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Mayer P. H. Darcy Urges Reform in City Affairs.

THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The Work of the New Council Began and the Various Committees Appointed.

The new city council was called to order by Mayor East Darcy. A full attendance of the council was present. Also Ex-councilor Carr and the newly elected council, E. P. Miller.

LOCAL MARKET.

Wheat, No. 2, 28 cents per bushel. Flour, No. 1, 1.15 per barrel.

As Earning Touch.—The one which was mentioned in the Journal some time ago...

After some routine work of reading reports of the officers of last year, and committee reports, the council took up the subject of election of officers.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

We have all a special pride in our police department. It has always been an efficient one.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire department is one of the most important in our city. The standing of our city depends in a large measure on the manner in which our police enforce the laws of our city.

THE STREETS.

The streets should receive our careful attention. The time has arrived when we should make some provision for the permanent improvement of our streets.

IS IT FAIR?

EDITOR JOURNAL: In the matter of accepting bids on shoes and leather for the asylum, the board have lost \$25.55 by simply insisting on the technicality of having bids footed up.

CONCLUSION.

Our fellow-citizens have reposed a trust in us that should not be lightly considered. The trust that should be carried out in every particular.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

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As our citizens have a right to know and as it would be well for us to ascertain what our exact indebtedness is, I would recommend the appointment of a committee to inquire into the matter and report the same at such time as you may see fit to designate.

Under a special act of the legislature, passed October 12, 1913, the city was authorized to incur an indebtedness of \$50,000 for the purpose of building a bridge across the Willamette river at Salem.

It is well to be reminded of what section 22 of the amended charter passed at the session of the legislature in 1898 reads as follows: Sec. 22.—The common council shall not in any manner create any debt or liabilities which shall singly or in the aggregate exceed \$50,000 except for the construction of sewers, for which purpose an additional indebtedness of \$25,000 may be created, and for such purpose the council may borrow money on the faith of the city and so that and may provide for the issuance of bonds and designate the manner and the time of their payment and the interest thereon.

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that reforms are inaugurated, adopted, and carried out. Responsible and capable men should be placed in all positions that are to be filled by you.

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