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DID RIGHT.

After much investigation the council saw fit at the meeting of that body Monday evening to grant to A. Welch a thirty-year franchise for the equipment, operation and maintenance of an electric light and power plant in the City of Corvallis.

There are a few who are inclined to the belief that the city acted unwisely in this matter and we hear of the value of franchises granted in other cities—large cities such as Chicago and New York.

That those who secured franchises in these cities years ago have grown fat there is no denying, nor on the other hand, can we deny that these concerns were factors in the creation of those cities.

Take the matter of the franchise just granted by our council and ask yourself if there is any man in this city who could or would do for Corvallis what Mr. Welch promises? To say the least, any of our home capitalists would have demanded an exclusive franchise.

Taking a broad view of the matter it seems that the city has made a good bargain. At any rate, we will have to grow some before we can sell our franchises at New York prices.

MAYOR JOHNSON'S MESSAGE.

Conditions of the City Financially and Otherwise.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Corvallis: Gentlemen: It is a duty incumbent upon the mayor by a provision of our charter to communicate by message to your honorable body annually, with such recommendations as shall appear to him as being for the best interests of our commonwealth and our citizens.

a general way and in round figures.

Financial: I may say that my June figures were in the main correct, except that my estimate of taxes still due upon the 1905 roll appears to have been about \$230 high for the general fund and about \$100 high for the street fund.

Public Health: I find by inquiry of our physicians that aside from a few cases of typhoid fever prevailing at present that the general health of our city is remarkably good, and our death rate for the past year has been exceedingly low, so we should be thankful for this.

Water Commission: I find by inquiry of our engineers and the contractor having the contract for the pipe line and laying out side of the city all inform me that the work is now progressing nicely and it is to be hoped that before the close of the present year that we will have in full operation a complete and successful mountain water system.

Work of R. F. D. Postmaster Johnson recently completed his report of the service of the R. F. D. for the quarter ending December 31, 1905, with the following result: R. F. D. No. 1 shows that in letters, parcels, papers, packages, etc., 13,056 deliveries were made; of the same there were collected 2,196, making a total of 15,252 parcels handled.

338. On this route during the quarter there were 51 applications for money orders amounting to \$38.35. The grand total for all four of our routes in letters, papers, etc., delivered during the quarter is 50,046, while on all four routes there were collected for the same in letters, papers, etc., 11,753.

Woman's Work. One of the important departments of the Home Mission Society in the M. E. church, South, is that of Rescue Work. They own a well equipped home in Dallas, Texas, where unfortunate girls are given a home for two years; if necessary, longer.

Where needed, they must take a common school education, and some part of every day is spent in systematic study of the Bible. In twelve years 800 girls have come to this home and only one left through disobedience.

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THE DANGER TO THE CHILD

May be real or the snake may be a harmless one, but there is danger that menaces every child's life if the mother is deficient in womanly health and functional vitality.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a warrant issued out of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton, bearing the seal of said court, to the sheriff of said county directed to collect, and bearing date October 27, 1905, commanding the said sheriff to collect the taxes as shown to be delinquent on the tax roll for the year 1904, charged to said delinquents thereon, and if necessary to sell the several articles of personal or parcels of real property upon which such taxes are levied, as set forth in said tax list.

Said delinquent taxpayers, the amount of taxes, and the amount of penalties and the several parcels of real property are described as follows, to-wit: Gleason, Albert—Southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 16, township 11, range 7, 40 acres... 1.45

Franklin, R. B.—Northeast quarter of section 16, township 12, range 7, 160 acres... 14.60

Crandall, Calvin—Beginning 16.08 chains east of the southwest corner of donation land claim of J. H. Kins, claim No. 71, township 10, range 4 west; thence north 20.95 chains, east 23.92 chains, south 20.95 chains, west 23.92 chains to beginning... 16.44

Krimble, J.—East half of the southeast quarter of section 7, township 11, range 5 west, 80 acres... 3.65

Hogue, C. C.—Beginning at a point which is west 47.24 chains from the southeast corner of claim No. 71, township 10, range 4 west; run thence east 8.72 chains to beginning... 3.25

Evans, Chas.—South half of the southeast quarter of section 8, township 14, range 8 west, 40 acres... 5.68

Smith, Sewell C.—Northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 8, township 15, range 8 west, 40 acres... 3.65

Smith, Lilla—Northwest quarter of section 12, township 15, range 7 west, 160 acres... 19.40

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