

MAYOR RODGERS ADVOCATES MOUNTAIN WATER PROGRESSIVE RECORD OF THE CITY AS OUTLINED BY ANNUAL MESSAGE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

At the meeting of the council Monday evening Mayor Rodgers his annual message which sounds the keynote of progress in municipal progress for the coming year. The mayor touches on mountain water, the boulevard to the state fair grounds, the need of more hydrants for fire protection in the suburbs, the demand for more paving, better sewerage, the garbage question and many other live topics. The reading of the message was greeted with hearty applause and on motion the chair appointed Eldridge, Hill and Stockton as a committee to pass on the message, which follows:
To the Honorable Common Council, of the City of Salem, Oregon:

The increased needs attendant upon the unprecedented growth and development of our city during the year just past, have necessitated the expenditure of an unusually large amount of money for public improvements. The paving of State street along Willson avenue and the postoffice has cost the city \$6799.10 cash and \$2652.15 in improvement bonds. A large amount of money was expended for the proper drainage of the newly paved streets. Three brick cisterns were installed in the business district. The North Front Street Bridge was improved and reopened to the public. Practically all the fire hydrants in the paved section were relocated within the curb line at considerable expense. The working force of the street department has been more than doubled, and street work generally has never been more vigorously carried on. The efficiency of the fire and police departments has been improved and an engineering department created. I desire to commend the broad policy of public improvement and better civic conditions pursued by your honorable body during the year just past and I trust the year now dawning will witness a continuance of these policies.

In addition to the unusually heavy current expenses of the past year, the city was required to assume the payment of a deficit in the general fund of the previous year amounting to \$4000, swelling the total amount to be raised for the year 1908 to approximately \$60,000, an increase over 1907 of about \$6000. The levy of five and three-fourths mills for 1909 together with the estimated receipts from all other sources will provide a total revenue for 1909 of about \$71,000. In addition to this the sinking fund levy of one-fourth mill will yield about \$2100. Bonded debt of city now exceeds \$220,000, to maintain which requires an annual interest charge of approximately \$12,000. The greater part of these outstanding bonds were issued several years ago to aid in building a steel bridge across the Willamette river at Salem and for the construction of a city hall. An issue of some \$60,000 will mature in 1909 and provision must be made in due time for their refunding. I wish to compliment the council for its wise and business-like pur-

pose in providing a sinking fund to reduce, from time to time this unproductive bonded debt, which annually absorbs so large a share of our revenues.

The system of accounts adopted by the city at the beginning of last year has proved of vast benefit in ascertaining at any time the financial condition of the city, and the system of checks between the recorder and treasurer has resulted in the almost complete elimination of errors in our city's bookkeeping.

I trust the council will give every encouragement to the movement for a municipally owned mountain water supply for our city. Aside from the palpable advantage of mountain water, it is good policy for the city to own and control its water supply. Water, to my mind, is the one public service utility which every city should own, and in proof of the universal belief in this theory, I have but to cite the fact that over 60 per cent of the cities of the nation now own their water plants; and when once acquired, not one has ever gone back to private ownership.

Some of the outlying residence districts of the city now lack proper fire protection owing to the lack of adequate water mains. I hope the council will provide for hydrants absolutely needed. I have no doubt mains will be extended by the owners of the water franchise, where the service is reasonably required. The border precincts pay their share of taxes and I am sure the council desires to afford them their share of service and protection.

The hard surface pavement laid in the business section during the year past has worked a gratifying transformation in the appearance of that district. Property owners, while diffident at first, are now of one accord in their satisfaction with the outlay. Strangers are charmed with our city. We have but begun. Let us continue the work by paying the balance of our business streets and the most valuable residence streets, but let us not forget that while the great body of our residence streets will not admit of hard surface paving, they are, generally speaking, in much need of improvement.

By a decree of the circuit court rendered September 15, 1904, the city of Salem's right to the free use of the gravel from a portion of Min-to's Island was confirmed, and nothing now stands in our way to use this gravel on our streets in such quantities as the city may desire, providing no sale of the material is made by the city. The city should avail itself of this cheap material for the improvement of our residence streets, either as a foundation for crushed rock or for surfacing.

Every councilman doubtless takes pride in furthering and encouraging every public improvement calculated to enhance the appearance of the ward he represents, and I can conceive of no more beneficial activity which a councilman can engage in than that of fostering and actively encouraging the improvements of streets in his ward. The condition of Salem's residence streets is not a credit to the city. Practically no gravel or crushed rock improvements have been made during the last ten years save South Commercial and the two North Salem streets recently improved.

Now that our charter has been amended so as to permit its provision should be made to open and lay out the proposed boulevard to the state fair grounds. The presence of the state fair at Salem involves some obligations on the part of the city, and chief among them is the maintenance of a proper thoroughfare to reach it.

One of Salem's greatest needs is a better system of sewerage. The vast area of South Salem and Yew Park is entirely without sewerage facilities. The same is true of North Salem and Englewood district. Great bodies of surface water accumulate in the lower sections and flood the streets and private premises, giving rise to private controversy and endangering the public health. Unsanitary cesspools and accumulation of refuse in these districts have become matters of difficult regulation and of great public concern. Main line sewers have heretofore been built at the expense of the city and bonds issued therefor. I believe this policy to be wrong in theory and opposed to the provisions of our charter. Sewers should be constructed at the expense of the property benefited and adequate sewerage facilities can be provided for the dis-

tricts in question without proving a burden to property. I hope the council will give this matter the careful consideration its importance demands.

I beg again to call attention to paragraph four of section six of the charter which requires the council to appoint a board of health commissioners consisting of five members and of which recorder shall be ex-officio clerk.

I beg also to repeat my recommendation that the council provide a "plumbing code" as required by the charter.

A building ordinance, regulating the manner of construction and repair of buildings, and providing for the issuance of building permits has become a recognized necessity in Salem. The rapid growth of our city demands as a measure of public safety, that all buildings conform to reasonable fire safe guards and structural standards of efficiency.

The disposal of garbage and refuse has become a perplexing problem. The rapid growth of our city a site for the reception of all waste with the view of building a crematory and providing for such fees as will render it self-sustaining. The present expedient of depositing unightly and unsanitary waste in unfilled streets and gulches of the city is at once repellant and dangerous to health.

Andrew Carnegie has offered the city a gift of \$14,000 for the construction of a public library building and thus far no official recognition has been accorded the offer. I believe the council should appoint a committee and endeavor to secure the co-operation of citizens with a view of securing a site and the acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's proffer.

As recommended in my last annual message I believe the services of a competent landscape gardener should be secured to lay out and plat our public parks so that all future improvement and adornment might conform to some preconceived and harmonious plan. Our parks are the pride of our city and with the meagre allotment for their care the park board has done splendid work.

I believe all citizens of Salem have cause for rejoicing in the progress prosperity and well being which attend our city at the threshold of the new year, and we as guardians of the people's interests, have every incentive to zeal in prosecution of our labors in the city's behalf.

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W. A. MOORES, City Recorder.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

Greetings are appropriate at this time of the year. We have had our customers and friends in mind during the entire twelve months of the year, and take this opportunity to be generous with our greetings and express our appreciation of business given us. We have always in mind the welfare of our customers; our aim is to render to each every convenience and personally helpful bank service. That we have succeeded in no small measure is evidenced by the large and growing number of satisfied patrons of this bank. You have received many benefits from our service during the past year. You have every assurance that this service will be an advantage to your business for the coming year. We wish to each customer and well wisher a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy and prosperous NEW YEAR, and we will appreciate any additional business you may have for 1909, being satisfied that our service will satisfy you in every detail.

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