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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Zella Sherman, deceased, has filed in the county court for Union county, state of Oregon, the final account of such administration of such estate, and that Monday, the 28th day of December, 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the county judge's office, at the court house in the city of La Grande, Ore-

gon, has been fixed by said court as the time and place of hearing objection to said report, if there be any, and the settlement thereof.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1908.
J. W. SHERMAN,
Administrator of the Estate of Zella Sherman. 11-27-12-27

Observer "Want" column for results

HALL SENDS HIS MESSAGE

SEWER SYSTEM AND PANACEA FOR STRINGENCY.

Mayor Hall Calls for Legislation Along Three Important Lines—Has Solved Manner of Handling Money Stringency—Asks for Sewer System at Once.

Message in Brief.
+ Issuance of Time Warrants. +
+ Correction of Present Pay System. +
+ Advises Immediate Sewer System Action. +

In a special communication to the city council last evening Mayor M. K. Hall set in motion action for a sewerage system in La Grande, presents a panacea for the general fund stringency, asks changes in the method of paying city officials, and touches upon other salient points in the city's administration. The message follows in full:

The Mayor's Message.
To the Members of the City Council: Knowing that it is your desire to relieve the city as far as possible from the somewhat stringent financial circumstances now existing, I wish to suggest for your consideration a plan which might, if you saw fit to adopt it, prove of assistance.

Section 82 of the charter empowers the council to refund the outstanding warrants against the general fund by issuing time warrants payable at stated times in the future, the rate of interest not to exceed 6 per cent per annum, or as much less as the council shall determine. Under this provision a sufficient number of warrants of the denominations of say \$5000 each or of a less or greater amount if thought better, payable at intervals of two years, to wipe out the floating indebtedness against the general fund could be sold.

For the purpose of paying these warrants when they become due, a sinking fund could be created by an additional levy for that purpose and for the purpose of meeting the interest payments, the special interest fund could be sufficiently increased.

Those receiving warrants on the general fund at the present time are not able to realize more than 95 per cent for them. The result is that the city is compelled to pay for labor and material from 5 to 25 per cent more than if the warrants were worth par. After paying this inflated price for everything we buy, we still pay 6 per cent interest on the face value of the warrants. This is not a new condition of things, warrants being at the present time worth as much in the market as they ever have been.

I am convinced that some such plan as above suggested is feasible, and I believe it is our duty to give the matter earnest and immediate attention.

Another matter to which I wish to call your attention is the manner in which city officials are paid. The water superintendent is paid by warrant on the water fund, which is worth 100 per cent. The street superintendent, recorder, marshal and deputies are paid by warrants on the general fund, worth at best 95 per cent. It is my opinion that all these men earn the amount of their wages in full, or none do.

I believe it would be only fair if this council would amend certain ordinances now existing and provide that all the officials be paid on the same

basis. I would again call your attention to the sewer question, and suggest that the city surveyor be instructed to make a survey, if only a preliminary one, for the purpose of determining where and how the city can get rid of its sewage.

I believe this to be a matter of greater importance to this city than any other at this time. La Grande is too large a town to go on year after year allowing its filth to accumulate in the midst of its people—a menace to the public health, which increases in degree as time goes on.

Respectfully submitted,
M. K. HALL, Mayor.

Changed my Office
To James R. Smith's jewelry store, where you will find Singer and the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines. Payments can also be made to Mr. Smith on accounts.
A. H. STONE,
Agent Singer Co.
12-9-1-9

LA GRANDE INVESTMENT CO. CALL FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive up to noon Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1909, at his office in La Grande, Oregon, sealed bids for the purchase of the following described real estate, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 521 1/4 feet south of the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of section 19, township 4 south, range 40 E. W. M., thence running south 417 feet west, west 208 1/2 feet, thence north 417 feet, east 208 1/2 feet to place of beginning.

Also, commencing 938 1/4 feet south of the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, section 19, township 4 south, range 40, E. W. M., running thence south 342 1/2 feet, west 253 1/2 feet, north 343 1/2 feet, east 253 1/2 feet to place of beginning.

Also, commencing 250 yards north of the SE corner of the SW 1/4, section 13, township 4 south, range 40, E. W. M., thence west 80 rods, north 40 rods, east 80 rods, south 40 rods, to place of beginning.

Also, beginning 30 feet due east of the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, section 19, township 4 south, range 40, E. W. M., running thence due east along line between NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 511 feet, north 4 feet, west 511 feet, south 4 feet, east 511 feet to place of beginning. Together with all water rights belonging thereto. Said land being commonly known as the "County Poor Farm," situated at Union, Union county, Oregon.

Said bids shall be accompanied with a certified check of five per cent of the purchase price of said land. The county court of Union county, Oregon, reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 5th day of December, 1908.
ED WRIGHT,
County Clerk.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastern Oregon Trust and Savings Bank, will be held at the banking rooms of the corporation, on Thursday, January 14th, 1909, at 2 p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

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By
GEO. L. CLEAVER,
Cashier.

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G. C. Scheurer,

Agent for Wallowa and Union County
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