FINANCES OF CITY.

Full Report Presented to Council by Mayor Hall Last Night.

A VOTE OF THANKS.

Was Extended to Mayor by Alderman —Statement of Interest to Tax-payers—Stave Will Be Provided for Voting Machines —Official Newspapers and Banks Named.

At a meeting of the Common Council held last evening Mayor Hall presented to the Council his annual report for the past year. The report was quite lengthy but showed the financial affairs of the city to be in a flourishing condition. It follows:

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OSWEGO:

GENTLEMEN—Section 59, Title 4, of the City Charter requires the Mayor, in the month of January, to communicate to the Common Council a statement of the general affairs of the city in relation to its finances, government and improvement, with such recommendations as he may deem proper. In obedience to that law I have the honor to submit, herewith, on this, the occasion of our first meeting of the new century, a statement in brief, of the affairs of our city. This report must necessarily be supplemental to what is designated as "The Mayor's Annual Report," because it is impossible to prepare such report, in detail, so soon after the close of the year, involving as it does, a great amount of labor on the part of the various Departments. This report is not calculated to be part of that, but merely to lay before the Council the information, in brief, due the Aldermen and the people whom they represent in this honorable body.

Harmony in Departments.

First of all I wish to congratulate you, in no small degree, and through this communication the various city Departments as well, on the work that has been accomplished in municipal affairs during the year last past.

The first and most important essential to good work in any city government, is harmony in all Departments—combination of energies to a single purpose. This harmony and co-operation we have enjoyed to a marked degree, and without these qualities in our administration, the practical results that have been achieved would not have been possible.

I have endeavored, as was my duty, to keep in touch with each department in the conduct of its business and it has been gratifying to me, as I am sure it has to all the people, who watch with the keenest interest the administration of the trust given to our keeping, to find unity of purpose everywhere. Each department, notably this Common Council, has been imbued at all times, with the wholesome desire to administer the affairs of the city, as a prudent business man administers his private business. All have done well and whatever of credit may reflect upon the administration belongs to no individual alone. All are entitled to share alike. We may all congratulate ourselves to some degree—each and every department—that we have closed the old year and entered upon a new one, with the confidence of the people, and the consciousness of having done our best.

Found Cash on Hand.

When the Council came into power on January first, 1900, we found cash on hand to the amount of $8,254.41. There was a balance due to the City Tax of 1899 of $14,320.23. This made assets in sight to the amount of $22,574.64. Against this there were orders outstanding, that had been granted by the various departments, but not presented for payment, to the amount of $12,752.58. There were bonds and interest due to the amount of $4,896.69, or a total amount due from the city of $17,855.89, thus leaving an *actual balance*, with which to begin the new year of 1900, of $4,618.75. At the close of that year, December 31st, 1900, after twelve months of your administration, there was cash on hand to the amount of $6,825.04. There was due from the city tax $15,581.82, making the total assets in sight, $22,406.86. The orders granted by the various departments but not presented for payment, amounted to only $6,719.47, as against $12,752.58, of the year previous. The bonds and interest due January first amounted to $4,415.60, or a total obligation of $11,135.07. This leaves us $11,271.29 with which to begin the new year, or $6,652.54 more than we had a year ago.

This is certainly a creditable showing. And I beg to remind you of the fact that while you have administered the affairs of the city well, and provided for all obligations, you have given the people the lowest tax rate since the City was incorporated in 1848. This fact speaks for itself.

Must Borrow Money at Times.

So far as possible all departments have endeavored to conduct their affairs upon the principle, "Pay as you go." It has, of course, been necessary, as it always is, and as it will be the coming year, to borrow money at times in anticipation of the tax levy, yet we borrowed very little last year as compared with former years. This Council authorized the Mayor to issue his note, at various times, for amounts aggregating $66,000.00. Of these notes it was found necessary to discount but $22,000.00. All of these have been paid and cancelled. In 1899 Mayor's notes were discounted to the amount of $34,000.00. The year previous, 1898, the amount was $42,000.00. In 1897 the amount was $31,000.00; in 1896, $37,000.00; in 1895, $31,000.00 and in 1894, $33,000.00. So it will be seen at a glance that in this connection there has been prudent and careful management.

The interest and discount on Mayor's notes issued during the year amounted to but $399.21.

The city debt during the year was reduced in the sum of $48,000.00. Of this sum $5,000.00 went to pay Lake Shore Railroad bonds; $34,000.00 to pay Midland bonds; $4,000.00 to pay City Hall bonds and $4,000.00 to pay the deficiency note of the Board of Education, total $48,000.00. Besides this there was paid in interest on the city bonded debt, the sum of $21,586.77 making a total expenditure on principal and interest of $64,586.77. It will be a happy day for the people of Oswego when they see the last of the railroad bonds cancelled and paid. At the present rate of payment that happy day will dawn in 1919.

A Condensed Statement.

The following condensed statement will be found of interest:

Condensed statement of receipts and disbursements for 1900:

RECEIPTS.

Received on Co. tax 1900	$138,891 81	
Mayor's notes negotiated	22,000 00	
State apportionment for Education	11,587 77	
Excise, less rebates	25,818 65	
Sale Stone Crusher lots	100 00	
City Tax of 1899	10,830 46	
" " 1900	121,149 86	
Local Taxes	10,344 17	
Tax Sale of June 30, 1900	11,548 80	
Cash on hand and receipts from other sources	27,892 46	
		378,507 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid County Treasurer	56,287 15	
" Warrants Board of Town Audit	3,212 66	
Paid Bonds	48,000 00	
" Interest on Bonds	21,586 77	
" Mayor's Notes	22,000 00	
" Int. on Mayor's Notes	399 21	
" Local Improvement Bonds and Interest	38,168 18	
Paid for tax redemptions	150 91	
" Treasury Warrants, Common Council and the various departm'ts	201,928 18	
		371,682 06
Balance cash on hand and in bank, Jan. 1st, 1901		6,825 04

Comparative statement of balances on hand Jan. 1st, 1900, and Jan. 1st, 1901:

1900.

Balance due on City tax of 1899	14,320 23	
Balance cash on hand	8,251 41	
Total		22,574 64
Outstanding orders 12,752 58		
Bonds due & interest 4,896 69		17,855 89
Actual balance		4,618 75

1901.

Balance due on City tax of 1900	15,581 82	
Bal'nce cash on hand	6,825 04	
		22,406 86
Outstanding orders 6,719 47		
Bonds & interest due 4,415 60		11,135 07
Actual balance		11,271 29

New Contract for Lighting.

During the year many improvements of a permanent character have been made about the City by the Department of Works. A new contract for lighting the City has been entered into which will save the City many thousands of dollars besides securing to the people a better light. The Department of Fire and Police have made good use of the funds allotted to that Department. Besides paying the running expenses of the Department the Commissioners have purchased two new teams, put new heating apparatus in Engine house No. 3, purchased new iron beds for the two West side engine houses, improved the fire alarm service and begins the year with a better quantity of necessary supplies on hand than in many years. During the year this Department has inaugurated the business-like bid system, from which good results have been obtained. In this connection I beg to renew my recommendation of a year ago with reference to the abandonment of the two old dilapidated fire houses on the West side of the river and the consolidation of the two West side companies, under one roof, with accommodations in the same building for the City ambulance and the police patrol.

The Council has enacted several important ordinances during the year for which you are entitled to credit. Chief of these was one through the instrumentality of which the notorious concert halls were closed after several years of prosperity. The ordinance which reserves the sidewalks of the City to pedestrians was another, the enactment of which required courage and a full realization of your sense of duty to the people. The substitution of the machine system of voting for the old and less modern method, saved considerable money to the people and proved highly satisfactory to all concerned.

Civil Service Put Into Operation.

During the year the Civil Service Law was put into operation in the City for the first time, and we now have an excellent system in good working order.

The ordinance providing for a new system of wiring for the City was one that met with the hearty approval of the people and has already been productive of much good. In the early spring it is hoped to see the forest of unsightly poles disappear, in large measure and a system inaugurated that will insure better protection to life and property, and ultimately bring about a lesser rate of insurance.

Extensive repairs and improvements have been made to the interior of the City Hall while the exterior has been much improved by the grading of the grounds surrounding the building and the construction of new walks. It is hoped these improvements will be continued.

An investigation is now under way looking to a purer and better water supply, which it is hoped will bring beneficial results before the close of the year.

In conclusion, gentlemen, let me remind you that while we have accomplished much during the year the future offers great possibilities for the continuance of these good works and the betterment of the City's condition. The City is steadily advancing. Let us keep it going ahead. I beg to thank you for your hearty co-operation during the year and for the many courtesies extended to me as your presiding officer.

Extended a Vote of Thanks.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report Mr. Cooper complimented the Mayor on his efficient work during the year and moved that a vote of thanks be tendered him. This motion was seconded by Alderman Foote and was carried.

A petition was read from William Wood of Lockport asking for an assignment of a judgment held against him by the City of Oswego to his wife Ella M. Wood. It appears that on April 17, 1899 Adelpherd Brown on complaint of his wife Hattie Brown was arrested and furnished a bond in the sum of $300 for the support of his wife and child. William Wood his employer went on his bond and shortly after Brown who it is said was a Baptist clergyman left the city and went to Ohio. On December 19, 1899 the city sued the bond and obtained a judgment which was never collected. During the time that Adelpherd Brown was away his wife it is alleged was dependent on local charities. Since then William Wood has paid to the charities supporting her the amount expended thereby, discharging the bond. On motion of Mr. Cooper the petition asking for the assignment of the judgment was granted. Mr. McGrath voted in the negative.

Bartholomew Lynch of West Seventh again presented a claim to the Council for $63.60 as City Chamberlain for the first ten days in 1896, which he claims he worked before Alonzo Failing who had been appointed by Mayor Higgins to succeed Mr. Lynch, could take office. Mr. Lynch sent a lengthy communication to the Council, telling the whole history of the case and how many dollars he had saved when in the office. His petition was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Appointments Confirmed.

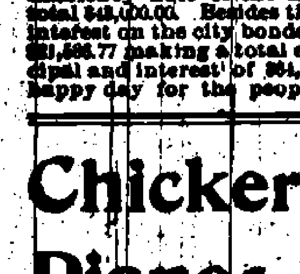
The appointments of F. Lewis Smith to the Council of the Oswego Fire Department for the unexpired term ending December 31, 1902, made vacant by the resignation of Max B. Richardsen, was confirmed by the Council as was that of James P. Doyle to succeed himself in the Fire Council for the term beginning January 1, 1901, and ending December 31, 1903.

Alderman Mullen stated that something should be done to warm the room where the voting machines are stored. He said he understood the room was cold and damp and said a stove should be in the place.

Mayor Hall stated that the Council could not exercise too much care in the matter and on motion of Mr. Cooper the Supply Committee was authorized to take such action as was deemed advisable. Mr. Skinner said he had heard a rumor that two of the machines had been smashed. Mayor Hall said all the city machines were safe and in the library building but that the two machines which had been loaned to the city had been thrown to the ground in the railroad yard from one of John Matthews' wagons and that the city was not responsible.

John T. Griffin asked for a license to play a piano at his place, 119 West Second Street. The matter was referred to the License Committee.

The Oswego DAILY TIMES and The Daily *Palladium* were designated as the official papers and on motion of Mr. Toomey the various committees were authorized to enter into a contract with the two papers. The First and Second National Banks and the Oswego City and County Savings Banks were designated as the repositories for the funds of the City Chamberlain. Through a motion of Mr. Cooper the Chief of Police was directed to advertise in the two daily papers, the ordinance prohibiting sliding on the sidewalks and to see that it was enforced. Mr. Cooper said in support of his motion that several people had complained to him about children sliding on the sidewalks.



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AT THE RICHARDSON.

"A Bachelor's Honeymoon."

There will be something really good to laugh about at the Richardson to-night when the delightful comedienne Miss Delia Stacey and her clever company will present John Stapleton's funny farce "A Bachelor's Honeymoon." Praises of every description have been written about this play but none are more expressive or original than the following from a Southern critic renowned for his conservative judgment of the drama, "A Bachelor's Honeymoon drew just three laughs from each person in the audience. The play is in three acts and each act is one long loud laugh, consequently the audience got in only three laughs, because it didn't have an opportunity to straighten its several faces except between curtains.

"Arizona."

No one who cares for real dramatic art in its best guise, should miss seeing Augustus Thomas' stirring play "Arizona," when it is presented at the Richardson to-morrow. In this play, there are the dust and sunny glare of the Arizona desert, the free wild spirit of the great West, the intensified effect of gentleness and refinement transplanted into the wilderness, atmosphere, color and above all, action. Of course it is a love story. In fact there are several loves.

"The Village Postmaster."

One of the interesting features of the latest New England play which will shortly be seen at the Richardson, "The Village Postmaster," is the fidelity shown in the resuscitation of modes, costumes and manners of half a century ago. The flounced skirts for the women and queer garbs for the men, indicate the period of the play way back in 1852 very clearly, as well as amusingly, and we are told that the same attention to detail is shown in the scenery and settings. Archie Boyd, the excellent character comedian, with the complete New York cast and production, exactly as seen during the New York engagement of the play, will be seen here.

"The Parish Priest" Coming.

D. L. Boone, business manager for Daniel Sully, is in town making arrangements for the appearance of that star at the Richardson in "The Parish Priest."

W. C. T. U.

A special meeting for an Hour of Prayer will be held at the house of Mrs. David S. Stone 15 West Mohawk Street Thursday January 10th 3 to 4 P. M. All members, and all ladies interested in the success of the temperance cause are urged to be present.

AGAINST ORDINANCE.

Members of Council Do Not Favor the Proposition of the Local Grocers.

There was no meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association last evening, the cause being the lack of a quorum. The meeting was postponed until two weeks from last night when the annual election of officers will occur. The committee having the matter of farmers peddling in the streets in hand was to have reported. It is doubtful if an ordinance requiring a license in the streets can be passed. Alderman Cooper is against such an ordinance and so are the other members of the Council with the possible exception of Mr. Foote.

INJURED LAST EVENING.

John Dufrane a Ship Carpenter Hurt at the N. Y. O. & W. Trestle.

John Dufrane, a ship carpenter, whose home is at West Eleventh and Seneca Streets, was injured last evening near the N. Y. O. & W. trestle by a large timber falling on his leg. He was taken to his home in the ambulance and attended by Dr. J. F. Dwyer.

Miss Baltes Entertains.

Miss Laura Baltes entertained a few friends last evening previous to her departure for Chicago where she goes on Tuesday next to enter the Chicago School of Music. The evening was pleasantly passed by the persons present. Miss E. Marie Schilling sang as did Atherton Furlough of New York. Delicious refreshments were served. Miss Baltes will retire as organist of St. Peter's Church on Thursday next, a position she has acceptably filled for some time past.

IN OLDEN TIMES

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K. of C. Dancing Party.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a dancing party at their rooms tonight. Schilling's concert orchestra will be in attendance. It is expected that a large crowd will be present.

Will Meet To-night.

A meeting of the committee appointed to investigate into the quality of the water supplied by the Oswego Water Works Company will be held to-night for the purpose of organizing.

BOWLING CONTEST.

Knights of Pythias Took Two Games from Local Teams at Eureka Alleys Last Night.

A large crowd witnessed the bowling contest between the Knights of Pythias, the Eurekas and Wright's team at the Eureka alleys last night. The games were unusually interesting and some large individual scores were made. The Knights of Pythias were captained by John Harris and won from both the Eurekas and Wrights. The scores follow:

K. of P.

	1	2
Harris, Cap	136	139
Porter	134	122
Pettigrew	156	174
Clarke	149	133
Rice	69	127
	659	695

Wrights.

	1	2
Gill, Cap	109	111
Cochran	96	128
Carey	128	184
Marsden	169	105
Quigley	98	137
	581	665

Eurekas.

	1	2	3
Schilling, Captain	120	129	115
Washburn	157	180	140
Wessels	142	141	150
Sayer	134	158	150
Vorwinkel	135	120	107
	688	728	652

K. of P.

	1	2	3
Harris, Captain	109	154	197
Porter	172	162	184
Pettigrew	124	116	118
Clarke	124	130	120
Rice	147	109	115
	736	671	690

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WANTED—At once. A girl for general housework at No. 120 West Bridge St. jan7d3t-15

WANTED Room, by gentleman, within three blocks of First National Bank. Description of room and price. Address, Traveler, TIMES office. 9d3t-15

WANTED—Applicants wanted to enter the Training school for nurses at the Loomis Sanitarium, Liberty, N. Y. jan3d6t-11

WANTED A four or five room house, moderately furnished. Will pay rent in advance. Address 42, TIMES Office. jan4d3t-11

WANTED—Second hand clothes, furniture, stoves and carpets in exchange for Smyrna rugs at the Auction Commission House, 55 East Second Street. 9d3t*-15

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Can Peas	06	Washing Soda	01	Current Jelly	03
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Lard	06½	Beans	08	Crackers	06
Rio and Java Coffee	19				

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Canned Corn 6c	Large Pickles 7c doz
Canned Tomatoes 7c	Sack Buckwheat 25c
Package Mince Meat 7c	

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