

SCIENCE OF RUNNING A CITY

Mayor Moore Explains Details of the Year's Administration. ANNUAL MESSAGE READ TO THE COUNCIL

Deficits in Various Funds Are Noted as Forecasted One Year Ago and the New Levy Must Be Correspondingly Increased.

The city council assembled at 4 p. m. Wednesday to listen to the annual message of Mayor Moore. A number of citizens and city hall officials also added to the mayor's audience.

In relation to the collection of personal taxes I would say that I am heartily in favor of the same which have already been taken in this direction, I believe in giving the city treasurer such help as may be necessary to enable him to carry out this work effectively.

The long time bonded indebtedness of the city was increased \$5,000 during the year 1905 and now stands at \$2,000,000. This increase was occasioned by the issuance of \$500,000 of sewer bonds and \$2,500,000 of paving bonds, which were authorized by the council in 1904.

Now that the year has closed and it has become possible to determine our exact financial condition it appears that there are deficits as follows in various funds: General fund, \$25,000; Water rent fund, \$2,200; Judgment fund, \$10,000; Sewer maintenance fund, \$1,450; Health fund, \$400; Curb, guttering and paving fund, \$1,000.

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Remarkable Absence of Crime. The record of the police department for the last year has never been excelled in any city in the country under like conditions.

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Patrols from Fires. The past year has been a trying one for the fire department. All of its equipment was a year older than in 1904 and rotten hose, dilapidated trucks and antiquated appliances had much to do with heavy losses of the year.

Paving and Sewerage Projects. The year 1905 was an unusually busy one for the city. The city council authorized the expenditure of the engineering department, which was \$120,000, approximately \$25,000 of which was for engineering and \$95,000 for paving, \$25,000 for sewerage and \$70,000 for other projects.

Parks and Boulevards. There are many features of interest in the work accomplished by the park board during the past year. The one which is most important and far reaching in its character is the acquisition of the boulevard which extends from the central business district to the west side of the city, a distance of 2.4 miles.

Streets Should Have Labels. In my opinion, the most important thing that the city should do is to label its streets. This is a matter which has been long overdue and it is one which should be given the highest priority.

Municipal Ownership. At the present time more than at any other period in the history of Omaha, the question of municipal ownership is being considered and discussed. It is not necessary for me to proclaim at length my views with reference to this question, for they are well known to the council and the public.

February Weather. The following February data, covering a period of twenty-five years, has been compiled from the weather bureau records: Temperature, warmest month, 1877, with an average of 33; coldest month, 1871, with an average of 20; highest temperature, 62, February 2, 1890; lowest temperature was -25, February 11, 1890.

Seven Employees in Office of Clerk of District Court Out of Positions. Seven employees in the office of the clerk of the district court were drawn from the county Wednesday night by Clerk Broadwell dismissed them from his service, not for any fault on their part, but in accordance with the general rule of police that to the victor belong the spoils.

State Does Not Indicate Quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the only original. An infallible cure for piles and all skin diseases.

LESS MONEY FROM LICENSES

Marked Decrease in the School Board's Income During Last Year. REVENUE MAY BE SCALED STILL FURTHER

License Inspector J. T. McVittie has prepared a full report of the sources from which he has collected \$14,915.39 during the last year. The principal item of revenue in his department has been dog licenses, which \$2.91 have been given out, each bringing \$1 into the school fund.

Tradesmen Seek Relief. There is an amendment now pending before the council affecting the license ordinance and prepared somewhat in the interest of peddlers, expressmen, showmen and others.

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TALK POLITICS AND MINES. Prominent South Dakota Men Discuss Mining and Political Conditions in the Black Hills.

BOER SYMPATHIZERS MEET. Discuss Plans for Mass Meeting in Omaha to Be Addressed by Miss Maud Gonne.

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term of Allyn Frank as clerk and would only temporary retained by Clerk Broadwell, consequently their discharge did not come as a surprise. The list is composed of Alex. Schlegel, dock clerk, and E. M. Tracy, bill clerk, and the following stenographers: Misses Emma Kear, Edna Hale, Camille Olson, Bird Berka and Ada Neale. The places vacated by Schlegel and Tracy will be filled by Charles Moriarty and Jacob Jaskalek. Two stenographers will be employed in the place of those who are out, as Clerk Broadwell says, and one extra man will be given a place. He is George Seay, who has been engaged in mercantile pursuits. He will do general work. Clerk Broadwell says he is slack just now and that he doesn't want so many stenographers. The new members of the force begin work today.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Committee Weir, chairman of the streets and alleys committee, has declared himself in favor of the city selling to the Union Pacific the stub ends of streets in the northern part of the city. Weir holds that the city had better secure some revenue from the vacation of these streets than to give them away.

Some property owners who were approached yesterday on the subject of the vacation of the streets mentioned favor the plan from a revenue point of view, but they declare that it will be a bad precedent to set in the action is found to be legal. It is held that the council can dispose of streets in use and therefore a dangerous power will be placed in the hands of the city fathers.

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