

FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT (1919) OF THE CITY TREASURER

Independence, Oregon, March 31, 1919.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
Of the City of Independence, Oregon.
Gentlemen:

I submit the following as my report as City Treasurer for the quarter ending March 31, 1919:

Although Mr. F. E. Young was acting City Treasurer to about February 1919 he made no report later than January 1, 1919. I have included in this report all items from January 1, 1919 as shown by the bank books.

I find that there has been no Treasurer's books kept for several years and there is no records of the City's financial affairs other than bank statements. I have worked up a set of City books from January 1, 1919 to start with, as there was no city records.

I have been told that the City General Fund borrowed \$1,500.00 from two of the other funds. I have been unable to find what funds this money was taken from. Although the Council ordered this amount of money transferred back, nothing has been done and no transfer made.

I find that there has been no bond record of any kind ever kept and with the help of Recorder B. F. Swope I have worked up a complete bond record. Bonds and coupons have been paid and very few cancelled. I have cancelled all paid bonds and coupons that I was able to find. I find that bonds have been called and the City Treasurer would continue to pay the interest coupons after the date of the call. I am of the opinion these bonds will have to be included in a future call. No record of the various calls for bonds have been kept. I was able to find a few calls in old newspapers.

Your Street Improvement bonds were issued July 1 and December 1, 1914 and none of these bonds were paid until July and December 1917. Three years after their issue. One-tenth of these bonds should have been paid the first year after issue and one-tenth each year after. The City has paid quite an amount of interest that they should not have paid.

There is a deposit with the National Park Bank of New York City, your Fiscal Agent, of \$3,150.20. This bank has no instructions as to this amount of money and I am unable to find any records of instructions given them. As near as I can determine there has been called \$3,000.00 in Street Improvement bonds, but the bank has never been instructed to pay them. I have written them to use this amount to meet any obligations of the City that may be presented to them. That is, the above amount, \$3,000.00, of these bonds have been called but not paid. All other bonds that have been called have been paid.

The following is a list of the various bond issues of the City of Independence:

Street Improvement Bonds July 1, 1914, Interest 6 per cent, payable July 1 and January 1. Issued for improvement of parts of B, D, E, Second, First and Monmouth Streets.

Issue		\$18,550.04
Less amount paid	\$6,050.04	
Less amount called but not paid	2,000.00	\$,050.04
Amount outstanding		\$10,500.00

Street Improvement Bonds December 1, 1914, Interest six per cent payable June 1 and December 1. Issued for improvement of parts of C, Sixth and B Streets.

Issue		\$15,792.79
Less Amount paid	\$1,792.79	
Less amount called but not paid	1,000.00	2,792.79
Amount outstanding		\$13,000.00

Refunding Bonds, May 1, 1916, 5 1/2 per cent Interest, payable May 1 and November 1. Issued in payment of Sewer Bonds.

Issue		\$16,000.00
Less amount paid		2,000.00
Amount outstanding		\$14,000.00

Street Intersection Bonds, July 1, 1914. Interest 6 percent payable July 1 and January 1. Issued in payment for improvement of street intersections.

Issue		\$12,000.00
Outstanding		\$12,000.00

Street Intersection Bonds, July 1, 1914. Interest 6 percent payable July 1 and January 1. Issued in payment for improvement of street intersections.

Issue		\$7,910.23
Outstanding		\$7,910.23

Total Street Improvement Bonds outstanding \$23,500.00
Total City Bonds outstanding \$33,910.23

Following are statements of the various City funds and herewith is handed you the cancelled warrants, coupons and bonds listed in these statements.

Pardon me for calling to your attention the necessity of an audit of this report.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. IRVINE,
City Treasurer.

GENERAL FUND

Jan. 2, 1919	Balance on hand	\$ 995.71
6	Received from Recorder, Cox pool license	20.00
	Received from Recorder, Boydston dray license	2.50
		\$1,018.21

Mar. 31, 1919 City warrants paid as per cancelled warrants herewith 859.68

Mar. 31, 1919 Balance on hand \$ 158.53
There are no outstanding warrants presented for payment, but not paid for want of funds.

STREET IMPROVEMENT (PAVEMENT) FUND

Jan. 2, 1919	Balance on hand	\$7,191.56
6	Received from Ethel Tripp	27.18
	Mary Shafer	67.22
	T. J. Fryer	67.22
	F. G. Hewitt	31.26
	W. Mitchell	179.90
	W. B. Millhousen	26.41
	M. W. Mix	36.24
21	J. N. Jones	74.75
	T. J. Sullivan	13.20
	J. L. Linn	67.22
	Chas. Bascue	26.41
	Etta Walker	40.22
	M. W. Walker	56.28
	Verd Hill	67.22
	School Dist. No. 29	134.44
	F. E. Bodenheimer	33.61

Tobacco is getting so high in price that even us well-to-do fellows can't afford to smoke it.

Mr. Olcott, who wants to be one but not both, will soon know whether he can be just one or both.

In the opinion of a million and a half young Americans, America is the best place for Americans.

The West used to be proud of Senator Borah, but recently he gives many Westerners a pain.

How time does fly! In a little while, we'll all be wondering what has become of Herbert Hoover.

Senator McNary takes an occasional trip in an airplane. In the opinion of his Oregon friends Mr. McNary makes a better U. S. senator than he does an aviator and advise him to stick to the ground.

The Portland Telegram has gone into the closet and brought out the land fraud skeletons. Tho musty in peoples' minds they serve the purpose of rattling the political bones.

While the victory has been won, it has not been paid for. Americans with a surplus of resources will invest in government bonds and perform a great service for their country, assisting it at a time when it is vitally important that every dollar available be placed at the disposal of the nation.

Olney Advocates Making Nation's Capital a State—Headline.

In this era when new nations are being created and others freed from the yoke of oppression, it is but natural and not unexpected that proposals should be made that the District of Columbia be annexed to the United States.



Mar. 7	Esther A. Morgan	13.20
	Caroline Patterson	30.98
	J. S. Cooper	67.22
	J. D. Hibbs	34.41
	A. L. Thomas	33.52
	Independence National Bank	67.50
	B. C. Rockwell	26.41
	Nelson & Henkle	34.88
	J. L. & S. C. Hanna	100.51
	J. L. & S. C. Hanna	28.14
	J. L. & S. C. Hanna	13.20
	C. L. Graves	13.20
	C. W. Irvine	52.82
	Sarah C. Irvine	33.61
	P. M. Kirkland	41.04
	Mrs. W. W. Percival	56.28
	Mrs. W. W. Percival	67.22
	Mahala Wallace	67.22
	J. J. Fenton	44.50
	M. E. Hiltibrand	33.61
	Clara Williams	27.18
	Alice Wellington	26.41
	Ida A. Collins	26.41
		\$9,079.99

Jan. 6, 1919	Paid Coupon nos. 35-9 and 34-9	\$ 30.00
29	" 38-9, 31-9 and 32-9	45.00
30	" 30-9	15.00
Feb. 28	Paid Bond July 1, 1914 No. 13	500.00
	" 14	500.00
	" 15	500.00
	" 16	500.00
	" 17	500.00
	" 12	500.00
		3,000.00
March 31, 1919	Balance on hand	\$5,989.99

Jan. 2, 1919	Balance on hand	\$844.41
Jan. 14, 1919	Paid Jan. 1, 1919 Coupon Bond No. 27	\$15.00
20	Jan. 1, 1919 " 26 and 40	30.00
29	Jan. 1, 1919 " 9-10-11-12	
	13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24	
	5-6-7-8	300.00
		345.00

March 31, 1919 Balance on hand \$499.41
On July 1, 1919 Bonds Nos. 1 and 2 for \$500.00 each will be due and interest coupons to the amount of \$597.30 will be due on the same date. About one-half of the tax money will be paid in before this date.

Jan. 2, 1919	Balance on hand	\$579.38
Mar. 31, 1919	Balance on hand	579.38
	On May 1, 1919 Bond No. 3 for \$1000.00 will be due and interest coupons to the amount of \$385.00 will be due on the same date. About one-half of the tax money should be in before May 1.	

Jan. 2, 1919	Balance on hand	\$28.90
Mar. 31, 1919	Balance on hand	\$28.90
	There is a warrant endorsed not paid for want of funds for \$95.30 outstanding against this fund.	

GLAD TO BE FREE

London.—German cruelty exercised toward the natives of her former colonies is outlined in the statements of native chiefs in the Samoan Islands, the Kameruns, Togoland, Southwest Africa, and East Africa, in a white book published by the colonial office. The statements show that the natives everywhere hope to remain under British rule.

In a few cases the chiefs said they were afraid to say anything lest their land be restored to the Germans, who had threatened them with what they would do when the war was over. This fear, however, failed to prevent a virtually unanimous appeal for retention of the British flag.

The horrors of the German rule in Southwest Africa, the white book says, already are too well known to require repetition, but the same system of tyranny was found in other German colonies in a greater or less degree.

The burden running through all the statements of the natives of Togoland and the Kameruns is "flogging, flogging, flogging," especially in connection with forced labor on plantations.

"BAD" CITY IS DEAD

Hopewell, Va.—Hopewell, the "wickedest city," which arose out of nothing like a town of the Klondike three and a half years ago, has died a sudden death.

The great powder mills of the Du Ponts, which provided sinews of war, are being dismantled. Forty thousand inhabitants of the town have begun an exodus. In a few months the cornfields from which the town sprang will be restored. Only stories of the great fires of unbelievable vice and pistol duels will survive.

The E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder company built a \$75,000,000 powder plant and Hopewell grew up with it in a few months. Destroyed by fire once, it was rebuilt. Cornfields sold for \$20,000 an acre. Dance halls, gambling rooms and saloons brought desperate men into the town. Revolvers were a part of every man's equipment. A woman did not dare go on the streets unescorted. The old strong-arm law of the Wild West days prevailed. And now the inhabitants are scattering to the four corners of the country.

TWINS FOOL DOCTOR

Boston, Mass.—Two nineteen-year-old brothers—James R. Miller and Earl W. Miller of Chadbourne, N. C.—are the twinliest twins that ever hit Uncle Sam's merchant marine training ship here.

The examining surgeon was the first to be fooled. First he examined James R. Then he turned to his desk to make out his record, taking for granted that James would pass to the next room. But he didn't. He thought there was more to come. And of course he was examined again. "Gosh," he thought, "they do a pretty thorough job here."

"Earl," said the doctor, still talking to James, "you sure are an image of your brother."

Just then Earl entered the room. "I'm through with you, James," said the doctor, speaking to Earl. "Don't I get examined?" inquired Earl. And then a great light dawned on the doctor.

HOMES FOR SOLDIERS

Olympia, Wash.—Placing 3,000,000 acres of arid land in this state under irrigation at a cost of \$250,000,000 and furnishing work for thousands of returned soldiers and sailors is part of a plan being worked out by Gov. Ernest Lister. By this plan it is expected homes may be made for 50,000 families.

Every dog has his day and the kaiser has had his.

NO POLITICAL ISSUE

(Monmouth Herald.)
There is not much prospect that the league of nations motion will be a political issue next year. The thirty seven senators insisted that the league be amended. The amendments are accomplished and there is now nothing to differ about. Senators Hitchcock and Lenroot debated the question last week and their discussion was highly ludicrous for both insisted on taking the same viewpoint. It is a grand thing to be so highly harmonious and when it comes to casting light on the path to the band wagon the average politician is a jewel of the first water.

ONE LOST SHEEP

(Springfield, Mass., Republican.)
Reports from Paris indicate that the league's constitution is no longer in "its present form." Every senator except Borah is thus released from his pledge not to vote for it. Borah is hopeless, having said he wouldn't support a league of nations guaranteed by the Redeemer of mankind.

DON'T WORRY, ANN

(Kansas City Star.)
A Chicago girl posed for two years as a boy, but was finally ordered by a judge to resume girls' clothing. "Honest, judge, I just can't wear 'em," she protested. Never mind, Annie. You won't have to wear very many of 'em at a time, at least until the styles change. And maybe not then.

THE CHANGE

(Boston Globe.)
Once the warning was to lay something by for a rainy day; Now it's to put something by for the day when all is dry.

THE STATE DEBT

(Jefferson Review.)
According to Alex LaFollett, who knows all about finances, Oregon's per capita debt is \$71, far heavier than any other state in the Union.

SOMETHING IN A NAME

(Buffalo News.)
When Mr. James F. Plenty of Pittsburg received his fourth pair of twins, as he did recently, it seems that a name has a certain sort of a mission after all.

WIGRICH

Mr. Cox was a week end visitor with his family in Independence.

Mrs. Carter and children visited her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Stalling, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Strawn left the middle of the week for their new home near Toledo.

Ernest Chown, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Chown and W. F. Frost visited friends in Stayton on Sunday.

Ernest Chown, Edwin McComas and William Frost attended the dance at Suver on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Birkholtz of Independence visited their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Jewell on Tuesday on Tuesday evening.

J. M. Cobine and Nina and Helen Porterfield visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Strawn on Tuesday evening.

"Wise up on tobacco," says Buck



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