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## B. H. McMICKLE CHARGED WITH THE WAREHOUSE FIRE

**ARRESTED HERE YESTERDAY MORNING AND TAKEN TO PRINEVILLE ON CHARGE OF SETTING FIRE TO THE REDMOND UNION WAREHOUSE ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 6—WAIVES EXAMINATION AND IS RELEASED ON \$5,000 BONDS—DETECTIVE BEATTY HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE CASE FOR SOME TIME**

The aftermath of the Redmond Union Warehouse fire, which occurred at 3:30 Friday morning, February 6, 1914, was brought to the attention of the people of this city yesterday morning by the arrest of B. H. McMickle, proprietor of the Redmond Lumber & Produce Company, who was charged with arson. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Z. T. McClay of this city at 8:20 o'clock yesterday morning. Detective Frank Beatty of Portland, who has been working on the case since May 22, and who swore to the complaint before Justice of the Peace Bowman of Prineville, was present when the arrest was made.

Mr. McMickle had nothing to say when placed under arrest beyond requesting permission to go to his home and change clothes. Deputy Sheriff McClay granted his request and after visiting the McMickle home he proceeded with his prisoner to Prineville, where he was turned over to Sheriff Elkins in his office.

County Attorney Wirtz informed The Spokesman yesterday afternoon that while the evidence submitted by the arresting officers was purely cir-

cumstantial, there was enough to warrant him in holding the defendant to the grand jury under bonds of \$5,000. Mr. McMickle waived a preliminary examination.

Some little difficulty was encountered in obtaining the necessary bonds, but after considerable effort, this was accomplished and the release of Mr. McMickle ordered.

The bondsmen are E. G. Hodson, C. W. Elkins, J. W. Carlson, all of Prineville, and W. G. Phoenix and C. R. McLellan of this city.

The penalty for arson is from five to 15 years in the penitentiary.

The fire which destroyed the Redmond Union Warehouse on February 6, at 3:30 a. m., caused a loss of approximately \$12,000 on the building and \$20,000 on the contents. As the warehouse was a clearing and storage house for the farmers in the disposal of their products, the loss was greater than can be computed by dollars and cents.

The building was 90x150 feet, two stories high, built of native lava rock, with 10-ft. ceilings, and was the largest potato warehouse in the Northwest. The building was elec-

tric lighted, and this fact, coupled with the fact that both the front and back doors (which had been securely fastened the night before by the manager) were found wide open by the those who arrived on the scene first, strengthened the popular belief that the fire was of incendiary origin.

### BIG RABBIT HUNT AT POWELL BUTTE, JUNE 21

All Hunters Are Invited to Come Out and Help Kill Off the Pests.

The farmers between the old river bed and Grass Butte are going to hold a rabbit shoot next Sunday, June 21, and plan to make it one of the largest and most successful hunts pulled off in the county.

They will meet at the Morse place and start to hunt at 9 a. m. At noon a big free lunch will be served—probably at the Tom Houston place. A purse of least \$10 will be given, and if enough can be raised they hope to be able to give a suitable first, second and third prize.

The farmers say that never since settlement started have the rabbits been such a pest. Tom Houston says he has already been damaged over \$500 this year and that if something is not done that both crops and range will be entirely ruined.

All of the neighboring towns are not only asked, but begged to aid them in the killing off of these pests.

About 20 gunmen made a drive two weeks ago and killed over 1,200 rabbits and it is expected that between 4,000 and 5,000 will be destroyed this time. So come with your gun and help them out and enjoy the best hunt of your life, with plenty of game guaranteed.

Rifles are tabooed.

E. M. Andrews and associates will expend \$100,000 boring test wells for oil in the Coos Bay coal fields.

The most successful merchants are the largest advertisers. See the point?

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Redmond, Oregon, held at the office of the City Recorder on the 9th day of June, 1914. Present, Mayor Hosch, Councilmen Reedy, Farris, Immele and De Souza. Meeting called to order by Mayor Hosch. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. On motion the following bills were approved and ordered paid:

P. G. Jourdan ..... \$ 1.25  
Clifford Ordway ..... .50  
Deschutes Power Co. .... 77.80  
W. L. Perry ..... 57.50

On motion the City Recorder was instructed to send a warrant for \$2 to the Bureau of Labor of the State of Oregon for inspection fees for the pumping plant.

Moved, seconded and passed that the Water Committee investigate the recommendations made by O. P. Hoff, commissioner, for improvements required at the pumping plant and take necessary steps along these lines to conform to the requirements of the state laws.

The following resolutions were duly presented to the council and read in full by the recorder:

Whereas, the city has now outstanding warrants amounting to the sum of \$3,405.74, which warrants were issued under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon the council by section 66a of the charter, and are drawing interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and

Whereas, it is evident that it will be necessary to incur a further indebtedness on the part of the city in the sum of approximately \$4,000 in the matter of repairing the water reservoir belonging to the city, and

Whereas, by bonding said indebtedness the interest charges on such indebtedness can be materially reduced, now

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Redmond, that section 66 of the charter of the City of Redmond, Oregon, as amended, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 66. The Common Council of the City of Redmond, Oregon, is hereby authorized to contract an indebtedness on behalf of the city and upon the credit thereof, by borrowing money, or issuing the negotiable bonds of the city, for the purpose of acquiring, owning, maintaining, repairing and operating a system of water works for fire and domestic purposes, or for the purpose of constructing sewers for the city, and for other purposes.

The total amount of the indebtedness thus created shall not at any time exceed the aggregate amount of \$45,000, and no loan shall be made except by ordinance, which shall be irrevocable until after the indebtedness therein provided for shall be fully paid, said ordinance specifying the purposes to which the fund to be raised shall be applied and providing for the levying of a tax upon all the taxable property in the city sufficient to pay the annual interest and extinguish the principal of said debt within the time limited for the debt to run, and providing that such tax, when collected, shall be applied only to the purpose in such ordinance specified until the indebtedness shall be paid. The Council shall prescribe the form and manner of issue of said bonds, and their place of payment.

And be it further resolved, that the above proposed amendment to the charter of the City of Redmond, Oregon, be submitted to the qualified electors of said city for their approval or rejection at a special election to be held in said city on the 10th day of August, 1914.

Moved by Reedy and seconded by Farris that the foregoing resolution be adopted and passed as read.

The question being upon the adoption and passage of the foregoing resolution the roll was called with the following result: Yeas—Farris, Reedy, Immele, De Souza.

A majority of all the members of the council having voted in favor of the adoption and passage of said resolution, the Mayor, as presiding officer of the council, declared said resolution duly adopted and passed.

Motion to adjourn carried.

DENTON G. BURDICK,  
City Recorder.

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### INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS

## FATHER JAILED ON CHARGE OF KILLING NEWBORN BABE

Prineville Journal: Rex Sheldon, who has lived at the Compton & Dee Mill on Willow creek with his wife since last September, is in the county jail on a charge of murder in the first degree, placed against him by a coroner's jury after an investigation into the death of his infant son, conducted by Coroner Poindexter, County Physician Edwards and District Attorney Wirtz within a few hours after the birth of the infant Wednesday.

The baby was born about 2:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mrs. Mary Pitzer and Mrs. Nellie Compton being present. Both stated that the youngster was nursing, was well and hearty and full of life when they left it. They said that Mr. Sheldon, the father, insisted upon their leaving, which they did at 3 o'clock. At 6 o'clock they learned that the baby was dead and notified the county physician at Prineville.

When asked to produce the child Sheldon took the county authorities to a place on the side of the hill about 150 yards from the house, where, at the foot of a large pine stump, he said he had buried the baby. When he arrived at the grave he pretended to be much surprised by the appearance of the shallow grave and suggested that someone must have molested the remains.

Coroner Poindexter then began taking the earth out of the hole and pieces of charred bone, flesh and rags came from the hole in abundance. An examination of the heating stove at the house revealed more charred bones which Dr. Edwards pronounced the bones of a human child.

After being confronted with the evidence, Sheldon told the coroner and also Mrs. Pitzer that while the baby was lying by the stove the things in which it was wrapped caught fire from the stove and it became so badly burned that he put it in the stove to complete the job.

The Madras Pioneer gives the following account of the affair:

What would seem to be about the most revolting crime that has ever been perpetrated in this section, or in fact in any part of Central Oregon, was committed some time early Tuesday morning at the Compton & Dee sawmill, located east of the Grizzly store.

A baby was born to the wife of R. G. Sheldon during the early part of the night and after the ladies who had been called in to care for the wife and mother had left for their homes, the infant was dispatched by either being smothered or hit over the head, as an examination of the skull showed it to have been crushed. After the child had been killed the perpetrator of the crime evidently took the remains and tried to dispose of them by burning in the stove of the cook house where

the affair took place, but finding that it would be impossible to completely destroy them in this manner he must have gathered them up and taken them out to a place a short distance back of the house, where they were deposited in a shallow hole dug in the ground, and where they were later located by the county officials.

The circumstances all indicate that the father was the person who committed the crime and from the admissions as to his actions he has been taken into custody and is now at the Prineville jail. A witness to a part of the circumstances, I. N. Belknap, who resides near Madras, and who was at the mill for a load of wood, told us what he knew of the matter—that he was sleeping in the engine room of the mill, which is only a short distance from the cook house, and was awakened several times during the night by persons going and coming, and was awakened early in the morning between 3 and 4 o'clock by Sheldon coming into the engine room and leaving a shovel, the one evidently used by him and at the same time remarking that he had experienced a very hard night; that a baby had been born during the night to his family and that it had died. Mr. Belknap noticed that he did not seem very much affected and at the cook house later he overheard many laughing remarks which set him to thinking that perhaps all was not right. He did not wait for breakfast, but took his load to the Fogel ranch, where he stopped and told them of the things he knew, and Mrs. M. Pitzer, who had been in attendance with the mother, stated that when she was asked to leave by Sheldon the baby was apparently in perfect health, being lively for one of its age.

Their suspicions were very much aroused by this time and the officials at Prineville were notified over the telephone, they coming out as soon as possible, immediately went to the sawmill and commenced questioning the father, who stated that the baby had fallen against the stove and was badly burned, and that it had died and he had buried it in the timber. He was grilled very strong and finally told where it was buried, which was only a short distance back of the house. The sheriff and coroner dug around in the debris and soon found the remains, which plainly showed that it had been burned, and going back to the house and examining the stove, parts of the hands and other portions of the body were found in the ashes. It being the opinion of the coroner that he had evidently tried to burn the body in the stove and finding that he could not had taken what was left out for burial.

An inquest was held and the mat-

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## PERSISTENT ADVERTISING

Persistence in advertising is being constant and steadfast in carrying out an advertising campaign. "It is the constant dropping of the water of publicity that wears away the stone of indifference."

The advertiser should hammer home one proposition at a time, never being afraid of repetition, for advertising may be said to be repetition. A few advertisements may or may not be profitable—the chances are they will not. But regular and judicious advertising is always profitable as it keeps the merchant's name before the people all the time. It is also in the nature of useful information to the public, as it educates the public to look regularly in a certain paper and place for certain business news relative to a certain store.

The merchant who is persistent and masters every detail of his business is successful. But if he has not studied advertising and become familiar with it he has not mastered one of the very important details of his business. The reason why only about one in twenty merchants are successful (as Dun's and Bradstreet's statistics show) is because only about one in twenty merchants master advertising as it relates to their business.

Persistent advertising is not merely to hold business or to pull business away from competitors, but to gain new customers and satisfy existing demands and create new demands. A merchant must be constant, steadfast and regular to accomplish this desired result.

One celebrated retail merchant who has a perfect knowledge of every detail of his business and reaped a rich reward has this to say: "A good newspaper—good advertising in that newspaper—persisted in—backed up by the right kind of merchandise and the right kind of store service—that's a combination that will spell success for any merchant who has foresight and understanding enough to give it a fair trial."

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