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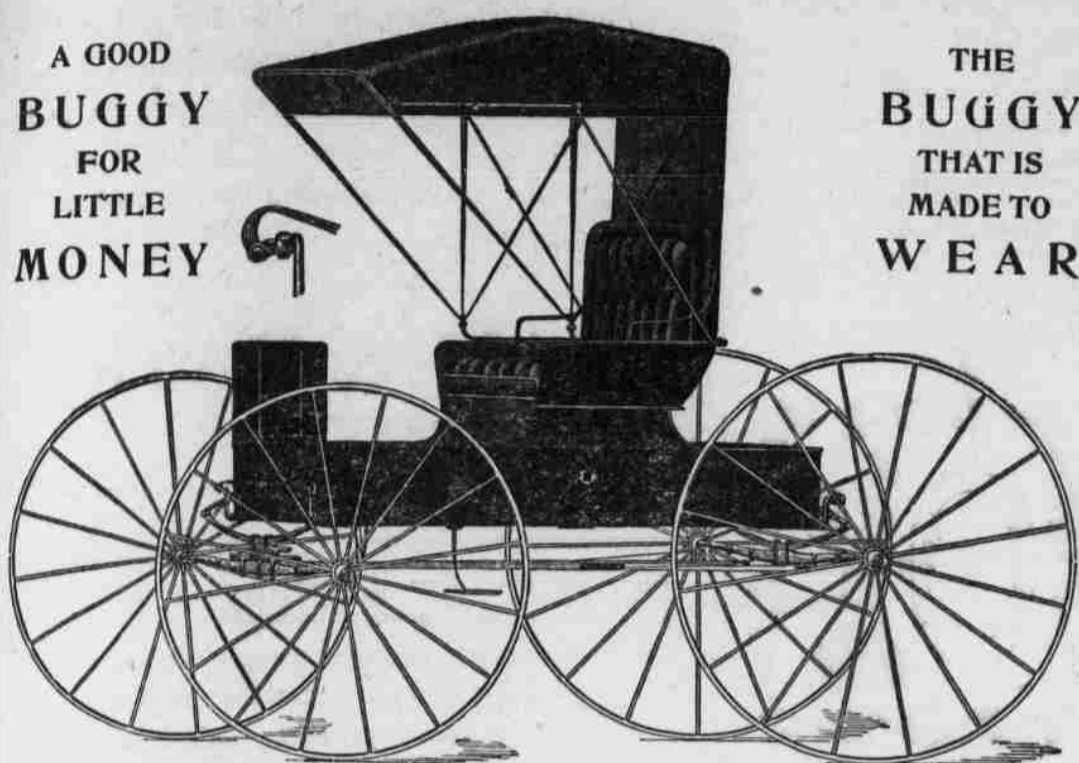
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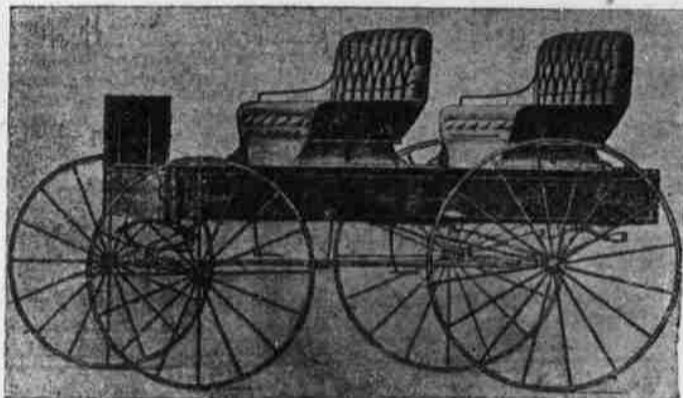
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NEW COUNCIL GETS BUSY

Plans Extension of Sewer System to Cover Practically All of City.

Dallas' new council is a business-like body. This fact was demonstrated within two minutes after Mayor Muir had finished reading his annual message last night. The Mayor had laid much stress on the importance of extending the sewer system so as to include practically the entire residence district of the city, and he had scarcely taken his seat before Councilman M. M. Ellis was on his feet and offering a motion that the City Engineer be instructed to begin the survey at once and that plans for the complete system be prepared at the earliest possible date. The motion was adopted without a dissenting vote. In this brief and business-like manner, one of the most important improvements ever undertaken by the city of Dallas was gotten under way, and to Councilman Ellis, who had been in office scarcely 15 minutes, belongs the credit for the prompt action. To the large audience of business men and citizens present, it seemed like getting back to the good, old days, when city councils were always busy making Dallas a better town and taxpayers were given important and permanent improvements in return for their money.

The new sewer district will include practically all of that portion of town North of Mill street and all of the area South of Court street to a line midway between Clay and Maple streets. No purchase of rights-of-way through private property will be necessary, as connection can be made with the present city sewer at the foot of Mill street by digging less than three blocks of deep sewer on that street, thus providing an outlet for the sewage of the entire northern portion of the city at a nominal expense to each individual property-owner.

The usual monthly bills were ordered paid, and much other business of a routine nature was transacted. A committee consisting of Councilmen Ellis, Cosper and Coad was appointed to take up the matter of the appointment of a nightwatchman, and after conferring with the business men, to report at the next meeting.

Standing committees for the coming year were announced as follows:

Finance—Cosper, Myer, Ellis.
Streets—Coad, Stafrin, Myer.
Ordinance—Shaw, Cosper, Ellis.
Health and Police—Stafrin, Coad, Uglow.

Fire and Water—Uglow, Shaw, Ellis. Mayor Muir's annual message was brief, being devoted almost entirely to the subjects of street improvement and an extension of the sewer system. The text of the message follows:

MAYOR'S MESSAGE
Gentlemen of the Council:

In pursuance of that section of the City Charter which makes it the duty of the Mayor to submit a message to the council at the first meeting in the month of May of each year, I desire at this time to call your attention to a few matters which I consider of first importance to our city.

In my annual message one year ago, I urged upon the Council the importance of purchasing a rock crusher, steam road roller, and other street making machinery necessary in the improvement of Dallas' thoroughfares, which have long been inadequate to the constantly increasing traffic of the city. The prompt action of the council in heeding the demands of the taxpayers, as set forth in that message, is highly gratifying to your presiding officer, and I am sure that your work is indorsed by every progressive citizen of the town.

Having first obtained a suitable rock quarry, at a very reasonable cost, a large crusher and steam roller—both first-class machines of their kind—were purchased, and are now ready for operation. An ordinance, recently passed, provides for the grading and macadamizing of nine blocks in the business portion of the city, together with the improvement of the intersections of the streets. That this order meets the approval of the property-owners is demonstrated by the fact that not a single objection was urged against it by any of the persons interested.

I would recommend that this work be proceeded with as rapidly as the weather will permit, to the end that further improvement may be made before the rains begin next Fall. I would further recommend that as soon as the improvement of these business streets is well under way, an ordinance be introduced covering such portions of the residence district as you may see fit to improve during the coming summer.

As the work of building rock streets is new to all of us, I would urge that every officer of the city give it all of the study and personal attention possible, in order that the very best results may be obtained with the least possible cost to the property-owners.

I would recommend that all cross-walks hereafter built in the business district be constructed of concrete instead of lumber, as such walks will be practically permanent and will not necessitate the frequent tearing up of the macadamized streets, as would be

the case were the use of lumber continued and renewals made every few years.

The convenience and advantages of the sewers already constructed in the city have caused a widespread demand for an enlargement of the present sewer district, and I would urge that you give this matter your early attention. The good results already attained fully justify this extension, and the cleanliness and good health of the city demand it. The property-owners on Washington street are insistent in their demand for a sewer, as are also those living north of Mill street.

Sewers for Washington and Clay streets can be connected with the city sewer outlet at the foot of Mill street at a small cost to the city. To properly handle the sewage from the more extended district north of Mill street, it will be necessary to build a second sewer on Mill street from the Shelton street crossing to the city outlet, a distance of about three blocks. This, in my judgment, will be a cheaper plan for the city than to purchase a right-of-way through private property at the foot of Oak street, and will prove more satisfactory to all concerned. The three blocks on Mill street would be practically an extension to the city outlet sewer for that distance, and the expense of its construction, being equally distributed among all property-owners benefited, would fall lightly on each individual taxpayer in that district.

I would recommend that the council take the initiative in the proposed improvement and order an ordinance prepared in ample time to permit of the work being completed before the coming winter.

Dallas has reached a stage in its growth and development where the need of ordinances regulating building and plumbing are apparent to all. The health, appearance, convenience and safety of the city demand that all building and plumbing hereafter done be carried out under rules and regulations similar to those in force in all of the more important and progressive cities of the Northwest, and I urge that you give this matter early consideration.

In my message of one year ago, I called your attention to the heavy expense incurred in lighting the city under the then existing contract, and expressed the opinion that the service was not worth the large amount of money paid for it each month, the monthly light bill being one of the heaviest and most burdensome drains on the city treasury. The contract is still in force, and will continue in force for about two years more. I again recommend that before the contract expires, the council should make a complete investigation of the cost of providing a municipal lighting plant and plans for operating the same, and then submit the question of the city doing its own lighting to the voters for their approval or rejection.

The subjects briefly set forth in the foregoing paragraphs are those which I consider of first importance to the city, and while it is impracticable to enter more fully into their discussion here, I trust that you will give them earnest consideration. Dallas' greatest need is better streets and improved sanitation, and we should not rest until the desired improvements have been successfully accomplished.

A. B. MUIR, Mayor.

BUSY BEE HIVE BURGLARIZED

Thieves Break Open Safe in Finseth's Store and Secure About \$20 in Cash.

A brace and bit, a half dozen chisels and a light sledgehammer on display in Sheriff Grant's office are the only tokens (barring a few footprints) left behind by two burglars who entered P. A. Finseth's drygoods store Saturday night, opened the safe, and carried away about \$20 in cash.

There were no shutters on the rear window and it was a comparatively easy task for the thieves to break the light catch, pry up the sash, and gain an entrance to the building. Once inside, their position was fairly secure, as the safe was far back in the store and it would have been impossible for any citizen passer-by to have seen them at their work.

The burglars knocked off the knob on the door of the safe, using a lady's cloak taken from a rear-by counter to muffle the blows, and seem to have had little trouble in working the combination, which was doubtless done by means of a fine wire. Mr. Finseth had fortunately banked the greater part of his money earlier in the day, and the thieves made a comparatively light haul. A money drawer within the reach of the safe, and containing nearly \$20, was overlooked by the men in their haste.

The authorities are in possession of no tangible clues by which to trace the robbers, although various vague surmises are current. A stranger was in the store late Saturday night and left without making a purchase, after having walked about for some time and peered some of the goods. It is thought that he may have been a party to the robbery, but there is no way of determining who he was. The tools with which the thieves worked



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were stolen from the Hughes wagon shop near the LaCroole bridge.

Nightwatchman Odom, who had been employed by the business men for the last few months, had resigned only recently to accept the office of day marshal, leaving the town entirely unprotected during the late hours of the night. It is believed by many that the burglars were aware of this fact.

Pensions for Widows.

Congressman Hawley writes a friend in Salem that the pensions of all widows now on the roll under the new law will be increased dating from May 4, without any application at all. The Government itself is attending to the business. The law provides for a pension of \$12 a month for the widows of any soldier who served in the army or navy, for 90 days or more, honorably discharged, to be paid during widowhood.—Salem Journal.

Buy Black's Stable.

Black's stable in Dallas, well and favorably known to every traveling man in Oregon, has been sold by Sears & Son to the Stowe brothers. The new proprietors took charge of the property on the first of the month. They are experienced horsemen, and will keep the barn and stock up to the standard of excellence that has given the stable its present popularity. The Stowe brothers are industrious, progressive men, and are fully deserving of all the patronage that may be accorded them. Walter Sears, the retiring manager, has not decided upon his plans for the future, but will remain in Dallas until he finds some business to his liking.

Eugene Byerley and Tom Magers returned from Salem, Sunday, with Mr. Byerley's new auto, which he proposes to put on the stage run between Dallas and Salem.

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DIES OF CANCER

Mrs. Sarah Piper, Former Dallas Woman, Passes Away in Portland.

Mrs. Sarah E. Piper died of cancer of the stomach at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Thursday, aged 67 years.

Mrs. Piper had been for the past 33 years a resident of South Salem, and she had a large circle of friends who will regret to hear that she has passed away. Her husband, E. H. Piper, died at the family home in Salem about nine years ago.

One son, Ernest C. Piper, and a brother, Frank H. Grubbs, of Portland, Oregon, one brother, T. M. Grubbs, of Pleasant Hill, Oregon, and two sisters, Mrs. Odell of Eugene, and Mrs. Harding of Boise, Idaho, are left to mourn her loss.—Salem Statesman.

Mrs. Piper was at one time a resident of Dallas, and is well remembered by many of our older citizens.

Students Enjoy Outing.

The students and faculty of Dallas College celebrated their annual Spring holiday by riding to Black Rock on the Friday morning train and spending the day in the woods. Although the weather was quite damp and disagreeable, the young people succeeded in getting a whole lot of fun out of their holiday, fishing, hunting botany specimens, and watching the big donkey engines in the logging camps dragging sawlogs down to the railroad for loading. At noon a delicious basket dinner was served, and later in the afternoon they boarded the train for the return trip, somewhat bedraggled but still ready to get what fun they could out of the twelve mile ride to Dallas. Fifty-three students and all the members of the faculty composed the party.

Normal Staff Selected.

At a meeting of the board of normal school agents, held recently at the office of Secretary Starr in the state house, the following were elected to places on the staff for the summer session of the Mosmouth normal: E. D. Bessler, president; E. K. Barnes, May Bowden Babbitt, Florence Bowden, H. B. Buckham, R. W. Kirk, P. O. Powell, A. C. Strange, L. R. Traver, F. B. Cooper and J. B. V. Butler.

R. B. Riggs, a prosperous farmer of Bridgeport, was in Dallas, Saturday, on business.