treasurer Phil Metchan, now proprietor of the Imperial hotel, Portland, valued at over \$10,000.

One use in view is a suitable site for the erection of a state printing plant in case the legislature sees fit to provide for such a building and the occasion arises, and for the building of a governor's mansion. It is understood that the measure is Senator Kay's, of Marion county.

ONE DEAD, ANOTHER MAY DIE.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 17.—The southbound Owl train, Great Northern, from Vancouver to Seattle, crashed into an open switch early this morning and collided head-on with a passenger train just in from Seattle. Frank Watts, a watchman riding a dead engine, was instantly killed. Engineer Scott of the Owl train, may die. Two engines and one car were wrecked.

May Reopen Meat Business.

It is said that the Garden City Packing company, which went out of business here some time ago, has arranged to reopen in the same building on Main street, within a short time.

Chicago Wheat Market.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Wheat opened at 75 1/2, closed at 77 1-8; corn opened at 44 3-8, closed at 45 1-8; oats opened at 37 5-8 and closed the same.

Governor Cummings Inaugurated.

Des Moines, Jan. 17.—Governor Cummings was inaugurated this afternoon.

ACTUAL BUSINESS ON FIRST DAY

Umatilla Delegation in the State Legislature Are All Enthusiastic.

ADJOURNED YESTERDAY TO RECONVENE MONDAY.

Measures Introduced by Umatilla County Members Would Effect Needed Reforms in Some Cases and Accomplish Desirable Results of Other Natures in Other Substances: One to Authorize School District Levy by Vote of the Board; Another for a Branch Asylum; Barrett Introduces Jute Mill Bill.

Senators Smith and Cole and Representative Barrett came up from Salem this morning and will remain at home until Sunday. The legislature adjourned yesterday because of the delay in printing supplies and bills. The state printing plant is behind with its work on account of moving the office and the work of the legislature was hindered by the lack of printed supplies.

All the members of the Umatilla county delegation are enthusiastic over the excellent beginning made by the legislature. All express the belief that the present session will result favorably for eastern Oregon, and that much valuable work will be done.

The legislature settled down to actual business on the first day of the session and while but few bills have been presented, yet those so far presented are very important and mean much for the welfare of the state.

Smith Is Active.

Among the bills introduced in the legislature by the Umatilla county delegation are the following. Senate Bill No. 12, by Senator Smith, to authorize school districts of the first class to make the tax levy without action on part of the taxpayers; senate bill No. 13, by Smith, to make the legal rate of interest on Umatilla county warrants 5 per cent instead of 6. By the adoption of this bill a saving of \$2000 will be made to this county. According to Senator Smith his bill has aroused much interest among senators from other counties and it is possible the measure will be changed so as to include Jackson, Clackamas and possibly other counties.

Another bill started upon its way by Senator Smith was senate bill No. 21, which authorizes boards of health to establish and enforce quarantines. The senator also introduced in the senate the bill for the calendar which embodied the idea of State Printer Dunway and produces a saving of \$13,000 to the state.

For Branch Asylum.

Another matter of importance that is being fostered by Senator Smith, is that of action looking to a constitutional change that will permit of a branch asylum being established in this city. Next week he will introduce a resolution upon that subject and as he is a member of the resolutions committee will be in an excellent position to advocate the measure before the committee. Under the present legislative rules all resolutions nature, must be passed upon by the resolutions committee, thereby making that body a very important one. It is the only permanent senate committee so far appointed and is composed of Senators Kay, Bowerman, Smith of Umatilla, Bingham and Wright.

District Fair Bill.

The district fair bill, which provides for \$2500 per annum for the Umatilla-Morrow county fair instead of \$1500 as last year, was introduced yesterday by Senator Smith. The bill regarding the Grants-Umatilla county boundary line will be presented shortly.

The trust bill recently drafted by Senator Smith and published in this paper, has been investigated and reported upon favorably by the attorney general. It has also been learned

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Chicago's Disease Epidemic.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—The epidemic of scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, typhoid and tuberculosis in this city has reached such alarming proportions that today the health department called for 100 extra inspectors for emergency work. Seventy-six new scarlet fever and 35 diphtheria cases today; making 200 cases of scarlet fever and 2000 of diphtheria, and other diseases have increased accordingly.