

CONDITION OF CITY IS SHOWN

F. A. Golden Completes Audit of City's Books; Inventory of Property.

F. A. Golden has just completed his report of the annual audit of the books of City Recorder Butler and City Treasurer Williams and states that both are in good shape. He also includes an inventory of the city's property.

The following data is taken from his report:

Value of City Property.
The value of the city's property is as follows:

Real estate, \$26,100.
Engineering department, \$261.59.
Street equipment, \$3000.
Recorder's office, \$1315.
Marshal's office, \$25.
Fire equipment, \$10,595.
Total, \$41,896.50.

For street improvements during 1912 Recorder Butler collected \$60,981.55 and disbursed \$55,795.71, leaving a balance, including \$5958.07 on hand January 1, 1912, of \$10,243.51. The city holds \$13,154.70 of improvement bonds and has \$3027.48 in the improvement bond sinking fund.

The total of the special improvement bonds issued to date by the city is \$107,807.92, and of this amount \$19,544.11 have been redeemed, leaving \$88,263.81 worth outstanding.

The city has \$2322.52 worth of warrants outstanding. These are on C street and avenue, Prospect avenue and North Cedar street and are to be paid up by deficit assessments as soon as possible, litigation delaying the old North Cedar street one.

The total of the outstanding municipal bonds is \$54,000 and the city has \$3328.43 in the sinking fund.

City's Expenses.

Clerk's office.....	\$ 1541.95
Treasurer's office.....	150.00
Engineer's office.....	2977.66
City Attorney's office and legal expenses.....	942.25
Police Department.....	2659.79
Fire Department.....	2302.63
Health Department.....	204.88
City Lighting.....	5355.51
Water.....	682.59
Printing and stationery.....	99.41
Elections.....	322.76
Sewers.....	15.59
Mayor's and councilmen's fees.....	450.00
Disposal of garbage.....	270.00
Appropriation to Library.....	940.00
Appropriation to Band.....	1500.00
Interest on Funding Bond.....	2790.00
Miscellaneous expenditures, unclassified.....	811.83
Building, Electrical and plumbing inspection.....	462.75
Street Department—Street assessment and repair of city hall.....	870.40
Labor and supplies.....	778.16
Street cleaning.....	1296.67
Lumber.....	232.59
Street commissioner.....	886.30
Dredge fill.....	3928.91
Total.....	\$32494.67

Receipts.

Balance in hands of treasurer Jan. 1, 1912.....	\$ 5404.17
Taxes.....	\$20955.76
Fines.....	1100.10
Miscellaneous.....	519.19
Liquor licenses.....	12000.00
Dog taxes.....	294.00
Peddler's licenses.....	20.00
Theater licenses.....	480.00
Skating rink licenses.....	15.00
Shooting gallery licenses.....	15.00
Ball throwing licenses.....	35.00
Pawn brokers' licenses.....	25.00
Dredge fill.....	1213.75
Hawkers' licenses.....	185.00
Plumbing and electrical licenses.....	135.00
Plumbing, electrical and building permits.....	480.75
Fortuna tellers' license.....	5.00
Total.....	\$37471.15

Disbursements.

Warrants for year 1912 paid.....	\$32192.86
Warrants for previous year paid in 1912.....	3460.85
Total.....	\$35653.71

Balance in hands of the treasurer, Dec. 31, 1912 \$1311.61

Total.....\$46875.32

Doings of City Council.

The assessment for the improvement of Hall avenue between Front and Fourth streets as made some time ago was approved. A. D. Hall's application for a rebate for the property owners east of Broadway was postponed until the street is hard filled when they will be allowed for the dredge fill that they have made in the street.

A deficit assessment of \$152.15 was ordered levied on Fourth street between Market and Highland.

The street committee was instructed to determine as quickly as possible whether Mrs. Sears is entitled to a rebate on the old North Cedar street improvement, because a bridge was built in front of her property instead of a dirt fill being made.

Councilman Ferguson said that the street committee would investigate further about opening the streets to the waterfront in the north part of town.

The council adjourned to meet next Monday night.

W. S. Chandler's application for a heating franchise was laid over until next meeting owing to the rush of other matters last night. President Allen remarking that Mr. Chandler would probably not need it for 15 years.

Messrs. Albrecht and Merchant asked that additional electric lights

SMITH PROBES OREGON CITY

Coos County Senator to Make Personal Investigation of Labor Conditions.

SALDEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—Senator Smith of Coos and Curry Counties, chairman of the senate committee on industries, dropped out of Salem early Saturday morning and bought a ticket for Oregon City. On his way to the depot he let it be known that he is to make a personal investigation of conditions in the mills of that town, where various abuses are alleged to exist.

Mr. Smith is especially interested because the committee of which he is the head will this evening grant a hearing on Senator Dimick's bill to enforce an eight hour day in the mills at the falls. He will try to find out actual working conditions among the men by taking them by surprise.

Senator Dimick, who comes from Oregon City, and whose bill of the last session, reintroduced this year, caused one of the sharpest struggles says he does not expect many, if any, of the men in whose interest the bill is presented to appear before the committee in its behalf.

"They are afraid to come," he says. "Some of those who came two years ago have been fired, and others do not wish to take chances. But I suppose Mr. McBlain (manager of the Willamette Pulp & Paper mills) will have some of them here to tell how well the company treats the men. I ask Mr. McBlain to bring all the men here, and let them appear before the committee, and to promise not to discharge them after they have testified."

AMONG THE SICK.

Dr. C. H. Walter, who has been quite ill, is reported improving.

Mrs. Fred Kruse of Isthmus Inlet will enter Mercy hospital today to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Boyd M. Richardson has been confined to her home the last few days by a severe attack of neuritis.

Miss Florence Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powers, is suffering from an abscess on one of her eyes.

Lee Webster, who has been ill at Mercy hospital for several weeks, is reported improving, much to the gratification of his many friends.

Miss Mary Dernback is confined to her home by the grip.

Mrs. B. R. Keller is confined to her home by a severe attack of throat trouble, but is reported as improving today.

A man named Switzer came to Marshfield this morning from Smith-Powers camp 6 with a badly cut hand.

Peter Robertson of Millington is reported critically ill at his home.

Captain Holland will take the launch, Bird, which Cecil Holland recently sold to a man at Mapleton, to the Siuslaw in a day or two.

PENSION ARMY OFFICERS.

Survivors of Civil War May Receive Three-Fourths Pay.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Townsend bill to place on the retired list of the army all surviving union officers of the Civil War on three-fourths of the pay that they were receiving when they mustered out, will be considered tomorrow by the senate military affairs committee. Friends of the measure hope to have it favorably reported by the committee.

be put in on the Tenth street bridge.

Councilman Ferguson asked that some small electric lights be put in on Eighth street north of the old Ferndale brewery for the benefit of the eight families living there.

The city recorder was instructed to make a rebate to the North Front street property owners who paid for the dredge fill on the street sometime prior to its paving. When it was paved an extra assessment of five per cent was made to cover the fill, thus equalizing the cost of the fill.

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PLAN TO SELL TIMBER LANDS

Government Will Receive Big Sum for Douglas County Holdings Soon.

The Roseburg News says: "The United States forestry department is advertising for sale one hundred and sixty-three million feet of timber from the Umpqua forest. This timber is all within Douglas county. The bids are to be opened sometime next month. Standing timber brings from \$1.25 to \$3.00 per thousand, depending upon the anxiety of the bidders and the need of the lumber markets. \$2.00 a thousand is a safe average and on this basis the government will realize the sum of \$326,000.00 from the sale next month of timber within the Umpqua forest. This fact, however, would not be significant within itself for the money would be deposited in the United States treasury to be used there in the department of forest. The significant fact about this sale is that 25 per cent of this amount goes to Douglas county for school and road purposes and another 10 per cent for road purposes alone. That is significant and also pertinent. This means that Douglas county will receive from this sale the sum of \$81,500 for roads and schools and an additional sum of \$32,600 for roads alone—a total of \$114,100 for Douglas county.

"The United States government is doing the fair, the equitable thing with the states within which it has created forest reserves. The amount mentioned above comes directly from the government. But there are other revenues coming to this county from the sale of this timber. It costs money to log and saw this timber into marketable lumber. The government has estimated that it costs between \$4.50 and \$6.00 to log and saw a thousand feet of lumber. This will dump into Douglas county at least a million and a half dollars more just from the operation of getting the lumber into shape to market. It means that during the period provided for in the contract with the government there will be spent in Douglas county an average of \$15,000.00 per month, or \$180,000.00 per year.

"And this amount of timber sold from the Umpqua forest within Douglas county is a mere handful when compared with the total stumpage. Timber cruisers and state and national forest officers have estimated the standing timber in this county to be over 44,000,000,000 feet—a figure that is so staggering that the human mind cannot conceive of, or grasp it. This lumber if laid at the equator would build a roadway forty feet wide clear around the earth, and then there would be enough left to do the same thing every five years for the next half century. It would build every family in the United States a ten room house and still have enough left for a good sized barn and other out buildings on each lot.

"In money value the timber in this county alone is worth, at \$2.50 a thousand, the sum of \$110,000,000.00. The government cannot and will not dispose of this vast amount of stumpage at any one time."

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