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Steusloff Building, Corner Court and Liberty Sts., Salem, Oregon.

### School News

Lincoln school possesses a very good library. It is located in the small room over the main entrance. The room is decorated with scenic and patriotic pictures and provided with shelves for the convenience of the books. The collection of reading matter is such as is most useful for grade students, and is without doubt as good as any of the city grade schools possess.

In the hall of Lincoln school, near the principal's room, is a large, square, planned board fastened to the wall, which is used for a bill board. All instructions to the teachers and pupils and all announcements are tacked on it and all know where to find it. It is a very convenient contrivance.

One of the primary rooms at Lincoln under the charge of Miss Lick is very tastefully decorated with drawings and various indoor plants. The plants are of a large variety and some are in bloom. They add much to the pleasantness of the room and make it seem very homelike. School children, especially smaller ones, enjoy and appreciate this.

Miss Krause, the 2B teacher at Lincoln, reports a new student. The student, Miss Grace Clark, was formerly of California.

Principal Faulstich's class is going to have a jolly-up and general good time in the school building Friday evening. They have made preparations to have refreshments served and are going to have a program rendered. They expect to pass a part of the evening in social games and other pleasant occupations. The pupils are arranging for the occasion entirely independently, and have invited the teachers to be present and enjoy themselves.

The 8B class under Mr. Faulstich is doing elementary work in algebra, and Mr. Faulstich reports that they are doing very well. This study will in a large degree take the difficulty off of their freshman year in high school.

The last Friday before the vacation the society of the Lincoln school debated the question, "Resolved, that immigration is a benefit to the United States." There were three speakers on each side, and the argument was so nearly equal that the six judges stood divided. Mr. Faulstich was asked to cast the decision, but he preferred not to do so, and neither side gained victory. Today the society will have a drill in parliamentary law.

Saturday the girls' basket ball team will go to Corvallis to play the O. A. C. girls. The girls have been practicing twice a week in the armory, and by faithful work have developed considerable skill.

The science department, under Prof. Smith, is getting down to business. The physical geography class is keeping records from the instruments of temperature and air pressure, and comparing them with the U. S. weather reports that are sent to the school.

The botany class has performed ex-

periments with growing leaves to prove the escape of gas, by placing them under water. Mr. Cartwright donated the first plant to the class for experiment, a strong geranium. The plant will be used to show root pressure.

Mr. Smith is very much satisfied with the apparatus that has been provided for the physical laboratory. It is of the best quality and sufficient to perform all experiments connected with the course.

Miss Benson's room at East school, the 6-A, had a pelling match yesterday. The entire room took sides. Miss Sarah Alderman and Clifford Farmer were captians. Neither side won, because the three remaining on the floor to the last went down on the same word.

#### A Grim Tragedy.

Is daily enacted in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of consumption or pneumonia. But when coughs or colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's new Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, which cured her, and today she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by J. C. Perry, druggist. Trial bottle free.

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## MAYOR WATER'S MESSAGE

### Talks at Length Concerning the City's Needs, and of its Welfare

Gentlemen: It is once more my pleasure to address you in the official capacity of mayor of the city of Salem. To the end that better government may be had, it has become customary that mayors address old and incoming members of the honorable common council on matters pertaining to the imperative needs of the city, hence I fall into line with a brief, though, I trust, sufficient, resume of the conditions existing in city affairs which I deem of importance to us all.

I shall not take up time by any general or specific discourse wherein municipal details may have elaborate and distinct notice and attention, but shall proceed with those matters I have chosen to include in this message, believing those interests here omitted to be well established in your minds and the need, urgent or otherwise, to be as familiar to you as myself.

The most important of all conditions naturally leads us to first consider the question of finance. It is true that we have stinted some in several departments, but we have reduced the burden we carry and feel glad because of the lighter load. I consider the financial condition of the city, under the circumstances, good, and am pleased at the figures and showing we have made.

The general and road funds show at this date, \$10,535.43. There has been paid in by the South Commercial street fund \$2585.95.

#### Necessity for Paving Streets.

I have come to believe that next in importance to the financial condition of a city is the matter of improved streets. Salem has looked upon muddy streets for years. Thousands of visitors have also looked upon the same thoroughfares and gone away with what kind of an impression shall I call it? It could scarcely be said to be favorable. We are a city of nearly 15,000 people and yet we seem content to wade the winter's mud and try to escape the summer's dust, and all for a mere nominal expenditure.

Compare the cost of laying cement walks with a modern street pavement, and you will find that the comparative cost does not startle you much. No one objects any more to laying cement. Why so much objection to paving? The history of street work in Salem for over thirty years has shown no lessening of the expenditure, no reduction in the taxation necessary for maintenance of the streets, but it is the same old story year after year.

The money yearly thrown upon our streets amounts to the same today as it did twenty years ago. If this great expenditure, covering years of work, had been wisely spent, the tax for such work would have lessened materially after so long a time, and the streets be in much better condition. Suppose, for illustration, we had laid a block of first-class pavement in our business district some thirty years ago. Suppose, again, we had laid just one block every following year, how many blocks of paved streets would we have today? Thirty blocks. Would thirty blocks cover Salem's business portion? It would. Again, had we paved our streets at the beginning, some \$7000 per year for nearly thirty years would have been saved to the taxpayers. As a matter of business economy, paving the streets is the nearest approach to economy in street work, as is easily shown.

While I am perfectly aware that there is serious objection to paving, and while I am familiar with the various arguments held out against such improvements, I am still in favor of this improvement, and I think the sentiment of the people at large is with me.

Public parks and thoroughfares are the parlors and hallways of a city. Here is where impressions, favorable or otherwise, are gained by the stranger. While I am heartily in favor of street paving, yet, if I thought the sentiment of the majority was against it, I should not take occasion here to mention it, but wait until the sentiment changed to a more favorable attitude. But I am convinced that the time is ripe for this work to be started in Salem. I hope, both as mayor and as a citizen, that the time is come for this work. It gives our laboring men employment and sets in motion our tin bucket brigade. The wage roll is the indicator of our prosperity.

South Commercial street is the beginning of an era of street improvement. While some have raised objection to the present condition of the street, yet they have passed, for years and years, similar, if not worse, conditions on that very street and without a murmur.

When the automobile, the fast horse, the bicycle and the touring car takes the South Commercial street route to the scenic mammoth fruit belts lying in and about Liberty, Rosedale and that locality, and all distinguished visitors are shown with civic pride down that course, then we will begin to see the benefits and appreciate the value of the work. Then, again will East Salem, North Salem, and even Salem proper, begin to envy the South Commercial street enterprise, and to a good end, for it will certainly stimulate our latent industry and we shall then have Salem with every street paved in a modern and civilized style.

#### Sidewalk Improvements.

It is with some pride that I here refer to the report of Street Commissioner Kurtz. Our sidewalks have been almost as big a bug-bear as our streets. From the commissioner's report we find a very creditable showing for the year just ended. The report shows that 104 wooden and eight cement cross walks have been built, a total of 112. That 13,085 lineal feet of cement walks have been laid. That 19,295 lineal feet of wooden walks have been constructed. That 5192 lineal feet of cross walks have been built. The grand total of both cement and wooden walks reaching the large and highly gratifying figures of 37,572 lineal feet.

A good year's work for our worthy commissioner, who has our thanks. May we hope the good work will continue and that the coming year will find our sidewalks still further extended.

#### Street Macadamizing in New Wards and Sewer Question.

I recommend to this council that some action be taken, after first carefully considering the proposition from all points, towards permanently improving the streets of the new wards. I am informed that the residents are ready and desirous for such improvement and therefore incorporate the suggestion in this message.

The question of sewerage still stands

awaiting solution. I have heretofore recommended the septic tank system as a ready and cheap remedy for suburban homes, and still reassert my opinion, and again express it as my judgment that the septic tank is the solution for these wards, and especially so when the laying of an immense sewer pipe runs the cost far beyond a reasonable tax, considering the service.

It should be our duty to protect these new wards from fire, furnish them with all light possible, advise them on such questions as sewage and other public benefits, and, in short, give them our very best support and encouragement, financially and otherwise.

#### Bridge Work and Repairs.

The bond issue for concrete bridges was lost, and we have been obliged to outlay this year considerable money in repairs to our present wooden structures, and in the end we shall be obliged to get together and build a safe and permanent bridge or two. Why not build now and save expense and, very possibly, some one's life? Twenty-seven bridges and culverts have been rebuilt and repaired this year, as shown by Commissioner Kurtz's report. I earnestly implore the new council to seriously consider the matter and take some radical action towards getting bridge structures in a safe and serviceable condition.

#### Lights for Streets.

Salem is not the best lighted, by any means. Many of our prominent business street corners are in total darkness. Generally speaking, our business streets are in need of more lights. I make a suggestion here, and amend it by a recommendation, that the lights at the doorways and cell windows of the county courthouse be re-established at the four street corners as formerly.

We once had a contract with the county, whereby the city paid one-half of the expense and the county the other half, for keeping these lights at the four corners about the court house but, for some reason, the contract was allowed to expire and the county took the lights away from the street corners and put them on the court house. I suggest that this contract be re-entered into and that the lights be put back where they properly belong, and where they certainly do the most good to the greatest number. Let us stand one-half of the expense; it is worth it. Let's have light on these dark corners.

I understand it is the intention of the proper authorities to purchase, in lieu of the expensive arc light, 32-candle power incandescent lamps, which are to be strung in dark corners, over dangerous crossings and on bridges to light pedestrians safely over the locality. The stringing of these small lamps through our allies in the business portion of the city, would be a great aid to our already efficient police force, and be a safeguard to our property.

It is in such places that wrongdoers congregate and bid mischief to property and peaceable citizens. A lighted alley would forestall its use as a robbers' roost and a murderers' retreat.

#### Public School Fire Protection.

I do not necessarily intend to startle you, but our five magnificent and beautiful school buildings, crowded daily with our children, are without protection from fire. Not a single school house is fitted with adequate fire protection. Why neglect so important a duty? Why neglect it, the more so since they house the children of us all? Have we no care for their safety? Let us not overlook our good fortune of the past, but take advantage of it and guard against the future.

When we stop to think of thousands of school children, ranging from young men and women down to lisping tots who are housed in two and three story wooden buildings without a chance for escape, save only that the fire burns slowly enough that they march out orderly—a possibility not to be too liberally reposed in children, especially when we grow up children cannot do it ourselves, and invariably resort to stumped for escape. Let us protect our coming citizens, for tomorrow the

burdens resting upon us today will be theirs.

#### Exits from Halls.

Although I have referred to the matter of open exits for our theaters and public halls, I am not aware that every thing possible has been done. Are we negligent in this matter? Can we afford to take the risk when it costs nothing to avoid it? What of our fire escapes? Some of our commendable citizens and landlords have fitted their buildings with these avenues for ready escape from fire, but I still note that some buildings have not yet been properly fitted. I am of the opinion that either the committee or someone else is neglecting a duty which stands every day a menace to their peace and happiness should anything go wrong. The high building is safe enough, so long as the fire brand sleeps, but woe to the unfortunates caught by a blazing stairway on a top story.

Gentlemen, we should think of these things. If we are derelict in our plain duty, when the law expressly provides for the safety of those housed in our tall buildings and we fail to see that the law is enforced, we alone are to blame. Let us take heed and open wide our exits and provide our buildings with the proper escape from fire.

#### The Fire Department.

I wish to speak of our fire department. It is probably not the best in the world because of a lack of funds with which to more adequately equip. To my way of thinking a fire department is efficient only in the degree it is operated for the express purpose for which it was created, that is, to fight fires. When men are selected whose capacities for fighting fires are the first consideration, then the department is generally good. At no time should political influence be felt by this department and its good work and efficient service impaired by the political boss who would cripple the department for political gain. We must respect the safety of our city too much to allow any tampering with this most important of all departments. Let us remember that we want the best men in this department, regardless of their political color. We must not sacrifice everything to machine politics or boss rule. Maintain the highest standard possible, and spend as much money as we can with the purchasing of apparatus.

We should have a light chemical engine to replace the heavy monster engines. Instead of dragging these tremendous machines to a chimney fire or a false alarm, dart out with the featherweight chemical and save the engine and the wear and tear upon our faithful horses. North Salem, East Salem, Yew Park and South Salem should have our early attention in the matter of a more efficient fire protection. A light chemical placed in these different localities, with a combination engine and hose wagon, with one man and horse, would doubtless serve for most purposes. Reinforcements could be easily had from neighboring stations in case of necessity.

I also suggest, in this connection, that the people of Salem not rely too much upon the fire department. The work of hauling our large engines a long distance through our muddy streets takes time. Buy yourself a hand extinguisher. An extinguisher in the kitchen would often save you much damage by fire, and water when the department arrives. Especially should suburbanites take heed of this warning. You who have no water near at hand and no immediate fire protection, should consider this matter. Let the department come when it is too late for you to cope with the embryonic blaze. We have no cisterns or hydrants in the new wards from which to get water when the engine arrives upon the scene of fire. The new wards must privately prepare for fire until hydrants can be put in for their use.

#### The Park Board.

In closing this brief outline of a few of the more important matters, I must take time to mention the good work done by our park commissioners. We owe our thanks of appreciation to Mr. William Manning, Mrs. D. J. Fry

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