

GEMS ARE RECOVERED

DIAMONDS TAKEN AT HILT, CAL., FOUND HERE.

SETS ARE TAKEN FROM THE RING

"Goldie" Brown Makes Confession of Hilt Robbery and Tells Sheriff Howard Whereabouts of Gems—Found in Rooming House.

The three diamonds from the ring taken from "Slim" Warren, the proprietor of the Hilt saloon, at the time of the hold-up Saturday night, were recovered in this city this morning. Sheriff Howard of Hilt, accompanied by Chief Oien, went to the Imperial Rooming House, and "Goldie" Brown, the man who confessed last night at Medford that he was one of the two robbers, showed the officers where the stones were to be found. Local officers are of the opinion that Brown, who has been around Ashland off and on for some time, had a hand in several attempted hold-ups in this city. Brown refused to give away his pal, but the Siskiyou county sheriff believes he knows the identity of the man and will soon have him in custody. Brownlee consented to go to Hilt without extradition papers and Sheriff Howard went south with him on the noon train.

Medford, Nov. 21.—Positively identified by four of the men he held up in a saloon at Hilt, Cal., last Saturday night, Frank Brownlee, alias "Goldie" Brown, alias S. G. Smith, arrested in this city Wednesday morning, last night confessed to the boldest hold-up in California in years, and divulged to Officers Pat Mego and Cady the hiding place of diamonds valued at \$1,500, taken from the person of "Slim" Warren, proprietor of the robbed resort. Brownlee, according to local police, is one of the most desperate characters on the Pacific coast, with a long criminal record. The hold-up netted the robbers \$2,500 in money and jewels.

Friendship for Officer Mego, who knew his past, led Brownlee to confess his share in the daring crime, but with the true instinct of the criminal he refused to give the name of his pal. After two hours of cross-examination the prisoner broke down and weepingly told the authorities his share in the plot. Sheriff Howard (Continued from Page One.)

MORE RAILROAD GOSSIP

Medford Paper Again Revives Tales of Railroad to Coast and Eastern Connections.

Medford Sun: When the fact became known around town it set afresh a thousand rumors concerning the real inwardness of the present railroad activity. It was again asserted that the Page property near the bridge had been sold to the Hill interests and it was also asserted that Jim Hill himself would be in Medford within two months. From a reliable source it was learned that the P. & E. from Butte Falls to Bend will be connected up before the end of next summer and a direct line from the coast through Medford to the east again assumed form and substance.

That a railroad is to be built from Grants Pass to Wooleyport by Canadian and English capital was also rumored, the large possessions belonging to H. F. Wooley having been sold to a British syndicate for a quarter of a million dollars. Mr. Wooley is now in Portland completing the deal and surveyors are at work in the hills. It seems to be generally believed that the two lines will be built from southern Oregon to the coast and the well-known rivalry between the Hill and Harriman interests gives credence to the story that these two roads are behind the present activities.

It is also stated upon reliable authority that lines will be run in the Applegate valley this winter and that the Towne interests have been busy arranging details for a survey for a branch line into the Blue Ledge camp, the work to commence as soon as the definite course of the original survey is known. Last August stakes were driven by a party of surveyors for ten miles along the Big Applegate. At that time the present show of activity seemed distant.

CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS

Statement of the Bonds Outstanding Taken From the Books of the City Recorder.

City Recorder Hurt has given the Tidings the following statement of the outstanding city indebtedness as shown by the books of his office. The Tidings prints this that the citizens in voting upon the issues of bonds to come before them at the coming election may know the amount of indebtedness outstanding, but each voter must draw his own conclusions as to the wisdom or unwisdom of voting the bonds asked for. Of course but a small portion of the assessment bonds will have to be paid out of the city treasury, but the city has already had to perfect its lien upon some property to protect itself so far as possible in the premises.

City of Ashland Bonds, November 1, 1912.

Table listing various bonds: Assessment bonds, Electric light bonds, Waterworks, Intersection paving, Septic tank, Trunk line sewer.

Total unpaid bond issue

\$498,409.55. Assessment bonds are taken care of by assessments against abutting property, and should the property fail to pay the assessments, the property will be sold for assessments, and should it fail to bring the amount assessed the taxpayers of the city have to pay any deficit that may occur.

Electric Light Bonds.

\$2,500.00 of an issue amounting to \$42,500.00 fall due each year. \$15,000.00 of a \$30,000.00 is subject to call after July 1, 1919, and matures January 1, 1929, and the balance (\$15,000.00) falls due January 1, 1929.

Water Bonds.

\$28,000.00 is optional after July 1, 1920, and matures July 1, 1930. Issue of \$23,000.00 falls due July 1, 1920.

\$5,000.00 of the \$20,000.00 matures each year beginning July 1, 1913. \$30,000.00 issue falls due July 1, 1929.

Intersection Paving Bonds.

\$8,000.00 of the entire intersection issue falls due or is called each year.

Septic Tank Bonds.

\$1,200.00 of the issue is called each year.

Trunk Sewer Bonds.

\$1,000.00 falls due each year.

Interest On Bonds for the Year 1913.

Table listing interest on bonds: Assessment bonds, Electric light bonds, Water bonds, Intersection paving bonds, Septic tank bonds, Trunk line sewer.

School Bonds.

In addition to the municipal bonds there are about \$97,000.00 in school bonds outstanding. Of these about 90 per cent must be paid by the taxpayers inside the city limits and the balance by the portion of the district without the municipal boundaries. \$2,853,759 of the districts' \$3,146,359 valuation being in the city limits.

The Doll's House.

Mme. Harriet Labadie, an artist of wonderful creative and interpretive ability, will make her appearance in this city on November 29, when she will give a dramatic interpretation of The Doll's House at Natatorium hall, under the auspices of the First Company, C. A. C. Mme. Labadie has the power of stimulating the imagination of her auditors so that they feel the different emotions which actuate the development of the characters in real life.

Free Lecture on Birds.

Hon. William Finley of Portland, state game warden, will deliver a free lecture on "Birds and Their Habits." The lecture is to both parents and children and is intended to interest them in the protection of the birds of Oregon. There will be a collection taken to defray expenses.

News Stand Reopened.

I have re-opened the Fourth Street News Stand and would be glad to see all my old customers as well as all others who want good confectionery, cigars, etc. 51-2t\* E. A. HILDRETH, JR.

—Have you seen those fine elk teeth at Johnson's?

BOND ISSUES TO BE VOTED ON DEC. 17

\$6,000 FIRE PROTECTION BONDS AND \$25,000 ADDITIONAL ELECTRIC LIGHT BONDS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE

There will be two bonding propositions submitted to the voters of the city of Ashland at special elections to be held on the date of the regular municipal election, Tuesday, December 17, 1912. These are both submitted upon initiative petitions presented to the council for action last Tuesday evening.

One is for the voting of \$25,000 additional electric light bonds to be payable in 30 years, or at the option of the city any time after 20 years. They will bear 5 per cent interest and are payable, both principal and interest, at the office of the city treasurer in the city of Ashland. The proceeds of the plant are to be used to build an auxiliary light plant and put in additional equipment.

Investigate Conditions.

For the past few days, Fred Lockley of the Sunset Magazine has been interviewing parties hereabouts in the interests of the forthcoming new booklet regarding Ashland. His plan has been to note conditions from actual observation. These interviews are not confined to orchardists but to various occupations, notably diversified pursuits, consequently he has seen fruit men, ranchers, dry farming experts, etc. As Mr. Lockley puts it, he wishes to meet men who have come to Ashland and "made good," in order to be the better qualified for the task of preparing a publication which will be authentic in every detail. In this work he has been accompanied by the club secretary, while Mr. Lamkin kindly tendered the use of his auto on the numerous trips, and was ready to offer suggestions pertinent to the work in hand.

—Nothing more appropriate, nothing so lasting as a good piece of jewelry or watch for a present. Our new line affords a wide range of variety. Johnson the Jeweler.

The other issue is for \$6,000 and is for the purpose of buying an automobile fire truck, fully equipped, and 500 feet additional hose. The electric light bonds are asked by the electric light committee of the city council and the reasons urged by them for the voting of the bonds were set forth in a recent communication from the superintendent of the light department.

The fire protection bonds were the outcome of the request of the members of the fire company for an auto truck, and which there was not money enough in the treasury to buy. The proposed ordinances authorizing the issuing of these bonds will be published in full in the Tidings two times preceding the election.

Buy Tract Frontage.

Mrs. Annie McWilliams has purchased of I. C. Moore two acres lying between East B street and the Southern Pacific railway tracks. The consideration was \$1,850. F. G. McWilliams states that there are prospects of the sale of the property for manufacturing purposes, and that as the property has a long railroad frontage on which side tracks can be easily built, it certainly will not be long before it will be in demand for some such purpose.

Christine L. Tingling.

Christine L. Tingling, from London, England, will deliver an address at the Christian church, Tuesday night, November 26, at 7:30 p. m. She is a charming speaker and will give the English point of view of many matters in our own land. The lecture is free. Everyone invited.

Thanksgiving Fixings.

Home-made mince pies, old-fashioned pumpkin pies, and good rich fruitcake for your Thanksgiving dinner can be had at the Vienna Bakery. Leave your orders early. 51-2t

EXPLAINS TELEPHONE MERGER MOVE

IN LETTER TO MAYOR NEIL, A. E. REAMES, A MEDFORD ATTORNEY TELLS DETAILS OF CONSOLIDATION

At the city council meeting of the city recorder read a letter from Attorney A. E. Reames of Medford to Mayor Neil, in answer to the latter's request for information as to the status of the injunction suit brought some time ago by the Home Telephone Company to restrain the city from interfering with the Home company operating in Ashland under their franchise, the terms of which the city claimed was forfeited. Mr. Reames in answering says:

Medford, Nov. 7, 1912.

Hon. R. P. Neil, Ashland, Ore. Dear Sir: Replying to your inquiry as to the status of the Ashland telephone case, I have to say that just prior to the county telephone merger I visited Ashland and interviewed those citizens who were supposed to be in possession of the necessary facts to make up the answer for the city of Ashland, and who were most interested in the city's defense of the case. These facts were gathered just prior to the merger, which came as a surprise to me as doubtless it was to you. I then endeavored to find out the true situation, and this is the result of my investigation, and although I am frank to say that while I have no doubt whatever about the facts, I do not have them from any authentic source.

The merger was made the evening prior to the expiration of the Pacific States franchise in Medford. For some time this company has been endeavoring to obtain a new franchise, but was unable to do this on terms satisfactory to the company. The company then made a complete transfer of all its property, franchises, etc., in Jackson county to the Home company. At the time of this transfer, and as a part of the same transaction, the Pacific States acquired the stock of the local Home Telephone Company, and the result is that there is but one telephone company in the territory, and that is the Pacific States, doing business through the franchise and name of the Home company. In other words, the Pacific States has been absorbed by the Home company, but the Pa-

cific States absorbed the stock of the Home company. The handling of the business since that time bears out this conclusion.

These facts being assumed as correct, I imagine that there is in reality no such thing as the Home Telephone Company in Ashland, excepting in name. The company doing business there now under the name of the Home could do business by the use of the Pacific States franchise, and also by use of the Home franchise if it is valid. We are, therefore, really rid of the Home company so far as being compelled to do business under a double telephone system is concerned. It is, therefore, a matter of policy whether the city desires to go on with the litigation, or whether it is satisfactory to let the matter rest as it is and let the Pacific States franchise be used for its four remaining years and then allow the Pacific States, doing business under the name of the Home company, to use the Home franchise after that time.

I wish you would have some definite action taken, either by ordinance or resolution, so I will know what you wish me to do.

Yours very truly,

A. E. REAMES.

On motion of Councilman Cunningham and seconded by Councilman Cunningham, Mr. Reames was authorized to push the action for the dismissal of the injunction and asking that the franchise be declared invalid.

Order That Turkey Now.

—Place your order now for a Thanksgiving Turkey and make sure of a satisfactory bird. We can also supply you with ducks, geese and chickens. Fresh Sealship oysters every day. Try our homemade mince-meat. East Side Meat Market. Phone 188. 51-2t

Thanksgiving Turkey.

—Get one of those fine turkeys at the Fourth Street Billiard Parlors. —Dry block or stove wood. Phone 420-J. 47-tf

CITY FATHERS MEET

Council Transacts Considerable Business at Its Regular Meeting Tuesday Evening.

The entire city council was present at the regular meeting Tuesday evening. There was about the usual grist of committee reports and bills. In the matter of repairs on Liberty street the committee asked further time, and also the fire and water committee wanted to give further consideration as to the communication from the Commercial Club regarding the powder house up the canyon.

The matter of connection with the sewer on North Main street was brought up and threshed over. Water Commissioner Roscerans, Mr. Stone and several councilmen speaking on the matter. It was finally referred back to the sewer committee for further consideration.

The council, in accordance with a previous resolution, ordered the transfer of \$98.56 from the general fund to the paving district No. 4 fund, in payment of the assessment now due against Mrs. Satterfield's home.

The city recorder was given authority to purchase warrant register and water and light receipts. He was also authorized to transfer certain funds from the Wimer street fund to the general fund, in repayment of loan from general fund, and the street commissioner was instructed to open the street as per former action of the council.

The opening of Nursery street, provided for by previous action of the council, was also ordered.

Councilman Cunningham brought up the matter of the Mountain avenue septic tank, which F. H. Carter complained was not working properly. City Engineer Walker declared it in good condition and doing perfect work. The matter was referred to the sewer committee with power to act.

An ordinance which had been pending for some months, repealing an ordinance regarding street improvements, was taken up and passed, all members voting aye.

Made a Good Find.

R. W. Dunlap came in from his mine on Wagner creek yesterday for a day or two rest. Mr. Dunlap is the owner of the old Cleveland claims and reports the properties as showing up well both in copper and gold. Last spring he started a cross-cut in the hanging wall (or what has heretofore been thought to be the hanging wall) and struck what seemed to be the apex of an ore chute which carries 5 per cent copper and an appreciable quantity of gold. His next move was to start a tunnel lower down and about 15 feet to the left of the old tunnel. Here he has struck sulphide ore at a depth of 15 feet from the surface, which resembles the ore encountered in the upper tunnel, but at the present depth is unable to say if it is a parallel vein or one immense lead of about 20 feet in width, but in either case he says it looks good to him.

Rummage Your Garrets.

The local Elks have kindly given the use of their dining room and kitchen for a rummage sale and cafeteria to be given for the benefit of the Sunshine Society on Thursday, December 5. The society wishes everyone to look up all the old clothing, etc., which is worth selling and donate it to the society.

Colonial Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Hotel Ashland will serve a Colonial Thanksgiving turkey dinner, price 50 cents. If you wish a dinner like mother served, try this. Fresh oysters served at all times. Short orders given prompt attention. Best merchants' lunch in the city served daily for only 25 cents. 51-2t

Hotel Oregon Thanksgiving Dinner.

Hotel Oregon wishes to announce that an extra fine dinner will be served on Thanksgiving from noon until 2 p. m. and from 5:30 until 8 p. m. Reserve your family table early. 75 cents per plate.

—Dear Madam: The little ones feel at home in my studio. The hundreds I have photographed prove this. Special styles and offer for baby pictures. Wynne Scott.

—Turkeys for Thanksgiving, delivered at your home. Send in your order early. Mrs. F. W. Herrin, phone 804-F-11. 50-3t

—Phone 804-F-11 for your Thanksgiving turkey. 50-3t

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

"SHALL SALOONS BE LICENSED"

City Council Passed Resolution Ordering the Biennial City Election and Designating Offices to Be Filled Thereat.

The city council at its regular meeting Tuesday passed a resolution designating the offices which it will be necessary to fill at the regular city election which will be held Tuesday, December 17. There are to be two councilmen elected from the First ward, one to succeed Councilman George Irwin and the other to succeed Councilman Werth, who was appointed to succeed Councilman England, who resigned because of leaving the city. In the Second ward a councilman will be elected to succeed Alderman Cunningham, whose term expires. In the Third ward a councilman will be elected to succeed Alderman Sanderson, whose term expires. In the First ward there will be a park commissioner elected for a term of five years to succeed Mrs. J. P. Meikle.

The following are the judges of election, the last two named acting as clerks, as designated by the city council Tuesday night:

First ward—G. W. Benedict, James Yeo, W. H. Wallace.

Second ward—Ira Shoudy, Charles Gillette, G. M. Grainger.

Third ward—Thornton Wiley, E. J. Arrant, O. Winter.

Under the charter it is also at every election necessary to submit the question of whether or no saloons shall be licensed in the city.

That Rummage Sale.

The rummage sale to be held in the basement of Elks Temple, Thursday, December 5, for the benefit of the local Sunshine Society, desires not only old clothes, but furniture and in fact anything that anyone can spare that can be sold, and what cannot be sold will be distributed to the worthy poor.

A Good Strike.

Bailey, Silver & Doane are reported to have made a fine strike at their mine on Hungry creek. They are reported to have struck a good-sized vein of very rich ore. Their many friends in this city hope that their expectations may be exceeded.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Commercial Organization Keeps Open House to Members.

Having removed its office to the room formerly occupied by the library, the Commercial Club finds space enough to furnish reading room facilities which are available to members as well as strangers who are transients in our midst. Two dailies are on file in addition to city papers, and various other publications. The office is also equipped with maps, folders, timetables, directories, and several works of reference. In this connection it is designed to make the rooms serve the purpose of general information as far as possible. The trustees are always willing to have this particular room occupied occasionally to further any event which has a specific local significance, such as civic improvement measures, committee meetings, etc., and for such purposes the premises are available at almost any time.

In an adjacent room members have the privileges of billiards, pool, checkers, chess, cards, cribbage, etc., and as the winter evenings draw nigh these quarters are pretty well thronged. Even the strains of music occasionally are heard in the familiar old headquarters. By virtue of skill and talent, if not by direct appointment, Professor H. G. Gilmore occasionally occupies the position of musical director, by force of circumstances being his own accompanist. The result is that the Schaff piano has been impressed into service after a long period of neglect, and the wish is father to the thought that it may be oftener heard under the skillful manipulation of Professor Gilmore. An Oliver typewriter is also among the adjuncts of the office, a convenience which many visiting strangers have learned to appreciate.