YE OLDE ROSEBURG DAYS Era Of Bond Issues Put **Growing Municipality On Road To Modern Status**

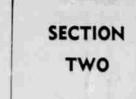
rEd. Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles on early Roseburg tory as compiled from city records by City Manager M. W. Slankard) By M. W. SLANKARD

The year 1905 showed considerable activity in the administering on the public affairs of the City of Roseburg as well as of other cities of Oregon. People all over the United States were getting to know about "That beautiful state of Oregon, where everything was green," Oregon was rugged, Lumbering had been going on in Washington for many years, but Oregon had been untouched. The interior of Oregon remained unknown due to the rugged hills and poor roads, until a very few years ago.

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 In October 1905 a bond issue oft \$200,000 was passed by the cittizens of Roseburg to purchase the local water and electric utilities. There was considerable discussion regarding the purchase, and on Oct. 1. 1906, an ordinance was changed by the cittizens of Roseburg in the around of S00,000, the city was secured to construct the railword.
 On the proposed railroad to coos Bay, which was voted by the citizens of Roseburg in the arount of \$500,000, the city was elso repealed latter as to form a commission to handle the affairs and operate the line. This was also repealed latter as to form a contract with the present.
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 On mary occasions the city charter was changed by the vorte of the citizens. Three new city improvements of over \$250,000, making a total bonded indebtedness of \$255,000 or 45 period of the citizens and sections, it is still in effect.
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of R. If the city of Roseburg today issued bonds in the amount of 45 percent of the total value of the city's present assessed valua-tion of \$7.323,000, the bonded in-debtedness would be over \$3.395,-500. This would be impossible to do as the bonds could not be sold. On April 20, 1920, another band issue was approved for \$500,000 to purchase the Light. Power and Water companies. The proposal passed with a total yote of 1007-yes 590 - no 417. The ponds to expire at the end of 30 years. On the same ballot was a pro-posal to purchase property for an airport and public park in the amount of \$7.000, to be located south of the city. Bonds were not sold.



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Flower Show Features Many Attractions School And Scout

Activities Told At Canyonville

By MRS. H. M. ANDERSON News-Interest Correspondent To the school hand and the need for a permanent meeting heed for more trombones, saxo-phones, and drums were told to association Thursday, by Curtis winders, music instructor. This ments, with the excep-tion of drums, may be purchased younders, music instructor. This ments, with the excep-tion of drums, may be purchased younders, music instructor. This meeting of the school young result a more barries of the schools.

Houston School Board Bans Use Of Textbook Written By O. S. C. Professor Magruder

HOUSTON, Oct. 26 .- UP-The text book "American Government," used for senior high school civics classes, has been banned in Houston schools.

Only one member of the school board Monday voted against the ban after a paragraph in the book was cited.

ban after a paragraph in the book was cited. The book, written by Dr. Frank Magruder, contains this passage "The United States is called a capitalistic country, but it does not have pure capitalism. It has capitalistic country is capitalistic with strong socialistic and even communistic trends. The postalistic with strong socialistic and even gressive taxes are bits of social is m; and public free education and old age assistance are ex-according to his need." Magruder was not available Magruder was not available tere in community.

