

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE. Some Sensible Suggestions to the City Council.

The first meeting of the newly elected city council was held on Monday evening, with Mayor H. T. Botts, presiding, and Councilmen A. K. Case, J. P. Allen, G. Munson, A. T. White and W. C. King were present, with Recorder Holden, Treasurer Stephens and Marshal Ebermen. The first business was the reading of the Mayor's message, which contains some sensible suggestions, and if carried out will prevent the city from getting further into debt, which now amounts to about \$2000. A discussion as to the qualifications of the councilmen took place, when Councilmen Allen and Case admitted that they were not taxpayers on real property in the wards which they represent, as required by the city charter. The Mayor did not appoint a street commissioner for the reason that it was a bad time of the year to do street work and for the further reason that the finances of the city did not justify a useless waste of public money in that direction, as in the past. As the previous city council had fixed the marshal's salary at \$5, this is all he can draw.

The Mayor made the following appointments, which were confirmed: City Attorney—Carl Haberlach. City Surveyor—F. L. Sappington. In regard to the expense of lighting the city, this was referred to the streets and public property committee, to report at the next meeting. In regard to the water commission taxing the city \$72.50 per month for water for fire protection, this was referred to the committee on accounts and current expenses, as was also the matter of the salary of the city recorder.

Ways and Means—King, White and Case. Accounts and Current Expenses—Case, Munson and King. Streets and Public Property—White, King and Allen. Health and Police—Munson, Case and Allen. Licenses—Allen, White and Munson. Councilman White was elected president of the city council.

The Mayor's Message. To the Honorable Common Council of Tillamook City, Oregon. Gentlemen:—In accordance with the provisions of the charter of Tillamook City, I beg to submit herewith the following statement of the condition and affairs of the city, together with such recommendations as I have seen fit to make at the present time: From statements of the officers of the city on file, it appears that at the present time there are general fund warrants outstanding against the city to the amount of \$1771.53, and warrants against the road fund to the amount of \$588.97, with a small balance on hand in each fund.

The probable income of the city for the ensuing year will be about as follows: from taxes to be raised by the mill tax for general purposes, \$4000.00. Set aside by the County for use of the city upon the streets, \$880.00. Licenses, etc., \$200.00, making a total estimated income of \$5080.00, of which about \$600.00 will be in the general fund and the remainder can only be used for street purposes. There is outstanding, I am informed, about \$300.00 due the city on account of Special Improvements of streets, the expense of which has been charged to the adjoining property, but not yet paid.

The expenses of the year which are likely to accrue chargeable against the general fund are for the items of salaries, water, lights, books and printing, elections and miscellaneous. For these purposes there were warrants issued last year amounting to \$1477.40, outside of Street Commissioner's salary. With an anticipated income of only \$5080.00, it is manifest that some reduction will have to be made in the expenses, or the city will be deeper in debt at the end of the year than at the beginning.

With the city owning its present water system, it appears to me that the water commission should not make any charge against the city for the use of water, especially as the common council has no power to levy an additional tax for the purpose of paying that expense, and if there is any deficit in the income from the water system, the common council may levy additional tax to meet such deficit, that is, to pay the interest or to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of water bonds. The total charge for water for the past year was \$560.00 if this item can be eliminated for the present year, the expense of the city, it would seem, might be reduced to a little over \$900.00.

The next largest item of expense is the expense for lights, amounting, the last year to \$519.63. I would not advocate doing away with the lights for the city. I regard it as very essential that the lights should be maintained, but as the income of the city is so limited by law, it appears to me that it would be well for some steps to be taken to meet the expense of this, or part of it at least, by subscription of the citizens of the town. If this can be done a further saving of about \$500.00 would be made in the expenses of the city, which would then reduce the expenses of the city to the neighborhood of \$400.00.

Two elections were held last year at an expense of \$42.00, and as it is probable that only one election will be held the present year, a slight saving may be had upon that item.

The expense for books and printing for the past year amounts to \$43.36. It appears to me that this might be reduced some for the coming year, and it particularly appears to me that the city should not, in its present condition be put to the expense of paying for publishing ordinances in the newspapers, which has in the past been provided for by ordinance. It appears to me that the ordinances might be published by the coming year, as a matter of necessity in which all our citizens are interested.

The item of salaries for the past year amounts to \$623.50. This, as I

understand, includes the salary of the street commissioner of \$10 per month which is payable out of the road fund, or for a part of the year it was paid from that source. The other salaried officers are the recorder, who receives a salary of \$15.00 per month, and the marshal who has been receiving a salary of \$5.00 per month. Since the formation of the water commission for the city, the labor of the city recorder will be materially lessened, and I am of the opinion that a reduction in his salary might reasonably be made, and I would call your attention to that item.

The city had no attorney for the past year as such, and it incurred a greater liability for legal services than the salary of a city attorney would have been for the entire year. The salary of the city attorney is fixed by ordinance at \$50.00. The expenses for legal services which would have been prevented by a city attorney had one been appointed and approved, is, I presume, a part of the expense covered by the miscellaneous items of the statement of expenses, amounting to \$165.33.

The income of the city might, in the past, have been materially reduced to if certain violations of the law had been more carefully looked after by the city officials. There have been a number of cases of convictions in the circuit court of violation of the law against gambling which have resulted in enriching the county treasury by several hundred dollars. The city has ordinances making these same acts offenses against the city, and had these prosecutions been brought and carried through before the city recorder, the resulting fines would have benefited the city to that extent. I trust that the officers of the city in charge of that duty for the coming year, will be more strenuous in their efforts and see that the city ordinances are enforced in these particulars.

The city suffered loss by reason of breaking of light globes to a considerable extent during the past year. At the present time the city has an ordinance as I am informed, covering this offense, so that prosecution which has been instituted has been brought by the city authorities. It is hoped that the punishment inflicted will have a salutary effect of preventing the recurrence of anything of the kind. It would seem unreasonable that any person would for mere sport or malice indulge in such an offense if they were aware that they were thereby subjecting themselves to the liability of conviction of a crime which might be followed by imprisonment in the penitentiary.

I would call your attention to ordinance No. 132 which purports to regulate and license saloons. Under the provisions of our present local option law in this county, this ordinance is wholly inoperative, and I am of the opinion that we have no ordinance on city books which provides for the punishment of anyone guilty of violating the local option law, or any ordinance which would be operative to provide a punishment for the sale of intoxicating liquor. I would, therefore, recommend the repeal of ordinance No. 132, and the adoption of its stead of an ordinance which would conform to the local option law. There has been complaint during the past year of violations of the local option law in the city, and some prosecutions have been instituted, or some steps have been taken in that direction. If this violation had occurred in effect, I think that the city should be in a position to punish the offense.

In connection with this matter I would especially recommend that the peace officers of the city be called upon to strictly enforce the present ordinance against drunkenness, which, I think, will have a salutary effect on the tendency to restrain the illegal sale of liquor in the city. I would also make the same recommendation as to the ordinance against gambling.

I would also recommend that the marshal be instructed to be more diligent and careful in collecting the dog and other license taxes. The ordinance provides for these taxes and they should be enforced as the revenues of the city may be materially benefited thereby.

With the amount allowed by the county court to the city for street purposes which will for the present year amount to nearly \$300.00, it would appear that by the application of strict business principles the streets may be kept in fair condition for the ensuing year. The attention of the committee on streets and public property is particularly recommended to this matter.

In looking through the ordinances which have been passed by the city, I have been unable to find one which was passed a number of years ago known as the Curfew ordinance, requiring children under certain ages to be kept off the streets after certain hours of the night. Such an ordinance has been passed and is still in force, I think the same should be strictly enforced by the proper officers. If the ordinance has been repealed it should be re-enacted at the earliest practicable date. I understand that the marshal has allowed the enforcement of this law to practically lapse, but the object of the ordinance is good, and such an ordinance is in force in many of the cities of the state, with, I think, uniform good effect wherever the same is properly conducted.

Finally, I would recommend that in all departments of the city affairs, strict economy should be exercised; that the ordinances be impartially enforced and that the best possible returns should be had for the cities revenues. I believe that by enforcement of strict economy the expenditures of the city may be kept within its revenues, and its debts materially reduced. While the deficit of the city outside of the debt for water is not great, it should be wiped out as soon as practicable so that the city may not be hampered in its operations for want of funds.

Respectfully Submitted H. T. Botts, Mayor.

A Jamaican Lady Speaks Highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mrs. Mabel Hart, wife of the superintendent of car service at Astoria, Jamaica, West India Islands, says she has for some years used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, croup and whooping cough and has found it very beneficial. She has implicit confidence in it and would not be without a bottle of it in her home. Sold by C. C. Clough's Drug Store.

KILLED THE ROAD BOSS. End of the Rubber-Neck Road Boss and Tax Eater.

Good! The Headlight has killed off one tax-eater—the useless road boss, for it will be seen that the county commissioners' court did not appoint a road master last week. But the road boss got the next boss job, anyway. In not appointing a road master the court did right and their action will meet with general approval, for there are a large number of persons in the county who think it is a waste of \$100 a month spent on some neglected piece of road would do more good than if it went into the pockets of a big boss for rubbernecking at the work of another class of bosses. The Headlight is not quite through with this boss business yet. We do not think that the court appointed the road supervisors to be ornamental bosses, and as there appears to be an impression in the past that some of them might have been a little more useful and a little less ornamental when road work was going on, it is to be hoped that the road bosses will not be considered ornamental in future, but will get in and do a good days work and punch up the fellows who never put in a good days work when they work on the roads. And if we are rightly informed, there are quite a few men built that way, who prefer chewing the rag over politics.

ANOTHER TRICK! To "Bottle Up" Tillamook County with Toll Gates.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 8.—John McNamee of this city has petitioned the county court to grant him a 10-year lease on that part of the Wilson river stage road which is in Washington county. This section road is above Gales Creek and about six miles long. John McClaran, the Gales Creek road supervisor, appeared before the court and favored the granting of the lease because the voters of his district thought the expenses of keeping the road in condition were too great in proportion to the very small number of people benefited by the road. The stage traffic is practically all there is on the road outside of camping and outing parties in the summer time.

On the other hand, there is a fight against toll roads by Tillamook people. They believe that the growth and development of Tillamook county has been retarded by toll roads. There is but three roads touching Tillamook, the North Yamhill stage line, the Sheridan via Grande Ronde road and the Wilson river road, and all of which are toll roads. Some of the settlers living on the Wilson river road are opposed to the continuance of that highway as a toll road. It is understood that a legal fight will be waged against the right of the Tillamook county court to grant a 50-year franchise for a toll road on that part of the Wilson stage line which comes under the jurisdiction of Tillamook county.

James Keeler, who conducts a hostelry on the Wilson, is reported to have refused to pay toll and to have flung the east gate in a creek near by.

Shares in Farmer's Product.

TO THE EDITOR TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT. DEAR SIR.—In Headlight of January 4th you make a true statement as regards the great wealth produced by the farmers, and their being robbed of a great share of it by parasites of different shades, but you say the greatest statement are puzzled as to how this great wealth should be justly distributed. Here I beg to differ with you. I think what puzzles our great statesmen worse is some plan by which the people can be kept in ignorance of a remedy that would not only give the farmer a just share of what he produces, but all that he produces. Suppose, Bro. Baker, that you just suggest to those great statesmen that government ownership of the means of production and distribution might solve the problem.

Yours for a system of just distribution. F. C. VARNER, Marx, Oregon, Decr. 25th, 1905.

We beg to differ with our correspondent, for we believe this is a question that is being honestly considered by some of our great statesmen—not those of the trust and monopoly stripe. But let us look at this matter nearer home. We will take the dairymen of this county for an object lesson. Tillamook cheese sells say at 20c. per pound retail, and for their share the dairy men receive but 10c, or somewhere near that amount. Here, then, is a problem right at home where the producer is not receiving as much as he ought. Our socialist friends claim that our political system is wrong and "that government ownership of the means of production and distribution might solve the problem." We hardly think so, and as that is so far off, it is present conditions that we have to be considered and grappled with. We will make this statement from our standpoint of observation and say that the dairymen are not getting a fair share of what they produce because they have been pulling apart into small factions instead of pulling together to get the best results, and for the further reason they have allowed middlemen to step in, control the product of this or that factory, and thereby get the cream of the profits. This is no idle talk nor can it be said that our political system is the cause of it. Let the dairymen pull together with the object of manufactur-

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BOULDER CREEK. Grandma Hardin has been on the sick list for the past week with la grippe or something similar. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bays and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Mills were out buggy riding last Sunday. M. T. Soares was down from Battle Lake last week, and made several calls in our neighborhood.

SPRUCE. Well, 1906 is here, and we hope everyone will prosper much better in the future than they have in the past. Arthur Hill visited his parents at Dolph, during the two weeks vacation of the Spruce school. H. A. Kinnaman and wife went to town Monday and returned Tuesday.

Railroad Lands for Lease. LANDS OF THE OREGON AND CALIFORNIA RAILROAD COMPANY, in Oregon, will be leased for the year 1906, subject to cancellation of lease in the event of the sale of the land during the term of the lease. Owners of farms and ranches adjoining railroad lands should file their applications not later than February 1, 1906, after which date applications from others will also be considered.

Voting Women. English women of the highest rank and social position are accustomed to take a lively interest in elections, and to vote for all offices save for members of Parliament. In the Isle of Man they have long exercised full enfranchisement. Australia has given women full suffrage, as has also New Zealand. The United States has approved of much that is good in Australian political methods, and has found it advisable to copy the Australian ballot system, it would therefore be in line with governmental advance to emulate the modern, progressive spirit of the island continent, and enfranchise the women of America, who are surely the peers of their Australian sisters.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.—That the undersigned Guardian of the person and estate of Frederick M. Davidson and Montie V. Davidson has filed in the County Court of Tillamook County, State of Oregon, his final account as such guardian of said persons and their estate, and that Saturday, the 3rd day of February, 1906, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing any objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the States of California, Nevada and Washington Territory extended to all the Public Land States August 4, 1890." WILLIAM E. CATTERLIN, of Nevada, county of Tillamook, Oregon, has this day filed in this court a statement, No. 478, for the sale of the SW 1/4 of Ne 1/4, NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 33, in Township No. 2 south, Range 10 east, and will offer proof to show that he is entitled to said land for agricultural purposes, and will offer proof to show that he is entitled to said land for agricultural purposes, and will offer proof to show that he is entitled to said land for agricultural purposes.

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