

THE CITY PROBLEM

It is said that in no place has democracy shown so poorly as in the matter of municipal government. When we read of civic reform in Des Moines or Chicago or New York we vigorously approve, but it is hard to realize that Denison has its municipal problem, a problem that should call for the earnest consideration of every citizen.

The Review gives publicity to these matters because for several years the council has refused to live up to the law of the state in regard to the publicity of municipal affairs. The statute governing is plain and mandatory but it has never been complied with by the city of Denison. Mayor Rollins tells us that the receipts of the city of Denison, from all sources, amounted last year to \$12,591.70. The Mayor means that this was the amount in the general city fund. It does not include such special taxes as those for Sewer, Parks, Library, Bond and other special funds. Nor does it include the more than six hundred dollars a year taken from the Water fund for the purpose of paying the deputy marshal on the theory that he devotes all his time to the collection of water rents. Further it does not include the fact that the merchants are obliged personally to pay the major part of the salary of the nightwatch who is Denison's only night police and that the merchants are required to pay not only for the work of street sprinkling but to recompense the city for the water thus used.

It is fair therefore to add at least \$1200 contributed by the water fund and by the merchants toward the support of the police force of the city. This makes the income \$13,791.70.

Mayor Rollins, who has shown a desire to be straightforward and who himself confesses that he does not quite understand how Denison manages to spend so much and get so little, has given us a partial list of the expenditures of the city. This statement comes within a thousand dollars of showing where the money went. This thousand, unaccounted for is for "minor expenses," airy trifles such as phone rent etc.

Under the head of Salaries, the Mayor presents figures as follows:

Aldermen, \$300; City Physician, \$25; Treasurer, \$100; Mayor, \$300; Clerk, \$100; Nightwatch, \$186 (balance being paid by individual merchants); Marshal, \$660; Deputy Marshal, \$30, (balance of \$630 being paid from water fund); City Attorney, \$100; City Attorney, extra, \$27.50; Other attorneys, \$45; Extra police, \$19; Expense Board of Health and Health officer, \$512; City election wages, \$32; Street Commissioner, salary, \$443.30. A total of \$2,879.80, exclusive of the amount paid by the merchants for night police and the \$630 paid by the water fund for Water Collector, who in reality devotes nearly all of his time to his work as deputy marshal.

The \$2879 pays therefore for the services of one man, the marshal for an entire year, for a street commissioner half the year and the rest goes to those who devote but a comparatively small amount of time to the business of the city. Nearly one fourth of the income has been accounted for and not a spade has been lifted, not a light turned on, not a gallon of water pumped, not a new crossing laid.

The figures submitted by the Mayor for further expenditures are as follows:

Road Work	\$1,251.45
Grading	1,029.40
Sidewalk, culvert and crossing repairs	445.05
Ditch cleaning	326.13
Grading (fire fund)	164.82
Removing ashes and cinders	39.10
Cleaning crossings	192.40
Road work (1 mill road)	983.75
Repairs (sewer)	34.80
Removing garbage	74.40
Miscellaneous expenses	179.30

Principal work was done at the following prices:

Cemetery road	594.05
East Broadway	774.00
Tremont (Caroy Res)	125.00
Tremont and Hodges (John Lingle Res)	130.00
N. Seagrave Ave (Claus Olson Res)	188.00
Firemen's Track (fire fund)	147.87
Road (McHenry Stock Farm)	150.00
Road (Ed. Baum's)	35.00
Street at Washington Park	100.00
Dues to Municipal League	10.00
Expense Health Officer to Health Conference	12.50
Expense Mayor to Health Conference	12.50
Expense Mayor Municipal League, Ottumwa	21.62
Cement Crossings	93.45
Surveyor	81.00
Damage Suits Settled	
Chas. Saul	35.00
Electric Light Co.	85.15
Hospital	23.55
Sewer (Gary)	24.60
Conner & Lally, witnesses	33.85
Hardware	24.25
Draying and team to fires	29.30
Blacksmithing	98.80
Blank books and supplies	15.90
Publishing notices, ordinances and proceedings	50.40
Publishing Board of Health rules	100.00



MILLINERY

Beautiful trimmed hats in superb variety. The best proof we can offer of our trimmed hat stock to-day. Hundreds of hats have been sold since the season opened, yet the ranks are unbroken. There is no weakness in the collection. The skilled work-room force is constantly sending in new beauties. Plenty of ultra stylish creations-plenty of conservative hats-plenty of "in-between" styles-plenty of hats at every price on the scale between \$2.00 and \$25.00. What price do you wish to pay? What new style do you prefer? Your style at your price is here. The hat that belongs to you is certainly in the immense collection, and it will be our pleasure to help you to it.

SHOES

We've shoes for every member of the family-- grandpa down to little Harry. Among our patrons we number many families where we shoe every member, because they know where to come for the best shoes. Shoes of comfort for elderly people; shoes of style and durability for the middle aged; shoes made for strenuous wear and adapted to the growing feet of the boy and girl. We call special attention to our men's and boy's heavy working shoes. Better shoe-making and better leathers were never put into shoes at our price--we have them in elk skin and all other leathers. We stand ready to prove a benefit to any family that buys shoes. It will be worth your while to test us. Money back, if our shoes go wrong.



FASHION

for many years has not centred on the back and lines have not been everything. The fitting of the figure and the trimming mode seemed to be the chief thing. This season's fashion centre the attention on LINES---not curves---but STRAIGHT effects.

The size of the woman is not taken into consideration---she may be large or small, fat or thin. She must be given the uncurved figure.

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1909 Collapsible Go-Carts

Meta Collapsible Folder

The frame of this cart is made extra strong, and of the highest grade steel stock. The frame has additional steel reinforcements under the seat. Side arms of steel with 1/2-inch Tubular Pushers, 25-64-inch or 1/2-inch rubber tires on wheels. Upholstered in English Leather Cloth. Has a reclining back, upholstered on a steel frame, dash adjustable for sleeping purposes. This cart is furnished with or without hood. The hood is attached to this cart in such a manner, that it may be adjusted to any position desired, by means of a small enameled thumb screw, and may be folded with the cart without removing. The hood is trimmed with the same English Leather Cloth, as the body and is supported by enameled steel spreaders. Spring seat. Opened with one motion.

DIMENSIONS

Height of cart to top of handle, 35 inches. Height of cart to top of hood, (hood up) 36 inches. Frame 24 inches long, 15 one-half inches wide. Seat, 9 inches deep. Width between arms, 12 inches. Height of back, 16 inches. Steel wheels 10 inches high, with 25-64 or one-half inch rubber tires. Folded: 15 inches wide, 25 inches long, 6 inches deep. Weight of cart with hood attached, 18 pounds. Weight of cart without hood, 16 pounds.



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DENISON, IOWA.

Electric Light and Power Co, arc lights,..... 3113.32
City Hall Lights..... 111.06
All night incandescents..... 18.00
We would call attention to two items. For cement crossings, the large sum of \$93.45 was expended, while the bill for Board of Health and Health officer is \$512. This last item does not include any quarantine expenses which are simply certified by the city and paid by the county. We are informed that the chief item is for inspection of the sanitary conditions of the milk supply.

We will admit at once that this is a rambling statement and that no particular criticism has been made. It is not our purpose to criticize. We shall have accomplished our object if the people of Denison will read the figures submitted and decide for themselves what, if any, criticism is needed or what reforms should be inaugurated.

The statement is incomplete and inaccurate. It does not come within a thousand dollars of showing where the money went. It does not show the sources of income, nor the state of the various funds, but IT IS THE ONLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE CITY OF DENISON THAT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR TWO YEARS.

THE LITERARY MAGAZINE

The Magazine Section Growing Better Every Week--Every Subscriber Should Have One

We make no complaint that every subscriber of the paper is not paid a year in advance, but as all expect to pay some time, we wish for their own sakes they would keep the account so they would receive the magazine section each week. When we read the interesting stories, sketches, historical articles, in the magazine from week to week we feel sorry that every subscriber is not having the same pleasure we are. Last week there was a picture and a write-up of the great falls of the Zambesi river in Africa and the Victoria Falls which have grandeur and power above that of our famed Niagara. There was also a story entitled, "On Equal Ground" which is good. It suggests a novel way of gaining relief for one's true feelings on a given situation, by writing them down, and also gives a broad hint as to how to have domestic harmony. This week there is a story which should interest the children about a kitten named "Boots." "The Man's Birthright," a story by Victor Rousseau illustrates the condition of the poor wage earners and has a touch of sentiment which makes it most readable. Then there is a talk about the Eskimo people, their habits, dress, customs which will interest the children as well as the grown people. The title of the article "Happy Though Chasing" gives one no cue that it relates to the residents of Colorado who are there to find a cure, or prolong their lives on finding they have tuberculosis. It seems that one who is thus situated is said to be "Chasing health" and the articles tell of the fun they have in the chase. One of the helps to a cure is cheerfulness and every effort is made to amuse and thus take the mind off from fearful broodings. They go out for picnics, ride on patient burros, prepare theatricals, and take up any other pastime which ingenuity can suggest. This is but a suggestion of what the magazine contains from week to week. When simply keeping your subscription paid ahead will add so much to the entertaining and instructive reading coming to the household, we could wish every subscriber had the magazine supplement.

Mrs. Marion Cole was up from Dow City on Saturday last, the first time since her serious illness.



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