

Round Number Three.

Editor LEADER: My friend, Councilman Peterson, having attempted, by proxy, to answer an article taken from the city records and published over my signature in THE LEADER of March 6, I notice that you kindly offer space in your paper for further discussion of the matter. I am well aware that the public is not interested in our private affairs or personal differences, yet all are interested in the affairs of the city, and what I shall say regarding the same I can easily substantiate at any time from the records and the men who served in the council with me for four years. Councilman Peterson says that nearly all the property owners canceled their liens by performing their work in accordance with the ordinances and the official survey established by the city. Now, if this statement is true, why does Councilman Peterson introduce a resolution to declare null and void the tax sale of 1898? Why does he go to Albany and hire able counsel, as he expressed it, when all have paid their liens? And if this is true, why these special sessions of the council, before any one has made application to have his tax lien canceled? It is time enough for the city to relieve by special legislation a few delinquent taxpayers when they have filed an application for help. Then, again, if it is true, as Councilman Peterson says, that all but a few have completed their work, would it not be better for the council to cancel the liens on those who had performed their work and let the liens remain on the property of those who have not done their work—at least, until they ask the council for relief. It is very singular that Councilman Peterson should be shedding his very heart blood as it were in the interest of a few people who are delinquent in their street work, and that, too, before these people have even filed an application for relief or commenced an action against the city for illegally assessing and selling their property, as Councilman Peterson has held. Why should the honorable councilman do this, as against the interest of the citizens who have been forced to perform their work? This seems a little out of order when it is remembered that the honorable councilman took an oath to protect the city's interests. The honorable legislator says when the work was done it was the marshal's duty to accept it and file the acceptance with recorder. It is also Mr. Peterson's duty as a member of the council, among other things, to see that the marshal performs his duty and carries out the orders of the council; and if the marshal neglected his duties, the council also neglected its duties in not forcing the marshal to attend to business and protect the city's interests. The same grades exist now that were established when the assessments were made, and if the marshal did not accept the work of any property owner, there has not been a time within the last three years when the property owner could not have applied to the marshal or the street committee and have his work examined, and if it was up to ordinance it would have been canceled by the council. Now all property sold as mentioned in 1896 was duly advertised for more than thirty days in the official paper and the matter was fully discussed by all the citizens of Toledo for a month before the day of sale, and any citizen who had a lien on his property for street assessment could have applied to the marshal or the council, and if he had performed his work, the council would have gladly canceled the same. As a matter of fact and record, a number of delinquent property owners went to work and completed their street work after it was advertised for sale, and their work was duly examined and accepted by the marshal and the liens canceled. In his article by proxy he uses the following language: "So flimsy was the sale that Mr. Jones, while occupying the mayoralty, never attempted to have the liens recorded in the clerk's office." I desire to say this is a cowardly lie. On the contrary, I, as many as six different times, in open session in the council, urged and advocated the necessity of having the record completed at the clerk's office, and every councilman who served with me will bear me out in this statement. The honorable legislator says the pretended sale is void and illegal, for the reason that the ordinance governing the sale of property has been violated. This ordinance was a city law before I was mayor. I have been informed that the ordinance was prepared at the request of the council by Judge Stewart when he was acting as recorder, and that he was authorized to and did employ counsel to aid him that stands equally as high in the Oregon courts as H. C. Watson, the councilman's advisor. Councilman Peterson says that nearly all property owners have performed their work according to ordinance, and that he himself has done so. The lien docket of the city of Toledo shows that there are fifty delinquent names on the docket, and that their property has not been redeemed. Among this number is the name of A. T. Peterson for \$35. If his work had ever been performed the marshal would have filed the acceptance with the recorder and the council would have canceled the lien on his property before it was sold. I make the assertion here and now that he has not performed his street assessment according to ordinance or according to the city survey, and he will not claim that he has when the work is inspected; yet he will attempt legislation in a body of which he is a member that will pay his taxes and clear the record of his property. In boldness this has never been equaled by any known body of legislators. The records will bear me out in the assertion that there has never been a petition or application presented to the council since this sale of 1898 until January 1, 1900, when I left the mayor's office, asking that the liens on their property or the tax sale be declared void; nor has any person appeared before the council in session and complained that the marshal did not cancel his lien when the work was completed. Prof. Bethers did ask for time on his property, for the reason that there was a difference as to the grade established by the city. Mr.

Peterson also says: "I assert that B. F. Jones never graded nor built a foot of sidewalk on a public street in Toledo. This assertion, by most people in the county, is considered as quite a joke. While I do not as a rule blow my own trumpet, under the circumstances and for the purpose of branding the councilman as a cold-blooded liar, I think I may be pardoned for making this denial; and while I make no pretensions of being in any way a public benefactor, and have done no more than a number of the other old citizens and pioneers who settled in this county many years before the distinguished councilman had left his dear 'Faderland.'" It was thirty years the 28th of April, 1900, since I settled on a portion of the land where Toledo now stands, and the most of these years I have spent here, and I undertake to say, without fear of contradiction, that I had spent more money and labor in improving the streets and roads in and around the city of Toledo before Mr. Peterson ever saw Oregon than he has spent in improving all his possessions in the county; and since he became a member of the council I have built and paid for 150 feet of sidewalk on a public street in Toledo and paid for grading on First street \$210 in front of my property, and have opened for travel over 400 feet of public streets in Fifth addition to Toledo. For five years I had the only team in town, and cleared from logs and brush every street that I traveled. Councilman Peterson says the city has not paid out a dollar on private property except on Third street. Now let us see if in this statement he has only stretched the truth a little, or just simply told a plain, unvarnished falsehood. The city of Toledo has drawn warrants for improvement in front of private property on Graham street, and it is a matter of record. The city authorized by its council warrants drawn to pay for work in front of private property on Fourth street. This is a matter of record. The common council authorized warrants drawn on the treasurer in payment of 200 feet of sidewalk on Fifth street, and this is a matter of record. I could mention more cases, but space forbids. The records are open for inspection. Councilman Peterson voted for a resolution to place \$300 in what was known as the general improvement fund, and part of this was used in improving and cultivating private persons in the spring of 1896. Again, he says the city bought a lot and a park from Jones. This is only half a lie. The city did buy a lot, but never a park from Jones. The facts are that at a regular meeting of the council held September 5, 1898, a committee was appointed to receive bids for a lot for a city hall and city park. As a result a number of bids were filed with the committee, and at a regular meeting of the council October 3, 1898, the council voted to buy a lot from Jones for \$210 and a block from Buford and others for \$280. I filed my bid with the committee on the 20th day of September, 1898. Myself and a member of the committee examined the records at the clerk's office, and at that date the judgment mentioned by the councilman was not a matter of record in Lincoln county. The city recorder was also instructed to examine the records as to title. In a suit appealed to the supreme court from the circuit court of Lincoln county by U. G. Hale a judgment was given against me for \$134.50, but as above stated, when my bid was made the mandate from the supreme court had not been filed in Lincoln county. But without my knowledge the mandate was secured by information of an ex-city official and filed with the clerk a few days before the deed from me to the city was recorded. The suit for which the judgment was given in the supreme court was instituted by me at the request of Dr. Bryant of California and Hon. R. A. Bensell of Newport to recover some coal lands, with the understanding that they would pay all costs that might be adjudged to the plaintiff, and they put up a bond to that effect, and have shown their good faith by paying a portion of the costs, and will, they say, settle the judgment in the near future. This the councilman was fully aware of when he filed his article by proxy. He does not seem to be clear in his mind as to what the city indebtedness is for, although twice a member of the council. I would suggest that he examine the city records and refresh his memory. I think he is a little late in discussing the resolution through the papers, when he admits and makes the assertion in his article that the matter has already been settled by the councilmen out of session, for the records in the recorder's office do not show any such state of affairs. Does the councilman sound this as a note of warning to the people that no little matter of a tax sale representing several hundred dollars is of sufficient importance for the people to have a hearing, and that matters of this kind should be settled by the council while not in session and given to one of the members to be carried around in his vest pocket until such time as he may see fit to place it upon the council journal? I make the assertion here and now that when he made the assertion in his article in this language: ("but now, as the matter is understood by the council") he slandered and libeled members of that body, for I believe the other members of the council are honorable men, and will, when they pass an ordinance, do it in open session and place the same on record, as by law required. Every citizen of Toledo is interested in this matter, and when the councilman tells the citizens publicly through the medium of the press that the matter has already been settled by the council, in private, before the regular meeting of that body, and before any record is made of the same, thus not notifying the taxpayers that they will not give them the constitutional rights of petition or a hearing, then we say the gentleman is adding insult to injury, and is pleading guilty to the charges heretofore made against him. B. F. JONES.

In opening its columns to the discussion of a subject of public importance, THE LEADER did not look for an endless chain, but Mr. Peterson is "next." We

would respectfully suggest that citizens who are sufficiently interested examine the records and attend the council meetings. The numerous branches of this subject are apt to confuse the reader.

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CHITWOOD ITEMS.

We have had the finest weather in Oregon for several days past.

Miss Allie Mason is all right again and has resumed teaching.

Miss Nellie Rae of Elk City was a visitor at the home of Uncle Jimmie Chitwood the past week, returning home Monday.

Miss Bertha Chitwood was a visitor among the Chitwoodites last week. She has become quite a chittim-bark peeler, but fell out of a tree one day this week and got quite a shaking up.

Uncle Jimmie McDonald received his beehive mill all O. K. Monday, which he bought of Wallis Nash. We expect plenty of beehives to be made at home now, and we will not have to send to Ohio for them. That's business.

You ought to come and see Uncle Jimmie Chitwood now. His house looks "finer nor a fiddle" inside. His son D. J. has been remodeling and repapering it. Uncle Jimmie can crack a joke just as well as ever—even if he isn't half so young as he used to be.

Fence-building seems to be quite a fad in this neck o' the woods lately. L. F. Pepin commenced in the winter; then M. T. Whitney seemed to think that was a good example to follow, so he built fence; then Mr. Mason followed suit; then L. F. Pepin took a fresh start and built more fence; then J. E. Wilson tried his hand at fence-building on his ranch; now Mr. Fritz is at it. Who'll be next? Good fences are what we need—horse-high, bull-strong and pig-tight.

TILLCUM.

CHITWOOD NUMBER TWO.

Quite a number are out peeling chittim this week.

Rev. Dawson was calling on friends here Monday.

J. A. McDonald went to Nashville Thursday morning.

Mrs. Ethel Estherbrook entertained C. B. Mason and sister, Miss Alys, last Sunday.

Mrs. S. J. Pepin and daughter Stella drove up to Nortons Wednesday to visit relatives and friends.

Attorney Hawkins, while fishing in the Yaquina near here Tuesday, slipped and fell in the river, but without serious damage, except to his suspenders.

S. M. Mason, in company with several of the boys from here, started Sunday for Newport to camp out a few days. Mr. Mason returned Wednesday morning with a nice lot of fish and clams. He reported the others as having a good time. BUB.

A HORRIBLE OUTBREAK.

"Of large sores on my little daughter's head developed into a case of scald head" writes: C. D. Isbill of Morganton, Tenn., but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured her. It's a guaranteed cure for Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Pimples, Sores, Ulcers and Piles. Only 25c at O. O. Krogstad druggist.

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Administrator's Sale.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the Hon. County Court of the county of Polk and state of Oregon, duly made and entered of record on the eleventh (11) day of November, 1899, in the matter of the administration of the estate of E. F. Hosford, authorizing and directing me, W. S. Hosford, administrator of said estate, to sell at private sale for cash in hand the following-described real property, to-wit: Lots Nos. 2 and 3 and the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27 in township No. 14 south of range 12 west of the Willamette meridian and belonging to said estate, consisting of one hundred and fifty-three acres. Now, therefore, by virtue of order aforesaid, I, W. S. Hosford, as such administrator, will from and after the 1st day of June, 1900, offer for sale and sell at private sale to the highest bidder all the above-described premises for cash in hand. WALTER HOSFORD, Administrator.

SEALED BIDS WANTED.

Sealed bids will be received by the county court up to 10 o'clock a. m. of Wednesday, June 6, 1900, for the construction of a ferry across the Yaquina river at the mouth of Mill creek. This ferry must be self-operating, and bids must include the building of slips or landings. Further information can be obtained at this office. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. J. H. LETZ, County Clerk. Dated Toledo Oregon, April 24, 1900.

SEALED BIDS WANTED.

Sealed bids for the construction of a bridge across the Yaquina river at the mouth of Hays creek, near Chitwood, will be received by the county court up to 10 o'clock a. m. of Wednesday, June 6, 1900. Plans and specifications can be seen at this office. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. J. H. LETZ, County Clerk. Dated Toledo, Oregon, April 24, 1900.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln. In the matter of the estate of Dope Spencer, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the administrator of Dope Spencer, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator with the clerk of the abovesaid court and that the judge thereof has set Tuesday, the 5th day of June, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., in the county court room in the courthouse in the city of Toledo, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections thereto, should any be made. CHAS. H. RUEL, Administrator of the estate of Dope Spencer, deceased. Toledo, Or., April 16, 1900.

Notice of Appointment.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Lincoln County. In the matter of the Estate of William Hansey, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the above-

named court the administrator of the estate of William Hansey, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Siletz, Or., within six months from date hereof. CHAS. H. RUEL, Administrator of the estate of William Hansey, deceased. Siletz, Or., April 16, 1900.

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