

**THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.**

**City Council Turns Down C. W. Talmage for City Attorney.**

All the recently elected city officials qualified for their respective offices last Monday evening, after which Mayor G. Cohn presided over the first meeting of the city council, Councilmen W. O. Chase, M. F. Leach, Homer Mason, A. T. White and L. Hiner being present. The first business was the reading of the Mayor's message, which was followed by the appointment of the usual committees. Mayor Cohn then recommended C. W. Talmage for city attorney and Fred Sappington city surveyor, and it was a surprise when the council would not confirm the appointments. Then the two names were recommended separately. That of Talmage was taken first, and the council decided that it did not want him for city attorney, Mason, White and Hiner voting against the recommendation and Chase and Leach for Sappington's appointment was confirmed.

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE.**

Gentlemen of the Council: It is with a sense of anxiety and serious responsibility that this evening assume an office which the good citizens of Tillamook have elected me to fill.

I know that you will appreciate and share in my feelings. Since the incorporation of this city, it has been kept religiously out of debt.

The tax was wisely limited by the first act of incorporation. The present administration must face the conduct of the City with a fund not helped out by license from the saloons.

The taxable value of the City property is	\$216,000.00
The tax will yield	432.00
The fixed expenses of the City have been	
Salary of City Marshal	\$560.00
" " Attorney	50.00
" " Recorder	180.00
" " Treasurer	25.00
Lights	480.00
Water	360.00
Miscellaneous expenses	253.25
Total	\$1948.25

The Council must either cut down the foregoing expense list; provide to meet it, or create a debt.

I shall regret to be the first Mayor, under whose administration, the City goes into debt, nor do I think this Council will wish to leave a record of indebtedness.

I earnestly recommend that the affairs of the City be so conducted by your body, that a clean slate shall be left when our terms expire.

I recommend the reduction in the number of lights used by the City, and suggest that in any event the lights along the business portion of the streets be abolished. The business men will undoubtedly maintain sufficient lights.

A committee shall be appointed to confer with the present Water Company, to arrange for a reduction of the City's water rate. This must be reduced.

Great economy must be observed in the smaller expenditures. I see no possibility to reduce salaries. The City Treasurer, Attorney and Recorder, certainly deserve the modest stipend which they are allowed.

The burden of the City Marshal will be greater probably, than heretofore. The laws must be enforced. It has pleased the majority of our people to vote for prohibition, and a closed town. In all American communities, the will of the majority is the law.

This law must be enforced, and the Marshal will earn his salary if he does his duty.

In order to increase the income of the City, I recommend that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance establishing the penalties and costs to be paid by any person convicted of violating any of the ordinances of the City.

An ordinance should be passed providing for a fine of say two dollars, and costs, for every person convicted of using vile, obscene or profane language on the streets. The City should derive a material revenue from this.

**OCCUPATION TAX.**

It has been suggested that an occupation tax be levied. I have carefully considered the advisability of this project. I am opposed to the principal as I believe that taxes should be equally levied. You may find, however, that this is necessary as an emergency for one year. A glance at the list of business houses, and industries of the City, will convince every one that to tax them is to tax many industries whom we should instead favor. An enterprising, up-to-date community would be offering bounties to encourage many of these enterprises, and it is in my opinion unwise to impose an invidious special tax upon them. Personally I should prefer that the expenses be cut at every point.

We have a street and road fund. Inasmuch as the City Marshal acts also as Street Commissioner, this fund should bear a good part of the burden of his salary.

As far as possible, abutting property should be made to bear the costs of repairing or improving streets.

**WATER SUPPLY.**

During the last season this has not been satisfactory, and in view of well understood facts is not likely to be improved. It is my hope that the present system will be bought by the City. The present company are occupying our streets by subsurface, as I understand the terms of the present contract, and it seems that it would not be difficult to come to just terms.

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WATER SYSTEM.**

This is likely to be in the hands of the Commission, I am glad to say. If this does not prove true, it can be considered when the time comes.

This is not an improper occasion for me to say a word on behalf of the Council and myself, to the people at large.

We are elected to carry out their will. We expect to give our time cheerfully and in a most friendly spirit to do this. It is however a well known fact, that no body of men, no court even, can enforce any law without the cordial support of the citizens of the community.

We therefore ask now for that support. I do not consider that the duty of a good citizen is fully performed, when he simply looks on.

The prayer of the California prospector who "met up" with a grizzly bear comes to mind—He prayed: "Oh Lord, be on my side. If you can't be on my side, Lord, just lay low, and you'll see the darndest bear fight you ever saw in your life." In the present time it will not do for the reforming element to lay low. This will not be sufficient. Neither the Mayor nor the Common Council, are public prosecutors, nor does the City government have anything to do with enforcement of the State laws.

It is the province and the duty of the City to keep the streets in repair, furnish light and fire protection within its means and to preserve order and tranquility in the confines of the City. The State has its officers and machinery, and the City may rely upon it to protect its own dignity. This machinery can be set in motion by any citizen, and we shall expect good citizens to be alert, and assist the City government by invoking this power of the State in any case where there shall arise a necessity.

**IN CONCLUSION.**

I may be pardoned if I at this time ask that during this year of 1905 every member of this Council, every citizen of this community, "erase from the tablets of memory" all hardness, bitterness and anger and that united we stand for a good, economical administration, for bringing into our City new and healthful enterprises, and for a prosperous and happy ending of the year.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 1905.  
Very Respectfully, Submitted,  
George Cohn.

**COMMITTEES APPOINTED.**

To the Members of the City Council, Gentlemen: On standing Committees I respectfully make the following appointments:

- Ways and Means—Chase, Mason, Leach.
- Accounts and Current Expenses—Mason, Hiner, Chase.
- Streets and Public Property—Chase, White, Mason.
- Health and Police—Leach, White, Hiner.
- Licenses—White, Hiner, Leach.

Yours truly,  
George Cohn, Mayor.

**Cupid's Work for 1904.**

Cupid's work in Tillamook County is not very much on the increase, for there were only 33 marriages last year, being two more than in 1903, when there were 31. In 1902 there were 41 marriages, and in 1901 31. These figures, in proportion to the marriageable young women in the county, does not give them a fair chance to hitch up double, and they will have to depend more on their go-go eyes than Cupid if they expect to win partners for life. As the attractions about saloons have been cut short, it may be that this will have the effect of driving a number of young men into the company of young women. A 33 chance of getting an husband is not very encouraging to young women, especially those who are past sweet sixteen and does not care to divulge their age. Following is a list of those who were married last year:

- Jan. 13.—Rollie W. Watson to Hope Nolan.
- Jan. 16.—George B. Lamb to Edna Stratton.
- Jan. 21.—Otto P. Davis to Ida Ducham.
- Feb. 21.—H. A. Franklin to Kathryn O. Plank.
- March 9.—James A. Dickey to Francis May Blanchard.
- March 13.—Hall W. Johnson to Francis I. Darby.
- April 16.—Frank H. Hingsworth to Daisy V. Jackson.
- April 18.—Hubert S. Smith to Cosie Hadley.
- June 12.—Joseph Blaser to Marguerite Weber.
- June 16.—Henry L. Simmons to Martha M. Blum.
- June 26.—George S. Richardson to Sarah A. Sargent.
- July 2.—Otto Schrader to Josephine Jackson.
- July 7.—Frank P. Fowler to Julia C. Loomis.
- Aug. 1.—Dee Tomlinson to Lillie Wilks.
- Aug. 17.—Irvin C. Smith to Ora M. Porter.
- Aug. 24.—Connie Dye to Frannie Lyster.
- Sept. 7.—H. E. Ross to Theresa Scovell.
- Sept. 7.—Walter I. Churchill to Lizzie S. Hansen.
- Sept. 15.—Harvey Williams to Myrtle Acklev.
- Sept. 28.—Erwin Harrison to Zella Mapes.
- Sept. 27.—Thomas J. Harris to Lillian B. Kays.
- Oct. 5.—W. C. Trombley to Charity Smith.
- Oct. 14.—J. G. Rames to Mary A. Schlotter.
- Oct. 30.—Charles Erickson to Una Shaw.
- Nov. 2.—Hugh Rittenhouse to Elvie Basom.
- Oct. 30.—W. T. Johnson to Olive Baxter.
- Nov. 10.—Harry W. Quick to Gordie McPalls.
- Oct. 22.—W. H. Cary to Cora Wade.
- Nov. 13.—Charles R. Bowers to Bessie A. Gardner.
- Nov. 18.—John N. Pesterfield to Armada McCormick.
- Dec. 15.—James Pallin to Lucy Hansen.
- Dec. 14.—James Kodad to Alice Nelson.
- Dec. 25.—Ernest E. Tyler to Dealia Sailing.

**NEHALEM COAL.**

**Stormy Meeting of Stockholders at Astoria.**

On July 20, 1901, there was filed in the county clerk's office of Clatsop county, articles of incorporation of the Nehalem Coal Company, with W. J. Cook, J. F. Hamilton, James L. Foy and W. H. Copeland as incorporators. The object of the corporation was to purchase and acquire lands, ostensibly for mining for coal. The capital stock of the company was \$150,000, divided into 1500 shares of the par value of \$100 each. Prior to the incorporation of the company, three persons, now members of the company, put up \$400 each for the purpose of securing an option on some coal lands owned by Aug. C. Kinney, and for which they agreed to pay \$12,000. The price paid for the lands was \$22.50 per acre. The lands were purchased and deeded to Mrs. M. Copeland. Immediately afterward a meeting was held in the office of C. R. Thomson, at which the three stockholders present were elected directors. The directors immediately purchased the lands of Mrs. Copeland for the sum of \$87,000, and they were charged on the books of the company against the corporation.

It became necessary to secure subscriptions to the capital stock of the company. M. S. Copeland, W. J. Cook and R. V. Jones were elected directors. W. H. Copeland was elected president and W. J. Cook, secretary. The work of securing subscriptions to the capital stock was entrusted to Mr. Cook, who visited Chinook and secured a large number of subscriptions. A canvass was made of Astoria, the Nehalem and surrounding towns. Three widow ladies of Astoria were persuaded to take 5 shares each and a young lady bookkeeper employed at Paard & Stokes took 4 shares. Mr. Wills, a music teacher, sold a land claim and invested nearly all of the money in the company. In this way, it is claimed that about \$37,000 was realized from the sale of the stock. There were 1080 shares in all subscribed, of which M. S. Copeland held 750 shares, the purchase price of the coal lands, giving the self-constituted board of directors a controlling interest in the company.

This was in July and August, 1901. Some developments were made in the coal mines, which were situated in the Nehalem, or alleged to have been made, and nothing more were heard of the matter. The stockholders who had been importuned to invest their savings in the company became suspicious that all was not on the square, and several efforts were made to secure a meeting of the stockholders and secure a report of the financial condition of the receipts and disbursements. All efforts failed, it being alleged that Mr. Cook was in Nicaragua and nothing could be done until he returned. The matter dragged along for three years, and threats were made by some of the stockholders to bring criminal proceedings unless the matter was settled in some way. By these threats the efforts to secure a meeting were successful, and it was called for yesterday at Hanthorn's hall.

A large delegation from Chinook was present, as well as a number from Astoria and different sections of the county, who claimed to have been roped in.

The meeting was a stormy one. C. Robitsch, of Nehalem, who claims to have been banded out of 320 acres of land by one of the promoters, shook his fist in the faces of two of the directors and called them some endearing names, seldom heard in a Sunday school. He claims that a dance was given in the Nehalem at the inception of the organization of the coal company; that he was doped on bad whisky and induced to part with his 320 acres of land, and all he received for it was 42 shares of stock in the Nehalem Coal Company, which he afterward found out was worthless—at least that is what he claims.

After a stormy discussion of the affairs of the company, in which some of the promoters were compelled to admit that the stockholders had not been treated with the consideration usually vouchsafed to stockholders of large corporations, it was finally agreed by the magnanimous promoters of the Nehalem Coal Company, that in the event that they could dispose of the holdings of the company to a syndicate, whom they had in tow for the purchase of the same, that \$37,000 of the amount received for the coal lands, dips, spurs, angles, shafts, dredging machinery, smelting outfit and all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, should be used to pay the minority stockholders back the money they had invested in the concern, and the residue, if any, should go to the self-constituted directors and holders of the majority of the stock. It was agreed that the deal should be consummated within 90 days, and if not fully accomplished within that time, that an extension of 90 days more should be accorded the promoters to dispose of the coal fields. If anything should happen that the coal lands are not disposed of within that time, it is evident that legal proceedings will be taken by the indignant stockholders for a redress of their grievances.

While the whole transaction may

have been honorable and made in good faith, yet the inducements held out to poor widows to invest their savings in a corporation with the assurance that they would double their money within six months; the failure of the company to account for the money collected from subscriptions to stock; the failure to hold a meeting of the company until threatened with criminal prosecution—if such a thing could be—leads some credence to the opinions entertained by the minority stockholders, that everything was not in accordance with the general rules governing the transaction of business in incorporated companies. If the directors can dispose of the lands and reimburse the minority stockholders for the money they have invested, it will be entirely satisfactory, and lend credence to the efforts of the promoters to be honest with the stockholders.—Astorian.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior,  
Land Office at Oregon City, Ore.,  
November 14th, 1904.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Tillamook Co., at Tillamook City, Oregon, on January 25th, 1905, viz:—  
WILLIAM GRASSHOFF,  
H. E. No. 15504, for the S 1/4 Sec 34 and W 1/4 Sec 34 of sec. 10, Tp. 6 North, Range 10 West.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:—  
Albert Bowman, of Neskowin, Ore.; William Plank, of Tillamook, Ore.; Stephen Bauer, of Marx, Ore.; Joe Strimmasel, of Dolph, Ore.  
ALGERNON S. DREWER, Register.

**NOTICE TO CREDITOR.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.—That the undersigned have been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Tillamook, executors of the last will and testament of DAVID J. WILEY, deceased. All persons having CLAIMS against the said estate are hereby required to present the same to us duly verified as by law required, at the office of Eddy & Botts, Attorneys-at-Law, at Tillamook City, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.  
Dated this 1st day of December, 1904.  
ELIZABETH WILEY AND JAMES O. C. WILEY,  
Executors of the last will and testament of David J. W. Wiley, deceased.