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The Past Year Been Good One For Redmond

The year 1912 just passed, has been a liberal one for Redmond in the way of prosperity, all things taken into consideration. The city gained more in improvements during 1912 than in any previous year in its history, and, while a certain few tried to retard the growth and prosperity of the city by giving it undue notoriety, the march of progress has been so strong and real "boosters" of the town so determined to make Redmond a commercial center that the derogatory efforts put forth against it have been pushed aside, and enterprise and real merit triumphed. Principal among the improvements the city has made during 1912 are:

- 1. A \$40,000 municipal gravity water system, with a pressure of 100 pounds, covering the whole city, with the installation of 36 hydrants in the business and residence sections.
- 2. A new electric light and power system that promises to give a 24 hour service.
- 3. Nearly three blocks of 10-foot concrete sidewalks in the business section. An improvement that no other city in Central Oregon can boast of.
- 4. Nearly 10 blocks of wooden sidewalks in the residence district.
- 5. A fire department equipped with a chemical engine, two hose wagons with 1000 feet of the best make of hose.
- 6. Three new churches: Presbyterian, costing \$5,000; Baptist, \$3,000; Catholic.
- 7. The Aug. A. Anderson stone block built of lava rock, the only one of its kind in Central Oregon built of this material.
- 8. The C. H. Irvin stone store—a handsome structure.
- 9. A large lava rock potato warehouse—the largest in northwest Oregon.
- 10. The installation of the most complete printing plant in Central Oregon—The Redmond Spokesman.
- 11. The following new store buildings: W. H. Anderson, Postoffice building, A. G. Allingham, Vincent's livery barn.
- 12. Remodeling of the Lynch & Roberts large department store, giving it a full plate glass corner.
- 13. The remodeling of other stores, thus giving Redmond more plate glass fronts than any other town in Central Oregon.
- 14. The building of 26 new houses, principal of which is the J. F. residence, costing in the neighborhood of \$8,000, and the Bush house in Ellinger's Addition.
- 15. The city has gained favorable and widespread notice through the Second Annual Potato Show held in October last, and on account of the exhibits shown at the Prineville county fair.
- 16. The city was visited by two destructive fires in 1912. One on the night of February 26th, when four business houses were burned out—E. Maher, hardware; W. H. Hobbs, bakery and grocery; Al Wright, furniture; and The Redmond Spokesman office. Loss in this fire was in the neighborhood of \$20,000. All other burned out firms with the exception of E. Maher, are in business today, and prospering.
- 17. The second fire was the Vincent Livery Stable fire in which a number of horses were burned to death, and a quantity of valuable merchandise on freighters' wagons was destroyed, bringing a total loss up to nearly \$20,000.
- 18. The citizens of Redmond can congratulate themselves on entering the year 1913 with a good bunch of assets in the way of improvements and city utilities, and the making of 1913 a successful or otherwise, lies in their own hands.

TWO LIGHT COS. BOUGHT OUT

JACOBS CO. AND THE COVE CO.
SELL OUT TO THE GENERAL ELECTRIC

It is understood that interests representing the General Electric Co., the largest organization of its kind in the United States, have bought the George Jacobs' light plant that was to generate its power at Cline Falls, and to which the Redmond city council recently granted a 50 year franchise. The purchase price is given at \$150,000.

The same people are said to have also bought the Cove Power Co. plant, another electric light concern now under construction, for the sum of \$150,000.

The Jacobs people have their line strung into the city from Cline Falls and light and power was to have been turned on by the first, but for some reason the date was extended.

In the franchise granted the Jacobs people nothing more than a continuous all night service was called for, though the light people say they intend to maintain a 24 hour service. Whether the new owners of the line will grant more than the franchise calls for, remains to be seen.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

December weather observations taken at the Redmond Experimental Farm Station by T. G. Stevens, cooperative observer.

| Date | Max. | Min. | Weather |
|---|------|------|----------|
| 1 | 43 | 35 | Cloudy |
| 2 | 48 | 39 | Cloudy |
| 3 | 52 | 32 | Clear |
| 4 | 49 | 31 | Clear |
| 5 | 42 | 28 | Clear |
| 6 | 46 | 31 | Clear |
| 7 | 44 | 33 | Clear |
| 8 | 45 | 32 | Clear |
| 9 | 53 | 37 | Clear |
| 10 | 42 | 34 | Pt. Cldy |
| 11 | 45 | 34 | Pt. Cldy |
| 12 | 37 | 29 | Pt. Cldy |
| 13 | 43 | 40 | Pt. Cldy |
| 14 | 41 | 34 | Pt. Cldy |
| 15 | 41 | 34 | Pt. Cldy |
| 16 | 42 | 33 | Pt. Cldy |
| 17 | 42 | 35 | Clear |
| 18 | 43 | 34 | Clear |
| 19 | 39 | 30 | Clear |
| 20 | 40 | 31 | Pt. Cldy |
| 21 | 39 | 28 | Clear |
| 22 | 44 | 34 | Pt. Cldy |
| 23 | 49 | 35 | Pt. Cldy |
| 24 | 37 | 29 | Cloudy |
| 25 | 40 | 30 | Clear |
| 26 | 46 | 32 | Clear |
| 27 | 39 | 28 | Pt. Cldy |
| 28 | 36 | 28 | Pt. Cldy |
| 29 | 54 | 41 | Pt. Cldy |
| 30 | 42 | 36 | Pt. Cldy |
| 31 | 38 | 29 | Pt. Cldy |
| Mean maximum, 43. | | | |
| Mean minimum, 32.70. | | | |
| Precipitation: Total, .83 inch. | | | |
| Total snowfall, 4 inches. | | | |
| Clear days, 13; partly cloudy, 12; cloudy, 6. | | | |

Greetings of the Season



WE EXTEND TO OUR CUSTOMERS THE GREETINGS OF THE SEASON AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIBERAL PATRONAGE. WE SINCERELY TRUST THAT THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN AS PLEASANT AND PROSPEROUS TO YOU AS IT HAS BEEN TO US, AND WE HOPE THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING ADDED PROSPERITY TO ALL.

Redmond Bank of Commerce

U. S. DEPOSITORY

Capital Fully Paid.....\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits..... 3,000.00

DEDICATION OF THE FARMERS' UNION WAREHOUSE HERE

On Friday, January 10, the large stone warehouse recently built here by the farmers of Redmond and vicinity, will be dedicated. In the afternoon there will be speaking and addresses, and band concerts. S. F. Sykes, state secretary of the Oregon Farmers' Union, will be present and deliver an address, and good talks will be made by local men and others from different parts of the county. Refreshments will be served both afternoon and evening.

In the evening there will be a big ball at the warehouse, with music by the Redmond Concert band. The floor has been put in good condition for dancing, and an enjoyable time is promised all who attend.

The whole countryside is invited to come to Redmond on the above date and assist in dedicating this big warehouse—the largest potato warehouse in the northwest.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

Yesterday while G. A. Bradley was opening a gate on the Hoover place 4 miles north of town, his young team dashed forward, knocking him down and bruising his chest and head, one wheel of the wagon passing over his left ankle. The wagon was smashed against a juniper tree. Mr. Hoover hearing the noise came to Mr. Bradley's assistance. Mr. Harris brought Mr. Bradley to the city where he received medical assistance.

The Spokesman for good printing.

An Open Letter To City Council

At a recent meeting of the Redmond city council Wm. G. Phoenix, one of the councilmen, made an emphatic talk and introduced a resolution in favor of having the council call for bids on all contracts for city work and supplies. At the next meeting of the council the matter of the city printing for 1913 came up and Editor Walker of the "Hub," told the council the work could not be done any cheaper than it was being done by The Redmond Spokesman, the paper that was appointed the city official paper through competitive bids, and said he wanted the work and would do it at the same price. Which was very kind of Mr. Walker and showed his heart was in the right place—for Mr. Walker.

Councilman Phoenix, in the bigness of his heart, and totally ignoring the resolution he introduced at the previous meeting in regard to calling for bids when awarding city contracts, moved the city printing be given to Mr. Walker for 1913, and the motion went through on wheels—the big four of course voting for it, as it had been framed up they should by the "Boss."

HOW DID MR. PHOENIX KNOW THE WORK COULD NOT BE DONE ANY CHEAPER THAN MR. WALKER SAID IT COULD? THE SPOKESMAN ARISES FOR INFORMATION.

The councilmen of the city are supposed to be elected by the taxpayers, and to represent their interests, though a majority of the present council seem to represent the interests of but one man. Most of the taxpayers seem to think the council should protect their interests, and use common business methods to do so, and right here the question comes up: Why did Mr. Phoenix, the champion of bids for city contracts and supplies, give away the city printing at a price set by the "Hub" editor?

THE SPOKESMAN DEMANDS, IN JUSTICE TO EVERY TAXPAYER OF THE CITY, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE CITY PRINTING FOR 1913.

Redmond Poultry Show

January 15-18

