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# WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION.

Urges Economy in Order That the City's Bonded Indebtedness May Be Reduced.

The annual message of Mayor Richard P. Morris was read to the city council last evening and was received and filed, and the enrollment committee was authorized to have 250 copies of it printed. The message details at length the condition of the various departments of the municipal government and points out a number of incidents of faulty financiering on the part of the past administration which has resulted in deficits in several funds of the city. The message, which follows in full, also contains a number of very mportant recommendations:

Mayor's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 10, 1904.

the Honorable the President and Members of the City Council: Gentlemen-I herewith respectfully ubmit this, my first communication, to but this, my first communication, to but together with the annual reports the several departments of the city, for the year 1903, offering herewith such uggestions and recommendations as he occasion seems to warrant,

# BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

The bonded indebtedness of the city The bonded indebtedness of the city is \$2,788,000, being 1,348 5 per cent inter-est beairng bonds of \$1,000 each, and 1450 4 per cent (sterest bearing bonds of \$1,000 each, as follows: Issue of July 1, 1892, ten-twenty years, 5 per cent (series No. 4). \$548,000. Issue of May 1, 1894, ten-twenty years, 5 per cent (series No. 5), \$500,000. Issue of Sept. 1, 1898, twenty years, 4 per cent (series No. 6), \$500,000. Issue of Oct. 1, 1900, ten-twenty years

Issue of Oct. 1, 1900, ten-twenty years per cent (series No. A, water), \$250,

Issue of Jan. 1, 1901, twenty years, 4 per cent (series No. 7), \$500,000. Issue of July 1, 1901, twenty years, 4 per cent (series No. 8), \$200,000. annual interest on above amounts

o \$125,400. The ten-twenty-year issue of July 1, 1892, and the ten-twenty-year issue of May 1, 1894, should be funded at as early a date as possible by the issue of like amounts at a less interest. I have no doubt that new issues, cancelling the matured issues, could be placed upon the market at par with a 41/2 or possibly a 4 per cent interest. Could this be done the city would save at least \$6,740 per year-an item certainly worth conring. In addition to this the city should by all means receive a premium

on these bonds.

sessments, which, under the statutes, can only be used for special specific purposes and cannot be drawn upon for general expenses of the city. The fact is that for the past few

years the general expenses of the city have exceeded the annual revenue. In 1903 the revenue for general purposes amounted to \$579,148,69, while the expenditures amounted to \$614,728,47, leav-ing a deficit for the year of \$35,579.78 Considering the fact that included in the revenue stated was the item of \$60,360 derived from the sale of the city's real estate, the conclusion is ob-

It has been the policy of past ad-ministrations to cover these deficits by the sale of the city's real estate, but as practically all of the city's available

real estate has now been disposed of, we are confronted with the fact that the city has very little more real prop-erty to sell; so that henceforth the onrecourse left is for us to limit expenditures to the actual available

WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT.

The report of the superintendent of waterworks shows the amount of rev-enue derived from the department for the current year to be \$113,234 and the expenditures to be \$52,764, an excess of

revenue over expenses of \$60,470. It is believed by many that this sum of \$60,470 represents a net profit to the city resulting from the operating of the waterworks system, and the impression

has prevailed to some extent that the excess of receipts over expenditures of this department is used by the city for the maintenance of other departments This impression has doubtless arisen from a confusion in the minds of the public of the terms "waterworks sys-tem." The expenditures of the water-works department proper, which is sim-ply the distributing branch of the sysem, are scarcely more than one-half the amount of the actual cost of the system to the city, the remainder being distributed by the board of public works and other departments in the

of water. Under the present system the small users (who are the majority) must suffer until the large users have their abundance

There is no Substitute for

POWDER

**Absolutely Pure** 

It is a Matter of Health

It would seem to me that justice demands that all should stand equal before the law; the large water user should pay as much per 1,000 gallons as the lesser user. I do not believe the city has the right to barter our water supply to the highest bidder to the injury of the majority of the peo-ple. I sincerely trust that the counci will abate this unjust sliding scale of vater meter rates.

In connection with this meter system also desire to call the attention of the council to the manner of assessing some of the larger users. The assess ment rolls of the waterworks depart-ment show some of the assessments to he almost identical in amount for every month in the year, and, going a itle farther, it will be noticed that one if the very largest users pays the very ame amount, month after month. while the assessment roll in this par icular case fails to show a single reading number cubic feet or numbe gallons consumed. The reason fo such an existing condition does not ap pear, nor can I imagine why such methods have been allowed to go un-

eeded in the past. I shall have to insist that these maters be correctly read in the future, the correct assessmen nade and money collected from al consumers regardless of the amount of water consumed.

IRRIGATION AND REALTY.

The report of the land and wate ommissioner shows the expense of maintaining the department for the year 1903 was \$12,360.58, with receipts from the sale of hay from city lands \$1,206.62, and receipts from rent of irigation water \$284.25, making the to al receipts of his department \$1,490.87 A barn, shop and storage yard for the convenience of the department were rected at Tenth South street.

A real estate record showing the de-

threfor such portion of the city's rights to the water of the Jordan river as may be agreed upon, or an equivalent to the primary rights exchanged and that the difference as to quality and quantity be settled upon a cash basis. The commis-sioner states that Utah lake water is only suitable for irrigation purposes and as the city need not be in the ir-rigation business he recommends that the Jordan & Salt Lake City canal be turned over to the farmers on Parley's creek to be maintained by them in part settlement of the proposition to pur-chase the clear title to Parley's creek water.

I am unable to approve of this plan for the reason that the city cannot af-ford to dispose of the Jordan & Salt Lake City canal under any circum-stances, as, in addition to furnishing a basis for the exchange for waters of the mountain streams, by which ex-change a large portion of our present water supply has been secured, the canal is absolutely essential for the watering of the forestry of our city, without which the city's chief attraction would be lost or wanting. Again, if, as the superintendent of

waterworks has repeatedly suggested, t is desirable to establish a standpipe system for street sprinkling, to be supplied from the waters of the Jordan & salt Lake City canal, in order to re-lieve the watermains and prevent the great injury to the fire hydrants which, under the present system, cannot be avoided, and from the statement of the said superintendent that such a system would in his opinion, save to the some 2,000,000 gallons of water daily for domestic purposes, it would, I consider be folly to entertain the idea of abandoning the said canal.

# PARLEY'S CREEK WATER.

As to Parley's creek: Until the litigation now pending in the courts has been disposed of, by which the respective rights of the city and of the farm. ers to Parley's creek water will be es-tablished, it would not be wise, in my judgment, to undertake to carry out any policy that would interfere with the present status of affairs regarding the waters of that stream. If, when the courts have finally adjudicated the controversy arising out of the present con-tracts with the said farmers, it shall e found that the city's interests have suffered, the proposition to purchase such water rights as the city does not now own of its own right may be considered with favor.

I shall in the not distant future subnit to your honorable body in a special communication my views as to the policy that should be adopted by the present administration with regard to permanent increase of our water the

tains the past winter will, no doubt, insure us an abundant supply of water or the present season. This, however should not deter us from proceeding without delay with the work of endeav. oring to secure a permanent water supply for all time to come.

# THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The cost of maintaining this department for the year just passed was \$51,-615.71, an increase of some \$2,100 over the year 1902. The number of alarms responded to was 182, and the fire loss. es amounted to \$398,608.46. However considering that the losses at the disastrous fire at the Atlas and Central locks amounted to \$360,945.83 alone, the osses from the other 181 fires are cerainly small for a city the size of Salt Lake

A new aerial truck and sundry new equipment purchased during the year have placed the department in a most excellent condition for a more effective service in the future, and will xplain the increase of \$2,100 in expenditures

the protection of owners

of such buildings in guaranteeing that

the wiring be done in a safe and prop-

caution that the city should take in a

COST OF STREET LIGHTING.

The cost of street lighting for the year

was \$32,654.03. Twenty-three additional arc lights were placed during the year,

making the total 484. Of this number but 10 lights were furnished free of

harge as consideration for franchise

privileges. I would respectfully suggest

that the number of free lights can be

very materially increased by your care-

ful consideration of the interests of the

city when future additional concessions are granted to the lighting companies.

tension of same, for street lighting

should be granted without yielding an

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The expense of the police and prison

lepartments for the year was \$49,671.06

in increase of \$7,786 over the year 1302

Three thousand four hundred and

sulting in 1,998 convictions, the fines and forfeitures from which amounted to

I would respectfully recommend that

the force be increased by the appoint.

ment of five additional men-three

mounted police and two night detec

ives-for the more thorough protection

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

The report of the engineering depart-

ment shows the receipts for the year to be \$3,337.50, and the disbursements \$26,

273.62, the net cost of the department being \$22,988.02. This amount covers the expenditures for all purposes by the

lepartment, and includes the mainten-

ince and work upon all public improve-

The public improvements made dur-

Watermain extensions ......\$23.201.00

year 1903 amounted to \$125,-

7.340.2

3,491.2

nents made during the year.

Sewer extensions .....

Main sewer .....

'onduit, Jordan and Salt Lake

City canal Pipe line to isolation hospital...

dan river, at Fourth North

38.38, divided as follows:

of the residence portion of the city.

eventy-eight arrests were made

In my judgment, no franchise,

adequate return to the city.

\$20,803.95

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ot only for

matter of this kind.

11 cases were disposed of during the year in the district court of the Third Judicial district, wherein the city appeared either as plaintiff or defendant. The judgments in these cases amount to \$8,345.61, which amount has been paid by the city. Five hundred dollars was expended for the purchase of books for

ise in the office of the attorney. The attorney recommends that a like amount be appropriated this year for the same purpose, which recommendation I heartily endorse, as I believe such an additional amount will place the attorney's library upon such a footing that but a small annual amount will be needed in future to keep this library in an up-to-date condition.

On Aug. 21, 1902, the city instituted proceedings against the Youngberg es-tate for a condemnation of the latter's waterrights in Parley's canyon, result-ing in an order from the court transferring said property to the city at a cost of \$5,077.50. This is the first in-stance of the acquiring of water rights by the city by condemnation proceed-ings; the right to institute such pro-ceedings being disputed prior to the passage of the law of 1903, amending the powers of eminent domain so as to permit cities to condemn private waterrights for public purposes. This law will act as a safeguard in the future in preventing private owners of water rights from exacting extortionate prices from the city.

# STREET AND IRRIGATION.

The expenditures of this department for the year amounted to \$69,591.87, a notable increase over the year 1902. The amount expended in this department is largely gauged by special appropria-tions made by the city council, varying according to the pleasure of the council; but a considerable portion of the in-crease is of a permanent character.aris-ing from the addition of 12½ blocks of street paving and intersections to the paved district, making in all 301/2 blocks paved district, making in all 30% blocks and intersections now to be maintained. The superintendent of the depart-ment makes a number of recommenda-tions, to which the attention of your honorable body is invited; important among which I consider the substitu-tion of stone crosswalks for gravel crossing at street interactions as far crossings at street intersections as far as is consistent with the city's finances, and the maintenance of gates for the protection of the public by flagmen at

## THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The report of the health commissioner shows the total number of deaths during the year to be 745, representing a death rate of 9.93 per 1,000, based upon a population of 75,000. The total number of births was 1,575, a rate of 21 to every 1.0 The total number of contagious dis-

ses were:		
	Death from	
	same.	I.
nallpox	2	
arlet fever	8	E
phtheria	39	
phold fever	21	P

The chemical and bacteriological examinations amounted to 1.252, of which 459 were of milk, and of these 78 were found to be below the standard. Seventeen samples of city water

analyzed and tested for pothogenic bac. teria and were found free. Seven samples of flowing well water

were analyzed and all found to be unfit for domestic purposes. These wells, however, are located in the western and northwestern portion of the city. Quite recently Chemist Harms has made an analysis of the water of the Liberty park wells and pronounces it to be abplutely pure.

The expense of this department for the year was \$21,879.83, while for the year 1902 the cost amounted to but \$15. 1.17, showing an increase for 1903 of

The system, I believe, is imposing a ter months, but throughout the year. liability upon the treasurer which is unwarranted. All heads of departments and employes should be paid by war-rant regularly issued and disbursed by the auditor. I would also respectfully recommend

that the auditor proceed to at once make a full and complete inventory of all city property in the several departments, and at the monthly audit of each department the city property be made a complete check of, and if any of said property is not on hand or missing that a full statement be made of the shortage and embodied in the re port of the condition of the said department.

# THE CITY'S PARKS.

The annual report of the city park eeper for the year shows the cost of maintaining our city parks to be: Liberty park .....\$6,127.21

Pioneer park ...... 827.75 City Hall park ...... 980.00

Total .....\$7,934.96 The Sunday concerts at Liberty park ire a continued attraction and are a source of unbounded pleasure and a relief for thousands of our citizens who desire to spend a few leisure hours at

this beautiful and growing resort. I should very much like to recom-mend that the work of laying out the proposed park in city creek canyon be commenced during this administration The site, with its magnificent surroundcould not be surpassed in the ngs. world, but, owing to the stringent con-dition of our finances, I fear we can do little else than to take ample care of our parks already established and improve them as our means will permit. An agreement between the officials of the Temple block square and the city was entered into some time ago where-by the Temple park was to be open to the public between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m. In consideration the city was to furnish free the water used in this park for lawns and chembhery. I would relawns and shrubbery. I would re-spectfully recommend that as this park is situated in the very heart of the cit and is a cool and delightful retreat for many of our citizens, as well as for th great number of tourists who annuall visit our city, that the said park b placed under police protection and that an officer be placed on duty between the hours named daily during the summer months

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. The total receipts of the public library for the year were:

Fines, etc. ··· ·· ····· ····· ···· 589.33 lty taxes, 1902..... City taxes, 1903..... ... ... 8,055.33 

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1903. ...\$ 481.89 Some 3,000 new books were added to the library during the year, making the total collection on Jan. 1, 1904, 22,-561 volumes

# OIL INSPECTOR.

The inspector during the year tested as per his report, 297,306 gallons of il-luminating oil, of which 5,979 gallons were condemned. The fees for testing oils, scales and measures amounted to \$1,086.52

BUILDING INSPECTOR.

The report of the building inspecte for the year shows 641 building permits ssued, aggregating in value \$1,645,03 decidedly healthy condition of the

Buildings condemned..... Notices of illegal construction .....

The fees collected and covered into the city treasury amounted to \$1,091.40. FOOD INSPECTOR

I would respectfully suggest that the ordinance deal directly with the owner, or agent, of the property; the owner or agent may in turn, of course, enter into any arrangement they see fit with the tenant. Sidewalks in front of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of idle property, some of which is in, or adjoining, the business district, are allowed to go from one year's end to an-other without being in any manner at-tended to, just simply lying in wait for the elements to do what the owner or agent should be compelled to do. Let us all join in an active crusade against thes negligent property owners,

CONCERNING NEWSBOYS.

I would respectfully call the atten-tion of your honorable body to the following from a recent message of the Hon. Henry M. Doremus, mayor of Newark, N. J., to the common council of that city:

"The time has come for the members of your honorable body to take into consideration the subject of the news-boys who run the freets of Newark. It is a said spectacle to see children of tender age subjected to the temptations and vices of gutter life, absenting themselves from homes where observed themselves from homes where charac-ter might be moulded or wholesome truths imparted. Many of these boys are orphans, and to forbid them to carn a living might seem a hardship were it not for the fact that such a living is too often earned at the expense of future honesty. The city must look af-ter its unfortunate children. It is bet-ter to save the child than to send the

man to jail a criminal. "I am in hearly favor of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of newspapers by boys or girls under the age of 10 years, suggesting that all children above this age limit who desire to sell papers be required to procure badges from the city without cost, of course, and that such badges be distributed only upon satisfactory proof that the applicant attends a public or private school. It is necessary for us to prevent the cor-ruption of youthful innocence when such prevention lies within our power." As I am most heartily in sympathy with the sentiments expressed in the foregoing communication, and, as it seems to me, so many children in our own city need the protection of the law against their parents or so-called guardians in this matter, I will join in the suggestion of the honorable mayor of Newark and respectfully recommend that the honorable counci of Salt Lake the subject careful consideration with a view to enacting just such an ordinance.

## LIGHT COMPLAINTS.

I would respectfully call your hon-orable body's attention to the poor lights furnished by the Utah Light & Hallway company to its patrons. Complaint after complaint has been made to me with the view that the city might take the matter in hand and compel the said company to give the people the light they pay for. It would seem to me that the franchise granted by the city to the said company for this generation is availed to repeat the this concession is ample to protect the people against the outrageous lighting service we are compelled to put up with. It is well known that the lightsing company is, or seems to be not only giving a much poorer light, but, it is alleged, is raising the reading of the meters and thereby subjecting the peo-ple to not only an inferior light, but is compalling them to nav a much higher compelling them to pay a much higher price for a much poorer light. And the foregoing will apply equally to the arc service furnished to the city in the

esidence districts. Your honorable body's attention is spectfully invited to the facts stated that an investigation may at once ordered and the lighting company be compelled, under forfeiture of its franchise, to give its patrons the light that is bundantly paid for.

# railway crossings

supply. The unusual snowfall in the moun

# SINKING FUND.

Sub. 6, Sec. 206, revised statutes of Utah, 1898, provides: The city council shall have power to borrow money on the credit of the corporation for corporate purposes, manner and to the extent allowed by the constitution and the laws, and to warrants and bonds therefor in such amounts and forms and on such

onditions as the council shall determine. The council shall provide for the payment of the interest on such bonds as the same shall become due, and for a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof within 20 years after issuing the same."

As the above section has never been put into effect by former city councils, I respectfully invite your attention to the law that you may take such step as your honorable body may elect in the premises.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

The annual report of the city treas-Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1903..... \$201,109.34 Receipts from all sources dur-

ing the year ..... 740,554.41 Total resources during the

Total disbursements during ..\$941,663.75 the year ..... 788,687.19

lash in bank Jan. 1, 1904.....\$152,976.56 Lass unredeemed warrants as shown by auditor's state-

Actual available cash Jan. 1,

Actual available cash Jan. 1, 1903 . ..... 166,818.51

Decrease during year 1903....\$ 91,946.31 ECONOMY NECESSARY.

It is probably unnecessary for me to fraw the attention of the council to the penses. Without any reflection on past councils for lavish and often useless expenditures of the money of the peois apparent that our expenses kept within our income. W long since arrived at our debt limit for mit for general purposes, beyond thich we cannot go. As will be seen, ur total bonded indebtedness alone is upon which we are comelled to pay an annual interest This entire indebtedness with the exception of \$250,000 in water bonds for general purposes alone, the annterest for which amounts to \$115,400 and is payable out of the genral fund, which derives its revenue from licenses, fees and general taxa-

The total amount collected for licen s during the years was \$168,842.20, and the total amount of fees collected by everal departments amounted to 42,946.15. The city taxes for general purposes, collected by the city treas-\$42,946.15. urer and covered into the city during the year, amounted to \$281,944,-\$2, leaving a balance yet due to the city of some \$36,000,

# AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

The statement of the auditor shows actual available cash at the beginning of the year to be \$74,872.20, but amount is not available for general operating expenses; in fact all but some \$18,000 represents balances in special funds, raised from special as-



our Stomach and Bowels. So much and even your life is controlled argely by these organs. It is therefore important at the first symptom of he stomach becoming weak or the bowels constipated that you take a few oses of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. t is the best Stomach and Bowel medithe in existence, and positively cures Heartburn, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Con-tipation and Malaria. Try it.



form of watermain extensions and gen eral improvements of the system, and also for the protection of the water supply, and charged to the waterworks and therefore not shown in the

report of the superintendent of waterworks. NOT SELF SUSTAINING.

On Sept. 24, 1900, an ordinance was enacted which provided for the setting

aside in a special fund of the revenue of the waterworks system to be used, amount of available real estate for sale first, for the payment of interest on water bonds; second, for the maintenance and operation of the waterworks department, and third, for such im-provements and extensions as the coun-

cil might, from time to time, order; the balance, if any, remaining in the fund at the close of the year was to be placed in a sinking fund for the re-demption of water bonds at their maturity. Owing to the prevailing im-pression that the waterworks system turity.

had a large surplus each year, it way thought that at least \$25,000 per annum vould be placed in the said sinking

und, thus providing ample means for the redemption of the bonds of the de partment. Experience, however, has shown that the actual expenditures of the waterworks system since the creaion of the waterworks fund in 1900 ave annually exceeded the total reve-

nue derived. The report of the auditor for the year 1903 shows the total cash revenue from the system to be \$86,321.92, and the total expenditures from the fund to be \$91, 580.75. This does not include, it should be borne in mind, the amount of \$48. 452.24 expended for water purposes from the irrigation and water supply fund created under the statutes by taxation. In addition to this, the gen-

eral expense fund has upon several occasions borne a portion of the expense of litigation for the protection of the water supply, as well as other disburse ments for the system outside the city While the revenue may pro imits. vide for the pressing neeeds of the distributing system, no great move ment of a permanent character look-ing to an increase of the water supply can be paid for out of this fund; hence tome other source of revenue will neessarily have to be looked to.

It will thus be seen that to date our waterworks system has not been self sustaining, as has been supposed, and he revenue is not so large as to permit of improvements of any great magnitude in the near future.

The report of the superintendent contains several recommendations to which your attention is respectfully invitd, among which those relating to the establishment of a stand-pipe system, to be supplied from the watars of the Jordan & Salt Lake City canal, for street sprinkling, and the utilization of he flowing wells near Liberty park. by means of a tower and pumping

system, I recommend be given your careful consideration with a view of determining the feasibility of the suggestions. WATER METERS.

I desire to draw the attention of the council to the urgent and absolute necessity for a change in the present sliding scale of our present water meter system. The present ordinance, ap-proved April 10, 1902, is so unjust, 1 take it, to the large majority of the people using meters that I would favor ts repeal; and I trust the council will take early action in the matter and en-act an ordinance whereby all who use

neters will be charged alike for the By the present rates it water used. will be seen the small user (one who uses less than 7,000 gallons) must pay 10 cents per every 1,000 gallons (which s the minimum), while the user of 0.000 gallons procures the supply for 3½ cents per 1,000 gallons, or almost two-thirds less than the small user. It is well known that during the dry sea sons gardens and shade trees suffer for lack of water, while the larger us ers have an abundance and at a much lower rate. If this sliding scale was

continued a little farther, one large user could take all the water and it would cost him nothing. There is dally flowing into the city from 14,000,000 to 20,000,000 gallons of water, which would give over 200 gallons per capita, or over 1.000 gallons for each family in of Grape-Nuts often works a wonder. Look for the famous little book, "The the city, and, if they demand their just Look for the famous little book, "T due, they should receive that amount Road to Wellville," in each package.

real estate owned by the city was prepared and compiled. A value was laced upon all the city's real property y the commissioner and shown to Real estate, exclusive of improvements, reserved for public purposes, \$632,-888,03: real estate held as private property and available for sale, \$76,537. However, it would appear from an ex amination of the various lands, under the above heading, that the actual

is but \$51,987.52, the balance, if not now in actual use, being held for public purposes. CITY'S WATER.

The commissioner deals exhaustive with the question of the city's water supply and the various propositions which have been made from time to time looking to an increase thereof. He considers the best sources of relief to be the purchase of water rights in Big Cottonwood canyon creek, one-half of which stream, the commissioner says, equal to double the quantity now obtained by the city from all sources He does not look with favor upon the idea of exchanging Jordan river water, flowing through the Jordan & Salt Lake City canal, for Big Cottonwood water, as the city's experience with the exchange, under the contract for the exchange of the water of Parley's canyon has, he claims, proven very unsatisfactory, owing to the unreason-able demands of the farmers and the difference in the nature of the water he canyon stream and that of Jordan He argues in favor of the direct river. purchase of the water rights from the

farmers. This appears to me to be too expe sive a solution of the problem of in creasing our water supply to admit of adoption by the city. I am of the opin-ion that when the question of furnishng water from Utah lake, now under consideration by the national govern nent, has once been determin up permanent basis there will be doubt as to the ability of the city obtain sufficient water through th Jordan & Salt Lake City canal to admit of the exchange with the Big Cot-tonwood farmers for their water to be sed in the city mains. The difficulties which have arisen with the primary owners of Parley's creek water are du possibly to the loose terms of the con tract under which the exchange of water was operated. I believe that a con tract could be drawn, the terms of which would be equitable and prove entirely satisfactory both to the city and to the Big Cottonwood farmers as soon as the supply from Utah lake becomes permanently established.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDA-TIONS.

The commissioner foresees only continued litigation from the construction of the contract now in force under which Jordan river water is exchanged by the city for the water of Parley's He recommends that the city creek. ecure from the farmers a clear title to the water of the said creek and give

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Miscellaneous .....

Wooden highway bridge,

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street ....

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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Your attention is respectfully direct. ed to the recommendations of the engineer, among which the following, in my judgment, should be given early consideration:

health was until she reached her 70th year presents an unusually convincing "That an intercepting sewer be conase of the power of proper food. "I am 74 years old this fall and I structed in the western part of the city and a pumping plant be put in at Ninth North street for pumping the had good health that I can remember since I was a child until I sewage into the gravity sewer. This commenced to use Grape-Nuts four would provide, in connection with the gravity outlet sewer, sewer facilities From the very first I could feel a

for the entire city. "That the dead ends in the present improvement and now in four years I have gained so that I do all my waterworks system be connected as fast as possible, and that a certain amount own work, and feel I cannot say too much in favor of Grape-Nuts and what be appropriated towards this work each this grand food has done for me as old

"That an ordinance be passed regulat-"I have recommended Grape-Nuts to ing the width of tires to be used on drays and heavy vehicles." several and they all have been bene-fited by it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. The power of proper food (which

The report of the engineering depart The power of proper food (which means food that the stomach will di-gest and at the same time yields the allment is very thoroughly and artistically compiled and contains a great deal of valuable information respecting the growth and advancement of the city in the matter of public improvements. ed and that's the reason 10 days' trial

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

The report of the city attorney shows for it.

\$6,178,66 The chief of the department again re-

I would respectfully call your attennmends the creation of the office tion to the steady increase of expenses lectrical inspector, and in view of the in this department. The year 1902 av-eraged per month \$1,208.43. The first act that so many buildings are in course of erection in this city at all four months of 1903 averaged per month. \$1,456.38, while the latter eight imes of the year, and from the fact hat a very large proportion of these months the average amounted to \$2,oulidings cover a veritable network of 066.78. I must confess that I am at a loss to account for this showing, and lectrical wiring, I heartily concur in this recommendation. I deem it neces-sary that the electric wiring in buildwill leave the matter for the consideration of your honorable body, ings be placed under the control of a thoroughly capable and efficient officer.

# ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The health commissioner shows the of this department for the year to be \$8,612.44. This amount was for the care of 148 smallpox cases. In the year 1902 there were 62 cases confined in this hospital at an average cost per case of \$34.21. The first four months of the year 1903, 105 cases cost on an average during the latter eight 35.67, while months of the year 43 cases averaged \$113.18 per case. Your honorable body's attention is respectively invited to this matter also.

#### CREMATORY.

The report of the health commissioner shows 1,961 loads of swill, 2,394 loads of garbage and 868 dead animals destroyed at the crematory, at a cost to the city of \$3,771.04.

#### CITY AUDITOR'S WORK.

The auditing of the books of the various departments of the city is a matter of the very greatest importance. In former years this work was almost en-tirely neglected, owing, possibly, to a lack of clerical assistance in the depart. ment of the auditor. During the past year, however, several of the departments have been checked, but the work has not as yet been reduced to a systematic and uniform basis, although so far as it has been prosecuted it has had a beneficial effect upon all departments, I would therefore strongly urge that the auditor be directed to make a thorough check of each department immediately after the close of each month's business, and the actual condition of such department be reported to the council at as early a date as practicable after the audit, and also that the said report be duly verified by the offiial signature of the auditor, I consider the monthly auditing of the city's books, not in name, but in reality, a nost essential matter.

The practise of the auditor of turning over certain payrolls to the treasury to lisburse the various amounts in cash, I would respectfully recommend cease.

# OPERATIONS A FAD.

Sidewalk extensions ..... 25,468. Public Gradually Awakens to the Fact Street pavements ...... 42,396.0 The latest fad in operations has been the appendicitis fad; before that the fad for rectal operations (piles, etc.) held sway. Hundreds of patients were 6,649.0) sway. Hundreds of patients were frightened and hurrled into hospitats, 9.588.4 3.596.33

operated upon and robbed of their last dollar, when the trouble was a simple case of comorrholds or piles only, easily cured ra home with a simple remedy costing but fifty cents a box. "I procured one fifty cent box of Pyr-

amid Pile Cure of my druggist, with the intention of buying a larger box later, but was happily surprised when I found that I was cured, and still have six 'pyramids' left out of the first and only box. I have not had the least sign of piles since I used this one box, which has been about two months; previous to using Pyramid Pile Cure I had the worst kind of bleeding and protruding piles for over thirty-one years, and no one knews, except those who have had the piles, the pain and misery I suf-

I am a poor man, but have often said I would give a fortune, if I had it. to be cured of the piles, and now I have been cured for 50 cents. I should be ery ungrateful if I did not thank you and give you every privilege to use my name and this letter, when I know there are so many who suffer as I did. J. A. Weismiller, 1100 Bladensburg Road, Washington, D. C.

The Pyramid Drug Co. Marshall, Mich., publish a little book on the causes and cure of piles, which they will be glad to mail free to any appli-cant, and we advise all sufferers from this painful disease to write to them

The report of the inspector of proviions for the year shows:

Visits of inspection ...... 11,455 Samples of milk analyzed ...... 452 analyzed. Food condemned (pounds) .... ... 566,805

ESTRAY POUND. The report of the estray pound keep-

the year shows 234 animals im er for pounded, upon which \$546 was collected in fees. 'The expenses of the depart ment were \$776.90. THE CITY HALL.

#### The report of the chief janitor of th hall shows the cost of maintenanc

for the year to be \$6,299.37. CITY COURT. The report of the ex officio clerk of

the city court shows: Civil division: Cases filed 638. Receipts for the year . ..\$ 1.783.00

Criminal divison: Complaints 

ported under the head of police department.) State cases filed 188.99

Fines and forfeitures ..... CITY CEMETERY.

The report of the city sexton shows the receipts of the cemetery for the year to be \$11,641, and the expenses of same to be \$10,131.63, the excess of re ceipts over expenditures being \$1,-509.37.

CITY RECORDER.

The report of the city recorder for the year shows 329 liquor licenses, 93 druggists' liquor licenses, 18 restaurant liquor licenses, 1,943 merchants' liliquor licenses, enses and 1.488 dog licenses were is sued in 1903.

This department during the year dis-posed of 770 petitions and communications, 826 reports of city officers, 1,808 reports of committees, 140 bills for ordinances and 206 resolutions, and transmitted 5,284 letters.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES.

On Dec. 28 last the ordinances of th city, as revised by the council, were adopted, and the work is now in the hands of the printer. The cost of th revision will amount to probably \$2,80 or \$3,000, and I am constrained to say that the work, as a whole, falls far be low what was intended and what wa expected by all who have to deal with the city ordinances. However, the work has been done, and we will be obliged to abide by it until such time as the city's finances will again permit of more careful and thorough revision.

# PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES.

The necessity of a system whereby ill supplies for the city can be unde the head of one department I deem to be one of the most important matters to be considered. In the past each head of department has had the authority to order supplies from whom soever he chose, and it would seem to me that this system is a most expen-sive one for the city. I would respect fully recommended that a purchasing or supply agent be appointed, whose duty it would be to advertise for scaled bids for supplies needed for one year in the several departments of the city. the same manner as are bids for ge eral city improvements, the lowes sponsible bidder to be awarded th contract for supplying the particula department the needed supplies, of material, for the period of one yes from the date of acceptance of the sai contract. This system would, in m opinion, be not only a very great say ing to the city in the cost of supplie or constructing material, but it make it impossible for any department to extend favoritism to any particula lealer, and would give all an equal op portunity to compete for the busines

## of the city. WRETCHED SIDEWALKS.

It is doubtless unnecessary for me t all the attention of your honorab body to the absolutely wretched condi tion of our sidewalks, especially stormy seasons. To be brief, I would respectfully urge that an ordinance be enacted to compel property owners in the paved district to keep their walks clean, not only from snow in the winTHE SMOKE NUISANCE

Again we are importuned to take eary action in the matter of ridding our beautiful city of the ravages of the ever-increasing smoke nuisance. Ordi-nance after ordinance has been passed and attempts made to compel owners of large furnaces to use some device whereby the clouds of black smoke constantly emitting from their stacks car be reduced to a minimum, but still no effort, it appears to me, has been made in the right direction to cure this growing evil. It is my intention to enforce to the very letter the present ordinance on this subject that the city may be protected against this unmitigated and inexcusable smoke nuisance in the future.

PAVING OF INTERSECTIONS.

In cases where abutters have, by peition, resolved to pave their street, I favor the city doing its part of the work, that of paving the intersections, without any needless delay. I believe that any procrastination upon the part of the city in such cases is an injustice to the property owners and keeps back necessary improvements of our streets that otherwise would be made. In this connection I would very strongly urge that the paving of east South Temple street be commenced without any further unnecessary delay.

# STREET CARS.

The reckless manner in which at imes our street cars are allowed to be run on down grades, thereby endang-ering the lives of the public, should be stopped. It is well known that cars, on these down grades, and especially those running on the late night runs, frequently attain a speed of from 15 to 18 miles per hour. It is not an uncom-mon sight to see one of our cars leave the track, and, with the vast number of poles set in the center of our streets and in such close proximity to the car tracks, should a car, while making such unnecessarily fast time leave the rails and come in contact with one of these ooles, the danger to life or limb would be exceedingly great.

I would therefore respectfully recom-mend that an ordinance be enacted prohibiting any street car exceeding a speed of eight miles per hour, and that the speed be not allowed to exceed four miles per hour when approaching any steam railway crossing within the dia tance of one city block from the said crossing.

# FRANCHISES.

The granting of a franchise by the ity for any purpose whatever should e gravely considered, and no franchise of any nature whatsoever should be granted unless the city receive an absolute and just compensation therefor. In the past valuable franchises have been given and the city has received prac-tically nothing in return, and by the manner in which public sentiment is rifting, all these grants will have to purchased back by the city at no emote date and at an enormous cost o the taxpayers. I respectfully reommend that the council in future exreise the utmost caution in the grantng of a franchise of whatsoever nature, BELATED ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the board of public works not having as yet been ceived, a review of this department is herefore not found in this communication.

# WANTS HARMONY.

The increase of our city in population and wealth is phenomenal. Everywhere s noticed the building of new and beau-iful homes and business blocks. We want more people to come and live with s and invest their money here, and to his end it is my earnest desire that we work in harmony for the improvement and upbuilding of our city, that every aducement may be offered to all who wish to make this their permanent nome. Respectfully submitted, RICHARD P. MORRIS,

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