



MAYOR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT

Mayor A. J. Johnson Sums Up Situation.

It is the custom of the mayor of this city to render an annual statement and Mayor Johnson has followed the precedent. According to our mayor the outstanding liabilities in warrants against the general fund of this city amount to \$21,880.00. Accrued interest on the same to June 5, 1905, about \$1,965.00. This makes our liabilities total \$23,845.00. He estimates the expenses for the current year as follows:

Salaries, about.....	\$1,720
Electric Light about.....	1,100
Water (inc sprinkling).....	580
Incidental expenses.....	1,200
Total.....	\$4,600

Estimated receipts are as follows:

Amount still due on taxes.....	\$1,000
Amount due from rents.....	204
Amount due from licenses.....	240
Amount due from fines.....	100
Amount receipts to be relied upon.....	1,544
Amount of taxes already collected and applied to payment of old warrants, and on hand for this purpose.....	3,542
Total.....	\$5,086

The above are mainly in the nature of estimates and we will now quote from Mayor Johnson's statement, verbatim:

I may say in the way of explanation that I find the average incidental expenses for the preceding three years (after deducting the return of licenses in January last, insurance premium, roofing of City Hall and the fire alarm system recently audited and paid) to be between \$1,400 and \$1,500 per annum. This does not include warrants drawn in payment of lateral sewers, nor any repairs to the main sewer system, hence, barring any extraordinary heavy expense for the repair of our main sewer at the foot of Jefferson street, I feel sure that by economical management we may be able to keep within the limit given above. You will note that I am not making any estimate of warrant issue for lateral sewers, as heretofore paid out of the general fund, as I understand the law requires such to be issued against a special fund known as the sewer fund; and here permit me to recommend that all sewer warrants be so drawn and designated.

STREET FUND.

Amount on hand after payment of all warrants outstanding about.....	\$300
Amount still due on taxes.....	400
Total.....	\$700

"Amount already collected on this year's tax and used in payment of warrants against this fund, about \$1,450. I shall refrain from making any estimate of probable expense under this special fund for the reason that such would no doubt exceed the amount available, to-wit: \$700, and as I understand the law we will have no right to contract against this special fund beyond the amount available, as here shown.

"I understand there is still about \$1,180 cash on hand in the general fund, out of which called warrants are yet to be paid, amounting to about \$980, thus leaving actually \$200 on hand in the general fund.

"By a hasty segregation of our present outstanding warrants I find them to have been issued for the following purposes, to-wit:

Salaries of officers about.....	\$ 4,345
Lights and water.....	4,636
Sewers and laterals.....	9,169
Incidentals including about \$1,560 cross walk lumber, labor, etc., really belonging to street fund.....	4,910
Total.....	\$23,060

Less cash on hand applicable to payment of same..... 1,180

Net balance.....\$21,880

Estimated interest due on same to date..... 1,965

Grand total.....\$23,845

"I am fully cognizant of the fact that the above does not appeal to us encouragingly, and on the other hand, taking the same as a basis for our operation and conduct of the City's affairs for the coming year, it appears quite discouraging, but I am no believer in the impossible thing in this day and have long since learned that the harder the task found before me the closer one must apply oneself in order to overcome the obstacle encountered and I feel this to be no exception. And by our each giving his earnest individual effort to the task set before us, at all times working in harmony, I feel sure success will eventually perch upon our banner, or rather upon the banner of our beloved city. We, too, are confronted with the fact that being in the midst of an age of great prosperity, our towns and cities all over this great Northwest are forging ahead as never before—we, too, showing greater growth just at this time than at any other period of time in the City's history. Hence, funds or no funds, we cannot lay down at this stage of the great game being played, in which especially all our valley cities are contestants. In fact, we must keep pace with our internal growth and the growth of our institution of learning, for which we all entertain a great pride, even though we should be compelled to resort to an income tax. But it is to be hoped that such may not be found necessary. If we have the support of our entire citizenship as we should and as I feel we will have no hesitancy in saying that such an extreme will be unnecessary.

"However, we must understand that it is possible for us to make ourselves personally liable in case of our exceeding our authority or acting contrary to the law in such cases provided. And especially is this true just at this time, as it appears that notice has been given (or to say the least, attempt has been made) of our worthy predecessors having exceeded the limit of indebtedness as allowed by charter to-wit: \$10,000, (not particularly our immediate predecessors, but all those coming before us)."

We are sorry that lack of space compels us to forego the desire to print Mayor Johnson's statement to the members of the council entire. It may be stated that while he outlined many plans for future civic improvement, he was well aware that the financial condition of the city required an economical administration.

A Fine Exhibit.

During the past few days the wood work department at OAC has had on display many useful and ornamental things made by students taking this course. The work has been examined by many visitors and found favor with all. This department is under the supervision of Thomas Bilyeu, and the work is certainly a credit to him, as well as OAC.

The collection consists of some five or six Morris chairs of different designs, and they are very fine. There is a hat and umbrella rack combined that is worked out on original lines, as is also a screen rack. Fine stand tables, beautifully inlaid, demand attention, and there are a number of wooden models made for use as patterns in the manufacture of machines. Many beautiful ornamental pieces have been wrought, all most skillfully, too. As a whole the collection is splendid and well worth going considerable distance to see.

No Secret About It.

It is no secret, that for cuts, burns, ulcers, fever sores, sore eyes, boils, etc., nothing was so effective as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It didn't take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. K. for sore eyes," writes D. L. Gregory, of Hope, Texas. 25c at Allen Woodward's drug store.

EXPOSITION ITEMS.

Of Interest to Benton County People by Special Correspondent.

The first week of the Fair is over, and it is to be hoped that the rain, which has stayed with us most of that time, is also over. The attendance, after the opening day, has been necessarily slim. But with the advent of the second week bright weather has commenced, and the crowds of the last few days are but foreshadowings of what may be expected later in the season. The bulk of exhibits are now in place and the Fair is well worth a visit.

The Odd Fellows' procession was the great feature of Friday, and was something of which the order can well be proud. It extended for ten blocks, and was composed of as fine a body of men as ever turned out in a procession. After the procession most of the visiting delegates took a stroll around the Fair grounds.

Among the Corvallis delegates were noticed John Erwin, your genial assistant in the county clerk's office, also Harry Cronise, the affable manager of the C & E company's affairs in your city. Milton Morgan was also in this city on Friday, attending business. He was billed here for several days. Geo. Waggoner was to be seen around the Fair retailing "Stories of Old Oregon" as a Benton county product. Harvey Sargent is carefully examining the foundations of the different buildings, and searching for gopher holes. Dr. Lee was here earlier in the week. Wallace Baldwin, an old time citizen of Benton, was a caller at the Booth last week. Mr. and Mrs. Herron, who live near Monroe, were also seen viewing the agricultural exhibits.

Benton county is fortunate in having two such energetic and courteous young men in charge of her agricultural exhibit, as N. L. Raber and H. S. French. One of them can be found at all times at the booth, where citizens of the county will always find a warm welcome. Every visitor from this section should call here and register their names.

Benton county has a very neat exhibit, as far as it goes, but it should be increased. There is not enough of it, and it does not attract the attention it should. Stir yourselves good citizens, and let us have something that the county will be proud of, and something that will attract the eastern people who are coming here looking for homes. Our exhibit is too thin and scattered. It needs filling up.

Probably the most interesting exhibits of the Fair are grouped in the Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building. Here are certainly some of the finest displays on the grounds. Beginning with the southeast corner where the printing exhibits are grouped, may be found the fastest printing press in the world that prints from type presided over by a former resident of Corvallis. The famous Miehle cylinder presses, are in operation doing excellent work. A powerful embossing press, printing commercial work. The Mergenthaler Type setting machines in operation. The obliging operators will cast your name and residence on a slug, making a pretty souvenir. Next to this booth the Bushong Co. have a Huber press in operation, printing the daily program of the Exhibition. This covers the exhibits relating to the Art of Printing.

I shall in future letters give fuller descriptions of some of the exhibits, especially those that are likely to be of interest to Corvallis people.

OBSERVER.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

OAK GROVE CHIPS.

Clyde Williamson, of the OAC, came down Friday and spent a few days at

home preparatory to going to the Lewis and Clark Fair, where the cadets will be stationed for ten days.

Ed Wiles and family, of Soap Creek, spent Saturday in Albany.

T. Walton, who has absent for some time, is back at his old home.

Several of our people attended the graduating exercises at Albany, Friday evening.

Dr. Leeper went to Independence Monday, to attend the meeting of the Willamette Valley Development League, which met at that place Monday and Tuesday.

Messrs. P. Karnstens, C. Anthony, W. Abraham and G. W. Williamson have bought the Ackerman threshing machine and will go the last of the week to bring the outfit home. They will come by way of Corvallis.

Sunday was Oak Grove day at Sulphur Springs. Many vehicles were on the road early, headed in that direction, filled with mirthful occupants. The day was an ideal one for an outing and those who took advantage of it were G. W. Goff and family, and S. P. Laurensen and family, and the Karsten and Voss families, Brush, Abraham, Anthony, and many single chaps who brought up the rear.

J. B. Coughill and wife, of Albany, spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Williamson.

D. N. Williamson moved Saturday to the Emmett Williamson farm. He expects to remain here until October, when he will move on his farm in Linn county.

Herman Anthony spent a few days here this week calling on friends. He returned home the latter part of the week.

BEAVER CREEK.

Mr. Weed, owing to sickness, went to Philomath to remain with his brother one day last week.

Mrs. Webb and granddaughter, of Iowa, are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. F. Stevens.

Charley Armstrong was a Philomath visitor last Tuesday.

Frank Peterson, of Inavale, was a visitor on Beaver Creek last Sunday.

George Cates sold a fine lot of mutton sheep to Mr. Edwards, of Bellfontain.

Mr. Keeley is at present engaged in constructing a new barn.

Frank Ecker and Ben Wilson were visiting friends on Beaver Creek last Sunday.

Mrs. Alta Gray has been visiting relatives in Portland the last few weeks.

Mrs. E. J. Dunn is steadily improving in health after a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding, of Corvallis, came out to visit their timber claim on Bald Mountain.

O. J. Blackledge, wife and daughter, were visiting relatives at Gleason's mill Sunday.

Several of our citizens have taken advantage of the excursion rates and are spending a few days at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

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A. J. SHIRLEY, Agent

Asthma Sufferers Should Know This.

Foley's Honey and Tar has cured many cases of asthma that were considered hopeless. Mrs Adolph Buesig, 701 Third St., Davenport, Iowa, writes: "A severe cold contracted twelve years ago was neglected until it finally grew into asthma. The best medical skill available could not give me more than temporary relief. Foley's Honey and Tar was recommended and one fifty-cent bottle entirely cured me of asthma which had been grwing on me for twelve years, and if I had taken it at the start I would have saved years of suffering." Graham & Wortham keep it for sale.

Correspondents.

All past negotiations for parties to write matter for publication in the Gazette are hereby annulled. Those sending matter to this office for publication are hereby notified that no pay will be given by this office for such matter unless hereafter agreed upon and price stated. The Gazette will gladly consider all matter furnished without charge by the contributor. The name of the party contributing in all cases to be signed to the communication. For all further negotiations on this subject, address CORVALLIS GAZETTE, Corvallis, Or.

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In order to reduce our stock and save moving, we will offer a reduction of 5 per cent on all goods bought FOR CASH, commencing June 5th and continuing until removal occurs, or about June 25th. Quite frequently a merchant offers a reduction on a special line of goods, but it is not often that a discount is given on everything you buy as will be the case in this Special Removal Sale.

This does not apply to small purchases of less than \$1.00.

Remember the date, June 5th.

Hollenberg & Gady,
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