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FACTS, FIGURES AND SUGGESTIONS FOR TAXPAYERS.

City Engineer, City Treasurer and Street Commissioner Submit Statements Showing the Work Done in Their Respective Departments During the Past Year—Some Timely Recommendations from the Engineer and Street Commissioner.

Below are given summaries of the reports presented to select council last night by the city engineer, city treasurer and street commissioner. They contain much of interest to the taxpayer:

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT.

During the past year very little paving, sewerage or other improvements have been done, owing, in the first place to the small amount of money available; second, failure or delay in determining the kind of material to be used, and last of all, the courts.

The following is a statement of the cost of the various improvements, bills for which have been approved by council:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Sewers, Pavements, Culverts, etc.

CONDUIT WORK.

Extension to the conduit system made by the Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Supply company aggregating 2,219 lineal feet of conduit containing 34,566 lineal feet of ducts.

The usual amount of time and labor were taken up in giving lines and grades for the laying of sewers, culverts, gutters, etc., done by property owners under private contract.

PIPE DRAINS.

One of the best improvements ever constructed in the city considering the cost was the construction of the pipe drain and receiver on Carbon street, under the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company's railroad bridge.

IMPROVED STREET CORNER.

An improvement which the general public very much appreciate was the construction of a street basin, the setting of a 36-foot radius circular curb and the elevation of the pave so as to leave but a three-inch step, on the east corner of Wyoming avenue and Spruce street.

PAVEMENTS.

The number of miles of paved streets in the city (including the average width of thirty-four (34) feet, except the cobble stone or boulder) is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Material and Miles. Includes Sheet asphalt, Stone block, etc.

Only two small paving contracts were executed during the year on which work was commenced and completed, viz., one block on Quincey avenue, between Pine and Gibson streets, and Dix court, from Linden street to the city hall.

Contracts have also been let as follows: To pave with vitrified brick on a concrete base, Dix court in rear of city hall. For paving with sheet asphalt on a concrete base, Forest and Breck courts, south of Spruce street.

ORDINANCES.

Ordinances have been passed and contracts will soon be let for the paving of Sanderson avenue, between Green, Ridge and East Market streets, and also for Providence road and North Main avenue, from Court street to the city line at Dickson City.

Nothing injurious in

BROWN'S Bronchial Troches. A great relief for coughs, hoarseness, throat and lung troubles.

In the immediate vicinity of his own home, but would, on the approach of a stranger, lock the door and out of shame, hide himself. I hope, with your assistance, that long before winter sets in again our streets will show a decided improvement.

There has been so much agitation and misrepresentation by evil-minded mischief-makers, with reference to the contract recently let, by your honorable bodies, for the repairs of our asphalt pavements, that I deem it best to publish in this report a copy of the bids received, tabulated so as to show the number of yards out of bond, the cost per square yard per year, and total cost each year under the several bids.

STREET RAILWAYS.

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the same by General Manager Shillman, of the Scranton Railway company to give this city good track construction. I have no doubt but that it will be the best thing published, and the great majority of our citizens, to know that in the block on Quincey avenue, paved last fall, we have the best and most modern track ever laid.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Summary of receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 30, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes J. G. Bailey, Mayor, M. A. McGinley, etc.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Commission of delinquent collectors, interest on bonds, etc.

MAIN SEWER ASSESSMENT.

Table with 2 columns: District and Amount. Includes Section A Fifth district, Tenth district, etc.

SEWERS.

For various reasons there was but little sewer work accomplished last year, but the coming season promises to be an exceedingly busy one in this line.

DISTRIBUTION.

The balance is distributed as follows: General city account, interest and sinking fund account, etc.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

Following is the first annual report of Street Commissioner P. J. O'Boyle:

In connection with the important question of cleaning the asphalt, since the organization of the city, so that for the first time I am able to publish a complete table of all the sewers built up to date, I have the honor to submit to you a table giving the length, size, material, number of basins, manholes and lampoles, cost of view, cost of sewer, cost of inspection, total cost, names of contractors and inspectors.

STREET SIGNS.

As requested by resolution of council I made an estimate of the cost of street signs and submitted to the board of public safety a table of four thousand dollars.

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the summer and fall considerable work was done in Nay Park in the way of surveys, levels, etc., so that some of the proposed driveways and ponds could be constructed immediately.

and with as little engineering expense as possible. Knowing the interest you take in the park, I presume the park commissioners to do all I could to help them without waiting for the usual resolution with instructions. All park engineering heretofore has been done by parties outside of this office and paid for out of the park appropriations.

I will again respectfully ask your most earnest and deliberate consideration in the selection of inspectors on public works. I believe that my specifications will compare favorably with those of any of our largest and best governed cities, and have no doubt of the result, if work is done as required therein.

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The Balding. FLOREY & BROOKS, AGTS.

THE LEADER. Scranton Store, 124-126 Wyoming Avenue.

Women's knit underwear. Women's 10c jersey ribbed vests, 4c. Women's 19c jersey ribbed vests at 12 1-2c. Women's 25c list thread vests at 17c.

A jacket offering. The first lot of jackets we speak of here were purchased much under their real value and constitutes one of the most remarkable offerings if not THE most remarkable offerings ever made so early in the season in goods that are absolutely new and just from the tailor's hand.

50c shirt waists—unparalleled pricing at 19c. 50c waists at 19c. 75c waists at 49c. \$1.25 waists at 89c and 98c.

Unparalleled pricing on domestic goods. 5c lawn at 2c. 8c colored outings at 3c. 7c dress percales at 3 1-2c. 12 1-2c dress goods at 3c.

Dress goods and silk sale unparalleled. 50c dress goods at 25c. 15c gingham at 8 1-2c. 50c wash silks at 39c. 75c fancy silks at 49c.

VALUES THAT ECLIPSE THEM ALL.

No doubt about these prices being exceedingly low. Neither is there any doubt about the quality of the goods we offer. Every shoe is high grade and up-to-date, and guaranteed to give satisfaction.



Today's Values Are of Unusual Interest. Men's Fine Russia Vici Kid, Hand Sewed Shoes, cloth top or leather top, worth \$4.00, at \$2.48. Ladies' Shoes in Russet and Black, all stylish, at \$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.98.

MYER DAVIDOW, 307 Lackawanna Avenue. N. B.—The above goods can be had at our Branch Store, 11 S. Main Street, Pittston, Pa.

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS. A very small balance of the appropriation for the repairs of bridges and culverts remained when I assumed office. All of the smaller bridges and a number of the larger ones have been entirely replanked, and are now in a fair condition.

CLEANING SEWERS AND DRAINS. As is well known to your honorable bodies the appropriation for the purpose is insufficient, and they cannot be kept free from accumulation of dirt and filth.

REMOVAL OF ASHES. I venture to ask not only the current but prompt attention of council to the vexatious question of removal of ashes. Many criticisms are heard regarding the condition of our streets, and I must respectfully beg to submit that in a measure your honorable bodies are responsible for the same.

DEFENDANT DISCHARGED. Evidence Not Sufficient to Hold A. W. Jurisch for Larceny. A. W. Jurisch, the bicycle dealer, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of larceny, preferred by W. M. Dunn, of Green Ridge, was given a hearing before Alderman Howe yesterday and discharged, the evidence not proving the charge.

\$100 Reward \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh, Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity.

BUY NATIONS' PRIDE CONDENSED MILK. Manufactured by SCRANTON DAIRY CO. Ask your grocer for it.

Warning! The recent hotel fire in New York city should be a warning to Hotelkeepers and others to protect their property, by having DEFENDER FIRE EXTINGUISHERS where they can be used in cases of emergency. Think it over.

THE DICKSON MFG CO., Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Manufacturers of LOCOMOTIVES, STATIONARY ENGINES, Boilers, Hoisting and Pumping Machinery.

MOUNT PLEASANT COAL. Coal of the best quality for domestic use and of all sizes, including Buckwheat and Birdseye, delivered in any part of the city at the lowest price.