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WANTS MORE MONEY

Chief Bigelow Estimates a Large Increase Necessary for Public Works.

HE EXPLAINS THE CAUSES.

Street Repaying, Parks and Bridges the Largest Items.

NOT SO MUCH FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

The New Central Station and Fire Boat Plans Held Over for a Year.

REPORTS FROM TWO BIG DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Gourley is now ready to begin his annual message to Councils. He vesterday received the reports of Chiefs Bigelow and Brown, with estimates of the money needed to operate the Departments of Public Works and Public Safety during the coming year.

Chief Bigelow wants \$2,231,306 27, Chief Brown \$800,000, and Chief Elliqtt \$90,000, making a total of \$3,121,306 27 for the three departments. This, with the necessary appropriations for interest on city debt, public printing and other matters, will bring the entire amounts asked well on toward \$5,-000,000. The amount granted last year was \$4,464,989 61.

Bigelow Wants More Money.

Chief Bigelow is the only one asking much of an increase. He figures that his department needs over \$500,000 more than during the year just closing. An increase is asked for each bureau, and there are several new items. The Chief explains that under the new law the cost of keeping up boards of viewers is greatly increased, and instead of \$11,000, as granted this year, \$26,000 will be necessary during the coming year. The new Southside Market House, which the Chief considers a necessity, will cost \$35,000. Street repaving, bridges and parks are the big items to be looked after. "I have given the question a good deal of study lately," said Chief Bigelow, "and have endeavored in every way to keep the amounts low. But this department needs plenty of money. The city cannot be improved for nothing. Every cent I have asked for is to be used to good effect, and I believe the money will all be granted."

The Problem of Taxation. instead of \$11,000, as granted this year,

The Problem of Taxation. "Will not this increase result in a higher

"Will not this increase result in a higher tax rate?" was asked.

"No, sir; not a mill," replied the Chief. Chief Brown will probably get all he asks, as he desires an increase of only \$96,634. This will be used chiefly in the purchase of a water tower, new engines and other apparatus for the Fire Bureau, as ordered by Councils. The Chief would like to have a fire boat also, but considers that it can be dispensed with another year and does not include it in his estimates. The new Central police station project has also

The appropriation for the general office of the department is the same as last year.

The general appropriation for the Bureau of Fire is also the same as last year; but an additional increase is asked for by reason of a recent ordinance of Councils, providing for increasing the strength and efficiency of the bureau, to wit: \$80,411 04. This does not include the building of a fireboat, which I believe would be possible to postpone for another year, so as not to so largely increase the appropriation for the Bureau of Fire. A detailed statement of the increase under the aforesaid ordinance is appended to the general estimate for the bureau. The absolute necessity of materially increasing the efficiency of the Fire Bureau in the downtown district is so apparent and well known that son of a recent ordinance of Coundistrict is so apparent and well known that I deem it not necessary to refer to the

anders at length.

The general appropriation for the Bureau of Police remains the same as last year, and the only additional increase required in it is made by virtue of the operation of an ordinance licensing dogs and establishing a pound, and paying the salaries of the necessary men connected therewith. This estimated increase, as per schedule attached, is \$3,375. The proceeds of the operation of this ordinance for the last year were about \$12,000, and the ordinance was only in operation some four months. When this ordinance is in operation during the entire year I am satisfied that the receipts for the city will be in excess of \$15,000.

No More Police Needed.

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No additional increase in the number of men for the general police force is asked for, or will be anticipated during the coming year-as I believe that the changes, ing year—as I believe that the changes, rules and regulations that the bureau is now contemplating for the better improvement of the same, will be sufficient to make the present police force more efficient and will enable this department with the number of men already in the bureau, to well and efficiently police and protect the city. The sum of \$15,391 5i is asked for and recommended to secure a suitable place for a Central police station, rent, equipping the same with cells, sewerage, closets, police court, sleeping apartments for the relief squad, cells and room of retention for women, quarters for police matron and for the accommodation of women and children.

The estimate for the Bureau of Electricity The estimate for the Bureau of Electricity is \$4,100 less than last year.

The estimate for the Bureau of Health is \$724 38 less than the sum appropriated last year. The other bureaus remain the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. Brows,

Chief of Department of Public Safety.

Following this Chief Brown gives the estimates for next year: The first item is the general office, \$10,100. Of this \$100 is for general expenses and

The first item is the general office, \$10,100. Of this \$100 is for general expenses and \$10,000 for salaries.

In the Fire Burean \$250,310 is asked, as was appropriated last year. This covers salaries and supplies, repairs, house furnishing, feed, etc. It also includes \$10,000 for new hose, there having been none purchased last year; \$5,000 for new horses, 10 or 12 new teams being needed and \$5,525 having been used in this way this year, and \$7,300 for remodeling No. 8 engine house on Highland avenue. Then there is added \$80,411 04, in conformity with an ordinance passed by Councils to increase the efficiency of the Fire Bureau. This includes the salaries of 50 men,\$45,714 04; a water tower, \$4,000; four first size steam fire engines, \$18,000; two hose carriages, \$2,200; rent for suitable building for water tower, five engine, hose company, accommodations for the men operating the same in the lower part of the city, equipping the stable for eight head of horses, furnishing the men's sieeping room, etc., \$2,500. The omission of the fireboat saves the city \$45,000.

A Small Increase Asked. The estimate for the Bureau of Police is \$336,580 and to this is added the expense of the dog license ordinance and the new Central station, bringing the total to \$380,564 54. The total this year was \$333,599. Of the estimate for 1892, \$258,465, is for the regular salaries. House repairs are put down at \$8,250; last time, \$1,500; harness and repairs, \$1,000; patrol wagon, repairs, \$1,500; horses, \$4,000; remodeling No. 17 engine house, \$1,500. The other charges are the same as at present and are based on this year's figures. The added expenses for the dog licenses are \$15,000; icense plates, \$1,500; salaries of six men, \$5,475; feed for dogs while in the pound. \$250; horses, feed, etc., \$1,550; a total of \$8,575. The proceeds from this source this year were \$12,000.

For the new Central station the sum of \$.5. \$336,580 and to this is added the

only it is plain that he means to rant quarters.

The Bureau of Electricity asks for \$35,900, as compared with \$40,000 this year. Of this \$14,770 is for saintes, \$1,135 for patrol boxes and booths, \$1,875 for fire alarm boxes, \$2,000 for insulated copper wire, \$3,000 for okonite wire, \$1,000 for batteries and maintenance, \$1,800 for replacing fire alarm boxes, \$3,000 for telephone service, \$2,600 for fire alarm office in-provements and repairs. The balance is for supplies and miscellaneous expenses.

penses.

The Bureau of Health wants \$46,162; this year it had \$46,857. Salaries take \$20,900. The other principal items are \$4,183 50 for vaccination; \$2,700 for removing dead animals; \$2,338 80 for garbage furnace expenses, and \$4,000 for salaries at the same place; \$721 43 for expenses and \$900 for salaries at the Municipal Hospital.

Building and Plumbing Bureaus.

The Bureau of Building Inspection asks for \$5,070, of which \$4,740 goes for salaries. The Bureau of Plumbing and House Drainage wants \$1,700, of which \$1,500 is salary. Formerly these bureaus were consolidated

A recapitulation showing the comparison between what was appropriated this year and what is asked for next year is ap-

pended:	THE CONTROL OF	
General office Bureau of Fire	260 310	\$ 10,100 00 340,721 04
Bureau of Police Bureau of Electricity Bureau of Health Bureau of Building	46,887	380,348 54 35,900 00 46,162 43
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	\$708,966	\$800,000 00

Increase for 1892 \$96,034
Added to the report is a detailed statement
of the expenses of the year up to December
1. Each item is given and the total shows
that \$711,030 57 of the appropriation has been

ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENTS

of Public Works-Increased Appropri ations Asked for All Around-Details of Next Year's Work.

Chief Bigelow in beginning his report says: "The amounts to conduct the department for the incoming year have been increased over last year only where absolutely

The following are the main features of the

The expenditures in the several bureaus

The expenditures in the several bureaus to November 30 were \$641,095 47; in repaving, \$227,642 11; on bridges, \$47,083 29; and in public parks, \$339,487 46.

The total receipts from all sources were \$66,021 50, all of which was turned over to the City Treasurer.

The estimates for 1892 are approximated and are as follows: General office \$10,500, of which \$100 is for incidental expenses and the balance salaries. Bureau of Engineering and Surveys \$38,180, of which \$1,000 is for transportation and \$700 lorgeneral expenses, the balance being for salaries. Bureau of City Property, \$55,943 27. Of this \$13,306 60 is for salaries and labor: \$15,00 is for paving the sidewalk at the Diamand market: \$4,000 for painting the inside of the same building: \$3,000 for a connecting bridge, and two elevators at the same place: \$8,300 is for repairs and hardware for City Hall; \$4,000 is for repairs and hardware for City Hall; \$4,000 is for repairs and hardware for City Hall; \$500 is for repairs and hardware for City Hall; \$3,850 is for general repairs and supplies; \$65,67 is for observatory time at the hall, and \$1,000 is for painting the walls and buying new furniture for the Treasurer's office.

Wants of the Street Bureau. In the Bureau of Highways and Sewers \$18,780 is wanted for salaries; \$190,000 for labor

to have a fire boat also, but considers that it can be dispensed with another year and does not include it in his estimates. The new Central police station project has also been dropped, the Chief simply asking for enough to rent and equip a building.

PUBLIC SAFETY PRICES.

Chief Brown Does Not Ask for Much More Than Last Year—Some of the Bureaus Reduced and Others Raised—The Report in Detail.

Chief Brown's report is opened with an explanation of its features. In it he says: I herewith submit the estimate for the Department of Public Safety for the year 1891, together with a detailed exhibit of the expenditures of the department for the last 12 months.

The same; \$25,000 for repairing bridges; \$10,545 for supplies, three street aweepers, \$wo sprinklers, ten horses, wagons, carts, etc.; \$17,500 for lumber, gravel, sand and hard-ware, and \$15,000 for stone, block and crushed; \$8,000 for feed and \$4,000 for block-smithing; \$25,000 is naked for the Brilliant pumping station; \$29,000 for labor; \$130,000 for fuel and \$9,000 for supplies; \$12,000 for the Bedford station and \$4,500 for the Garfield station; \$15,000 is named for gate valves at Highland reservoir and \$2,000 for a new pump at Brilliant station and \$4,000 for new packing rings and general repairs; \$700 for the Bedford station ior a front for a battery of boilers and repairs; \$12,000 for the Herron Hill station for a new cylinder, a new \$0,000. of boilers and repairs; \$12,000 for the Herron Hill station for a new cylinder, a new \$,000,-000-gallon pump and new boilers for the same; \$25,000 is asked for for a new 12-inch supply line for the Squirrel Hill district; \$55,000 for a new 50-inch rising main and lsy-ing the same from Brilliant station to Butler street and Reservor avenue; \$15,000 for eight new boilers and \$100,000 for ground for a new reservoir.

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In the Bureau of Water Assessments, \$11,508 is mamed for salaries, including 18 deputies during April and May at \$2008 and \$500 for incidentals, transportation, etc. In the Bureau of Public Lighting the schedule of expenses includes 1286 are lamps to cost \$123,456; 232 incandescent lamps, \$3,00; 2400 gasoline lamps \$43,000; posts and repairs \$3,000. City Hall and market houses \$8,000 new are lamps \$9,000 and a photomster \$150.

Streets to Be Repaired.

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In the matter of renaving streets, \$450,000 is asked for. It provides for repaving the following streets: Second Avenue from Wood street west: Third avenue from Smithfield to Grant; Fourth avenue from Smithfield to Grant; Fourth avenue from Wood street west: Grant street from Seventh south: Oak alley from Grant to Liberty: Exchange alley from Eighth street east; Virgin alley from Smithfield to Grant: Cherry alley from Third to Fifth avenue; Seventh street from Liberty to Duquesne way; Wyde avenue from end of present pavement east; Our alley from Eim to Pride; Center avenue from Fulton east; South Highiand avenue from Fulton east; South Highiand avenue from Fulton east; Chancery lane from Third to Fourth avenue; Hogg alley from Smithfield to Cherry alley; Forty-eighth street from Butler street to Allegheny Valley Railroad; West Carson from Monongabela Bridge east; Carson street from South Twenty-seventh east; Lincoln avenue from Frankstown avenue north; Fifth avenue from Prinkstown avenue north; Fifth avenue from Prinkstown avenue north; Fifth street, east (one side); Butler street from Forty-fifth to Forty-ninth street; Stanton avenue west; Penn avenue from Forty-fifth street, east (one side); Butler street from Forty-fifth to Forty-ninth street; Stanton avenue from end of present pavennent, east; Forbes street from end of present pavennent, east for end webs.

For bridges figure east e

Parks Need Big Money.

Parks want \$407,000. The items given in addition to salaries, facidental expenses, etc., are: Property optioned, \$75,000; ten policemen, \$9,000: labor, grading, etc., \$225,000; material, stone, iumber, etc., \$50,000; machinery, road machines, wagons, carts, plows, horses; etc., \$14,500; supplies, tools, hardware, coke, harness, dynamite, powder, etc., \$20,000. The pay of the consulting engineer and landscape architect, \$1,000 for making plans and \$2,000 for ten months' work, is included.

For the Southside Market House \$35,000 is asked. This is to rebuild the burned structure. Parks Need Big Money.

ture.
A comparison of this year's appropriation and the estimates for 1892 is appended.

mila tue committee sor ,	1891	1892
General Office\$	10,500 00	\$10,500 00
Bureau of Engineer- ing and Surveys	30,600 00	38,180 00
Bureau of Highways and Sewers	265,800 00	318,825 00
Bureau of City Prop- erty Bureau of Water Sup-	44,265 60	55,943 27
plyand Distribution Bureau of Water As-	230,000 00	817,900 00
sessment	9,700 00	11,508 00
ing	175,000 00	191,850 00
Street repairing	11,005 00 322,078 50	26,000 00 450,000 00
Parks Bridges, steps, etc	326,801 40 150,000 00	169,100 00
Southside Market House		35,000 00
Totals	,696,071 50	\$2,281,806 27

Increase over 1891, \$335,234 77.
Chief Bigelow also made a report of his expenditures to December 1 and submitted the balances on hand. They are: In the bureaus, \$121,096 13: street repairing, \$124,969 23; bridges, \$162,916 71: parks, \$2,325 94.

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OIL LEASES. TAXING

Attorney Cornelius Takes a Step Looking to a Legal Test.

RESPONSIBLE FOR BAD ROADS.

Claim That the Operators Should Help Bear the Burdens.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ASSESSORS

Attorney Cornelius was engaged yester-day in the formulation of a document that may be of import to a large property hold-ing interest. He was inditing an epistle to the authorities of the borough of Cornopolis, which is now in a productive oil field, in which he states that if they do not see that their assessor includes in the assessment a valuation of oil bearing rock, he, (Cornelius), as a taxpayer, will ask the Court for a

mandamus to compel such listing.

Mr. Cornelius states that he knows of one lease that was sold for \$720,000, and he can-not understand why it should escape taxation any more than a similar superficial area of coal, which is uniformly taxed, though of much less value. Mr. Cornelius calls attention to the fact that the oil men do more damage to the roads than all the rest of wagon traffic combined and yet-escape with a few dollars' tax on their boil-

ers, derricks, etc. This is a question that was raised by Su-perintendent Bald, of the Imperial Coal Company, some months ago, reference to which was had in THE DISPATCH at the time. The County Commissioners had the time. The County Commissioners had the mattel under advisement, and Mr. Mercer talked as though it might receive attention, but doubtless in the unusual flurry that the triennial valuation has occasioned this year the matter was overlooked, though assessors have been instructed to take into consideration everything connected with property that is calculated to increase its market

value.

Some assessors have been kicking because they are this year required to assess oil rigs to land owners instead of to the operators who own the leases, but the tax collectors will not likely repine, as the order greatly simplifies their duties. The land ownermust pay the tax and then he can have a fall with the oil operator or not just as he thinks best.

The Operators Sure to Kick. As to the question of taxing oil leases the operators will doubtless make a big kick, in fact some have done so already, holding that they are entitled to the same

holding that they are entitled to the same consideration shown manufacturers whose capital stock is exempton the ground of their public utility in developing the country and furnishing employment to a large number of people. While those who urge the taxing of oil leases admit the force of the equity involved, yet those whose roads are cut to pieces and do not happen to have any oil rock to lease persist in pointing to the highways and ask if it be equitable that they be taxed out of their boots to benefit other people who pay no more taxes than the complainants.

It has been suggested that farmers who

the complainants.

It has been suggested that farmers who have gotten large sums in the way of bonus and oil royalty ought to pay for the extra cost of keeping roads in repair, but there is no way at present by which they can be reached.

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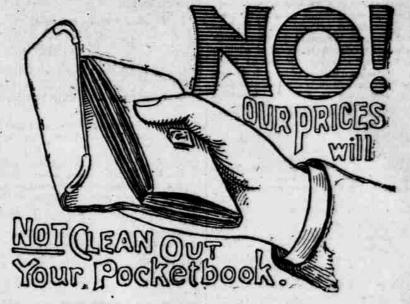
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