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DEBT TO OUTGOING ADMINISTRATION.

Medford owes a debt of gratitude to the retiring municipal administration. Its members have done much for the growth and upbuilding of the city and paved the way for more, laying the foundation for a really greater Medford.

Cities, like republics, are proverbially ungrateful. The memory of public service, no matter how faithful and conscientious, is soon forgotten, while the shortcomings are remembered. The mistakes made by public servants, no matter how few, outlive their merits in the public memory, too frequently smothering all appreciation.

Medford's mayor and council receive no salaries. They must devote many hours each week to the public service. They cannot please all and when abuse is the only reward of unselfish effort, it is small wonder that interest is lost in the work.

When the outgoing administration was elected two years ago the city was $100,000 in debt, with nothing to show for it save a lot of rusty stove-pipe trying to do duty as a water system, and an electric light plant out of commission part of the time. The light problem was first solved and the old junk traded for an advantageous contract for municipal lighting. The best city water distributing system in the state was installed and work is under way on a $350,000 gravity system to bring pure mountain water to Medford. The city has been sewered, a complete survey made of the streets, the main street paved, miles of concrete walk built and the beginnings of a city broadly laid.

Another debt that Medford owes to the outgoing administration is the keeping of the city in the wet column against the protests and strenuous efforts of those who would have the people of Medford surrender their home rule privileges to the people of Jackson county. Strong pressure and coercion failed to force the administration to close the city against the wishes of its citizens. As it was, it was kept wet only by Mayor Reddy casting the deciding vote on each license and by Messrs. Eifert, Olwell and Hafer "standing pat" for the wishes of the people of Medford.

To the new administration falls the work of continuing the labor begun by the retiring members, of systematizing work and perfecting the machinery of administration. To it also will fall the readjustment of finances after the completion of the water system and the installation of new methods in many departments. There will of course be no let-up in the program of municipal improvement, and probably before Mayor Canon's term has expired this will be the best paved, the best lighted, the best watered, the best sewered and, it is hoped, the best governed city in Oregon.

In the election of W. W. Eifert as president of the city council a graceful recognition is made of the public services of one who has been tried and found not wanting. Mr. Eifert has proved himself to be a man of nerve and backbone, who cannot be intimidated or swerved from the course he thinks right, one who will "stand the gaff." To him alone is due the fact that the city is not tied up with Wasson canyon as a source of water supply and his vote kept the blight of prohibition from Medford.

NEW CHARTER IS NEEDED BY JACKSONVILLE, SAYS POST

Jacksonville needs a new charter, which fact no one doubts. The charter under which the city is governed was passed by the legislature on the 28th day of November, 1868, and printed in pamphlet form February 1, 1886, says the Post.

The conditions of the city have changed, or should be changed, since 1860. If Jacksonville is to keep pace with the business world we must have a charter, modern and up to date. This vast region of wealth west and south west of Jacksonville comprising Sams hout, Applegate, Humbug, Sterling and Watkins, must depend upon the development of Jacksonville in order to receive their just share of improvement. Develop Jacksonville and those others will develop, and when those others develop Jacksonville will receive the reward through business transactions.

RICH BODY OF IRON ORE FOUND NEAR GOLD HILL

An exceptionally rich body of ore was uncovered at the mine in Wasco gulch the fore part of this week by the men engaged in doing the preliminary work of opening up the big deposit of iron, says the Gold Hill News. Portions of ore that are almost pure iron were uncovered in a vein that is nearly five feet wide. The vein is an extension of an old one that has been worked in the past which has been opened up to a distance of almost 300 feet, showing that its values continue during the full length of the vein. A shipment of the new ore was made in Seattle Tuesday to Messrs. Mennach and Schumann, who are the promoters of the steel plant at this place. The last shipment, which is so much richer than the previous one, will, it is thought, have a tendency to lower the operations of these men. Those in charge at this place say that the tests have been so superior to what they expected that there is no doubt of the ultimate completion of the steel plant.

GOLD HILL ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS INSTALL

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held a joint installation of officers in their lodge rooms in this city Saturday evening, at which a very large crowd was present, says the Gold Hill News. After the installation ceremonies were over a complimentary supper was served. In the Odd Fellows the following were installed: George Lyman, N. G.; P. H. Moore, secretary; A. J. T. Smith, treasurer; H. L. Stinard, R. S. N. G.; Charles Hafford, L. S. N. G.; L. C. Applegate, R. S. V. G.; M. L. Darling, L. S. V. G.; H. Crawford, warden; J. A. Hafer, conductor; George Lyman, M. S. S.; A. J. Smith, I. S. S.; W. R. Stinard, inside. In the encampment the following were installed: J. A. Harvey, C. P.; D. Mallon, H. P.; George Haff, S. W.; W. H. Stinard, scribe; J. W. Hafer, treasurer; P. M. Lyman, G. W. In the Rebekahs the following were installed: Mrs. Crandall, N. G.; Mrs. Hall, V. G.; Mrs. Reed, P. S.; Mrs. Hafer, R. S.; Mrs. Hall, Chaplain; Mrs. Lyman, Conductor; Mrs. Crandall, warden; Mrs. Hall, inside guardian; Mrs. Smith, O. G.

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