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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

To City Council and City Budget for 1916

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCIO

GREETING: You have been placed in the position which you now occupy by the will of the citizens of Scio, to have charge of and conduct the affairs of this Municipality for the coming year.

To properly fulfill your obligation will require of each of you, not only that you are prompt in attending all meetings of this body, but also time and labor and some sacrifice from private business in order to accomplish the work before you. With this in view I shall outline to you and call your attention to a few important matters for your consideration.

Law and Order

It has become too common practice on the streets and in public places of Scio for loud and boisterous talking, swearing, the use of indecent language and intoxications, at all hours of the day and night. It should be seen to that ordinances now in effect on this matter be strictly enforced, as well as all other ordinances providing for the decent and moral government of the citizens of Scio.

Electric Light and Water System

From reports I learn that owing to an inadequate dam in Thomas creek the power supply is not sufficient to operate the plant up to standard, even at this time of the year with an abundance of water in the stream. I would therefore, recommend an immediate investigation of this matter: first, as to securing additional water; second, the installation of either gas or steam power to operate the plant when the water power is not sufficient or available; third, an inspection of all water mains, hydrants and fire apparatus and having them placed in first class condition, and if necessary, to pay for the service of some person to have the charge of and see that the fire apparatus is always in condition for immediate use.

Streets and Public Property

Main street, the public thoroughfare through the city, has reached a deplorable condition and needs your attention. This requires some time and labor on your part, and estimates should be secured for the grading of this street according to city grade and improvement of the same by crushed rock or otherwise with the least possible expense consistent with permanent work. An inspection of all walks of the city, requiring all improvement to be placed on grade and according to ordinance.

Ordinances

A revision of all ordinances on our books, the repeal of obsolete ordinances and the enactment of new ordinances in conformity with the charter. Amending the ordinance on meter rates for electric lights, amending the ordinance correcting width of sidewalk on West Mill street; I would also recommend an ordinance of an increase of all electric light rates of 10 per cent and granting an all night service.

Budget of the City of Scio for 1916

The following financial condition of the city is hereby presented for your consideration:

Cash on hand, gen. fund Dec-ember 31.....	\$ 25.98
Cash, light and water.....	183.28
Total.....	212.26
Unpaid warrants, gen. fund, December 31.....	101.92
Unpaid war., light and water.....	288.15
Interest on warrants.....	35.52
Bills, Dec. 1915.....	260.88
Total.....	686.47
Deficit 1915.....	474.21
Unpaid warrant, ch engine.....	592.00

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Estimated interest for 1916.....	70.00
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Total outstanding indebtedness.....	1,136.21
Salaries of officers for 1916.....	445.00
Total.....	1,581.21
Revenue 8 mill tax, valuation of \$134,575.....	1,076.60
Licenses and fines.....	125.00
Total Revenue.....	1,201.60
Deficit for 1915.....	379.61

If the warrant on the chemical engine is not paid there would be a working cash on hand of \$212.39. Also if the light and water plant should be able to make up its deficiency of \$288.15 the amount of cash for your disposal for 1916 would be \$500.54. I have not taken into consideration any emergencies which might arise in presenting these figures.

Electric Light and Water System

In looking over the reports for the past year, I find that the electric light and water system has a deficiency standing against it which does not promise to be any better for the coming year unless operated under a different plan. The estimated expenses for the coming year, judging from the past, would be about as follows:

Supt.....	\$ 900.00
Interest.....	300.00
Steam power.....	200.00
Repairs.....	100.00
Supplies.....	30.00
Wood.....	25.00
Wood for steam.....	100.00
Water power.....	180.00
Total.....	1835.00
Estimated revenue for year.....	2160.00
Deduct 15 per cent for sinking fund.....	324.00
Balance.....	1836.00
Expenses 1916.....	1835.00
Deficiency 1915.....	288.15
Total.....	2123.15
Income, net.....	1836.00
Deficit for 1916.....	287.15

From the above report it seems that the deficit in this fund would not be taken up under the present manner of operating the plant.

Gentlemen, the citizens have enacted a new charter with the purpose in view of progress, improvement and the up building of the community. Property owned and controlled by the city requires repairs, improvement and extensions, the same as your personal property, in order to secure the best results, and it seems to me a false economy to allow such property to deteriorate with a consequent loss of revenue as the result. The affairs of the city should be conducted in an economical manner, consistent with the future welfare of public utilities, and I ask that you give the same careful attention to public matters and affairs as you do to your private interests. Many improvements which seem expensive for the present prove to be true economy in the future, while economy measures which last for a few months only, prove very expensive in after time, therefore, I say build well what you do, and leave undone that which you cannot accomplish with permanent results.

Assuring you of my hearty co-operation and support and asking the same of you in all that is right and just for a cleaner and greater Scio, and believing that the will of the majority should prevail, I bid you enter your labor with confidence in the citizens of Scio, who have elected you, and in the future prosperity of the municipality over which you govern.

A. G. PRILL, Mayor.

Annual Report

Recorder's report, city of Scio, for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Resources	
City Franchise.....	\$ 2,000.00
Elec light and water plant.....	10,000.00
Lines extended.....	192.90
Extension at plant.....	53.50
Fire Apparatus	
Hose.....	500.00
Eugine.....	592.00
Wagon.....	100.00
Hose cart.....	300.00
City park.....	250.00
City Hall.....	1,000.00
Electric supplies.....	234.75
Accounts due the city.....	145.05
Total.....	15,368.20
Liabilities	
City Bonds.....	4,200.00
Warrants.....	984.07
Total.....	5,184.07
Net resources of city.....	10,184.13
Electric Light and Water Plant	
Cash receipts for service.....	2,153.70
Service for city	
2 500 watt lamps.....	36.00
57 Ine lamps.....	1,132.80
17 Hydrants.....	408.00
Lights, City hall.....	24.00
" Milling Co.....	24.00
" School.....	24.00
Total.....	3,802.50
Expenses Light and Water Plant	
Supt. salary.....	900.00
Power	
Water.....	180.00
Steam.....	150.20
Inspection.....	2.00
Interest on bonds.....	298.25
Repairs	
Core gear.....	181.30
Water wheel.....	21.00
Labor on wheel & gear.....	21.75
Hydrant.....	1.20
Dynamo.....	1.50
Water pipe.....	1.05
Supplies.....	227.80
Cost of plant extension.....	30.55
Wood.....	107.70
Total.....	1,910.00
Net revenue from plant.....	1,892.50
Net cash income above exp.....	243.70
Summary	
Cash on hand, total.....	539.59
Sinking fund.....	327.33
Available working fund 1916.....	212.26
Unpaid bills from 1915.....	686.47
Working fund.....	212.26
Deficit.....	474.21
J. S. STICHA, Recorder.	

City treasurer's report for year ending Dec. 31, 1915

Receipts	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1915.....	710.55
Licenses and fines.....	158.00
Taxes.....	62.70
Service, light and water.....	2,153.70
Electric supplies.....	234.75
Misc receipts.....	3.70
Total receipts.....	3,303.49
Disbursements	
Paid as per vouchers, interest and bonds.....	2,763.90
Balance.....	539.59
R. V. SHELTON, Treasurer	

Telephone Meeting

At the annual telephone meeting last Saturday, Mrs J N Weddle was elected manager of the Scio central for the ensuing year without a dissenting vote.

The assessment for this year was made \$5, for those inside the city limits and \$4, for the patrons outside of Scio. J B Couey was re-elected president and C C Wade was re-elected secretary for the year 1916.

Oregon News Notes

Oregon Development News in Line of Industries, Payrolls, and Products of Labor and Enterprise.

Railroads placing big orders sends up price of lumber and shingles.

Congressman Hawley promises the people of Crescent City a breakwater and jetty.

The state and interstate commerce commissions are raising railroad rates and Portland lumbermen are trying to get reduced rates that discriminate against interior sawmills.

Coos Bay is co-operating with the S P Co in developing that section.

Home contractors will be given preference on Baker's fine new schoolhouse.

As 1916 is leap year it will be in order to take a long leap toward political sanity.

Oregon wheat, oats, corn, barley, rye, potatoes and hay net \$48,059,000 in 1915.

Douglas Co flour mill at Roseburg starts with new machinery Feb 1.

Machinery purchased for Canby cheese factory.

Coast guard station to be built near mouth of Siuslaw.

New shingle mill to be built at Acme at once.

Hauser is new town on railroad in Coos Co.

Linn county has installed a gravel plant at Albany.

Southern Douglas Co is witnessing considerable mining activity.

Newport is to have up-to-date hospital.

Roseburg is to have new fire-proof, concrete warehouse.

Willamette Mint Co of Marion and Linn counties incorporate for \$50,000.

Fine new hotel planned for Woodburn.

"Train kills six at railroad crossing," is newspaper headline of December 17, and similar ones are seen every day. Why is it people refuse to stop and look at railroad crossings, especially when it is to their own interest to do so?

MARKET REPORT

The following are cash prices quoted on Thursday of each week by our dealers:

Wheat, per bushel.....	\$ 85
Oats.....	30
Flour, per sack.....	1.30
Bran, per ton.....	30.00
Middings, per ton.....	30.00
Chop, wheat, per ton.....	32.00
Chop, oats, per ton.....	30.00
Barley Chop.....	30.00
Butter, (Country) per roll.....	50
Eggs, case count, per dozen.....	25
Hens, per pound.....	10 to 11
Geese, per pound.....	08
Turkeys, per pound.....	16
Ducks, per pound Pekin.....	10
Ducks, Indian Runner.....	8
Pork, dressed.....	6 1/2
Pork, live weight.....	5 1/2
Veal, per pound, for shipping.....	6 to 8

Lost—White sow, strayed away about two weeks ago. Please phone Wm Stoddart.

Council Proceedings

The old council met at the city hall at 10 a m Saturday, January 1, transacted regular routine business, allowed current bills, and adjourned sine die.

Following adjournment of the old council, the new council met for the first time, with Mayor A G Prill in the chair. Councilmen responded to roll call as follows: N I Morrison, E C Peery, F T Bilyeu, R M Cain, P T Thayer and John Wesely; P H McDonald being absent.

The mayor's message, which appears elsewhere in this issue, was read and placed on file.

By motion it was ordered that the city budget for 1916 be published in both city papers.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Light and Water—E C Peery, F T Thayer, John Wesely.

Streets and Public Property—F T Thayer, P H McDonald, R M Cain.

Ordinances—R M Cain, E C Peery, N I Morrison.

Accounts and Current Expenses—F T Bilyeu, N I Morrison, John Wesely.

Ways and Means—N I Morrison, P H McDonald, F T Thayer.

Public Health—John Wesely, R M Cain, F T Bilyeu.

Several ordinances were read and some other business transacted after which the council adjourned to meet at 6:45 Monday evening, Jan 3.

At the meeting Monday evening the following ordinances passed the third reading and were declared adopted by Mayor Prill:

An ordinance regulating the operation of the light and water plant and rates to be charged patrons both within and outside the city limits.

An ordinance regulating width of sidewalks and crosswalks and the manner of constructing same.

An ordinance to establish width and dimensions of curbing.

An ordinance regarding the appointment of a city attorney.

A committee appointed to ascertain the feasibility of installing an all night electric light service, and day current at least one day per week, the latter for ironing, asked for more time, as they were not ready to report at this meeting.

After transacting some other business, the council adjourned.

Having taken over the Scio Livery Stable, I have converted it into a feed stable and shelter shed for horses. Single horse 10c, team 15c.—Cal Carson, 2114

We make a specialty of Friendship, Engagement and Wedding rings—F M French & Son, Jewelers and Engravers, Albany.

The annual meeting of the Linn County Fair Association will be held in Scio at the City Hall next Saturday, January 8, commencing at 10 a m. Through an error the cards which were sent out to the members read Saturday, January 7.