

WEBER COUNTY

OGDEN
The Second City of Utah.

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The financial condition of Ogden City will be materially improved by the close of this year. Instead of leaving a deficit as has been the case each year for the past four years, there is every indication that not only will the year's expenses be fully met, but the overdraft will be considerably reduced. As the outstanding warrants bear 6 per cent interest the reduction of this floating indebtedness will naturally decrease in a corresponding degree the interest now being paid on the same.

July 1, 1900, overdraft on treasurer's account \$36,099.52
Dec. 31, 1897, overdraft on treasurer's account 49,363.69
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The floating indebtedness at the time Utah became a State was \$72,571.24
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Making a total indebtedness on January 1st of \$10,065,221.73. This brought the city within \$13,205.20 of the actual debt limit. Less than the deficit of 1899—a dangerous proposition, where for a period of four years each year has shown a deficit, and each deficit larger than that of the preceding year. This year, however, it is safe to say that instead of approaching the debt limit, the city will recede from it.

FINANCIAL.
The receipts for the nine months ending September 30, 1900, from all sources, including \$24,908.72 of the 1899 taxes paid over during the first six months of the year, amount to \$132,322.04. Estimated receipts for the three months ending December 31, 1900, including \$15,000.00 of the 1901 taxes, \$29,714.15. Total estimated receipts \$162,036.19. The disbursements for the nine months ending September 30, 1900, were \$83,369.71. Estimated disbursements for the three months ending December 31, 1900, \$29,714.15. Total estimated disbursements \$113,083.87. Balance \$48,952.32.

On this showing there will be this year a difference between receipts and expenditures of \$27,238.17, to be applied in reducing the overdraft on the city treasurer. In round numbers, receipts during the past eleven months equal the expenditures for the entire year, leaving all receipts during this month, (estimated at \$28,000), to be applied in cutting down the overdraft. Notwithstanding the various amounts paid out this year by the city for back salaries, the exceptional expense caused by the "smallpox" epidemic and the expenditures to carry on the waterworks litigation, the expenditures (provided the estimate for December is placed sufficiently high) for the year will exceed last year's disbursements by only \$400.

No extensive improvements have been possible this year. The laying of two blocks of sewer and the opening of a part of two streets is all that has been done, besides the regular street department work. In this department, however, an exceptional amount of work has been accomplished in cutting down hills to street grade, grading and paving streets heretofore left untouched, and putting the streets in good condition for winter.

Two large judgments for hydrant rental are outstanding against the city, but as the waterworks matter is in litigation it is impossible to tell how this will affect the financial standing of the city.

OGDEN'S OFFICIALS.
Following are the city officials of Ogden:
ELECTIVE OFFICERS, 1900-1.
Mayor—Matthew S. Browning.
City Auditor—Lizette E. Miller.
City Recorder—John V. Bluth.
City Attorney—Herbert R. Macmillan.
City Treasurer—Robert A. Moyes.
City Justice of the Peace—Joseph Hall.

COUNCILMEN.
President of the City Council—Heber H. Thomas.
First Ward—R. W. Emmett, Thos. H. Carr.
Second Ward—Geo. W. Jones, H. J. Powers.
Third Ward—Joseph Parry, C. W. Cross.
Fourth Ward—A. W. Brown, Chris. Flygare.
Fifth Ward—Heber H. Thomas, J. W. Abbott.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.
Chief of Police—John Conlisk.
Chief of Fire Department—Craon Aker.
City Engineer—A. F. Parker.
Sanitary Inspector—J. H. Watkins.
Street Supervisor—Joseph Sanders.
Boat—W. L. Porter.
Coal Oil Inspector—A. White.
Night Jailer—W. F. Critchlow.
Day Jailer and Police Court Clerk—Ben Ternes.
Found Keeper—A. Peterson.

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County officers, Weber county, Utah: Clerk—C. R. Hollingsworth.
Assessor—John W. Gibson.
Sheriff—C. S. Layne.
Treasurer—Alma D. Chambers.
Surveyor—A. L. Parker.
Attorney—George Haverson.

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The schools of Weber county during the year 1900 have been making good progress under the supervision of Superintendent W. B. Wilson, who is an able man to stand at the head of the training of the minds of the youth of Weber county. He is a man of progression and is very zealous in advancing the schools of this county, and the excellent school system which is now in being is due greatly to the unceasing work of Superintendent Wilson and his able corps of teachers. During this year semi-monthly teachers' institutes have been held at which some of the leading instructors of the State have delivered lectures on the best methods of school work. These gatherings have been well attended by the teachers, and much benefit has been derived therefrom. During this school year, the county and city teachers have met together in their institutes, which has been held at which some of the best of the work in history and mathematics, Dr. Carl Muench, Ph. D. (Leipzig), is at the head of the department of modern languages. Miss Edith Gouley has been engaged as instructor in the department of work in history and mathematics. The school population of Weber county is 1,121, and the average attendance is very good. The cost of the education of these children is \$9. There are fifty-one teachers employed.

BUSINESS MEN TALK.
Judge Thomas D. Dee, vice president of the First National Bank, says: Prosperity in Ogden City, from a financial standpoint, is very bright, and the present prosperous conditions are due to the development of the natural resources, more especially the agricultural resources. The city is