

in quality and exceeding in volume that of City Creek has been added to our water supply through the pipe system, making it double what it was one year ago, and increasing the supply of two years ago by more than one hundred and fifty per cent. From the streams now made available we have an ample supply in seasons of greatest scarcity for a population of 100,000. All is of the

#### PUREST MOUNTAIN WATERS,

brought in by gravitation through works of the most substantial and enduring character, and requiring the least possible outlay for operation and maintenance. In brief, the change effected in our water supply during the past two years has been to provide a generous and at all times clean and pure supply for a population of 100,000 in place of a meagre and at times muddy supply for a population of only 35,000."

Of the amount expended in 1891, for extending the water service, the sum of \$101,353.20 was collected by assessments and water credits given for its re-payment as previously explained. The details of the

#### WORK FOR THE YEAR

In procuring water are set forth in the city engineer's, water master and superintendent of water works reports.

The water mains and service have been extended to some parts of the city not yet thickly inhabited. This in the end will prove to be a good policy. When the demand for city lots for occupation becomes active, their improvement will be greatly facilitated by the fact that water is within their reach. No one will improve or try to occupy a lot where water cannot be procured, and nothing more strongly invites improvement than a good water supply.

The reference to expenditure for water supplies and service above made are

#### EXCLUSIVE OF THE AMOUNT

expended for the maintenance and improvement of the irrigation system, for which the sum of \$32,032.40 was expended in 1891.

The want of good sidewalks was one of the things which required special attention. During the past year there have been constructed nearly eleven miles of permanent sidewalks. The expense paid by the city for crosswalks and its share of the sidewalks is \$27,563.44, against \$2331.88 for like purposes in 1890. The good result of this work is so apparent that no comment is necessary, and the sidewalk system is now in such a forward condition that it will not require a large city outlay in any one year, and it can be carried on yearly as circumstances may require.

Sewerage is one of the important things required in the system of improvements. It was begun more than two years ago; the past year \$22,838.08 was expended for this purpose, of which \$11,732.35 was received from special assessments. The system is well organized and in

#### PROGRESS OF EXTENSION

as fast as local districts call for it and are ready to meet their share of the expense. When the system is extended and the flow to the outlet increased, and it is not improbable, and that difficulties in the handling and disposition of the sewerage at the

terminal may arise and necessitate considerable expense unless some practicable method of converting the sewerage is devised. The length of sewers so far constructed is 86,758 feet, or 16 43-100 miles.

#### BUT LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE

toward paving the streets. So many things were required that all could not be done at once, and water, side-works and sewerage naturally come before paving. But few streets were ready for paving or the people ready to incur their share of the cost. The work of paving Commercial street with asphaltum was begun late last fall and was completed this spring, and so far has given entire satisfaction. A contract has been awarded the Pacific Paving company of Utah for putting down a bituminous rock pavement on State street between South Temple and Fourth South streets. Considerable preparatory work has been done and the work will be hurried to completion as soon as favorable weather will permit.

The report of the police department shows the force has been active and efficient in its public service. The expense of the department has been \$51,433.47, an excess of \$4625. over the expense of 1890. There has been at times a want of harmony in the force which resulted

#### IN A MISFORTUNE

very greatly to be regretted. It is believed harmony has been restored and there is no reason to think it will not be maintained. The force is smaller compared to the population than that of most cities, and the large district covered by the city in comparison with its population prevents any efficient patrol beyond the central part of the city. It is probable the force will have to be increased or some auxiliary force provided for under the charge of the department to patrol parts of the city which the limited force can not efficiently reach. A comparison with some of our neighboring

#### WESTERN CITIES

may not be out of place to show our city has not as large a police force for its size and population as it should have. Salt Lake City, total number of police 38, Portland 130, Denver 120, and Omaha 91.

The fire department is in a most efficient and satisfactory condition; it was increased and well organized in 1890. In 1891 its expenses were \$47,512.36, being \$10,305.21 less than in 1890. Of the expense for 1891, \$13,819.61 was permanent improvement, leaving only \$33,692.75 for maintenance. When it is known that Denver appropriated last year \$175,000 for the support of its fire department, Omaha \$96,817.55, and Portland, Oregon, \$135,000, it will be seen after making allowance for the difference in population that this department is on an exceedingly economical basis.

The large amount of work done on the streets in 1890 has shown good returns in 1891. They have been kept in good repair and a large amount of new work done at a cost, including

#### PRISON LABOR,

of \$39,399.37; this is per auditor's report of \$41,899.87, less \$2500 paid for ground for streets. The expenditure on streets for 1890 was 63,003.74. It is found that it is easier and cheaper to

keep sprinkled streets in repair than those not sprinkled, and that in addition to the increase of comfort arising from sprinkling and its value as a sanitary measure it brings some returns in aiding to keep the streets in good condition. Last year the street sprinkling service was increased considerably, at a cost of about one half more than in 1890.

The amount of \$14,941.13 was expended in work and improvements on the city cemetery. It has been greatly improved in the last two years, and further improvement can now be continued with a moderate outlay.

After perplexing and annoying delays in regard to the erection of the joint city and county building on Eighth Ward Square, the contract for construction was let and the concrete work required in putting in the foundation is nearly completed. It was recently ascertained that the contract for construction was not secured by a bond with the sureties the contractor had agreed to give and that he had not in this respect complied with the terms of his bid and contract. The defect in the bond was one which would not be suspected or discovered by ordinary care and it tended to show

#### DECEPTION AND BAD FAITH.

and leads me to believe, and, I think the joint committee will come to the same conclusion, that it is unsafe to let the contractor proceed with the work even under a good bond.

Biddings for the construction should be advertised for at once and contracts let, so that there may be as little delay as possible in carrying out the work. There is no pecuniary loss, as a full payment for the work done has not been made.

The committee appointed by this Council to act jointly with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce to prepare a new or amended charter for this city have completed their work and it is now before the Legislature. If this is adopted

#### IMPORTANT CHANGES

in the city government and in the methods of conducting its affairs will follow. The many defects in our present charter, the want of power to enable the Council to pass and enforce many ordinances which would be of benefit to the city and its citizens; the dissatisfaction arising out of the method of assessing and collecting taxes—these and other defects the committee have sought to remedy in the new charter. It will also give the Mayor powers which rightfully belong to the office. Under the present charter the mayor's power is exceedingly limited and he is frequently blamed and held responsible for evils which it is not in his power to cure.

I have only referred to some of the more prominent departments of the city work, but without any purpose to review or even summarize the department reports. Anyone desiring information as to the

#### WORK AND EXPENDITURES

in any department will find all the details in the accompanying reports and will not be satisfied with an imperfect summary. Whatever may be the result of our control of the affairs of the city during the past two years, we now approach the end of our term with the