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**MR. THORNDYKE**  
Gives a Detailed Story of His Official Career.

To the Citizens and Tax-payers of the City of St. Johns:  
In order that all citizens and all tax-payers and all voters of this city may readily understand the disposition that this administration has made of the city funds I have gone carefully over every record of expenditure thus far made; and I have collected a mass of information which must prove, if carefully perused by the reader, of great value.

Nearly every day the questions are asked of me, "What has become of all the money paid into the city treasury? Why is it that when \$4000 for license alone was paid to you there is now no money with which to pay legitimate debts?" When the reasons are explained in a brief manner a disdainful smile creeps over the face of the questioner, and he turns away fully convinced that there is a vein of this much reputed graft running through the entire story.

It certainly does seem odd that with the income shown on the books of the city there should be now the condition existing which precludes the possibility of settling claims constantly being made by a city that is growing at a rapid rate. Had the present administration commenced business with a clean slate, with no debts long created crying for immediate settlement, there would have been a handsome surplus at this time, and every salary, every improvement, every claim would have been promptly settled.

But it was not such a condition that confronted the present administration. There were old claims against the City of St. Johns, backed up by warrants legally issued, to the amount of \$4122.12; these warrants were drawing interest and it was the general desire of those concerned to take up these warrants as rapidly as possible, stop the interest, and wipe out the debt. Of that \$4122.12 there has been paid by this administration a total of \$2731.44 (besides the accrued interest); leaving a balance of \$1390.68 yet unpaid.

This report is authentic, as the entire matter was properly experted by an efficient accountant and can be sworn to, if necessary.

It might be well to suggest right here that if the reader labors under the impression that a city of 4000 people can be governed and handled as cheaply as a town of 400 (the size of St. Johns in 1900) any further pursuit of this article will be useless. For, despite the intentions of any sort of a government, unless the people take sufficient interest to investigate and consider all matters, that same administration may be wrongly and unjustly accused by the masses; and when once the mind is biased much proof must be submitted before a change is wrought.

Almost the first thing I did upon taking possession of this office, April 7, 1906, was to draw warrants for the salaries of most of the officers whose terms expired about that time. Those that I drew made a total of \$653; while already there had been issued through the assistance of the justice court warrants to the amount of \$1311.68. About the next thing that I did was to draw a warrant (No. 274) for \$1517.50 as a first payment upon the site for a city hall, fractional block 1 (one) James Johns Addition. Of this amount \$1500 was principal, and \$17.50 interest upon the purchase price of \$3500.

On August 9, 1906, I drew warrant No. 1031 in favor of the St. Johns Water Company for \$378; this was for rent of the fire hydrants as far back as February 1905. The taxes upon the city property amounting to \$28.35 were paid in June, and during the year \$139.66 for charity.

The fire bell cost the city \$182.30, the St. Johns Lumber Co. donating the lumber for the tower; hose and sundries for the fire department amounted to \$415.65.

The cost in the circuit court regarding the injunction in the Hayes street matter amounted to \$31.55, which was paid. A disinfecting apparatus, together with a stock of the best formaldehyde, has been bought for \$31.24, including transportation charges. \$167.52 has been paid by the city for the repair of the streets, (some lumber bills not yet paid,) sewer improvements for the fractional city block amounted to \$0.80, chairs for council chamber \$25.75, fireproof document file, and a bonding lien docket \$108.15. The election expenses amounted to \$36.35.

The printing bills allowed were as follows: Warrants No. 165, \$210.95; No. 176, for legal work, \$55.95; No. 177, job work, \$72.25; No. 227, job work this year, \$60; No. 1037, calls for bids on bond, ordinances and the like, \$73; No. 1347, printing for the board of health, \$17.12; making a total for the almost two years allowed of \$479.27.

Warrants were issued to the city engineer, W. W. Goodrich, for miscellaneous work as follows: No. 216, examining Jower building \$10; No. 219, verifying boundaries of Richmond street to the dock \$17.50; No. 220, extension of Alleghany street, \$22.50; No. 1182, extension of Modoc street \$45.75; No. 1183, plat of Richmond street, \$39.50;

making a total for the year \$135.25. All these bills were contracted at the desire and will of the people, and none of the money seems to have been wasted.

Last year there were no electric lights for the city except a couple of free ones. The city has since contracted for a series of arcs, and thus far warrants have been drawn to the General Electric Co. for \$261.45, all of which have been paid. There have been more than this amount of bills allowed, but under the charter a warrant cannot be issued unless there is money in the fund to pay the same, except for salaries and on judgments; hence, these are being held in this office.

Among minor bills allowed are: special police for Sundays and holidays, \$60; addition to public dock, \$21; watching fires, \$34; viewers on Modoc street, \$18, besides scores of others.

And now a word about the salaries of officials. Last year the salary list was \$3262.50; this year the list amounts to \$4758. Of this sum there has been paid at least \$2920.

The summary of the items as set forth in this article follows:

Old debt paid	\$2731.44
Interest (presumably)	81.00
Old salaries	653.00
City hall site	1517.50
Water Company	378.00
Taxes	28.35
Poor	139.66
Fire bell	182.30
Hose and Sundries	415.65
Hayes Street Injunction	31.55
Disinfectant	31.24
Street repairs	167.52
Sewer tax	50.80
Chairs	25.75
File and Docket	105.15
Election expenses	36.35
Printing	479.27
W. W. Goodrich	135.25
Minor bills	133.00
Salaries this year	2920.00
Total amount paid out	10,242.78

Here then, is the answer to the query "What has become of the \$4000 license money?" With \$10242.78 accounted for the reader can readily note that there has not been a very wholesale looting of the treasury, even if the "watchdog of the finances" had never given a growl.

Since taking my official position I have drawn a large number of warrants, 995 in all. Many of these were for the work done on the various streets improved, and it must be remembered that a warrant must be drawn upon every fractional piece of property along each street improved. These various amounts are in no manner figured into the amount of warrants paid this year, because every street must take care of itself. No money can be paid by the city upon any of these improvements except so far as printing notices to send out, furnishing stationery, and paying postage. The full returns may be seen by any one at any time in the docket.

A word or two about the finances of the new city hall will not be amiss in this article, since rumor has carried so much falseness about the city. The first contract was awarded to Youngferdorf & Son at the figure of \$7953, and the agreement was to have the contract completed on or before January 1, 1907. Up to this time there has been over \$7000 worth of work and materials put into the job, yet there has been paid by the city only \$2000; so there can be no danger of the city's losing one dollar in any way, shape or form. When the building shall be entirely enclosed there will be \$1000 more due; yet that payment cannot be made except the architect states in writing to the recorder that all specifications have been carried out, and the mayor and recorder feel sure upon the advice of the city attorney that the architect's advice is good. Then, and then only, will a warrant be issued. According to the contract, backed by a bond, the money can be paid out in no other way, without vitiating the contract.

During the previous administration there was received by the municipal judge, according to the expert's report, the sum of thirty dollars for fines. Up to this writing I have received from the same source the sum of \$455.40, besides the work done on the streets by gentlemen of leisure who had more time than money. Of this amount of money a trifle more than ten per cent was received from citizens of St. Johns who drank not wisely but too well, a fact which shows that this city is not half as bad as some of its friends would have it believe.

I have tried to make this report so plain that even he who will not believe must believe. There is nothing contained in it that will not bear close inspection, and the closer inspection the public will give to it, the more often individuals will call and look up matters, the more satisfied will they feel. In order to assure people that I have done the best I could to have this report accurate I have sworn to this entire document. If there are any inaccuracies let them be shown.

W. L. Thorndyke, Recorder.

State of Oregon  
Multnomah County ss:  
This certifies, that on this 9th day of February, A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, S. H.

Greene, Notary Public in and for said County and State, W. L. Thorndyke, who signed the above and foregoing instrument and made oath that the same is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

S. H. Greene,  
Notary Public for Oregon.

With the additional street improvements to be done this summer St. Johns will be one of the most attractive cities in Oregon.

The city election is less than six weeks away. It will be held on the first day of April. The man who gets defeated will be April fooled.

The Review welcomes communications from its subscribers. Write to the point. Explain matters thoroughly and your ideas will appear.

The legislature seems to be quite busy trying to trip Gov. Chamberlain, but up to the present time the executive has managed to avoid all the stumbling blocks.

The Jap scare has simmered down, but George Dewey, the hero of Manila Bay is on record that the U. S. navy can knock the spots off the little brown fellows.

Hood River people's dream of a new county has again gone glimmering. The legislature has passed the matter up indefinitely, and Hood River applies will continue to be grown in Wasco county.

The street car service between our city and the suburbs is getting worse and worse. Cars are seldom on time and standing room is at a premium in the evenings. It is nothing unusual to require an hour and a half in going one way.

What's the use of belonging to the Commercial club if you do not attend the meetings? If you want the city to grow, help it along. Don't be a drone, or too selfish to care whether anybody else gets along in the world besides yourself. Don't be a dead one.

As there will in all probability be more building in St. Johns the coming season than ever before many are of the opinion that an ordinance regulating and governing plumbing should be passed. It will prevent much defective work, save unnecessary annoyance and hundreds of dollars of expense.

It is reputed that Coal Oil Johnny Rockefeller has set aside over thirty million dollars to be used in the cause of education. It would be infinitely better if John would reduce the price of oil a few cents, and thus help the poor, as they are the principal users of the oil, not being financially able to use electricity instead. Education is a good thing, but a full stomach is much better.

The pleasant weather of the past few days has caused the local politicians to swarm, and political ambitions are swelling high in their bosoms. Little knots of men are daily seen gathered together upon our streets, and besides thanking God that they are permitted to live in Oregon, they talk politics. Some want to be councilmen and say so, others want to be but are too modest to admit it, and hope that their friends will take up the matter for them. Election time is drawing nigh, and the little knots of men will be added until the political pot is boiled to a finish.

The Thaw murder case now on trial in New York city is attracting the attention of the entire nation. From the evidence thus far adduced White had no right to live. His sole aim apparently was to ruin and debauch young girls. His wealth was used to lure and attract young womanhood to degradation. He preyed on virtue and no woman was safe in his presence. A pretty face and a pleasing figure caused him to use all means in his power to despoil and soil the life and reputation of its possessor. Such a vile monster and moral degenerate surely was not fit to live. That Harry Thaw was the logical person to end his existence is a conclusion that has many supporters. On the other hand the life of Thaw has been far from clean. A spoiled, pampered pet of a too indulgent mother, his moral life was far from being pure. His one redeeming feature was the way in which he stood by and protected the young woman whose soiled life he was fully cognizant of. Murder in cold blood is not right, of course, but until the law can be amended in such a way as to fittingly punish vile reptiles like White such occurrences will occur from time to time. The outcome of the trial will be watched with interest.

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Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for Rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Loving, Grand Junction, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment, last winter, for Rheumatism and can recommend it as the best liniment on the market. I thought, at the time I was taken down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your Liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours and well in three days." Sold by St. Johns' Drug Store.

W.C. T. U. Entertainment.  
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Piano Solo—Mrs. Johnson.  
Devotional Services—Mrs. Scott.  
Song—Junior L. T. L.  
Life of Frances Willard—Rev. Warren.  
Vocal Duet—Johnny and Clifford Harlow.  
Reading—Gordon Parker.  
Instrumental Solo—Miss Lillian Spaulding.  
Reading—Mrs. Keeler.  
Mandolin Solo—Howard Helm.  
Duet—Roy and Lillian Perkins.  
Reading—Elsie Tallman.  
Duet—Hazel Couch and Gertrude Baldwin.  
Presentation of Frances Willard's picture to school—Mrs. Addison.  
Reception of picture on behalf of school—Prof. Alderson.  
Solo—Miss Emma Harlow.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life.  
(From the Chicago Tribune)  
"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by St. Johns Drug Store.

Card of Thanks.  
We desire to express to our many friends our heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude, and appreciation of the kind assistance and offers of assistance rendered and tendered us during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father. Mrs. M. E. Goodrich, Glenath L. Goodrich, Wm. M. Goodrich, Ivan T. Goodrich, Thomas M. Goodrich.

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The quick relief from pain afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, lame back, lumbago, and deep seated and muscular pains. For sale by St. Johns Drug Store.

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LEGAL NOTICE.  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH.  
Arthur Hollis, Plaintiff.  
vs.  
Lura Hollis, Defendant.  
To Lura Hollis, the above named defendant:  
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 18th day of March, 1907, which is after six weeks have expired from the date of the first publication of this summons. It is prescribed in the Order for the publication of summons that the summons be published for six successive weeks and said order was made and dated the 11th day of February, 1907, and the first publication thereof is made the 15th day of February, 1907, and if you fail to appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in her said complaint, to-wit:  
That the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant be dissolved and that he be divorced from her the said defendant, and for such other further and further relief as shall seem equitable.  
This summons is published once a week for six successive weeks in the St. Johns Review by order of the Honorable Alfred F. Sears, Jr., Judge of the above entitled court made the 21st day of May, 1906.

H. G. OGDEN  
St. Johns, Ore.

**Figure Up!**

GET A PIECE OF PAPER AND SIT DOWN AND figure up how long it will take lots that are selling at \$40, \$50, \$60, \$80 and \$100 each, and within a half mile of St. Johns, to double in value.

Call to mind the fact that barely a little over five years ago lots in St. Johns were selling at the same prices, and that blocks that are now worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000 sold for \$500 each.

Then ask yourself why a small investment in the

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