

Mayor's Report Reviews City Work of the Year

Recommendations Include Purchase of Fire Bell, Erection of Jail and Financial Assistance for Carnegie Library Here.

Below is the full report tendered by Mayor Putnam last night to the council:

To the Common Council of the City of Bend:

Pursuant to provisions of the charter (sec. 1, chap. IX) I have the honor herewith to submit the following semi-annual report and recommendation:

Finances.

With a balance on hand of about \$8000 and no heavy imminent expenses, the city is, I believe, in extremely satisfactory condition, financially. Estimating the current expenses for the next six months at approximately the same amount as for the last—about \$3500—I believe that by the end of the year there will be a very comfortable balance. One interest payment on the sewer bonds will be due during the next six months, of \$1800, and there will be no further income from saloon licenses. However, October taxes will bring in probably about \$1000 and the other incomes, from fines, minor licenses, etc., may be expected to bring at least \$500. In other words, it would seem that there is a very fair likelihood of a lower tax levy being possible in 1914, provided the present income of the city remains about the same.

Sewer.

The city's most important present activity is the sewer construction. Its general operation is too well known to require comment. Suffice to state that the results of the council's action in taking over the work seem to have amply justified that action. The work has now reached such a stage—about 80 per cent being completed—that it is a practical certainty it will be completed within the engineer's original estimate of \$79,131.15. While the contract, which was annulled by mutual consent of the city and the contractors, if it had been lived up to would have completed the work for a less figure, it is now quite apparent that if the company had been compelled to continue it would have become insolvent

long before this time, which would have meant endless delay, the considerable expense of litigation and the certainty that in case of re-advertisement for bids figures higher than those of the estimate—which now mean the actual cost of the job—would have been submitted. It would also have involved even more embarrassment for the council that has the method pursued; and in this connection it may be well to state that every member of the council has amply earned his salary. The estimate as you know, did not include purchase of the disposal plant site, or of the other right of way. Even including these items, amounting to approximately \$6000, we are now assured that the completed job, real estate and all, will not cost over \$79,000. The present balance of the sewer fund, in the hands of the treasurer and the construction engineer, is about \$6400; this, plus the amount to be raised by assessment, will give a comfortable lee-way for operation expenses. All the accounts and books of the engineer are now in the hands of a Portland accountant, and his report will be in your hands by next week. A similar audit is planned upon the completion of the job, so that there may be no possibility of irregularity in the expenditure of the funds. I wish to express my gratification at the work and the methods employed by our construction engineer, who, in my opinion, has made a notable record for efficient handling of a difficult and delicate undertaking, and conducted himself so as to win the confidence of those with whom he has come in contact, officially and otherwise.

Street Work.

During the year the city has undertaken more substantial improvements than ever in its history. The street grading now under way will add much to the town's appearance and materially enhance property values. The outlay for the present work is \$5498.23, all borne by specially benefited property.

Herewith is the recorder's report of expenditures for the half year just closed. Its detailed classification

of expenditures is now possible through a reform effected in the make-up of the warrants; these have been so printed and arranged that every expenditure is classified under its particular head. In the past it has been entirely impossible to keep any adequate track of this important phase of city finances, as would be insisted upon in any private business. With this system in use, there is no reason why the council should not receive an occasion may require detailed reports showing the exact nature of expenditures, just as similar reports of receipts are called for by the charter from the treasurer. With this data on file, estimating future expense and receipts will be a comparatively simple matter.

Work is progressing by the city attorney and recorder upon the codification of all present ordinances. There is a mass of 77, some of them conflicting, many covering the same ground, and at best taking up far more space than is required and making accurate information difficult to obtain. The codification will "boil down" this mass to a common sense basis. With this done, and with the charter, the city will have a simple, well tabulated and readily understood set of laws.

Practically no complaints are now received concerning local moral conditions. In this connection the recent passage of the model blackliat ordinance seems to have met general approval and accomplished good. It seems justifiable to add that Chief Roberts merits commendation for his administration of his office.

Material improvements in the city's lighting has been effected. The installation of smaller lights in residence districts, giving a far greater and better distributed service than could be afforded with the more expensive arc lights. While all credit is of course due the local water company for lowering its rates, it may not be out of place to state that the investigation which led up to this reduction—of about 25 per cent—was inaugurated at the request of the mayor.

I beg to submit the following recommendations:

- (1) The purchase of a fire bell. After all our experiments, Bend continues to have no adequate fire alarm system. The expenditure of about \$200 would install a bell, which might be placed on the high pole near the Bend Hardware Company store. It is likely that its service at one fire would repay its cost to the taxpayers.
- (2) The erection of a jail with room attached for council meetings, election, etc. The present jail is not only entirely inadequate, but it is absolutely illegal. Any grand jury could make trouble for city officials as the law specifies that a fireproof structure must be maintained. The city now pays \$120 a year rent for a meeting place. On city property a

MAP OF OREGON

WATCH LA PINE - THE COMING CITY OF CENTRAL OREGON - WHY?

RESOURCES OF LA PINE

STRATEGIC LOCATION
WATERFALLS TO PORTLAND
ENIGMAS, BRIST & SOUTH
TIPPER
WATER POWER
MAGNETIC
DEFENDING
DRAINING
STOCK RAISING
POULTRY
WOLLS
WOOD PULP
SCENERY: UNSURPASSED
25 MOUNTAIN LAKES
HOT SPRINGS
800 SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR
OPTICAL AUTO ROUTE
HUNTING & FISHING

WHICH MEAN

DISTRIBUTING CENTER
LUMBER MILLS
PLANING MILLS
SASH & DOOR FACTORY
BOX FACTORIES
CLEANING & CHEESE FACTORIES
CONDENSERIES
WOOD PULP MILLS
WOOLLEN MILLS
ELECTRIC POWER & TRANSMISSION
SUMMER RESORTS
HEALTH - PROPERTY

You Should See La Pine

and its surrounding country. The land is a rich, deep volcanic ash formation, no rock, is level, has good drainage, and excellent drinking water—never deeper than 20 feet. The irrigated land with a perpetual water right can be purchased at \$10.00 per acre on easy terms. The surrounding pine covered mountains are full of natural wonders—and just the place for a vacation. La Pine is only about two years old, but growing rapidly. It has a telephone system, two good hotels, two big general merchandise stores, a first class livery and feed stable, an excellent newspaper (the La Pine Inter-Mountain), one of the most progressive commercial clubs in the state—and this club, by the way, has its own property and the past year erected thereon an attractive club house. There are three small saw mills in the vicinity of La Pine, which is just the beginning of the big lumbering and milling business that will be done here. There are good openings in manufacturing and other business lines here. In educational matters La Pine is progressive. It has a ten-acre school park in the heart of the residence section, and now teaches up to the twelfth grade. A Catholic church will be built here this spring, and other churches are planning to establish themselves. La Pine has over 12,000 available electric home power which the owners have commenced to develop, and which alone would build a good sized city. The big area of farm land tributary to La Pine would alone build and maintain a good sized city. The vast tracts of timber tributary to La Pine would alone build a good sized city. With the coming of the two big railroad systems to La Pine, which will be soon, development in and around La Pine will be rapid. La Pine can be reached via Gr. Nor., N. P., O. W. R. & N., and U. P. R.R. You can make money by buying property at La Pine in advance of the railroads. Others are doing it, why not YOU? WAKE UP to the fact that a solid, well-located town in one of the newest and best sections of the Northwest is bound to grow rapidly, and that property values will climb accordingly. Prices now from \$100.00 up. The terms are easy, only a few dollars per month on each lot. You don't miss the money, but you soon acquire valuable property. Write today for plan, prices and terms to

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suitable building could be erected, of brick or stone, for not more than \$2000, and could be so arranged as to be a unit of a larger later building. The appointment of a committee to start this work seems desirable.

(3) The expenditure of a reasonable sum, as soon as the present street work is completed, in crowning all the principal streets and placing them in a fair condition. This does not mean grading, but a temporary improvement that should last until the city cares to undertake permanent hard surfacing.

(4) That the city pledge an annual appropriation, to be made by special

tax, for the support of a Carnegie library, if by so doing one can be established here. Said annual appropriation to be \$7.00, on the understanding that such a contribution would be reciprocated by the Carnegie Corporation with a gift of at least \$7500 for the erection and equipment of a building. It is urgently recommended that a committee be appointed with authority to care for this matter, and that necessary resolutions be passed at this meeting. The establishment of such an institution here would be of incalculable benefit to the town, and investigation shows that there is excellent chance of securing it.

(5) That the two ordinances relative to plumbing and sewer-connection and other sewer matters, heretofore presented, and already passed upon by the sewer committee and the construction and city engineers, be passed and placed in force as soon as practicable.

(6) It is further suggested that an expert accountant will be here this week, in connection with the sewer audit, an official audit be made of the books and accounts of the recorder and the treasurer, none having been made for several years.

Respectfully submitted,
G. P. PUTNAM,
Mayor.

Further Reductions

at the

TRUSTEE'S SALE

READ CAREFULLY:

MEN'S WORK SHOES

Famous Battreall Jomo

6 inch, Regular \$5, now	\$3.45
14 inch, Regular \$7.50, now	5.45
14 inch, Regular \$8.00, now	6.45
16 inch, Regular \$6.75, now	4.85
16 inch, Regular \$8.00, now	6.95

PACKARD SHOES

\$4.00 Oxfords	\$1.50
\$5.00 Oxfords	2.50
\$4.50 Shoes	2.45
\$5.00 Shoes	2.95

Nemo Corsets, regular \$3.50, now	\$1.98
Nemo Corsets, regular \$2.00, now	98c
Black and brown Serges, regular 75c, now	39c
Ladies' Summer Hosiery, regular 50c, now	29c
Ladies' Summer Hosiery, regular 30c, now	17c
Single Bed Quilts, regular \$1.10, now	59c
All Laces and Ribbons now HALF PRICE	
All Embroideries now HALF PRICE	

Men's Sox, regular 50c, now 4 for	50c
Men's Summer Underwear, regular 50c, now	19c
Men's Cooper Union Suits, regular \$3.50, now	\$2.25
Men's Porosknit Union Suits, regular \$1.00, now	69c
Men's B. V. D. Underwear, regular 50c, now	35c

LADIES' SHOES

Ladies' Oxfords, Reg. \$3.50, now	\$2.45
Ladies' Pumps, Reg. \$3.75, now	2.45
Ladies' Shoes, Reg. \$4.00, now	1.95
Ladies' Shoes, Reg. \$3.00, now	1.75
Ladies' Comforts, Reg. \$2.50, now	1.45
Ladies' Comforts, Reg. \$2.75, now	1.75

Children's Ladies' and Men's TENNIS Shoes	59c
Regular \$1.00, now	

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