

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

(Continued from page 3.)

portant achievements of this year. It is an enduring piece of construction and with the wing walls which have been constructed as a part of the bridge, and the fill and riprapping there should be no further necessity for the expenditure of any money in connection with this particular stream crossing on North Mill creek. The work has been well executed by the contractor and the design is very satisfactory. It is in marked contrast to the concrete arch bridge on Commercial street just below.

The permanent concrete abutments and retaining walls put in on Chemeke and Eighteenth streets as a part of the street improvements is a very substantial and excellent piece of work and while the bridge could not be finished in permanent form owing to the lack of money available, nevertheless the work is in excellent shape and of a permanent nature. One other excellent thing which the bridge committee deserves credit for is the ingenious method by which it has rendered the South High street bridge a presentable and satisfactory structure and at the same time made it possible for the city to escape the consequences of a suit for damages by the abutting owners above the grade of the street. I think the whole expense of remedying this difficulty was something under \$75.

Second. Street improvements. I shall deal only briefly with this and for detailed information I must refer you to the engineer's annual report which has just been presented to the outgoing council.

The total length of pavement of different widths including macadam, concrete and bituminous surfaces, laid during 1913, due allowance having been made for pavement laid in 1912, in some of the projects enumerated, in the engineer's report amounts to 44,584 feet or a little over eight (8) miles in length. The total yardage of this pavement with the same credits to the 1912 work, the engineer's report shows to be 147,592.97 square yards and the total cost approximately \$200,000. The greater portion of this work has been concrete six inches thick, thirty (30) feet between curbs. Of the total length a little less than 3200 feet has been macadam. There has been a little strip bituminous surface such as Church street and two oil macadam streets.

Good Work Done.

My information indicates that the prevailing price on all of the pavements laid has been less than in any year hereafter and I think I am safe in saying that the quality of all of the streets laid which have been accepted and paid for, has been equally as good as the best laid in any year heretofore, and in some cases much better.

All of the projects begun during the year, except two, are completed and the assessments on all the projects have been levied and docketed.

The Market street improvement of oil macadam is still incomplete as well as the South High street job from Bush street to the south city limits and the contractors have both accepted with the consent of their sureties, as an extension of time to August 1, 1914, to complete these two streets. There has been some misgiving as to both of them but as the character of the work is comparatively speaking, a cheaper class of improvement and to some extent an experiment in this climate, the council has held back sufficient money to protect the property owners in a proper completion of each job and I believe, and I think my belief is shared by the council generally which has just gone out of office, that the two streets will be all right after the final work is done upon the same next summer during hot weather.

At the present time we have two streets which are involved in litigation, South Twelfth street, which is being attacked by John Albert on the ground that the remonstrance which he filed in 1912 when the contract was entered into for the improvement of the street, was sufficient to defeat the improvement. If such is the case when this suit is finally settled, it will result in the city being compelled to pay for a very considerable portion, if not all, of the improvement of this street. The South High street assessment has also been attacked by one property owner on the ground that his assessment is partially unjust, and I am informed that the Lord estate is contemplating litigation on the same street but no suits have yet been filed. Both of these streets are matters which this administration has received from the administration of 1912 and we do not feel responsible for the condition in which we find ourselves with relation to the same.

Splendid Street Work.

I am of the opinion that the character of the work done on both South Twelfth street and South High street from Mill street to Bush street is very excellent. In fact the thorough reports which we have upon the pavements indicate that their life will probably be not less than fifteen or twenty years, which is above the average.

I am pleased to state that the Clark & Henry construction company has executed a bond on Church street from Court street to Mill creek which winds up the Church street job completely. The bond, however, has not reached us as yet.

As indicated elsewhere in my message, I desire to say at this point that owing to pending litigation I am strongly of the opinion that it is unwise to undertake any considerable paving contracts until such time as several points which will probably be raised in the two suits now pending are disposed of by the supreme court, unless the charter can be amended as I have recommended elsewhere.

Third. Miscellaneous improvements not by the city. The most important piece of public work, I think, executed during the past year of a public nature, but not directly due to the expenditure of the city funds, is that which has been partially accomplished on Front street by the Oregon Electric Railway company under the terms of their franchise passed during the administration of Mayor Lachmund. The concrete bridge which the railway company has built is a very fine piece of engineering work and when the fills on either end of the same are completed the improvement will make an imposing piece of public work. At the present time the work is being interfered with by an injunction proceeding which has been argued and submitted and is now under advisement of Judge Galloway in the circuit court. The city looks forward to a favorable decision and the early completion of the work in the spring, after which the freight traffic through the center of town now carried on by the Oregon Electric Railway company will be diverted to Front street, where it properly belongs.

Another Improvement.

Another marked improvement coming to us from the last administration is the removal of practically all of the electric light and trolley poles from the downtown business section. This is a very marked improvement and the completion of the same during the past year has very materially improved the appearance of the business section of the city.

I wish to commend the past council for the solution of the auto fire engine problem and to say that I believe that the city has done a wise thing in the purchase of this piece of apparatus. I believe it will be an economy in the operating expenses of the department and insure a much better protection as well as covering a very much larger area of territory. This engine should be here some time during the month of April if not before.

I wish to note with satisfaction the efforts of the fire and water committee in securing fire escapes on, I believe, all of the buildings in need thereof. This is an important matter and has been one of no small difficulty to accomplish owing to the peculiar conditions surrounding the same, and I am pleased to note that the school board has cooperated with the city in this matter heartily.

I also look with satisfaction upon the completion of the fire elster on Fairmount hill, which will furnish, as soon as our auto engine comes, adequate protection to a growing section of the city which has been heretofore destitute of adequate protection.

There are two other matters which are of a public nature which deserve mention, and that is the completion of the reconstruction of the fair grounds railway line by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway company and the completion of the South Commercial street tracks from Mission street to the end of the line with heavier rails. Both of these pieces of work are a very great public improvement which have been needed for a good many years and a source of material benefit to the city.

Future Improvements. Under this heading I will treat of a few matters which I think need attention as questions of policy.

Garbage Plans.

In the first place the question of a garbage incinerator, I feel, is probably the most important. Our present method of disposing of our garbage is, I believe, at the present time, reasonably safe from a sanitary standpoint, but is decidedly objectionable to a very considerable number of people living in North Salem, and I feel that it is only a makeshift method of disposal and if persisted in for any length of time will become very unsanitary and likely to entail upon the city the loss of life, the reputation for being a clean city and also a great money loss. I am therefore very much in favor of immediate steps being taken to erect a garbage incinerator and disposal plant and to do away as quickly as possible with the present dumping system which we have in the clay pits of North Salem, and thereafter to more rigidly than ever, enforce the sanitary regulations of the city, which are at the present time somewhat lax in the nature of the collection and disposal of garbage, although in other respects as to sewage and matters of a kindred nature, very well observed. I believe that a serviceable plant can be erected for about \$15,000 outside of a site,

which should not cost a great deal of money, although I believe that it would be a wise plan to secure a considerable area of ground, particularly if it can be located where there is room to make a heavy fill thereby disposing of the burned refuse very largely by gravity. If this cannot be secured, I think that arrangements could probably be made for the location of a plant upon a trackage site and the refuse shipped to some point outside the city where a dumping ground could be secured at a very nominal cost and without objection being raised by adjacent property owners. I would recommend that this matter be immediately gone into and put in proper form for submission to the electorate of the city.

Sewers. The outgoing council has put under way a few of the most urgent sanitary lateral sewer drainage matters and has about used all of the money available for the present year for this purpose under the policy laid down in Section 52 of the charter as passed at the September, 1910, election but I wish the council to be keenly alert upon the question of drainage and to arrange with their constituents to have all sewed drainage matters well in hand and carefully thought out before the end of the year in order that we may know exactly how much money to provide in the next year's budget for this purpose, and here, again, I wish to impress upon the council, the necessity to take care of the immediate needs of the city and not to attempt to drain or provide sanitary sewage for unimproved land which is likely to be some time in coming on the market.

Parks and Playgrounds.

While the charter was amended at the last election in such a way as to authorize the council to use a part of the general fund for acquiring public playgrounds I am not in favor at the present time of the city spending any considerable amount of money in this work. We are confronted with too much public improvement indebtedness to justify, in my opinion, expenditures along this line immediately. I am in favor of the playgrounds but just now Salem is not suffering materially from outdoor space for the children to play in and I think with a moderate amount of assistance to secure a little apparatus and to pay an instructor or two in connection with the public school work along this line that we will have done all that is reasonably necessary.

Water Plant.

At the beginning of my administration I was under the belief that the problem of owning the water supply of the city was a matter in which the public was deeply interested and accordingly I undertook to carry forward what I believed to be a public question. The experience which I have had in bringing municipal ownership of our water supply about has been very unsatisfactory and I am convinced that the public is not interested and that the time is not ripe for pushing this matter to a conclusion and unless public sentiment crystallizes and brings the matter to an issue I am of the opinion that this council should take no further steps to bring municipal ownership about. I am of the belief that the sewer bond issue which we now have to meet is probably in a large measure, responsible for the cooling of public sentiment toward this project aside from the fact of the bitter opposition which the project met with when it was about to be consummated a couple of years ago.

Misgivings on City Ownership.

I think the same remarks which I have made with relation to the water plant apply equally to the movement which was talked of, of going into the electric light business, at least to the extent of supplying the city's needs and unless this matter is brought to the council by a strong public sentiment, I would advise against undertaking the project upon the council's initiative. Personally, I am in favor of a water plant but have serious misgivings about an electric light plant municipally operated.

In this connection I wish to call your attention to the fact that the contract with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. for lighting the city streets expires December 31, 1914. At the present time the city is paying approximately \$15,000.00 a year to the electric company for service upon the streets and in its various public buildings. I believe that sum is too much money for the service which we are now getting, and I think that if proper steps are taken a materially better contract can be secured for the city. The exact details of the matter should be very thoughtfully and carefully gone into and I sincerely trust that the lighting committee, or whoever may be deemed advisable to be put in charge of the matter, may promptly and thoroughly handle the matter so that at the end of the year we may turn over to our successors an outlook for very much more satisfactory street lighting service than we have at the present time.

Police Matters.

During the past year I have given the police question a good deal of consideration and I am led to the conclusion that the only proper solution to an efficient and vigorous police administration for the city is to make the chief of police and the whole police administration of the city, entirely dependent upon the executive power of the mayor. An attempt was made to accomplish this result indirectly at the beginning of this year but owing to the condition of the charter the attempt was abortive

and the only solution which I see is to amend the charter to accomplish the desired results, and in this connection I may state that the city records disclose that during the administration of Mayor Rodgers, this very same problem was a perplexing one and a charter amendment was submitted to the people and was voted down. The reasons why it was voted down, if I am correctly informed, were not that the proposal was not one of merit but that it was involved with other issues which were not expedient and did not have the support of the public and that it was defeated along with the rest of them. I am inclined to believe that public sentiment has changed and I would recommend that every one of the councilmen make it a point of consulting with his constituents upon the subject and if the sentiment is found to be in favor of such procedure as I have indicated, to take steps to bring the matter before the people either at a special election or at the next regular election which I believe would be better as it would then not effect the present incumbent in office and raise any embarrassing questions of politics as to a desire upon the part of the administration and the public to punish or oust anyone from office.

Two Matters of Concern.

There are two other matters of very vital concern to the city which I feel I ought to touch upon. One is the question of our street assessment procedure and the other the matter of re-assessments for curing defects in assessments levied.

Both of these matters have been before the voters and both have been defeated. The measure which was submitted to the voters at the last election covering street assessments was a very meritorious measure and had it been understood by the public at large there is no question in my mind but that it would have carried by a handsome majority. It was not given the publicity and explanation that it should have had from its merit and it was defeated, in my opinion, very largely by reason of the public being suspicious of it under the demand from the council at a time when the public mind was very much exercised and concerned over the outcome of the sewer bond problem. I feel that it should be re-submitted either in its present form or along the same lines if it can be improved upon. The other matter is that of re-assessments. A measure along these lines was submitted at the regular election December 2, 1912, which originated with the council and was drafted and submitted with the lesson of the South Salem sewer case in mind and was defeated. I am informed and believe, very largely by reason of the public agitation over the sewer question and because the electorate was suspicious that it was some subterfuge to defeat the purpose of the sewer bond measure which was then before the people. Such a provision should be in our charter and if the charter commission now at work does not provide for the same it should be submitted to a vote of the people at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. STEEVES.

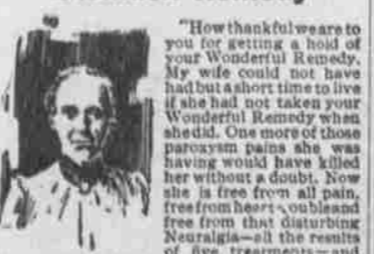
SEVEN OF SEVENTEEN DEMANDS ARE GRANTED

(EXCITED FANS LEAVED WIRE)
Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Seven of seventeen demands of the Players Fraternity were granted yesterday afternoon by the National baseball commission. Other demands were deferred for later action by minor leagues. The most important request was that a player, after ten years' service in major leagues, shall be given his unconditional release if no major league team desires his services. The commission also granted the request that every major league park in the country be equipped with a dark green blank wall behind center field and another in line with the pitcher's box and home plate of sufficient size to afford a background for a pitched ball. The request that players belonging to the fraternity be not discriminated against also was granted.

An ounce of get-up-and-get is worth a pound of rabbits' feet.

Words of Praise

For Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy



"How thankful we are to you for getting a hold of your Wonderful Remedy. My wife could not have had but a short time to live if she had not taken your Wonderful Remedy when she had. One more of those paroxysms she was having would have killed her without a doubt. Now she is free from all pain, free from constipation, free from that disturbing Neuralgia—all the results of five treatments—and the expulsion of five or six hundred Gall Stones. Now she is able to eat anything she wants and her appetite is good and before taking your medicine she had no appetite and when she ate anything she would suffer death for so doing and could not sleep at night. I since taking your treatment she sleeps well all night long. I. A. Neash, Rosedale, Texas."

The above letter should convince you more than anything we could say in behalf of Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy. Sufferers should try one dose of this Remedy—one dose should convince them that they can be restored to health. Nearly all Stomach Ailments are caused by the clogging of the intestinal tract with mucus and catarrhal secretions allowing poisonous fluids into the stomach and, wherever, deranging the digestive system. Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy promptly removes these accumulations without a surgical operation and puts an end to Colic Attacks, Gases in the Stomach and Intestines and all of the usual symptoms of Stomach, Liver and Intestinal Ailments. Ask your druggist about Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy or send to Geo. H. Mayr, Mfg. Chemist, 154 Water St., Chicago, Ill. Get the booklet on Stomach Ailments and many grateful letters from people who have been restored.

J. C. Parry.



When the World Sleeps

—a hundred thousand lone night workers, at a thousand different tasks, lighten the long hours and hearten their labors with the fragrant comfort of fresh-rolled "Bull" Durham cigarettes.

The telegraph operators in the darkened cities; the night-herders on the silent plains; the night-watch on far-sailing ships; to each and all of them comes the longing for the cheerful companionship of these fresh, hand-made cigarettes, fashioned by their own skill, to their own liking, from ripe, mellow, world-famous

GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM SMOKING TOBACCO

(Enough for forty hand-made cigarettes in each 5-cent sack)

The world-wide appeal of "Bull" Durham is without a parallel in the annals of creature comforts. Millions of men of all nations and all classes find in "Bull" Durham hand-made cigarettes lifelong enjoyment and lasting satisfaction.

Ask for FREE book of "papers" with each 5c sack



Get "the makings" today and "roll your own." Learn the fresh fragrance and wonderful mellow flavor that make "Bull" Durham cigarettes the most satisfying luxury in the world.

THE AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY

ROSTEIN & GREENBAUM Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

Now On--Nothing Reserved--Big Reductions

3 Pound Cotton Batts 48c each	10c Heavy Outing Flannels, only 8 1-2c a yard	9-4 Bleached Sheeting, only 25c a yard
Boys' Rough Neck Sweaters 45c	Men's \$10.00 and \$12.50 Overcoats now \$7.50	Men's \$2 Pants now \$1.65
Nice Corset Covers 19c	Men's \$8.50 Overcoats now \$6.00	Men's Black Cotton Good Socks 8c pair
Bloomers, Black Sateen 20c	Boy's \$2.75 Suits now \$2.00	Men's Part Wool Socks 11c pair
Best Spool Silk 7c	Boy's \$3.25 Suits now \$2.50	Jet Oil Shoe Polish 7c
Hair Nets 3c	50c Mercerized Table Cloth now 39c a yard	Boys' Dress Shirts 25c
Turkish Towels 8 1-2c Each		
Ladies' Winter Underwear 20c		
Children's Winter Underwear 20c		
Children's Union Suits, only 25c		
Ladies' 66c Union Suits, only 48c		
Ladies, Wool Union Suits, only 90c		
	Remember -- Everything Is Reduced In Price!	
	LACE CURTAINS	
	75c Pair Lace Curtains, now 60c	
	\$1.00 Pair Lace Curtains, now 75c	
	\$1.25 Pair Lace Curtains, now \$1.00	
	\$1.50 Pair Lace Curtains, now \$1.15	
	\$2.00 Pair Lace Curtains, now \$1.60	
	\$2.50 Pair Lace Curtains, now \$1.85	
	\$3.00 Pair Lace Curtains, now \$2.15	
		R. & G. CORSETS
		New Lace Fronts, \$2.00 Corsets, now \$1.50
		\$1.75 Corsets, now \$1.25
		\$1.25 Corsets, now \$1.00
		90c Corsets, now 75c
		All Rust Proof.
		BED SPREADS
		All Large Sizes.
		75c Bed Spreads, now 65c
		\$1.00 Bed Spreads, now 85c
		\$1.25 Bed Spreads, now \$1.00
		\$1.50 Bed Spreads, now \$1.20
		\$3.00 Bed Spreads, now \$2.25
		\$4.00 Bed Spreads, now \$3.00

Rostein & Greenbaum

240-246 COMMERCIAL STREET SALEM, OREGON

27 for 25c. Clean, Freshly & Cool. See.