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CITY ENGINEER.....FRANK R. HALL
Office, 451 Main Street. Phone Junction 739.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Phone Junction 770.

CHIEF OF POLICE.....C. H. WALLIS
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE.....WILLIAM C. HERMANN
DAY POLICEMAN AND TRUANT OFFICER.....J. J. ALLISON
NIGHT POLICEMEN.....WM. A. KNOCHE AND A. L. HALLIGAN

WATER DEPARTMENT

Phone Superintendent Water Works, Residence, Junction 614.

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CONSTRUCTION REPAIRER.....CHARLES GARBER
CARE-TAKER, Kannah Creek Intake.....JAMES WOODS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Phone Junction 10.

FIRE CHIEF AND CITY WEIGHER.....J. S. HYNES
ASSISTANT CHIEF.....GEORGE BOWEN
DRIVER FIRE AUTO.....A. P. CROOKS
REGULAR FIREMAN.....CLAUDE HEADRICK

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CITY HEALTH OFFICER.....DR. CARL W. PLUMB
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A. C. SCHWENKER.....Garbage Collector
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S. J. SCOVILL.....City Scavenger
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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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J. MONROE STEWART, Secretary.

Sentinel  Press.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CITY OF

GRAND JUNCTION

COLORADO

AND

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1914

COMPILED BY THE CITY CLERK

PROPERTY OF

GRAND JUNCTION PUBLIC LIBRARY

CITY of GRAND JUNCTION

Publication of Annual and Other Reports.

66. **Publicity Records and Reports.**—Each of said commissioners shall keep a record book in which shall be recorded a brief but comprehensive record of all department affairs under his charge as soon as performed and shall quarterly render to the city council a full report of all operations of such department, and shall annually, and oftener if required by the city council, make a synopsis thereof for publication. All such records shall be kept open for public inspection. The council shall provide for the publication of such annual or other reports, and of such portion of the quarterly reports, as to it may seem advisable. Each commissioner shall also make and keep a complete inventory and permanent record of all the personal property of his department and what disposition, if any, has been made of the same.—Article VII, Section 66 of the City Charter.

The executive and administrative powers, authority and duties of the city are distributed among five departments:

Department of Public Affairs
Department of Water and Sewers
Department of Finance and Supplies
Department of Highways
Department of Health and Civic Beauty

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SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

YEAR 1914

January 6—Arc light ordered placed at Ninth and Colorado avenue. Quarterly reports of commissioners and city officers submitted.

Jan. 13—Annual reports of Commissioners and city officers received. Ordinance No. 220, an ordinance concerning lumber and wood yards, passed as an emergency ordinance. City Clerk ordered to have 2,000 copies of annual reports printed and distributed.

Jan. 20—Annual reports of the City Treasurer and City Clerk and Auditor received. An appropriation of \$100 made for the purchase of shade trees for general street planting.

Feb. 3—On petition of Joseph Proirer and others cement sidewalk was ordered constructed on south side of blocks 34 and 35.

Feb. 17—Clerk instructed to advertise for bids for construction of new fire house and city jail. Ordinance No. 221, relating to the government and protection of city parks, passed and adopted.

March 3—Bids for construction of new fire house and jail received and read.

March 4—Bids of W. C. Boyer, S. E. Winterburn, and R. S. Nichols for complete construction of new fire house rejected. Bids of Toupain and Fix for concrete work; Mayer Paint Co. for painting; Corson Electric Co. for electric wiring, and Dike and Clark for sheet metal work and roofing, accepted on condition that bids for other units be reduced sufficiently to permit erection of building complete with available funds. All remaining bids rejected, and architect instructed to prepare new plans and specifications for remaining units not let.

March 10—Ordinance No. 222, an ordinance concerning water works, passed and adopted; also ordinance 223, repealing certain sections of Ordinance No. 168. On recommendation of the Mayor, officers Wm. A. Knoche and A. L. Halligan were dropped from the regular police force. Communication of City Attorney in reference to the state supreme court decision in relation to city funds, received and read.

March 14—Bids for construction of new fire house, received March 12, considered and bid of W. C. Boyer for complete construction of building, except parts already let, for \$8,567.00 accepted.

March 24—On petition of J. N. Neeb and others, council agreed to pay for labor to the amount of \$100 for maintenance of the Orchard Mesa cemeteries for the year 1914. S. R. Schaeffer employed to audit city's books and accounts for the year 1914, for \$350 for two audits.

March 31—E. R. Romberg appointed city engineer in place of F. R. Hall, resigned. Ordinance No. 224, providing for the creation of a board of city forestry, etc., passed and adopted. City Clerk instructed to advertise for bids for garbage collection.

April 14—Report of audit of city's books and accounts by certified public accountant accepted and ordered placed on file. Quarterly reports of commissioners and city officers received. G. R. Barton appointed temporary city weigher.

April 17 designated as "Tree Planting Day" and commissioner of health and civic beauty instructed to distribute trees free for planting on said day.

April 21—Quarterly reports of Commissioners received. A. O. Shaff awarded contract for collection of city garbage at \$48.00 per month to November 1, 1915. H. A. Polker awarded contract for construction of sidewalk on three sides of Block 84 at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per square foot. A balance of \$174.27 remaining in Advertising Fund transferred to General Fund.

May 5-19—Cement sidewalks ordered constructed in front of a number of lots in various parts of the city. A. N. Patterson given the use of Palmer Park.

May 26—Ordinance No. 225, an ordinance concerning salaries of certain city employes, passed and adopted. Resolution adopted endorsing efforts to increase consumption of home products.

June 2—Permit granted Mr. Wilson to erect temporary air-dome at Sixth and Main Streets. Cement sidewalk ordered constructed on east side of Block 6, Moberly subdivision. Petition presented to Council for passing or submission of a proposed ordinance in relation to purchase of electric light works.

June 16—Petition of C. P. McCary and others, protesting against the passage of proposed electric light ordinance, presented. Committee representing signers of petition for proposed electric light ordinance made formal withdrawal of petition and proposed ordinance.

June 20—Resolution passed declaring franchise of Colorado Telephone Co. expired, and appointing telephone committee.

June 30—Ordinance No. 226, an ordinance concerning the appraisal and valuation of the electric light and gas plants, passed and adopted. Daily News designated as official paper of city until December 31, 1914.

July 7—Report of C. H. Branscombe, structural engineer on examination of Park Opera House building, received. Resolution passed granting permission to gas plant to make connection with sewer. An appropriation of \$12.50 per month to January 1, 1915, made for payment of rental of public rest room.

July 14—Quarterly reports of Commissioners and city officers received. Ordinance No. 227, concerning theatres and moving picture shows, passed and adopted. Commissioner of Highways instructed to construct store room between city hall and city barn.

June 22—Petition of A. M. Schmidt and others asking that Ordinance No. 226, concerning valuation of electric light plant be submitted to a vote of the people, presented. Committee appointed to secure provisional option to purchase Fair Grounds for city park. Commissioners Vorbeck and Holmburg appointed to serve with Mayor Cherrington on telephone investigation committee.

August 4—Resolution passed permitting canning factory to connect with sewer on South Seventh street. Ordinance No. 226, reconsidered and referred to a vote of the people at special election.

August 18—Ordinance No. 228, relating to water rents, passed; also Ordinance No. 229, concerning municipal elections.

Sept. 1—Petition received asking Council to submit propositions to amend certain sections of Charter at special election. Commissioner of Finance and Supplies ordered to purchase car of asphalt for Highway department.

Sept. 8—Resolution passed granting J. M. Sampliner six free sewer connections in consideration of quit claim deed to 30 feet of real estate for street purposes.

Sept. 14—Resolution passed, calling special election on October 1st, 1914, submitting Ordinance No. 226 and Charter amendments to a vote of the people; also designating polling places.

Sept. 29—Report of certified public accountant on examination and audit of city's books and accounts for first half of current year read and accepted. Winston Brothers granted permission to connect with city mains at north end of Seventh street and to be furnished water at monthly meter rates.

Oct. 3—Returns of special election held October 1st canvassed and resolution passed declaring results.

Oct. 13—Quarterly reports of Commissioners and city officers received. Commissioner of Water and Sewers instructed to construct three manholes on sewer line between Main street and Rood avenue.

Oct. 20—Council received notice from Architect Jenkins that the new Fire House and Jail was completed as far as contract of W. C. Boyer was concerned. Resolution passed granting revokable permit to the Currie Canning Co. to construct a side track for inter-urban line to the factory on Seventh street. Special committee reported adversely to employing special attorneys for suit against D. & R. G. railroad company in reference to Lawrence avenue.

Oct. 27—Resolution passed ordering cement sidewalks constructed in front of property named in resolution. Contract let for constructing cement floor in court yard of new Fire House and Jail.

Nov. 4—Mayor Cherrington appointed to act as City Treasurer during absence of Commissioner Vorbeck.

Nov. 9—Resolution passed making annual levy for defraying necessary expenses and liabilities of the city for the fiscal year 1915. Annual appropriation ordinance passed for publication.

Nov. 24—Resolution passed accepting offer of the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. in reference to the audit of books and papers of said company for the purpose of determining the receipts and expenses of the Grand Junction plant; also in reference to an appraisal of the telephone property. R. S. Schaeffer, certified public accountant, of Denver, appointed to audit books, to be paid by telephone company for services.

Dec. 1—The following ordinances were passed and adopted: Ordinance No. 230, the annual appropriation ordinance; Ordinance No. 231, in relation to water rents; Ordinance No. 232, levying special assessment on all lots abutting on water mains.

Dec. 15—Resolution passed authorizing payment of December salaries of city officers and employes before Christmas.

Dec. 21—Notice of summons in District Court of suit of Edith Marsh against city for alleged injuries on sidewalk read. Commissioner of Finance and Supplies instructed to place order for five cells for new city jail. Petition presented to Council by W. F. Pitner and others asking passage of an ordinance in relation to Sunday closing. Resolution passed instructing Commissioner of Finance and Supplies to close Park Fund account and transfer debit balance to account of Miscellaneous General Funds. Resolution passed instructing Mayor and clerk to issue certificate and lien for certain sidewalk constructed.

Dec. 23—Final settlement made with W. C. Boyer and sub-contractors and claimants for construction of new Fire House and Jail. Resolution passed authorizing payment of \$51.54 to M. O. Delaplain for payment made for cancelled tax sale and overpaid to sewer districts. Mr. Else allowed \$30 for damages on North avenue.

Dec. 28—An ordinance initiated by petition of W. F. Pitner and others and entitled "An Ordinance Concerning Sunday Closing," passed for publication.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK AND AUDITOR

Grand Junction, Colorado, January 1, 1915.
TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO.

GENTLEMEN:

Herewith I submit for your consideration my annual report, covering the fiscal year ending December 31, 1914, showing in detail the expenditures of the several Departments of the city government; also the total cash revenues as reported by the city treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. POLICE FUND

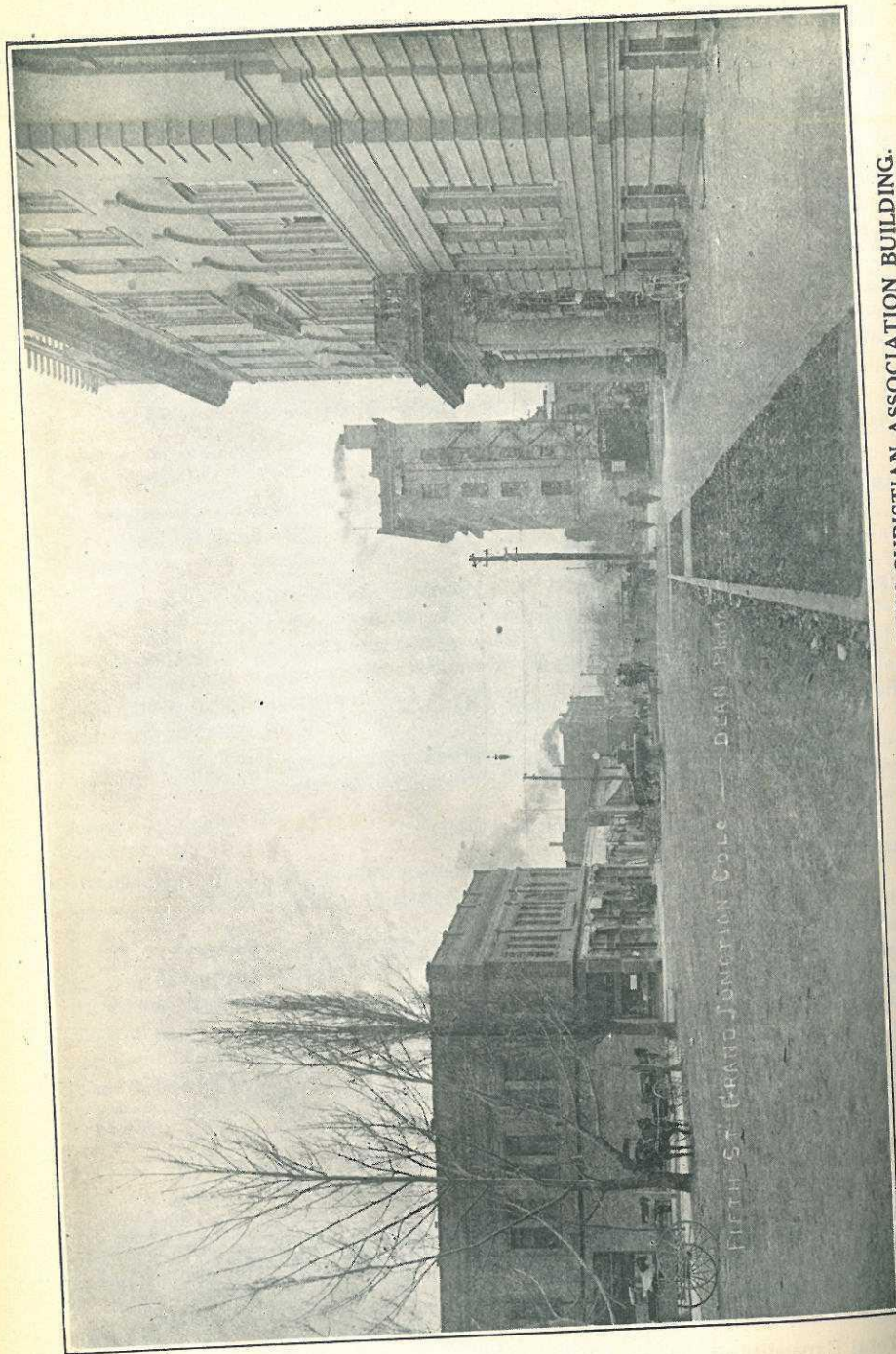
Annual Appropriation		
Expenditures account of—		\$5,000.00
Salaries chief and regular police		
Wages special police	\$3,252.15	
"Bootlegging" cases	469.02	
Prisoners, board and transportation	328.33	
Disposal of dead animals	98.80	
Cells for new city jail	51.75	
Miscellaneous-fuel, supplies, telephone, printing, insurance, etc.	403.05	
Total Expenditures	227.72	
Balance Appropriation	\$4,830.82	
		\$169.18

FIRE FUND

Annual Appropriation		
Expenditures: Account of—		\$5,300.00
Salaries chief and regular firemen		
Wages volunteer firemen	\$3,919.00	
Repairs and renewal of equipment	215.75	
Fuel and supplies	236.12	
Miscellaneous, rent of temporary quarters, telephone, insurance, etc.	466.77	
Total Expenditures	405.72	
Balance Appropriation	\$5,243.36	
		\$56.64

LIGHT FUND

Annual Appropriation		
Expenditures: Account of—		\$8,200.00
Arc Lights		
Light service city hall, fire house and jail	\$7,894.11	
Light service public library	89.00	
Lamps for street fountain	111.70	
Total Expenditures70	
Balance Appropriation	\$8,095.51	
		\$104.49



FIFTH STREET—LOOKING SOUTH FROM YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Annual Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expenditures, account of—		
Salaries librarian and assistants		
Repairs and renewal building and grounds	\$1,297.30	
Repairs and renewal equipment	202.81	
Books and publications	5.75	
Miscellaneous,—Fuel, supplies, etc.	413.92	
	80.17	
Total Expenditures	\$1,999.95	
Balance Appropriation		.05

FIRE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND

Balance Jan 1, 1914		\$ 329.25
Cash received, sale of old fire house		6,000.00
Cash received, county treasurer, taxes		6,210.47
		\$12,539.72

Expenditures, account of—		
Lots, plans, engineering and clerical work	\$1,259.85	
Excavation, concrete work and water connections	2,108.88	
General construction—Contract and extras	822.50	
Electric wiring	479.75	
Roofing and sheet metal work	383.00	
Painting	270.00	
Miscellaneous—plastering jail, appliances, extras	549.05	
Total Expended	\$13,873.03	
Overdraft—Debit Balance		\$1,333.31

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWERS

WATER FUND

Annual Appropriation		\$5,500.00
Overdraft, Jan. 1, 1914		\$156.60
Expenditures, Account of—		
Office expense: Clerical work, postage, printing, stationery, telephone, etc.	425.55	
Pipe line and reservoirs, labor, supplies etc.	785.70	
Street Mains: Construction and repairs—Labor, pipe, supplies, repairs auto, etc.	3,193.28	
Kannah Creek Intake: Labor, supplies, telephone	824.15	
Total Expended	\$5,228.68	
Balance Appropriation		\$114.72

SEWER FUND

Annual Appropriation		\$500.00
Expenditures: Account of—		
Maintenance and Repairs: Labor	\$242.50	
Maintenance and Repairs: Material and supplies	240.49	
Total Expended	\$482.99	
Balance Appropriation		\$17.01

SPECIAL SEWER FUND		
Cash Receipts 1914-		
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1914	\$52.70	\$211.52
Expenditures: Account of—	51.54	
Refund of taxes paid	\$104.24	
Total		\$107.28
Credit Balance		

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND SUPPLIES		
GENERAL FUND		
Annual Appropriation		6,000.00
Expenditures; Account of—		
Office Expense: Supplies, postage, publications, professional services, labor etc.	\$900.18	
Legal Advertising	372.20	
Printing and stationery	235.79	
Repairs and renewal City Hall	144.15	
Repairs and renewal equipment	84.85	
Expense Registration and Special Election	378.15	
Miscellaneous—Fuel, telephone, payment on Ute avenue lots, sidewalk construction, new store room, care of O. M. cemetery, public rest room, city scales, examination G. M. reservoirs, insurance, taxes, etc.	1,943.24	
City Forestry: Planting, trimming and care of street trees	254.50	
Total Expended	\$4,313.06	
Balance Appropriation		\$1,686.94

SALARY FUND		
Annual Appropriation		\$9,100.00
Expenditures: Account of:		
Salaries: Commissioners	\$6,600.00	
City Attorney	1,080.00	
City Health Officer (City Physician)	480.00	
City Hall Janitor	300.00	
Total Expended	\$8,460.00	
Balance Appropriation		\$640.00

SPECIAL ASSEMENT FUND		
Annual Appropriation		\$737.00
Expenditures: Account of—		
Paving District Assessments	\$553.47	
Balance Appropriation		\$183.53

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS		
HIGHWAYS FUND		
Annual Appropriation		\$12,900.00
Expenditures: Account of—		
Labor and Team Work: Street cleaning and construction	\$6,072.70	
Livestock: Replacement and keep	1,180.55	
Equipment: New and repairs and renewal	3,116.83	
Construction: Sidewalks, crosswalks, culverts and bridges	1,595.30	
Water for irrigation of street trees	78.00	
Miscellaneous—Supplies, rent of warehouse, new warehouse, asphalt, rent of crusher ground, etc.	851.95	
Total Expenditures	\$12,895.33	
Balance Appropriation		\$4.67

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FUNDS		
Expenditures:		
Sidewalk District No. 1: Office work and misc. expenses	\$69.52	
Paving District No. 2; miscellaneous expenses	27.65	
Paving District No. 3: Office work, etc.	44.28	
Total Expenditures		\$141.45

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CIVIC BEAUTY		
HEALTH FUND		
Annual Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Expenditures: Account of		
Garbage disposal and grease trap cleaning	\$1,651.50	
Cleaning alleys and disposal of trash	1,852.15	
Maintenance Red Mesa Hospital	494.87	
Stationery, printing, repair equipment, etc.	18.55	
Miscellaneous: Drugs for Health Officer, water analysis, etc.	82.74	
Total Expenditures	\$3,999.81	
Balance Appropriation		.19

PARK FUND		
Annual Appropriation		2,300.00
Expenditures: Account of—		
Maple Park: Permanent improvements and maintenance	718.96	
Walnut Park: Permanent improvements, maintenance	1,407.95	
Cottonwood Park: Permanent Improvements, maintenance	106.99	
Chestnut Park: Labor, trees and shrubs	65.82	
Total Expenditures	\$2,299.72	
Balance Appropriation		.28

REVENUES		
GENERAL FUND		
Cash Balance in Treasurer's hands January 1, 1914		3,167.96
RECEIPTS:		
Licenses collected	\$1,200.25	
Dairy Permits	62.00	
City Scales	98.40	
Municipal Court—Costs	205.25	
Grease Traps, cleaning of	1,146.00	
Mesa County: Account Red Mesa Hospital	134.30	
Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. Right-of-way	990.00	
G. J. Electric, Gas and Mfg. Co.: Percentage receipts	2,283.52	
County Treasurer: General Taxes	42,809.23	
Miscellaneous receipts	155.72	
Total		49,084.67
		\$52,252.63

WATER FUND		
Cash Balance in Treasurer's hands Jan. 1, 1914		\$5,728.03
Collections, rated and metered water	\$36,839.15	
Collections, miscellaneous	749.72	
Total		37,588.87
		\$43,316.90

LIBRARY FUND		
Cash Balance in Treasurer's hands Jan. 1, 1914		\$ 830.99
Receipts Municipal Court—Fines collected	\$72.00	
County Treasurer—Taxes collected	1,597.01	
Total		1,669.91
		\$2,500.90

FIRE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND			
Balance in Treasurer's hands Jan. 1, 1914			\$337.50
Receipts: Sale old building	\$6,000.00		
County Treasurer: Taxes and rebates	6,210.47	12,210.47	
Total			12,547.97

SUMMARY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND			
Total Revenues: Receipts and balance all sources			\$52,252.63
Expenditures:			
Department of Public Affairs	\$18,169.69		
Department of Finance and Supplies	12,773.06		
Department of Highways	12,895.33		
Department of Health and Civic Beauty	6,299.43		
Department of Water and Sewers (Account Sewers)	482.99		
Total	\$50,620.50		

Credit Balance: Receipts and balance above expenditures \$1,632.13

WATER FUND			
Total Revenues, including balance			\$43,316.90
Total Expenditures, including overdraft 1913	\$5,385.25		

Cr. Balance: Receipts and bal. above expenditures \$37,931.65

LIBRARY FUND			
Total Revenues, including balance			\$2,500.90
Total Expenditures	\$1,999.95		

Cr. Balance: Receipts and balance above expenditures \$500.95

FIRE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND			
Total Revenues, including balance			12,547.97
Total Expenditures	13,873.03		

Dr. Balance: Expenditures above receipts \$1,325.06

SUMMARY			
Total Revenues: General and Miscellaneous Funds			\$110,618.40
Total Expenditures	\$71,878.73		

Cr. Balance: Receipts and bal. above expenditures \$38,739.67

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS			
Cash in Treasurer's hands Jan 1, 1915			\$22,576.88
City Hall			12,000.00
New Fire House and Jail			15,000.00
Public Library			5,000.00
City Parks (not including Palmer Park)			30,000.00
Part of Block 84			3,000.00
Lots owned by City			6,000.00
City Water System			705,000.00
City Sewer System			198,000.00
Equipment Fire Department			12,000.00
Equipment and Supplies, Water Department			3,900.00
Equipment Highway Department			13,000.00
Equipment Health and Park Departments			400.00
Equipment City offices			5.00
Total Assets			\$1,026,376.88

LIABILITIES	
City Warrants Outstanding Jan 1, 1915	
Water Bonds outstanding	
Total Liabilities	\$31,360.40
Amount of Assests over Liabilities	587,000.00
Total Assessed Valuation of City, 1914-15	\$618,360.40
not including City property	408,016.48
	\$6,882,783.00

LIABILITIES OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS
The outstanding bonded indebtedness of the several public improvement districts on January 1, 1915, was as follows:

Paving District No. 1		\$90,000.00
Paving District No. 2		70,000.00
Paving District No. 3		16,000.00
Paving District No. 4		3,500.00
Sewer District No. 3		21,000.00
Sewer District No. 4		2,250.00
Sidewalk District No. 1		6,500.00
Total		\$209,250.00

Total Bonded Indebtedness of City and Improvement Districts \$796,250.00

The bonded indebtedness of the Improvement districts was reduced \$18,750.00 during the year 1914.

The outstanding warrant indebtedness January 1, 1915, shows an increase of \$5,413.51 over that of January 1, 1914. This is mainly due to the Supreme Court decision, which prevented the Treasurer from paying outstanding 1913 warrants after the decision had been rendered early in the year. The amount of 1913 warrants "held up" by this decision is, according to the clerk's warrant register, \$21,922.29. A special levy was made by the Council to pay off \$4,000.00 of these warrants during the year 1915.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES K. HOLMBURG,
City Clerk and Auditor

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

To the City Commissioners,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Gentlemen:
Herewith please find my annual report of all departments under my personal supervision.

EXPENDITURES	
LIGHT DEPARTMENT	
Are Lights	\$7,894.11
City Hall	29.65
Fire Station and Jail	59.35
Public Library	111.70
Fountain at Fifth & R	.70

Total for year \$8,095.51

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries Chief and Regular	\$3,252.15	
Salaries Special Police	469.02	
Bootlegging cases and expense	328.33	
Boarding Prisoners	87.65	
Hauling Prisoners	11.15	
Hauling dead animals	51.75	
Fuel and supplies	175.44	
New Cells and Miscellaneous	455.33	
		Total for year \$4,830.82

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries Chief and Assistants	\$3,919.00	
Salaries Volunteers	215.75	
Fuel and Supplies	466.77	
Repairs and renewal of equipment	236.12	
Furniture Miscellaneous	405.72	" " " \$5,243.36

LIBRARY

Salaries Librarian and Assistants	\$1,297.30	
Repairs to building	202.81	
New Books and Publications	413.92	" " " \$1,999.95
Fuel and Miscellaneous	80.17	

FIRE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

Total amount invested in lots and the completion of the fire house and jail, including final settlement which does not include \$670.75 expended in 1914 for payment of lots	\$13,873.03	" " " \$1,3873.03
Total amount expended in my departments		\$34,042.67

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON,
 Commissioner of Public Affairs.

In addition to my Annual Reports I want to submit the following few suggestions which seem to me proper to mention at this time.

I advise the building of a new stable on the Ute street lots, thereby giving the City a much needed store-room and abating a nuisance by ridding the City Hall, Fire House and Jail of the smell of the stable, which in summer time is something fierce, and also completing a much needed jail yard.

Our vault should have an up-to-date filing system. The present arrangement is about as bad and inconvenient as could be found in any business house in the country. I have a copy of a recommendation of this kind that was made quite a while ago by our auditor, and have talked with him about it and hope we will be able to have this at an early date. I believe that a competent stenographer with a fair knowledge of book-keeping would be a great help to all departments in keeping up the files, waiting on the window at any time and especially during the busy time at the commencement of each quarter when there is a rush to pay water rent. The City Attorney could dictate all his city work to her, which would save the money we now pay for such work and in addition our correspondence would be properly attended to on time, whereas now it is oftentimes neglected.

The City should have an official "Dog Catcher" who can go out and collect all the dogs in the city that do not have a collar and the proper tag on them, keep them for three days and if not called for and the tax paid by that time to humanely kill them. There are from 60 to 90 per cent more dogs in the city than there should be, and a good man ought to clean up the town in a short time and keep it clean at a nominal expense. Some equitable and permanent arrangement should be made between the street department and the water department so that the filling and leveling of streets and alleys where sewer and water mains have been laid will be properly attended to. Under the ordinance plumbers should properly tamp and fill these places, but they often sink and are left open for weeks at a time and some one should be held responsible for the up-keep of the ground at these places.

I also believe there are times when work is slack in some of our departments, and that employees who are not working in their special department should be put to work in some other department if there is anything to do. This is done in all other cities.



THE ELKS' HOME—CORNER FOURTH STREET AND UTE AVENUE.

Complaint has been made to me that some of the plumbing in the city has not been done according to ordinance, and that it has not been properly inspected. I have asked those who have spoken to me about this to make proper complaint, specifying the "job," etc., and that I would look after the matter as the ordinance provides. So far no one has taken the matter up. I mention this at this time for the reason that I have also been given to understand that there are plumbers doing work in the city who could not pass the necessary examination to entitle them to work if examined by those competent to take charge of such examination. I therefore recommend that an examination be held of all plumbers in the city and that steps be taken to have competent and unquestioned persons in charge of the same. I believe this to be a necessary thing to do, as it affects the sanitary conditions of our city and is necessary from a health point of view.

Along this line the city should have a chemical apparatus for the use of the health department where proper analysis of milk, water and other necessary things could be looked after. The cost would be nominal.

During the early part of the year we should fix up the City Hall so that it will look respectable and safe. The new part is badly cracked and out of repair.

The old city council chamber should be fixed up for general use of the commissioners and the public. There are crowds very often that the commissioners' rooms cannot accommodate both in our councils and on occasions of trial in the Municipal Court.

Unless a more equitable method can be planned I recommend the voting of bonds at our next election to take up outstanding warrants.

Most of the warrants are held in this city, and it does not seem right that the people should do without their money for as long as it would take to pay them by any other method that I can now think of. I recommend the payment of interest on these warrants as soon as it can be done, any way and not later than June first of this year.

I feel that we should be justly proud in the completion of as up-to-date a fire house and jail as we have. Those competent to judge, among whom are fire chiefs of Denver and other places, as well as fire apparatus men who visit many such places, tell us we have the best one in the state when it comes to a Fire House.

In closing I wish to thank the commissioners for their hearty co-operation and support in every way in the administration of the affairs of the city during the last year, and we hope we will not lose sight of the fact that only by co-operation can we succeed in the trust placed upon us by the people of Grand Junction.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON

Commissioner of Public Affairs.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF WATER AND SEWERS

Grand Junction, Colorado, Jan. 14, 1915.
TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

I submit the Report of the Department of Water and Sewers for the year
ending December 31, 1914.

EXPENDITURES WATER DEPARTMENT

OFFICE		
Clerical work and postage		\$311.75
Printing and stationery		90.80
Telephone and miscellaneous expenses		23.00
Total office expenses		\$425.55
PIPE LINE AND RESERVOIRS		
Labor and team work		\$626.25
Telephone and supplies		159.45
Total		\$785.70
STREET MAINS		
Repairs and labor		\$1,856.96
Pipe and supplies		611.34
Miscellaneous expenses, horse feed, auto repairs, etc.		724.98
Total expense for street mains		\$3,193.28
KANNAH CREEK INTAKE		
Labor		\$791.00
Supplies		.75
Telephone line		22.50
Miscellaneous expenses		9.90
Total expense for intake		\$824.15
Total Expense for the year 1914		\$5,228.68
Overdraft from 1913		156.60
Total paid out during year for water department		\$5,385.28

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS Expenditures

Maintenance		
Repairs and Labor		\$242.50
Material and Supplies for Construction		240.40
Total paid out for Sewer Department		\$482.99

OPERATING EXPENSES

The receipts of this department have shown a substantial increase during the year, being \$1,000 larger than the receipts of the preceding year. It has been the policy of the department to hold expenses down to the very low-

est point consistent with good service and proper care of the system and equipment. The expenditures for the year were \$2,000.00 less than for the preceding year, which with the increased receipts leaves a cash balance of \$3,000.00 more than at the close of the year 1913.

STEEL PIPE

Considerable trouble has been experienced during the year with the steel water pipes, which do not seem to be adapted to our local soil conditions, and about 1800 feet of this pipe will have to be replaced this year. I recommend to the council that it be replaced with cast iron pipe, as the cast iron pipe that was put in when the plant was installed, is still in as good condition as when first laid and has never caused any trouble.

GRAND MESA RESERVOIRS

Every possible precaution will be taken during the coming summer to prevent a repetition of what occurred last summer, when the water had a disagreeable taste for several weeks. It is the purpose of the department to secure the co-operation of the U. S. Forestry Service during the time when the reservoirs on Grand Mesa are being emptied into Kannah Creek. It is expected to have the reservoirs patrolled and all unwholesome water kept out of the creek. Owing to the fact that during the season when the reservoirs are turned into the creek all the water is coming from the U. S. Forest Reserve, we can only secure police power through the Forestry Department.

PLUMBERS

Owing to the numerous complaints that have come in regarding plumbers, who have done work that does not come up to the requirements of our ordinances, the rules of this department will be more strictly enforced than heretofore. A permit must be taken out for every job and any person found doing work not in accordance with the city ordinance will be punished by a fine or by having his license revoked.

THE SEWER SYSTEM

The sewers of the city have caused very little trouble during the past year, and it is not thought that there will be any serious trouble with them in the future. A cleaning device, which was tried out with very satisfactory results last fall, was the means of removing a great deal of rubbish that had been causing considerable trouble. Quantities of glass, brick, iron, cement—in fact almost everything imaginable, were removed from the sewers. It is thought that by making some improvements in this device there will be no trouble in keeping the sewers in first class condition.

LEAKS REPAIRED

The total number of leaks repaired during the year was 315, most of which were on the 6-inch mains of the city lines. The number for the various kinds of pipe in use is as follows:

12-inch steel mains	25
6-inch steel mains	250
Kannah Creek steel pipe	24
Kannah Creek wood pipe	16

The leaks on the Kannah Creek line were due to air in the pipe, which blew the lead from the joints. The pipe itself is in good condition along the entire line.

STATISTICS.

Below is given some statistical information with regard to the department, which may prove of interest:

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Rated water	\$28,747.36
Metered water	8,091.79
Tap permits	139.25
Tank water	140.25
Sundries	470.22
Total receipts	\$37,588.87

ASSETS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Kannah Creek pipe line	\$500,000.00
Pumping Plant	6,000.00
Reservoirs	18,000.00
Street mains and hydrants	175,000.00
Machinery and supplies	3,917.11
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1915	8,618.27
Total assets	\$711,535.38

There are about 28 miles of water mains in the city, 20 miles of sewer lines and 122 fire plugs. During the year a complete map of the city mains was made. This map also shows the location of all valves and fire plugs. A book showing the location of all the stop boxes in the city was also made during the year and has proved very helpful, especially in cases where emergencies made it necessary to shut off the water quickly and the stop boxes had become covered over and could not be readily found.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK L. CARSON
Commissioner of Water and Sewers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

Grand Junction, Colorado, January 12, 1915.

To the City Commissioners,
Grand Junction, Colorado

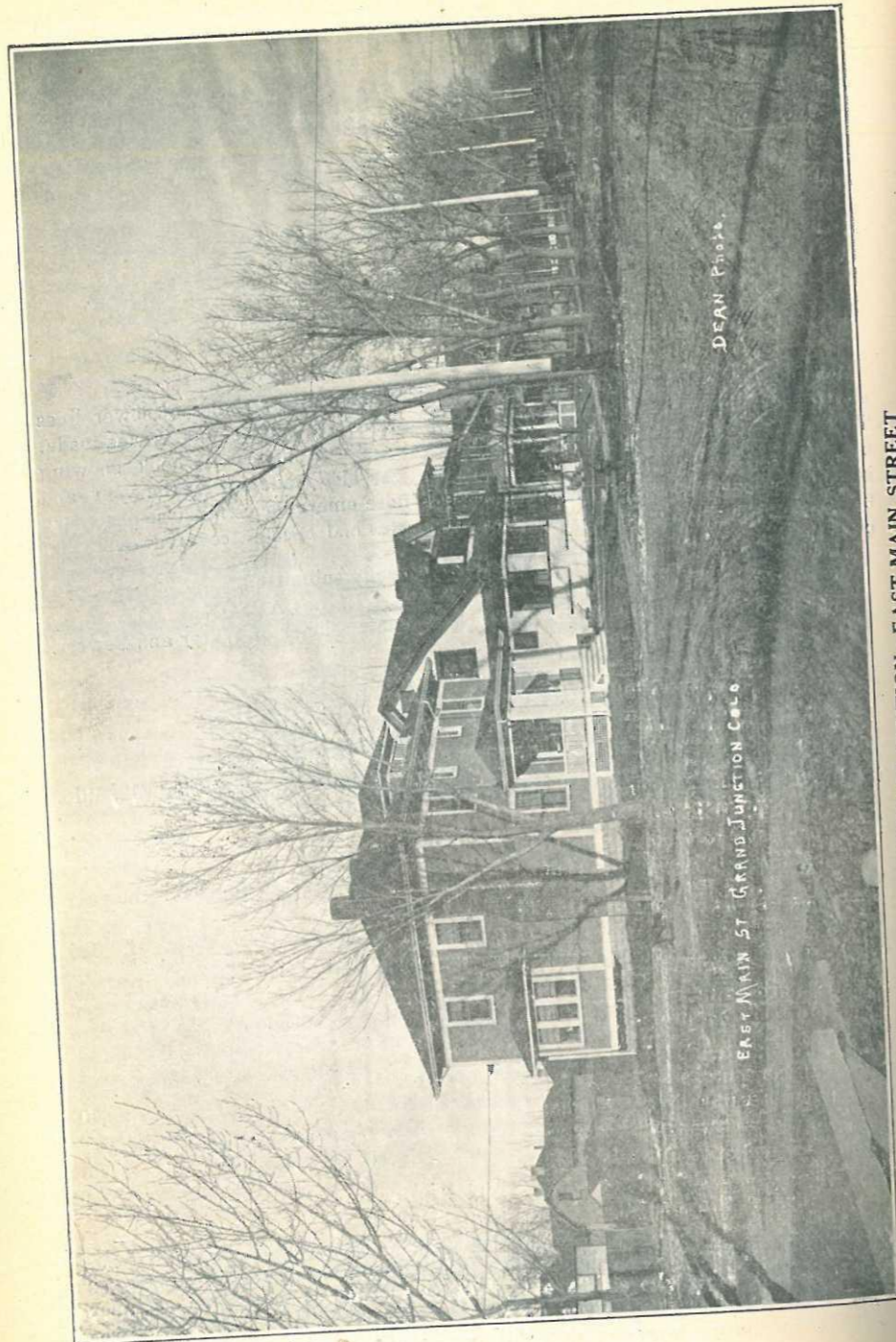
GENTLEMEN:

Please find herewith my Annual Report of the Municipal Court for the year 1914:

Drunk and disorderly	-	109
Disturbing the peace	-	4
Committing nuisance	-	1
Resisting an officer	-	1
Keeping house of illfame	-	1
Inmate of house of illfame	-	1
Vagrants	-	1
Firing Guns in city	-	21
Motorcycle Speeding	-	4
Automobile Speeding	-	10
Bicycle Sidewalk Riding	-	28
Begging	-	15
Stealing	-	2
Gambling	-	1
	-	4
Total	-	202

Total fines, \$410.15; total costs \$244.35. Total amount paid Treasurer \$654.50. In addition to the above report I have had 35 children in to see me on minor charges from ten to seventeen years old.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON,
Judge of Municipal Court



RESIDENCE SECTION—EAST MAIN STREET

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND SUPPLIES

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

GENTLEMEN:

The annual report for the year 1914 of the Department of Finance of your city is herewith submitted.

I wish to call attention to a few special features which the figures disclose.

The Park Fund, which was formerly a separate fund, has, by a resolution of the City Council, been merged with the Miscellaneous General Funds, the Park receipts and disbursements for 1914 are therefore included with the General Fund figures.

It will be noted that there appears a decrease in receipts of funds creditable to Miscellaneous General Funds from 1913 of \$3,156.13 when we take out the item of \$2283.52 received for percentage from the Grand Junction Electric, Gas and Manfg. Co. (In former years being in Park Fund.) As a consequence the city's outstanding warrants are increased to this extent—\$1725.00 of this is from a decrease in taxes collected.

The Water Fund Account shows an increase over 1913 of \$1153.84.

A scrutiny of the items of this water fund and comparing them with the figures of 1913 discloses an apparent falling off of about \$400.00 in the receipts for "Rated Water." This, however, is not the case, but such a showing is caused by an error in the report of 1913, \$400.00 having been included in "Rated Water" which should have been added to item of "Metered Water." The receipts from "Rated Water" are therefore about the same amount in 1914 as in 1913; the increase in receipts coming from extended meter service and "Sundries" which includes various amounts received from rent of excavating machine.

Improvement District Bonds to the amount of \$19,450.00 were called in and paid.

In my statement of "Fund Balances" the Fire House Construction Fund shows an overdraft of \$695.86. Most of this, if not all, will come in in the month of January 1915, the December tax collections not coming into the hands of the City Treasurer until the subsequent month in which the funds come into the hands of the County Treasurer.

The total receipts for the year from all sources exceeds 1913 by \$1720.62.

There was no Public Improvement District construction in 1914, in consequence the report shows a decrease of total expenditures of \$77,096.92.

It is gratifying to note the Amendment to our Charter, as voted by the people at the Special election in October last, which now permits the accumulation of a Sinking Fund for the purpose of reducing our Water Bond indebtedness. Steps have already been taken to the end of paying off nearly \$5000.00 during the present year by a very slight increase in the water rates and by a Special Assessment of 2c. per front foot on all property abutting on water mains, both improved and vacant.

This amendment is in line with my recommendations in my reports of both 1912 and 1913.

A matter which caused considerable embarrassment to all cities of Colorado, including Grand Junction, was a decision handed down by our Supreme Court early in the year. The decision was to the effect, that revenues derived in any certain year could not be used for the payment of warrants issued in any prior year. It had heretofore always been the practice in all cities of the State from the beginning of things to call in the oldest out-standing warrants in their numerical order.

As soon as this decision was handed down, I at once discontinued paying further warrants issued by the city in 1913; in consequence of which, we have approximately \$22,000 warrants of 1913 afloat which must be provided for by some special legislation of the City Council or by a Bond Issue.

In my report for 1913 I recommended that the Council make an annual special levy of one mill for the express purpose of reducing and gradually doing away with all the warrant debt:—such action is far more important now when we have such a large warrant indebtedness which is tied up and can only be handled in this way or by a Bond issue. I would not recommend bonds because bonds *usually stay with us.*

The City Council provided for the payment of these old warrants to the amount of \$4,000 in their annual 1914 Appropriation Ordinance. There will, however, still be about \$18,000 of the 1913 warrants and about \$5000 of 1914 to provide for in some satisfactory way.

The City Council contemplates taking immediate steps to provide for the payment of semi-annual interest on these old warrants. By this means the situation will be relieved somewhat.

Respectfully submitted

H. F. VORBECK,

Commissioner of Finance and Supplies.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF CASH FUNDS FOR 1914

Balance January 1st, 1914		\$16,245.74
	RECEIPTS	
WATER FUND		
From Rated Water	\$28,747.36	
“ Metered Water	8,091.79	
“ Tap permits	139.25	
“ Tank permits	140.25	
“ Sundries	470.22	
	\$37,588.87	
GENERAL FUND—Licenses		
Dogs	\$ 212.00	
Peddlers and Hawkers	75.00	
Plumbers	30.00	
Express and Omnibus	286.25	
Theatres and Shows	150.00	
Billard and Pool	240.00	
Pawnbroker	75.00	
Sidewalk Contractors	15.00	
Junk Dealer	20.00	
Auctioneer	52.00	
Merry-Go-Round	10.00	
Bowling Alley	17.50	
Employment Agency	17.50	
Total Licenses	\$ 1,200.25	

Diary Inspection Fees		
City Scales		62.00
Material Sold		98.40
Police Magistrate (Costs Collected)		24.10
Cleaning Grease Traps		205.25
From County, account Red Mesa Hospital		1,146.00
Rent of Crushing Plant		134.30
Trees Sold		41.77
Manure Sold		32.00
Telephone Co., Rent of Right of Way		49.05
Grand Jct. Elec. Gas & Mfg. Co. (Percentage)		990.00
County Treasurer, for Tax Collections		2,283.52
Sundries		42,809.23
Total General Funds		8.80
		\$47,884.42

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

FIRE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION		
Account old building sold	6,000.00	
From Tax Collections	6190.20	
Rebate on Taxes	20.27	12,210.47

LIBRARY FUND

From Tax Collections		
“ Fines of Police Court	1,597.91	
	72.00	1,669.91

WARRANT INT. & SPECIAL ASS'T. FUND

From Tax Collections		1,485.70
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SPECIAL SEWER FUND

From Tax Collections		211.52
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PAVING DISTRICT NO. 1

Assessments Paid		18,921.03
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PAVING DISTRICT NO. 2

Assessments Paid		7,281.65
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PAVING DISTRICT NO. 3

Assessments Paid		3,664.85
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PAVING DISTRICT NO. 4

Assessments Paid		751.11
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SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3

Assessments Paid		4,259.78
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SEWER DISTRICT No. 4

Assessments Paid		589.66
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SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO. 1

Assessments Paid		632.65
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ADVERTISING ACCOUNT

County Treasurer, Tax Collections		88.95
Total		\$138,440.82

DISBURSEMENTS

WATER FUND		
Warrants Paid		\$ 4,947.76
Interert on Bonds		29,650.00
Fiscal Agency's Com. and Exch.		100.87
		\$34,698.63
GENERAL FUND		
Warrants Paid (Including Park)		46,946.64
Commissions on Tax Collections		847.52
		\$47,794.16

LIBRARY FUND		
Warrants paid	\$ 1,935.46	
Commission on Tax Collections	25.82	
		\$ 1,961.28
ADVERTISING FUND		
Warrants Paid	\$ 198.65	
Commission on Tax Collections	2.02	
		\$ 200.67
STECIAL SEWER FUND		
Warrants Paid	\$ 51.54	
FIRE HOUSE CONST. FUND		
Warrants Paid	\$13,122.15	
Commission on Tax Collections	121.68	
		\$13,243.83
WARRANT INT. & SPECIAL ASS'T FUND		
Interest Paid on Warrants	\$ 542.70	
Paving Assessments Paid	553.47	
Commission on Tax Collections	25.73	
		\$ 1,121.90
PAVING DISTRICT NO. 1		
Bonds Paid	\$ 7,500.00	
Interest Paid	5,633.75	
Fiscal Agency's Com. and Exch.	31.79	
		\$13,165.54
PAVING DISTRICT NO. 2		
Warrants Paid	\$ 27.65	
Bonds Paid	4,000.00	
Interest Paid	4,331.50	
Fiscal Agency's Com. and Exch.	23.63	
		\$ 8,382.78
PAVING DISTRICT NO. 3		
Warrants Paid	\$ 53.93	
Bonds Paid	2,500.00	
Interest Paid	1,082.58	
Fiscal Agency's Com. and Exch.	6.72	
		\$ 3,643.23
PAVING DISTRICT NO. 4		
Bonds	\$ 200.00	
Interest Paid	216.54	
Fiscal Agency's Com. and Exch.	.70	
		\$ 417.24
SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3		
Bonds Paid	\$ 2,500.00	
Interest Paid	1,430.25	
Fiscal Agency's Com.	8.00	
		\$ 3,938.25
SEWER DISTRICT NO. 4		
Bonds Paid	\$ 250.00	
Interest Paid	145.37	
Fiscal Agency's Com.	.58	
		\$ 395.95
SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO. 1		
Warrants Paid	\$ 95.39	
Bonds Paid	2,500.00	
Interest Paid	493.16	
Fiscal Agency's Com.	6.13	
		\$ 3,094.68
Total Disbursements		\$132,109.68

Balance, January 1st, 1914		
Total Receipts	\$ 16,245.74	
	138,440.82	
Total Disbursements		\$154,685.68
Balance on hand		132,109.66
BALANCE CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:		\$ 22,576.88
Grand Valley National Bank		
United States Bank and Trust Co.	\$ 4,180.04	
Kountze Bros., New York	4,533.49	
Warrants Carried	13,449.67	
Checks, Currency and Coin	84.70	
	328.98	
		\$22,576.88

FUND BALANCES DEC. 31st, 1914

WATER FUND		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 5,728.03	
Receipts	37,588.87	
Disbursements	\$43,316.90	
Balance	34,698.63	
	\$ 8,618.27	
GENERAL FUND		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 3,167.96	
Receipts	47,399.66	
Transfers	922.05	
Disbursements	\$46,865.95	\$51,489.67
Transfers	146.81	
Balance	\$47,012.76	
	\$ 4,476.91	
FIRE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 337.50	
Receipts	12,210.47	
Disbursements	\$12,547.97	
Overdraft	13,242.83	
	695.86	
	\$1,121.90	
	\$ 363.80	
LIBRARY FUND		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 830.99	
Receipts	1,669.91	
Disbursements	\$ 2,500.90	
Balance	1,961.28	
	539.62	
WARRANT INT. & SPECIAL ASS'T		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ None	
Receipts	1,485.70	
Disbursements	\$ 373.37	\$1,485.70
Transfers	748.53	
Balance	\$1,121.90	
	\$ 363.80	
SPECIAL SEWER		
January 1, 1914, Overdraft	\$ 52.70	
Receipts	\$ 211.52	
Disbursements	\$ 51.54	
Overdraft, January 1, 1914	52.70	104.24
Balance	\$ 107.26	
PAVING DISTRICT NO. 1		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 483.82	
Receipts	18,921.03	
Transfers	108.83	
Disbursements	\$19,513.68	
Balance	13,165.54	
	\$ 6,348.14	
PAVING DISTRICT NO. 2		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 2,085.06	
Receipts	7,281.65	
Disbursements	\$ 9,366.71	
Transfers	58.60	8,441.38
Balance	\$ 925.33	
PAVING DISTRICT NO. 3		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 491.22	
Receipts	3,664.85	
Transfers	58.60	
Disbursements	\$4,214.67	
Balance	3,643.23	
	\$ 571.44	
PAVING DISTRICT NO. 4		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 72.72	
Receipts	751.11	
Transfers	5.28	
Disbursements	\$ 829.11	
Transfers	417.24	
	108.83	
Balance	526.07	
	303.04	
SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3		
January 1, 1914, Balance	416.74	
Receipts	4,259.78	
Disbursements	\$4,676.52	
Transfers	3,938.25	
	4.53	
Balance	\$3,942.78	
	733.74	
SEWER DISTRICT NO. 4		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 42.83	
Receipts	589.66	
Transfers	4.53	
Disbursements	\$ 637.02	
Transfers	395.95	
	5.28	
Balance	\$ 401.23	
	235.79	
SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO. 1		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 2,531.48	
Receipts	632.65	
Disbursements	\$3,164.13	
Balance	3,094.68	
	\$ 69.45	
ADVERTISING FUND		
January 1, 1914, Balance	\$ 285.99	
Receipts	88.95	
Disbursements	\$ 374.94	
Transfer	200.67	
	174.27	
Balance	\$ 374.94	
	000.00	
SPECIAL WATER FUND:		
January 1, 1914, Overdraft	\$ 20.07	
No Receipts or Disbursements		
Total	\$23,292.81	
Less Overdraft	715.93	
Net Total	\$22,576.88	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS:

I hereby submit my annual report as Commissioner of Highways for the year ending December 31st, 1914.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

EXPENDITURES

Street Cleaning and Construction	-	-	\$6,072.70
Livestock—Replacement and Keep	-	-	1,180.55
New Equipment	-	-	2,377.64
Repairs and Renewal of Equipment	-	-	738.89
Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Culverts and Bridges	-	-	1,595.30
Water for Irrigation	-	-	78.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	-	851.95
Total Expenditures for the Year	-	-	\$12,895.33

HIGHWAYS

The maintenance cost of this department for the year 1914 was \$12,895.33, from which amount however should be deducted \$2,116.69 that was applied to the purchase of paving machinery used in the paving operations, leaving the sum of \$10,778.64 to operate this department.

The year has been marked by good road conditions generally, it having been the best perhaps for some years, with the result that the streets for the most part have been smooth and hard.

The demand for a better street than an adobe soil affords increases from year to year as the use of automobiles becomes more general. The so-called good roads of ten years ago no longer pass for such, and the time is at hand when we must surface our adobe streets with some material of a lasting nature.

In this connection I wish to call your attention to the clay-macadam used on Seventh Street. It has now been in use two and a half years, and with but a trifling maintenance cost is as good as when put down.

The good results secured on Seventh Street have led me to extend the use of this material to other streets, notably North Avenue, Fifth Street and Chipeta Avenue, eight blocks being surfaced. No pretense is made that this is an ideal road material, but it would seem to be the best the country affords and so far has met our expectations for an inexpensive and cheaply maintained road surface. I am hoping to extend this work about ten blocks during the year 1915. In this connection I wish to extend the thanks of the department to Mr. V. C. Talbert, who has furnished a very large share of the material to the city free of cost.

SIDEWALKS

It has now been seven years since the last wooden walks were laid, with the result that those that remain are more or less dangerous and unless condemned will be a menace to the city. With this condition in view I recommend that the city as a whole or in part be placed in a district, and the city put in the walks when required and tax the cost to the property. This would then be done in a uniform and substantial way and the property owner given ten years to pay for same at 6 per cent interest if he chose to do so.

The amount of walk laid during 1914 was not so great as during the previous year, but was of a very high grade. The method introduced by the department of making a solid mixture and dispensing with the top coat has proved highly satisfactory and has come into general use.

DITCH WATER

I beg to renew my recommendations of last year with regard to the use of ditch water, to-wit: "In my former reports I have opposed the use of ditch water by the city. Last summer (1913) was the driest in the history of the valley, yet the trees did better where no water was run, and while I have cut down the quantity half, fewer trees died than for several years. I feel that the small purpose that it serves is as nothing to the injury it does. It is the cause of enormous seepage in the cellars, increases the mosquito pest, causes an unsightly weed growth and is unsanitary in every way, besides flooding the streets and being a nuisance in general. It also requires the exclusive time of one man for five months in the year. People complain of their trees dying from lack of water, when it is generally the result of too much water. Ninety per cent of the young trees can be watered from the parking and the older trees are as well off without it."

PAVING

It is now three and a half years since the city had its first paving, and it may be said that it has stood up well. The repair cost for this paving has been but trifling. In September last a repair gang of six men did all the work necessary in seven days, which is about 20 per cent of the average cost in most cities.

COTTON BEARING TREES

The cotton nuisance has largely been eliminated by the removal or trimming of about 900 of the 1100 cotton bearing trees of the city. It is proposed to get rid of the remainder this season.

I recommend the passing of a strong ordinance requiring property owners to remove snow from the sidewalks and weeds from parking lots, and in the event of their failing to do so, the city to remove the same and charge the cost to the property.

COLORADO AVENUE

I urge that the litigation long pending with the D. & R. G. R. R. Co., effecting the city's right-of-way across the track of the company, be pushed to an early settlement. The people of the west part of the city have long been seriously handicapped by dangerous and inadequate crossings, and our rights should be determined as quickly as possible and these matters properly remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. RANKIN,

Commissioner of Highways.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND CIVIC BEAUTY

Grand Junction, Colorado, January 2, 1915.
TO THE HON. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO.

Gentlemen:
In compliance with the provisions of the Charter, I herewith submit the annual report of the Department of Health and Civic Beauty for the year ending December 31, 1914. The expenditures of the department are shown in detail in the following statement:

HEALTH FUND			
Account of			\$1,651.50
Garbage disposal and grease trap cleaning			1,852.15
Cleaning alleys and disposal of trash			394.87
Maintenance of Red Mesa Hospital			16.55
Stationery, advertising and printing			2.00
Repairs and renewal of equipment			82.74
Miscellaneous—Drugs for Health Officer, water analysis, etc.			\$3,999.81
Total expended account of Health fund			
PARK FUND			
Account of			
MAPLE PARK: Permanent Improvements, labor and material	\$81.68		
Maintenance—Labor	536.40		
Miscellaneous—Tools and supplies	100.88	\$718.96	
WALNUT PARK: Permanent Improvements, Labor, Material	\$953.55		
Maintenance—Labor	402.50		
Miscellaneous—Tools, etc.	51.90	\$1,407.95	
COTTONWOOD PARK: Permanent Improvements, Labor and Material	\$90.74		
Maintenance—Labor	16.25	\$106.99	
CHESTNUT PARK: Maintenance—Labor	25.15		
Miscellaneous—Trees and Shrubs	40.67	\$65.82	
Total Park Expenditures			

As appears from above, the total amount expended by the department under my control was \$6,299.53, which is \$1,697.82 less than the amount expended the previous year.

There were \$1,146.00 collected for cleaning grease traps, \$134.30 from Mesa County on account of Red Mesa Hospital, and \$62.00 for dairy permits—a total of \$1,342.30, making the net cost of maintaining the Health department \$2,657.51, or \$110.16 less than was expended in 1913 for this purpose.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

The health conditions in the city were very good throughout the year. The record of contagious and communicable diseases shows an improvement even over 1913, which was a year of remarkably satisfactory health conditions. It is indeed gratifying to the Health Department to note the present conditions and compare them with those of four or five years ago. The record of contagious and communicable diseases, as reported the past five years, is as follows: Contagious diseases—35 cases reported in 1910; in 1911, 30 cases; in 1912, 20 cases; in 1913, 17 cases;

in 1914, 11 cases. Typhoid fever—125 cases reported in 1910; 31 cases in 1911; 14 cases in 1912; 19 cases in 1913; 4 cases in 1914. Only those who know something about the discomforts and cost of disease are able to understand and appreciate what these changed conditions mean to our city and its people. Grand Junction may now surely claim to be one of the healthiest cities in one of the healthiest states in the Union.

VITAL STATISTICS

The total number of births reported for the year was 172, of which 98 were males and 74 females. All children born were of the white race.

The record of deaths shows a total of 87, of which 58 were males and 29 females. The principal diseases causing death were: tuberculosis, 13; nephritis, 12; cancer 8; pneumonia 7, and heart disease 6. Five were still born; two were suicides, and 6 were due to accidents.

The death rate (8.2 per 1000) was lower than that of 1913. The birth rate shows an increase over the previous year.

SANITARY WORK

With a city scavenger and garbage collector regularly employed, good sanitary conditions were maintained. Special effort was made by the department during the spring and summer to keep down the manure pile evil. The prompt removal of manure from barns and corrals did much to abate the fly nuisance. During the fall and winter months the ash pile is the greatest source of nuisance. The practice of throwing ashes in the alley and upon vacant lots is all too common, and hereafter with the co-operation of the Fire and Police departments we hope to more strictly enforce the ordinance in reference to same. True, clean ashes may not be dangerous to public health, but the ash pile in the alley or on the vacant lot is a nuisance because it too frequently becomes the burying place of dead animals and chickens, not to mention garbage and other disease breeding matter. When the city has a team that on short notice will haul away ashes and trash if gathered together within the private premises, there can be no reason or excuse for so many people to still persist in "throwing things" in the alley.

The annual spring clean-up of alleys and back yards was had in April and was very thorough, owing to the interest taken by the people and the co-operation of the business men, the newspapers and committees of women interested in the work. In eight days, with 11 teams and 23 men employed, 634 loads of trash and filth were collected and disposed of. In the fall clean-up 162 loads were hauled away. The regular city scavenger gathered up 1,203 loads of trash, ashes, manure, etc., making a total of 1,999 loads that were hauled to the dumping grounds during the year.

The total number of grease traps cleaned by the city scavenger was 1,178.

NOTICES AND INSPECTIONS

There were 42 complaints made to the department, and in response to these and from personal observation of the Commissioner 95 notices were served to clean up premises and remedy insanitary conditions and abate nuisances. Eight persons were notified to remove pigs found to be kept within the city limits in violation of the city ordinance. In one instance the pig was kept in the cellar under the house.

Frequent visits to and inspections of dairies, groceries, meat markets, restaurants and other places where foods are prepared and sold, were made by the department. With few exceptions, these places were found to be well kept and in good condition.

THE MILK SUPPLY

During the year 38 permits to sell milk were issued by the Commissioner. Forty places, including 15 dairies, where cows are kept and milk produced for sale were visited and inspected at various times, and 232 cows inspected. No tuberculine tests were made.

Our regular dairies which supply the bulk of the milk for the citizens of Grand Junction are generally well kept and the milk produced and handled in a sanitary way. The same cannot always be said of the "one cow dairies" in town, and which are more difficult to watch, inspect and make to comply with the provisions of the ordinance in relation to the sale of milk. The Commissioner would urge the amendment of the ordinance so as to prohibit the keeping of more than one cow by any one person or family within the city limits. In other words, people who desire to keep a dairy should be compelled to move outside the city, where such concerns properly belong.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND MEAT

The duties of the Commissioner of Health and Civic Beauty are so many and varied that he cannot give certain matters the attention that they frequently need. The City Health Officer, at the salary now paid, cannot give his whole time to the service of the city. There should be a more strict and constant inspection of all foods and meats sold in the city than is now possible with the present officials. The state officers and inspectors visit us once or twice a year, spend a day or so here in a hurried inspection, and that helps some, but it is not enough for the safety of the public. For the protection of the public health, I would urge the passage of an ordinance such as that recommended by the State Board of Health, creating the office of food and meat inspector. Objection may be made on the ground that our city is not large enough to need such an officer and that it would increase taxes. Cities of our own class, such as Fort Collins, Greeley and Canon City, have enacted such an ordinance. The food and meat inspector could also be made sanitary inspector, and under a system of fees for inspection and license for sale of foods, the office could be made almost self-sustaining.

CARE OF CONTAGIOUS CASES

Sooner or later the City should have a building or house suitable for a retention hospital. The proper care of cases of contagious diseases like scarlet fever and diphtheria is sometimes a problem. Such cases cannot be sent to the Red Mesa Hospital, which is used for small pox patients only, and a suitable place is not always to be found for rent. The city should own a house, near the outskirts of the city, where such cases could be taken and cared for while under quarantine. At the present time, when property is low, a suitable place might be secured at a small cost to the city. The prompt quarantine of all cases of contagious disease, and the strict observance of the quarantine, is most important in the prevention of spreading of contagious disease and the safe-guarding of the public health.

OUR WATER SUPPLY

Under normal conditions, the city's water supply from Kannah Creek is pure and wholesome, but the experience of last summer or fall, when for a time the water was made unpalatable by reason of a large volume of water being turned in from a stagnant reservoir on Grand Mesa, should awake the Commissioners to the necessity of the city authorities having more complete control of the water shed. The city paid a very high price for its water supply, and it should have absolute power to keep the water pure and wholesome. The state law now limits the city's control to only five miles above the point of intake on Kannah creek,

and should be so amended as to give it control and supervision to the very sources of the water. With such power the city may prevent contamination, and by careful watching keep the water absolutely pure and free from any disease germs. The City Attorney, at our request, has prepared an amendment to the State law in reference to this matter, and our State senator and representative in the legislature will be urged to secure its passage at this year's session.

I heartily agree with the suggestion of the Mayor that the city should have the necessary apparatus for use by the department of health to test the milk supply, the analysis of water, etc. To depend wholly on the State Board of Health for such work, we have found out a number of times is neither satisfactory nor safe.

PARK WORK

With the small appropriation available for the care and improvement of the several city parks, the work for the year was necessarily limited. The expenditures for new improvements were mainly at Walnut or the Children's park. The concrete fountain and aquatic basin in the center of the park was constructed according to the plans of the landscape architect, the cost, including labor and material, being \$327.85. Cement walks and curbing were constructed on the south and east sides of the park. Five new connections with water mains were made and about 500 feet of service pipe laid. New lawns were graded and seeded on the south half of the park, and parking was put in on the east side. The trees and shrubs planted the previous year made a good growth during the season.

In Maple park 35 cotton bearing cottonwood trees were trimmed or removed. Some new planting was done, and the parking on the south side was seeded to grass. The walks were improved with new gravel.

A number of trees and shrubs were planted in Cottonwood park. The ground was plowed, graded and fertilized, preparatory to seeding to lawns next season.

A small park nursery was started in Chestnut Park, some 1,000 small trees and 500 shrubs being set out. A large percentage of the trees and plants were growing at the close of the season, and a number were transplanted in the late fall to Cottonwood Park.

In connection with the work of improving the several small city parks, the Commissioner is pleased to mention one fact, and that is the increased number of our own people who frequented Maple and Walnut parks last summer. In previous seasons and when the work of improvement was started the parks were largely the rendezvous of tramps and hobos, but last year the visits of this class of "travelers" were comparatively few. Our own people, including many women and children, are beginning to appreciate the value of the parks and understand that the improvements have been made for their benefit, and consequently are making good use of them.

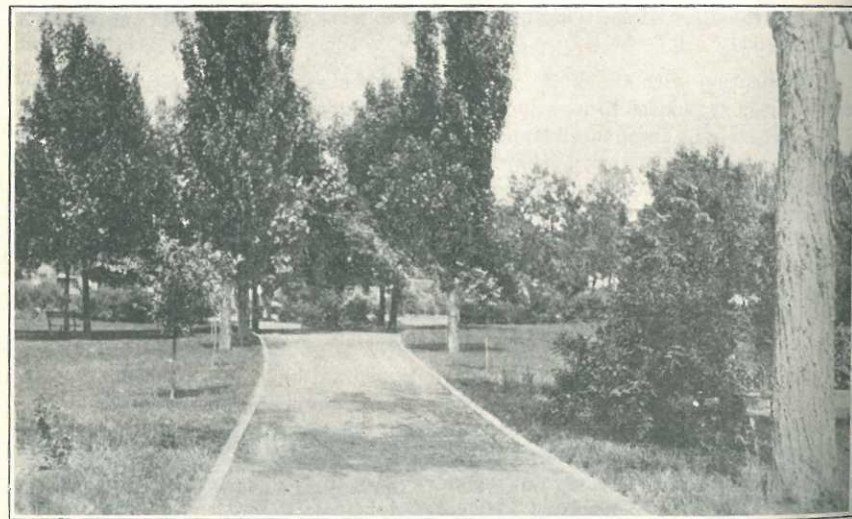
The movement started last year to encourage tree planting in our streets and avenues, when the city purchased several hundred trees and sold at cost and gave away to the people, I believe should be continued until a more general interest has been aroused in the matter of replacing the many cotton-bearing and dying cottonwoods in our streets with more desirable trees. To make this movement more effective and beneficial, the Board of Forestry created by ordinance last year should be given means to carry out a general plan for re-planting our streets to good trees. Properly planted and well cared for trees not only make a city more beautiful, healthier and wealthier, but stimulate civic pride, something that is greatly needed in most of our western cities.

The fundamental motive and object of all park work is to make the city more desirable to live in. To make any park system complete every man's home and front yard should be a part of it, by connecting the parks by means of street tree planting and parking strips. We should therefore, in every practicable way, encourage tree planting and parking, especially in all the streets that form the connecting avenues between our parks. Such work will not only beautify our city, better health conditions, and increase the value of real estate, but will also educate our people to better respect, appreciate and enjoy our parks.

The question of securing an outside tract of 40 acres or more for a people's park and recreation ground is still unsettled, the negotiations for the purchase of the Fairgrounds having failed because of the high price asked for the same. The title to the Palmer park tract is still in doubt, owing to the question of the irrigation assessment. This matter of securing a tract of land suitable for an outside park should not be put off for many years longer, for the longer it is deferred the greater will be the cost to the city. The Commissioner is now working on a plan which, if successful, he will later present to the Council and make known to the public. At present it would not be advisable to make the plan known for publication.

The experience of older cities has proved beyond a doubt the fact that trees and plant life are essential to the development of the best home and community life. Those cities and towns that have provided ample park and recreation systems for their people have raised the standard of citizenship, lessened crime, improved the public health and reduced the death rate. I trust the day is not far off when Grand Junction will be willing and able to provide the means for the "civic beauty" department to plan and construct a system of parks and recreation grounds that would not only be a thing of beauty for this generation but a joy for all future generations.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES K. HOLMBURG,
 Commissioner of Health and Civic Beauty.



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