

CITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS.

Recorder's and Treasurer's Annual Reports.

MAYOR EDDY'S MESSAGE.

The New City Dads in Harness—Finances and Saloon Licenses—Netarts Road to be opened.

The city council met on Thursday to wind up the business of the year. The principal features of interest were the reports of City Treasurer Cary and City Recorder Drew, which we give below. The following bills were ordered paid: Water Rent for December 1898 \$40.00 Marshal salary and street work 36.00 Recorder's salary for December and stationary for year 15.55 Treasurer's salary for six months and stationary 12.70 City Attorney's salary for year 1898 50.00 Printing 14.00 Tillamook Lumber Co. 39.57 McIntosh & McNair 2.71 Cohn & Co. 2.35 T. H. Goyne 2.00 A. W. Severance 2.00 S. V. Anderson 3.10 L. Hiner 3.50 C. B. Hadley 1.50 Wm. Hamilton 1.50 James Kimball 1.50 Maurice Lench 1.50 Wm. Boyley 1.50 Geo. N. Johnson 1.50 S. Smith 1.50 D. C. Pierce 1.50 Total 235.48

Treasurer's Report.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report for the year 1898: Balance on hand from 1897 \$42.52 Received from Show Licenses 29.50 " " Dogs 24.00 " " Auctioneers 7.90 " " Drays 6.00 " " Liquor 800.00 " " Graphophones 2.56 " " Peddlers 3.50 " " Stallions 10.00 " " Powder 15.00 " " Soft Drinks 10.00 " " Bowling Alley 10.00 " " Fines 108.00 Received from Co. Treasurer, 1897 tax 8.97 Received from Co. Treasurer, 1898 tax 499.06 General and road fund 134.90 Amount paid on 91 warrants 966.59 Balance on hand \$245.30

REPORT OF ROAD FUND.

Balance on hand from 1897 23 Received from Co. Treasurer 363.16 Total \$386.39 Paid on six warrants 195.20 Balance on hand \$170.19 HOWARD CARY, Treasurer.

Recorder's Report.

The Recorder's report was as follows: Receipts from all sources during the year 1898. Received from saloons and soft drinks \$810.00 Drays, peddlers, shows, auctioneers and bowling alley 68.50 Dogs 24.00 Powder 15.00 Fines 108.00 Taxes for 1898 476.15 Taxes for 1897 30.70 Taxes for 1896 2.00 Total \$1534.53

WARRENTS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR.

In favor of Tillamook Water Co. 480.00 " Marshal Clements 244.75 " Marshal Lahmon 125.25 " Recorder Drew 125.55 " Treasurer H. Cary 25.55 " City Attorney W. H. Cooper 50.00 In favor of Fire Department 132.92 " Pacific Lumber Co. 96.24 " Tillamook Lumber Co. 102.94 In favor of gravel and team work on streets 213.21 In favor of labor and hardware work on streets 89.44 In favor of miscellaneous bills 110.56 Total \$1774.41 Cr. by cash 1534.53

Leaves City in debt at end of 1898 \$537.40

C. N. DREW, Recorder.

New Council in Session.

A meeting of the city council was held on Tuesday evening. Those present were Mayor B. L. Eddy, Councilmen C. E. Hawke, B. C. Hiner, L. Olsen, Jones and Recorder W. H. Cooper. Dr. Hawke was elected president of the city council at a meeting the previous day. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Mayor Eddy's Message.

Mayor B. L. Eddy's annual message was read by the recorder which, was as follows: To the Honorable Common Council of Tillamook City. GENTLEMEN.—In proceeding to submit

to you the annual message required of me by the charter, I beg to congratulate you upon the continued growth of our city, and the large measure of health and prosperity enjoyed by our citizens. While felicitating ourselves upon our present good fortune, we have also before us promises of still greater material welfare, as our community shall begin to reap the benefits of the period of general prosperity which has undoubtedly set in for our country at large.

FINANCES.

The sources of revenue for the year were as follows: Liquor and soft drink licenses \$810.00 Drays, shows, peddlers, auctioneers and bowling alley 68.50 Dog licenses 24.00 Powder licenses 15.00 Fines 108.00 Taxes 509.03 Total Revenue \$1534.53 Disbursements during the year were as follows: Water \$480.00 City Marshal 398.00 Recorder, salary and stationary 125.55 Treasurer, salary and stationary 25.55 City attorney 50.00 Fire apparatus 132.92 Lumber, for crossings, etc. 190.18 Labor and hardware for streets and cross walks 39.44 Miscellaneous 91.96 Total disbursements \$1755.81

According to the report of the City Recorder for the year just closed, the present indebtedness of the city is \$537.40 of which there existed at the beginning of the year 297.52

Leaving apparent increase of debt for the year \$239.88 There is, however, still due the city on the tax roll for the year, the sum of 223.85

Leaving the balance of debt for the year 16.03 To which should be added the amount collected on old tax rolls and used during the year 32.88

Making the total overdrawn by the city \$48.91

This statement shows an economical administration of the city finances. It is to be borne in mind, also, that in the item of saloon licenses the revenue of the city was \$400.00 less during the year just closed than during the year 1897, further that the expenditures for the year include \$132.92 for additional fire apparatus.

FIRE PROTECTION.

The fire hydrants of the city are not in a satisfactory working condition. It is practically impossible to open one or two of them, and all seem to be gradually becoming more difficult of operation. I am not advised as to the cause of the difficulty, whether it is defective construction, or something else. I have, however, communicated with the Wolf & Zwicker Iron Works, at Portland, from whom, as I am informed, the city purchased the hydrants, calling their attention to the difficulty, and asking for a remedy. I think it falls within the jurisdiction of your honorable body to have this matter investigated and the proper action taken to put the hydrants into a working condition, and I recommend that steps be taken in this direction at your early convenience.

In my message to the council a year ago, I called attention to the fact that the greater number of dwellings in the city were not within reach of fire protection. This condition of affairs remains unchanged. At the earliest possible moment, additional hydrants should be distributed. It is possible that a cheaper form of hydrant than that now used can be devised, which would answer the purpose for some years. The water company stands ready to furnish the water gratis for these extra hydrants for a definite period.

SYSTEM OF SEWERAGE.

I recommend that your honorable body appoint a committee to forthwith prepare, for submission to the coming legislature, an amendment to the city charter, authorizing the council to cause sewers to be constructed in the city at the expense of the adjoining property, and specifying the manner of exercising said power, the collection of delinquent sewer assessments, etc. I believe that this power should exist in the council, so that whenever it shall be deemed necessary to the health of the city to provide a system of sewerage, the same may be done at the expense of those most directly benefitted. The necessity referred to cannot be considered far distant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I recommend an ordinance and strict enforcement of an ordinance to render effective the provisions of Article 5, Section 4 of the Charter, as regards the lotting of minors about places where intoxicating liquors are sold. There is some discussion among our citizens as to the wisdom of contracting for electric light for the city. I hope that if your honorable body shall decide upon any expenditure for lighting purposes, you will deem it wisest to place incandescent lights on some of the principal residence streets, rather than arc lights on Main street. The arc lights which

have been placed on Main street of late are certainly ornamental, and it would be a source of satisfaction if the city could afford to maintain them there, but they are not in the locality of greatest utility.

I recommend that your honorable body appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to carefully segregate the ordinances now in force from those that have been repealed, submit to your consideration such as are in force and need amendment, and prepare new ordinances where there are none, though needed; and that when your honorable body has taken such action as shall render the whole valid and legal, the same be printed in pamphlet form, with a suitable index.

Date this 2nd day of January, 1899.

Respectfully submitted, B. L. EDDY, Mayor.

Committee Appointed.

Mayor B. L. Eddy appointed committees as follows:

Ways and means—Hiner, Jones and Olsen.

Ordinances—Hawke, Tuttle and Jones.

Account and current expenses—Jones, Hawke and Olsen.

Street and public property—Hiner, Olsen and Jones.

Licenses—Tuttle, Olsen and Hawke.

Fire and police—Hawke, Tuttle and Hiner.

Health—Hawke, Tuttle and Olsen.

Printing—Hiner, Jones and Tuttle.

Recorder Cooper called the attention of the council to revising the ordinances with a view to striking out those which had been repealed. The council decided to have a committee to do this, and the chairman appointed Councilmen Jones, Hiner and Olsen.

The council requested Mayor Eddy to wait upon the board of county commissioners in the matter of levying the road tax within the city limits, so that it could be amicably arranged.

FINANCES AND SALOON LICENSES.

Chairman Hawke made a few remarks about the city finances. It appeared to him that the receipts were not enough to cover the expenses, and for that reason he wanted to know the best course to pursue so that the city should not get into any more debt.

Mayor Eddy was called upon to express his views. He thought the property was assessed too low but the council had to be governed in that by the county assessor. They could have had the charter amended but he did not think that a wise course to pursue at the present time. It seemed to him that most everything was taxed that could be, but the council could increase the saloon tax if they thought it advisable, which would give the city about as much money as was required.

No action was taken on the matter, and as there was no further business the council adjourned until Wednesday evening.

County and City Road Tax.

The council was called to order Wednesday evening by Chairman Hawke, when all the members were present with the exception of Councilman Tuttle.

Mayor Eddy said he had waited upon the county court in regard to the levy of the road tax within the city limits and the county judge thought the tax should be divided between the city and county, and if that was done the county court promised to open the Netarts road. The county judge and Commissioner Ray had consented to meet the council that evening for the purpose of coming to an amicable understanding.

The councilmen, however, did not see at first how it could get along with less than the 5 mill road tax.

The Judge's Plea for County Roads.

County Judge G. W. Sappington was called upon to express his views on the matter. He drew a comparison between the amount of money received for road tax in Tillamook city, which was about \$600, and that of the whole county, which only amounted to \$5000. The city had only 1 1/2 miles of road to look after, while the county had 250 miles. They could plainly see how much harder it was for the county to keep good roads than it was the city. He was there that night as a representative of the whole county, and he thought it was essential that more money should be expended on the roads leading into the city. The city last year levied a five mill road tax, but he thought the council ought to divide this with the county, and suggested that the county court would be satisfied if the city levied a 3 1/2 mill tax, allowing the county the remaining 1 1/2 mills. He said if this was done it would allow the county to open up to the council that there was quite a large sum of money due the city on taxes recently collected which would soon be available to be used for road work within the city limits.

The judge having made it clear to the council that the position he took in the matter was a right one, it was agreed that the city only levy a 3 1/2 mill tax for road purposes, and a 2 mill tax for general purposes. A petition for a side walk along the west side of First Avenue E from the corner of block No. 9 to intersect the sidewalk on the South side of Fourth street was presented and read, and the council ordered ordinance drawn.

Messrs. T. Coates and Oak Nolan appeared as a deputation from the hose company, asking that the council per-

mit the ringing of the fire bell for the purpose of calling meetings and drills for the hose company. The council did not take action in the matter.

INFORMATION WANTED.

TO THE EDITOR OF TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.

DEAR SIR.—For the benefit of myself and neighbors, I would like to find out through THE HEADLIGHT what varieties of apples and other fruit does the best in Tillamook county. By what information I get by observation and inquiry, I learn that there is only certain kinds of fruit that do well. Several of my neighbors here ordered fruit trees this fall, and every one of them are experimenting planting trees without knowing what varieties do well. There will be a great deal of time and money spent before all can get varieties that is adapted to this climate.

It would be a blessing to those who contemplate setting out fruit trees, if the farmers who have had experience would write it up for the papers, in fact, a discussion of the subject would be highly prized by new settlers.

This is a grand dairying country. We can raise grass and most all kinds of vegetable to perfection. Now, if there is certain kinds of apples, plums, prunes and cherries that we can produce, then we will have a model country to reside in. J. D. CHURWOOD, December 29th, 1898.

TILLAMOOK WEATHER.

Table with columns: Date, Temperature (Max, Min, Mean), Rain-fall. Data for Dec 1-31.

SUMMARY.—Mean temp., 42.06; max. temp., 57; date, 7th. Min. temp., 25; date, 12th; total precip. inches, 11.40; total snowfall inches, 0; number of days clear, 6; partly cloudy, 3; cloudy, 22. Dates of frost—Light, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 15th and 21st; date, 12th; total precip. inches, 11.40; total snowfall inches, 0; number of days clear, 6; partly cloudy, 3; cloudy, 22. Dates of frost—Light, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 21st and 23rd. Dates of hail, 19th, 20th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st. Thunder storms, 19th; Auroras, 0. Prevailing wind—Direction, W. Sleet, 21st.

REMARKS.—Trace. Look for stormy weather to last till after the 11th of January, with but little fair weather between.

CAPT. JOSEPH J. DAWSON, Voluntary Observer.

EMMA.

We are having winter now in good shape, with plenty of hail and snow. Christmas passed off quietly here, when several families had Christmas trees.

Mr. Joe Altenbergers had a cider festival on Christmas day. Several of the German families were present.

Mr. Anton Resch, who has been at Port Townsend, Wash., for the past four months, arrived home on the 24th ult.

Misses Mary and Dollie Chitwood was at the Salmon River party at Mary Buxton's on the 30th ult.

The smiling face of Emery Ryan was seen at Emma last week.

Mr. J. S. Sloan's health is quite poor. On the night of the 27th ult. he suffered as few are troubled to in this life. He has kidney trouble, and it affects him so that he has spells that almost takes the life out of him.

SANDLAKE.

H. M. Farmer has his sawmill in operation.

T. J. Harris spent the holidays in the hub.

M. Sommers is clothing and papering and otherwise improving his house. It looks suspicious.

The bachelors of Sand Lake are a very sorry looking set.

T. J. Harris says if any one intends to call on him he wants at least one day's notice so he will have time to sweep out.

A. J. Hembree had a social hop at his home, Monday last.

Our correspondent at Sand Lake says: "Mr. D. Rubede, who wrote the article on cranberries for the Ocean Wave, must have been over fed on salmon eggs about that time." We may add that newspaper articles of that description are a detriment to Tillamook county, although it was a good comical sketch.

We believe it is extremely essential, in writing anything about Tillamook county, to chronological facts.

WILSON RIVER.

Rev. Neff and family visited with L. G. Freeman's family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wicklund and Miss A. Waglin took a trip down to see the torpedo boat last Monday.

None of F. Ducham's logs have yet appeared on the river, but Paul Erickson has gone down.

J. Thorell has his blacksmith shop completed.

Chas. Lundquist is so far recovered that he intends to move and be his own bottle washer or cook.

BARNEGAT.

Barnegat had some snow last week.

Bert Biggs and J. R. Harter went to town Friday.

Mr. F. N. Elliot and son Wesley visited Barnegat last week.

Mr. All Biggs and his two sons, George and Freddie, visited with his brother Mr. Bert Biggs, last week.

Miss Iva Moline, of Tillamook, visited Miss Clara Biggs last week.

Mr. Robert Sargent visited Barnegat last week.

NESTOCTON.

Mr. D. Quick is now living on his homestead on the hill.

The dance at James Simmon's, last Monday, was quite an enjoyable affair, everybody seemed well pleased, and there was a pretty good crowd considering the bad weather.

Mr. Aca Wells had the misfortune to cut his thumb quite bad one day last week.

Mr. William Bumgarner and Mr. Dell Shuckelord, who were over the mountains from this place a short time ago, are spending the holidays with Dell Shuckelord's mother at Cedar Mills, in Washington Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlotter and Miss Gracie spent New Year's day with Mr. Blake's folks.

Mrs. Blake has been on the sick list; also Mr. Schield.

Mr. Thorp is having some more boils.

There is plenty of snow today. Get the sleighs ready before it is too late.

COULSONBURG.

Mr. Beavens and wife and little daughter visited at N. Coulson's on Monday of last week.

Mr. E. T. Coulson and son, Raymond, went to Beaver Friday on business.

Mr. Eugene Rowland, of Blaine, and Mr. Joseph Hollett, the shoemaker of Beaver, was in our midst Tuesday.

Miss. Minta Swabb called on Mrs. C. N. Johnson Saturday.

J. R. Finley, E. Kinnaman, H. Folan, L. West and O. Kinnaman, of Beaver, were in our burg Friday. But oh, my.

Mr. N. Coulson made a business trip to Beaver on Friday.

There were seventeen friends and relatives took dinner at N. Coulson's on New Year's, all report an enjoyable time.

Rev. C. Mills preached at this place Sunday afternoon.

WOODS.

The Xmas tree at Woods was a nice affair and did credit to those who had charge of the arrangement. After listening to a nice little programme for about two hours the tree was lit up and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus appeared on the scene with two large buckets filled with candy and nuts and commenced taking the presents off of the tree and distributing them. After the tree was stripped the band played Yankee doodle, and Grandpa Ray, Grandpa and Grandma Holmes favored the audience with a regular Irish jig.

after spending Xmas with his family at Nestowin.

G. F. Shaw's valuable mare fell off a grade last week and killed herself. She was a half sister to Kitty Ham.

The young folks of Woods and vicinity met at Wm. Booth's Saturday night to watch the old year out and the new year in. They passed the time, singing and playing and wound up with a regular old fashion taffer pulling.

NEHALEM.

A slight touch of winter the past week; just enough of the beautiful to swear by.

Mystrom & Bolin took down a large raft from Blackburn's camp on Thursday.

The masquerade on New Year's eve was not a success. The young people have run dancing into the ground lately, and had better rest awhile.

Old lady Northrop, who has been suffering from the effects of a stroke for some time, is quite low.

Dr. Wise has been on the river for several days doing dentist work. Dr. Totton is now here in a like capacity.

The Maggie and Dewey are expected in now, whenever the weather suits.

Wm. Blackburn, the logger, has been laid up with rheumatism the past week; but his engine and crew keep the logs rolling just the same.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

The board of County Commissioners met at the court house on Wednesday, with County Judge G. W. Sappington and Commissioner Chas. Ray present, Commissioner Wheeler being absent. The first day's proceedings were occupied mainly with bills, and warrants were ordered drawn for the following:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists various individuals and amounts, including Road District No. 2, Road District Nos. 3 and 4, and Road District No. 5.