

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY

THE COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCILMEN-ELECT ARE SWORN IN AND TAKE THEIR CHAIRS.

J. H. Duncan Elected Chief of Fire Department. W. H. Phillips to Drive Steam Fire Engine—Numerous Reports.

Police Chief—E. B. Smith (re-elected). Chief of fire department—J. H. Duncan.

Engineer—J. H. Campbell Jr., (re-elected). Driver hose wagon—Walter W. Johnson, (re-elected).

Driver steam fire engine team—W. H. Phillips, better known as "Pete" Phillips.

Street-commissioner—J. P. Frizzell, (re-elected).

The appointive offices of the Salem city council were filled as above indicated at the initial session of the 1900 council last night.

The only change in the subordinate positions was that the chief of the fire department, J. H. Duncan, succeeds C. M. Churchill who has filled that position for the past year.

Mr. Duncan is a veteran in the fire department service of the Capital City, having for many years been identified with that department of the city's government, and his many friends congratulate him on this recognition of his fitness for the position.

"Johnnie," as he is familiarly known, is a splendid horseman, an experienced fireman, and a rigid disciplinarian, under whose administration the efficiency of the fire department will doubtless be increased and a marked improvement be noted in the lax methods that have existed in the management, or more correctly speaking, the mismanagement of this department during the past year.

The position to which W. H. Phillips was elected—that of driver of the fire engine team—was recently created by the council that the chief of the department might be relieved of this assignment which materially handicapped him in the execution of his official duties in event of a fire.

The salary for the position is \$40 per month. Mr. Phillips is a reliable teamster of many years' experience and the beautiful team of grays will receive every attention essential to the preservation of their present splendid appearance.

Upon motion of Alderman Gesner, the election of hosemen was deferred until recommendations can be received from Fire Chief-elect J. H. Duncan.

The 1899 city council convened in final session at the city hall at 7 o'clock last evening. Those present at roll call were Burrows, Buren, Gesner, Legg, McGrew, Riggs and Walker.

Alderman Griswold coming in a few minutes later. In the absence of Mayor C. P. Bishop, City Recorder N. J. Judah presided.

The license committee reported favorably on the applications for saloon licenses, of the following named firms: Bach & Nadstaneck, F. P. Talkington, A. Schreiber and J. Conner.

Alderman McGrew, chairman of the committee on fire and water, made a verbal report, informing the council of the purchase of a ton of coal for use in the fire department and the report was approved.

Aldermen elect Thos. Burrows, from the first ward; A. B. Buren, second ward; Ira E. Allen, third ward, and P. J. Larsen, fourth ward, were sworn in and took their respective chairs in the semi-circle.

The annual message of Mayor C. P. Bishop, which appears in full in another column, was read by Recorder Judah and upon motion was placed upon the records.

The appointment of the various standing committees of the council by Mayor C. P. Bishop was read and placed on file. A list of the committees, as they are at present constituted, appears elsewhere in this issue.

It will be observed that the personnel of the different committees is practically the same, each councilman-elect succeeding to the assignments on the several committees that were held by their predecessors.

City Recorder N. J. Judah submitted his report for the month of December, showing the receipts to have been \$757.50 while the warrant expense for the month was \$132.70.

Reporting on the dog tax account for the month of December, Chief of Police D. W. Gibson filed a report recording the collection of three taxes during the month of December, the licenses aggregating \$4.50.

City Recorder N. J. Judah also submitted his last quarterly report for the year, showing the amount of business transacted in his department during the months of October, November and December.

It shows the city's revenues for the quarter to have been as follows:

Fines and fees \$ 52 15 Saloon licenses 1,600 00 Vehicle licenses 22 50 Show licenses 22 25 Miscellaneous licenses 636 00 Miscellaneous receipts 132 15

Total \$2,465 05 The expenses were as follows:

Police \$ 322 00 Salaries 624 08 Fire department 994 29 Fuel 287 35 Streets 481 45 Bridges 444 36 Stationery 90 Board prisoners 11 65 Election 32 50 Tax rebate 9 55 Legal service 255 00 Water 620 40 Miscellaneous 2,494 36

Total \$6,862 13 Total expense for the year 1899, \$16,687.00.

J. P. Frizzell, street commissioner, submitted his report—a quarterly and an annual statement of the work done in his department. The following is a summary of the quarterly report: Days work without team 126; days work with team 168; number loads gravel hauled 903; money on hand be-

REPORT ON TREASURY

SECRETARY DUNBAR'S SEMI-ANNUAL EXAMINATION

And Statement to the Governor—Excellent Condition of Treasury Is Shown.

(From Daily, Jan. 3d.)

Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar yesterday filed his semi-annual statement of the condition of the state treasury with Gov. T. T. Geer, having made the semi-annual inspection as by law provided. The balances in the various funds were found to be as follows, and so reported:

Balances December 31, 1899—

General fund \$ 22,796 40 Common school fund, principal 526,668 53 Common school fund, interest 97,715 87

Agricultural college fund, principal 5,652 27 Agricultural college fund, interest 5,603 99

University fund, principal 3,326 61 University fund, interest 2,292 65

Thurston monument fund, interest 28 89

Swamp land fund 2,090 80 Tide land fund 17,846 96

Salmon industry fund 1,246 08 Military tax fund 1,747 03

Oregon soldiers' home fund 7,000 99 Oregon soldiers' home fund, interest 248 18

State board of examiners' fund 1,281 63 Hatchery fund, dist. No. 1 279 30

Hatchery fund, dist. No. 2 1,273 70 Hatchery fund, dist. No. 3 677 50

Hatchery fund, dist. No. 4 353 00 Hatchery fund, dist. No. 5 1,584 00

Hatchery fund, dist. No. 6 9,947 10 Oregon stove foundry 20,925 33

Oregon portage railway 4,434 38 Military fund 235 15

Total cash on hand \$ 741,316 43 The receipts and disbursements of the treasury department during the six months, beginning July 1st and ending December 31st, are shown as follows:

Receipts—

Balance on hand July 1st \$ 932,836 72 General fund 184,124 36

Common school fund, prin. 404,781 99 Common school fund, int. 130,821 41

Agri' college fund, prin. 19,131 04 Agri' college fund, int. 5,806 86

University fund, prin. 11,474 05 University fund, int. 2,324 29

Thurston monument fund, interest 14 45

Swamp land fund 4,577 57 Tide land fund 107 20

Oregon soldiers' home fund, interest 3,860 00 State board of examiners' fund 1,458 00

Hatchery fund, dist. No. 1 79 80 Hatchery fund, dist. No. 2 1,255 20

Hatchery fund, dist. No. 3 542 00 Hatchery fund, dist. No. 4 353 00

Hatchery fund, dist. No. 5 1,522 00 Hatchery fund, dist. No. 6 5,371 50

Oregon stove foundry 7,094 72 Military fund 15,701 51

Total \$ 1,734,748 57 Disbursements—

General fund \$ 330,880 85 Common school fund, prin. 356,890 38

Common school fund, int. 206,670 10 Agri' college fund, prin. 25,100 00

Agri' college fund, int. 6,718 88 University fund, prin. 14,750 00

University fund, int. 3,730 00 5 per cent U. S. land sale fund 1,460 01

Swamp land fund 2,204 22 Tide land fund 8,858 35

Oregon soldiers' home fund, interest 3,942 98 State board of examiners' fund 556 37

Hatchery fund, dist. No. 6 1,409 05 Oregon stove foundry 544 99

Military fund 17,598 96 Total \$ 993,432 14

Balance in state treasury Dec. 31st \$ 741,316 43 The general balance sheet of the treasurer's books, as shown by the report, is given in the table below:

Cash \$2,678,247 37 \$1,936,030 04

General fund 952,963 87 975,706 36

Common school fund, principal 649,833 03 1,176,502 16

Common school fund, interest 214,081 74 311,797 61

Agricultural college fund, principal 35,360 00 41,012 27

Agricultural college fund, interest 6,868 88 12,472 87

University fund, principal 22,250 00 25,576 01

University fund, interest 8,717 50 11,010 15

5 per cent U. S. land sale fund 1,475 84 28 89

Swamp land fund 5,204 22 7,385 02

Tide land fund 1,480 83 1,296 08

Salmon industry fund 1,747 03 1,747 03

Military tax fund 8,858 35 15,919 34

Oregon soldiers' home fund, interest 3,954 98 4,203 10

State board of examiners' fund 556 37 1,838 06

Hatchery fund, dist. No. 1 279 30 279 30

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During the past year the employment of convicts in the prison foundry has been very satisfactory, the receipts for the eleven months ending November 30, 1899, from this source, being \$8,110.08, while the amount due the state on account of the December labor, which will be paid within a few days, is \$483.52, the total earnings for the year by convicts employed in the foundry being \$8,603.60.

The revolving fund of the state is now larger than it has been in many years, if, indeed, not the largest in the history of Oregon as a state. The receipts are as follows:

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George G. Bingham 30 00 Convict labor, 11 months 8,110 08

Total \$38,206 13 The disbursements were:

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Total \$1,053 68 Balance in treasury \$37,152 45

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Supt. H. E. Bickers, of the reform school, reported having 113 boys under his care; his expenditures for the quarter aggregated \$6,935.31. The superintendent reports the large pump, which has caused much trouble and inconvenience in the past, as being in excellent condition, having been thoroughly repaired. Two boys, Harry Wright and Frank Murphy, were ordered paroled. The board audited the bills for the last quarter, finding the financial statement entirely satisfactory.

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THE COUNTY ROADS.

Editor Statesman:

What is the matter with our roads? Marion county is the second best county in the state and has the poorest roads of any county in the state, simply because our commissioners' court fail to do their duty.

In the first place our commissioners' court have an idea that they know it all and they won't take anyone's advice. The taxpayers of a road district would petition our present commissioners' court for some certain man of their choice to be appointed road supervisor and our present commissioners' court would ignore the petition and name some one of their choice and the result is, in a point a man that never had done anything for himself, and why should we expect him to do anything for our roads, and nine times out of ten he has not done anything for our roads, but tell people what he is going to do in a

than a theoretical sense. If a man of few days; but these few days never ability, popularity and tact is nominated for vice president at the Philadelphia convention next June he will be reasonably certain to gain enough prestige, by his service to give his post permanent boom in the estimation of statesmen of character and ambition.

"Grasp 'em and Lose 'em." Many people are so intent on "grasping" all that they lose strength of nerve, appetite, digestion, health. Fortunately, however, these may be restored by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has put many a business man on the road to success by giving him good digestion, strong nerves and a clear brain. It does the same thing for weak, and tired women.

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shown by the final report of Dr. D. A. Paine, the retiring superintendent, shows that institution to be in excellent condition.

After detailing the work done at the institution during the last month of his administration, when a large amount of work was expended on the new wing, the retiring officer concludes by saying:

"Taking the inventory, preparatory to turning the institution over to the new superintendent, has occupied our time to a large extent, since the 15th inst. The inventory is now complete and in every particular has been compared with the books, and with the exception of a few slight clerical errors, has been found correct, and these have been in excess instead of deficiencies.

"No shortage in any department was found. Patient's articles were checked off, and although this is the first time it has been done for many years, not even a brass ring or a pewter spoon is missing.

"The book accounts of patients' money were carefully checked up and examined by the incoming bookkeeper and altogether but few errors were found, altering the books but a trifle.

"The patients are in a healthy condition; the institution is well supplied with beds, bedding, and various articles of furniture, etc., and I feel that it is in very good shape for the transfer which is to take place today.

"And now, as I am about to retire from the management of the asylum, it remains to record expressions of sincere gratitude to yourselves for generous aid and counsel for sustaining sympathy, and much compliance. After four years of incessant labor and never ending care and worry, it is with a feeling of pleasure that I transfer this burden to another."

The statistics of the patients received, discharged, died and eloped and those now on hand, are given below:

No. patients Nov. 30th 795 307 1162

No. rec'd in December 23 10 33

No. ret'd escapes 1 1 2

No. under care 819 377 1196

No. disch'd, recovered 4 3 7

No. disch'd, much imp'd 5 1 6

No. disch'd, improved 1 1 2

No. disch'd, not imp'd 1 1 2

No. died 4 3 7

No. eloped 4 4 8

Disch'd, died, eloped 19 7 26

No. remaining 800 370 1170

Average number daily, 1169 13-31

The cost of the number of persons, officers, employes and patients lodged and fed during the month of December shows the following facts:

No. officers and employes 142

Average number patients 1169 13-31

Total 1311 1