

and office work, not included in the foregoing statement, a further annual saving of \$20,000 can without difficulty be effected.

The incidental expense account of the city, which is now estimated at \$27,600, should be cut by at least \$15,000.

On the lighting of streets and city office, \$4,800 can be saved, and on street sprinkling, \$5,000. The total estimated saving, therefore, would amount to at least \$65,320, based on conservative estimates, which can be readily verified.

The Mayor next recommends the creation of an electrical department with a competent supervisor.

Opposition to the existence of the fire and police board is made at length in arguments directed against it. As the laws against Sunday liquor selling, gambling and prostitution, the Mayor says they should either be enforced or repealed.

The report of the city engineer contains much valuable information as to the work conducted by the department during the past year upon the gravity outlet sewer and the expenditures thereon. In connection with this report, I desire to call your attention to the manifest advisability of extending the sewer laterals throughout the city as rapidly as the condition of our finances will admit. This matter is one which affects the entire community directly and its importance is unquestionable.

The catch basins, which have proven so noxious hitherto, should be removed or provided with proper sewer connections for frequent or constant drainage, which the sewer extensions referred to should supply.

The waterworks department should be given authority to replace the small main now serving the northeast bench section of this city with larger pipe. The water is drawn from the City Creek stream and the capacity of the present service is insufficient. During the last dry season this section of the city was at times almost without water, and much of the city's growth is taking place in that vicinity. It should not be hindered for lack of water.

A change in the method of collection and payment of water rates is desirable. Assessments are now made by the waterworks department and payment is required to be made to the city treasurer. Where rates are delinquent the assessment rolls are returned to the waterworks department for the collection of these delinquent rates. More than \$20,000 of last year's water rates are now delinquent and the city will probably lose a large amount of this sum. I suggest the creation of a special office for the collection of water rates and licenses of all kinds. The officer should give a proper bond for the faithful discharge of his duties and be required to turn into the treasury these collections at the end of every week or oftener if required.

The recommendations contained in the report of the board of health have my approval.

The burial of nightsoil in the ground west of the Jordan river is neither desirable nor necessary; such refuse may be treated at the crematory without appreciable increase of expense, and that is the proper method for its disposal.

Reference on my part to the city jail is almost superfluous. Sufficient agitation of this matter has already been raised to render its outrageous condition familiar to every citizen. I trust that your honorable body will manifest a more beneficial interest in providing new accommodations for the city prisoners than has hitherto been shown.

The law department is reviewed at length and concludes with the recommendation that the office of clerk of the police court be abolished and that a second assistant attorney be provided for to be appointed by the Mayor or city attorney, with the approval of the Council. Such officer should be a member of the bar and should be assigned to duty at the police court, under the direction of the city attorney. He ought to be responsible to the city for all fines and forfeitures paid into that court and give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties.

In conclusion, I have not entered upon my term of office with the view that the Mayor alone constitutes the city government.

I fully appreciate the duties and responsibilities resting upon the Council and other departments of the public service, and recognize the fact that the co-operation of all the departments with each other is necessary to accomplish the best service, and, therefore, the greatest good to the inhabitants of this city.

I cannot too strongly emphasize the fact to this council that vast retrenchment in the operating expenses of the city government must be made. You will no doubt regard it as an astounding statement, when I say that, from investigation already made by me covering this subject, that the fixed salaries of the officials and employees in all departments of the city government, under the present organization, from Mayor down to the official grave digger, amount to the stupendous sum of \$180,883.50 per annum.

Administrative experience in municipal affairs throughout the country, in cities of this size and of much larger growth, has demonstrated the necessity of restoring in the executive whatever power is necessary to carry into effect such reforms and execute such laws and ordinances as become his duty in the premises.

In this city, while the Mayor is charged with the execution of the laws, his power in that respect is merely nominal, and the result of this inability is to bring the office into contempt, whereas he ought to be clothed with the authority to compel obedience to every duty required of subordinates, and to insist, he ought to be given the power to appoint all heads of departments and subordinate officers, subject to confirmation by the council, with power to suspend or remove them for cause.

The citizens might then justly demand of him full responsibility for the proper conduct of all executive concerns, and if grievances exist, they would know to whom to apply for the remedy, or upon whom to fix the blame. I am, most respectfully,

JAMES GLENDINNING, Mayor.

ALBANY, Oregon, Jan. 31.—Lloyd Montgomery was hanged here today. He exhibited a wonderful pluck and died unflinchingly.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Detailed on Ellis island are two Armenians who, under the immigration laws, will have to be deported unless they can give the necessary bonds which will entitle them to land. They say that deportation will simply mean starvation and death.

The immigrants are Peter de Garabadim, 22 years old, and D. M. Charcherdorrian, 30 years old. They arrived at this port on the Servia on January 20th, and they came from Karpuz, near Alexandretta. Both men tell tales of horrible cruelties to which they have been subjected at the hands of the Turks and give details of the wholesale murders of Armenians. Charcherdorrian, four months ago, had a wife and three children. He is today without them. All the members of his family were slaughtered before his eyes by the Turks and he was compelled to look on and see his wife first outraged and then killed. De Garabadim has also seen many of his relatives killed.

The Armenian colony in the city will probably take steps to secure the necessary bonds which will permit of their remaining in this country.

WHITING, Ind., Jan. 28.—George Banygyj was shot and killed at East Chicago by Officer Winters while he was making his escape from Justice Cheney's court, where he was having a hearing for participating in a riot at a Polish wedding the night before. Officer Winters said he fired the fatal shot to frighten the fugitive.

PORTLAND, Ogn., Jan. 28.—After several months spent looking into the accounts presented by the five receivers of the Union Pacific system and the counter claims of Receiver McNeill of the O. R. & N. Co. Judge McArthur, referee, has filed his report, which is almost wholly in favor of the O. R. & N. The five Union Pacific receivers presented claims against the O. R. & N. amounting in the aggregate to about \$500,000 contending that they were receivers of the O. R. & N. Co. properties, and, as such, had the right to look to Receiver McNeill or the funds in his hands for payment of any deficits arising by the operation of the property while in their hands.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—Latest advices from China tell of the uttering by Chinese forgers, on the island of Java, of \$3,000,000 of Java bank notes. In order to get the notes accepted, forged notary acceptances were placed on them. Already six hundred thousand of forged and discounted notes have been discovered, and many prominent Chinese merchants have been placed under arrest, including Capt. China, one of the wealthiest Chinamen in Java. It is believed by the police that the forgeries were completed in Singapore. Kwee Ohe Soe, a native of China, now a resident of Sourabaya, and a band of native others have been arrested. Soe has confessed to having committed the forgeries, and implicates many others, all of whom insist they are innocent.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—Funeral services were held over the remains of Theodore Runyon, the late ambassador of the United States to Germany, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Only the family and officials of the embassy were present.