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CITY ON CASH BASIS

Salem's Hard Struggle to Live Within its Means.

EXPENSES PRUNED TO LIMIT

Fight With the Light Company That Ended in Council's Terms Being Accepted—Useless Officials Removed and Pay Cut.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—The lively discussion now going on in Portland over the financial affairs of that city recalls the experience Salem had five years ago in trying to make its revenue meet its expenses. Salem has but one-tenth the population of Portland. The assessed valuation of Salem property is a little over \$2,000,000, while that of Portland is over \$15,000,000. Salem's needs differ in many respects from those of the metropolis, yet the manner in which this city grappled with a hard problem and found a solution for it may be of interest. Briefly stated, the difficulty in which the city found itself was overcome chiefly by a radical reduction of expenditures.

In the '90s, Salem's expenditures were exceeding its income by from \$400 to \$800 a year, the total amount of current expense ranging from \$20,000 to \$22,000 a year, not including over \$12,000 a year of interest on floating and bonded debt. Of the total debt \$140,000 was bonded and \$3,000 in the form of warrants, the latter held principally in San Francisco and drawing 8 per cent interest.

With the city deeper in debt, though the maximum tax levy was made each year, the people of Salem took up the task of changing the course of affairs and at the December election in 1898 re-election was the issue. The reform forces won and secured control of the city government.

Cut Down Expenditures.

From the first, the new administration began lopping off expenditures wherever a cut could be made. One of the first large cuts was in the matter of interest. After a fierce fight over the question, the Council decided, with the approval of the people, to bend the floating indebtedness, and \$50,000 of the 5 per cent warrants were taken up with money procured upon 4 per cent call bonds sold in small amounts to the people of Salem. In that manner the interest on \$50,000 was cut 50 per cent, or \$25,000 per year. The remaining \$12,000 of floating debt has been paid from the revenues of the city, in addition to paying mining expenses and interest on the debt.

Another large expense that was attacked was that of city lighting. The city had been paying \$10 per month each for 45 street lights, or \$540 per year. The Council flatly refused to renew the contract. The light company was informed that the city would spend \$2500 a year for street lights and no more, and the Council wanted to know what it could get for this amount of money.

Light Company Brought to Terms.

The light company had been having its own way in the Council for several years, and was not ready to cut its prices to suit the Council, as a result of which the lights were turned off. The city went in darkness three months, during which time it evidently became known that the city could go without the lights easier than the company could go without the

WEDS INDIAN MAID

Superintendent Potter, of Chemawa, Marries a Pupil.

CEREMONY IS IN CALIFORNIA

Bride a Charming Young Woman Not Yet Out of Her Teens—Groom Veteran in Government Indian Service.

CHEMAWA, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Word was received here today that Superintendent T. W. Potter, of the Indian Training School here, was married at Redding, Cal., Thursday, to Miss Mary J. Smith, a pupil in the school since 1892. The announcement occasioned great surprise, as neither teachers nor pupils were aware of the romance progressing under their very eyes. The ceremony took place in a parsonage at Redding, which is the nearest railroad station to the bride's old home. The bride was given away by her brother, James Smith, who is an employe at the Chemawa school. Her sister, Alice, attended her as bridesmaid, and the young woman's mother and step-father were witnesses. After the ceremony and a wedding supper at the hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Potter left on the Overland for San Francisco. From this place they will go to Mr. Potter's ranch at Albany, Colo., after which they will visit the World's fair at St. Louis.

Raise in Licenses.

In the last three years an increased assessment and increased license fees have given the city more money, and the current expense has increased accordingly. That the city had been running upon a plan which would not permit of all the public improvements which the city desired, was admitted by a vote of the Council. The Council has now reformed administration and succeeded. Though the Council was ashamed to pay such low salaries, there was never any trouble in finding men ready to fill the positions acceptably.

The city charter, prepared with the assistance of the reform Council, provided that in December of each year the Council must estimate the revenue and expenses for the ensuing year. This estimate of expenses cannot be exceeded without authority conferred by a vote of the people, and any Councilman who votes to incur a greater expense becomes personally liable for the debt and is subject to forfeiture of his office. The Council has never violated this provision. Though the members of the Council are probably not afraid that the penalty would be imposed upon them if they should incur a debt without authority, the limitation contained in the charter exerts a restraining influence in its moral effect on the city officers to turn the scales of the treasury very carefully.

Next year the city will be called upon to pay \$50,000 of 5 per cent bridge bonds, and there is no indication that the city will have any funds to meet them. As the city's revenue increases, the expenditures grow in a corresponding degree and there is no indication that the city will save anything to pay off its debt when it becomes due. That the city will keep within its income and continue upon a cash basis is the most that can be hoped for. That it can keep within its income if it tries has been demonstrated.

FISHING IS VERY GOOD.

Traps and Seines in the Columbia Get Major Share of Salmon.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—The fish catch last night and today was about the same as that of the previous 24 hours, although the gillnetters did not do so well proportionately. The catch by the traps and seines was larger, indicating that the run is already proceeding up the river. The quality of the salmon remains excellent for this season of the year, and there is no immediate prospect of any of the canneries closing down so long as the fish continue so good.

FILIPINOS VISIT SEATTLE.

Steam "Nigger" in Sawmill Astonishes Them Most.

NEW COMPANIES FORMED.

Articles of Incorporation Filed With Oregon Secretary of State.

Consolidated Amusement Company, Portland; \$50,000; S. Morton Cohn, Max G. Cohen, D. Solis Cohen.

Echo Water, Light & Power Company, Echo; \$10,000; J. P. Nelson, John Doen, A. V. Doen, L. A. Esteb, A. C. Esteb.

Central Oregon Transportation Company, Bend; \$50,000; Charles O. Johnston, Gerald Groesbeck, A. L. Goodwillie.

Review Publishing Company, Roseburg; \$10,000; L. Wimberly, Cora Wimberly, Charles H. Fisher.

The Jobs Milling Company, St. Johns; \$25,000; W. V. E. A., W. H. and A. R. Jobs.

Olsen Lumber & Shingle Company, Portland; \$10,000; M. Olsen, A. J. Kroenert, George S. Shepherd.

Shakyou Sunset Mining & Milling Company, The Grand Pass; \$100,000; Samuel Rowden, Frank Fetsch, August Fetsch, J. H. Challem, N. G. Longfellow.

Union Savings & Trust Company, Seattle; \$50,000; J. C. Alinworth, Portland.

Prosper Mill Company, San Francisco; \$40,000; W. M. Hicking, Prosper, Coos County, general agent.

BAKER GAMES RUNNING.

Intention of Saloonkeepers is to Snub the Sheriff's Orders.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—All is quiet in this city tonight. All the saloons are open and the games are all running. It has been agreed by the principal business and saloon men that they will disregard the Sheriff's warning to close. The Sheriff's notice was sent to the city officers, and stated that if they did not proceed to enforce the law before 12 o'clock midnight, August 20, he would proceed to enforce it. His order does not take effect until 12 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Potter has recently resigned from the Superintendent of the Chemawa School after an investigation by the Government showing that his management had been very satisfactory. He will return about October 1 to turn the school over to E. L. Chalcraft, the new appointee.

EVERETT HAD ONE WIFE.

Former Portland Woman Who Married Him Now Wants a Divorce.

SALEEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Mrs. Catherine Everett, who married George W. Everett at Portland, April 3, 1901, filed suit to annul the marriage yesterday on the ground that her husband had a wife when she married him. It was not until three months ago that Mrs. Everett made the alleged painful discovery, and now she wants to be freed from the irksome bonds.

Mrs. Everett was formerly Catherine Heide of this county. She was married to Everett by County Judge W. M. Cooke at the Courthouse, April 3, 1901, the marriage being witnessed by J. D. Craig and Miss Bertha Waldman, the latter then a stenographer in the office of Judge Cooke. Craig's name appears on the application for the marriage license, and at the time he took solemn oath that he knew of no legal impediment to the marriage.

WIRELESS FOR COAST STEAMERS.

SALEEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—The liners of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company plying between here and Puget Sound are to be equipped with wireless telegraph apparatus as soon as the station at Tatoosh, near the entrance to Puget Sound, shall have been furnished with the paraphernalia to communicate with them.

SEWER SYSTEM FOR HOOD RIVER.

Right of Way Secured and Work to Commence at Once.

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This difficulty has been removed. At an adjourned session of the Council last night, the deed for the right of way was received from Mrs. Hopkins, of San Francisco, and the committee on streets and public property was ordered to proceed with the construction of the sewers. It is the intention of the Council to get the greater part of the work completed by the time of the Fall rains.

FLUE SET HOUSE AFIRE.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—The residence of Albert Friday, of Greenview, burned to the ground this afternoon at a loss of about \$1000. The building was owned by Ira Bradley. There was no insurance. The fire started from a defective flue.

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WASHINGTON TEACHERS CERTIFICATES.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Certificates have been issued from the State Superintendent's office to the following named persons:

Walla Walla County—Mabel Applington, Olive Bice, Inez Boylan, Alberta Brown, Ida Burns, Gertrude Calhoun, Jennie Dresser, E. B. Grinnel, Clara E. Hillier, N. Lillian Olson, Etta Peffer, Lula Phillips, Beattie Ryan, N. C. Rhoades, Margaret Steel, Bertha Thompson, Ernestine Van Vranken, Carrie Weir, Josephine Preston.

Columbia County—Flavus Brooks, Katie Caplinger, Jennie Caplinger, Blanche E. Chamberlain, Estie Conklin, Kate De-

VESTMENT COMPANY AGAINST THE SEASIDE SPRUCE LUMBER COMPANY.

to recover about \$2700 on promissory notes was amicably settled today and the attached property, consisting of the mill company's box factory and money on deposit in a local bank, has been released.

DID NOT SLEEP IN THE BAY.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 20.—C. M. Burdick, who is wanted in this county for the burning of a barn belonging to C. W. Lamson, of Sumas, was arrested at New Westminster, B. C., today. Burdick disappeared from this city about four months ago, leaving a note in his room at the hotel saying that his life had been wrecked by a woman and that he would find a softer bed in the bay.

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