

# HOLIDAY SHOE SALE

## BRIGGS

Exclusive Shoe Store

**OUR Christmas Present to the people is given this season in the way of a cash discount on every pair of Shoes in our store for every member of the family.**

**All Ladies' genuine goodyear welts in Patents, Tans and Calf Leathers, both in button and lace styles.**

Ladies' reg.	\$4.50 shoes,	Holiday Price	\$3.90
"	" 4.00 "	"	3.40
"	" 3.50 "	"	2.95
"	" 3.00 "	"	2.60

**Ladies' Felt Slippers 95c to \$1.45**

We are showing the most elegant line of felt slippers with and without fur trimming in popular shades such as black, blue, red, wine, gray, brown and purple.

**All Men's dress and heavy shoes in all leathers, button and lace styles. Here are a few of our prices.**

Men's Boots, reg.	\$8.00,	Holiday Price	\$7.20
"	" 7.00 "	"	6.30
"	" 6.00 "	"	5.50
Men's dress shoes	5.50	"	4.95
"	" 5.00 "	"	4.40
"	" 4.00 "	"	3.40
"	" 3.50 "	"	2.95
"	" 3.00 "	"	2.60

**MEN'S SLIPPERS—Our stock in men's slippers, 60c to \$1.45, is complete, both in leather and felt styles.**

**Boy's, Misses', 15 per cent discount high tops and children's shoes regular tops**

**They are all solid leather and are guaranteed for wear, workmanship and fit.**

Wishing you  
all a Merry  
Christmas

**WATCH OUR WINDOWS**  
**SEEING IS BELIEVING**

These are  
Cash Prices  
Only

### Voters of Ashland, Stop

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charter should be amended. And the charter can be amended only by a majority vote of the city electors. If that matter were under consideration, then the article of Mr. Throne might be in point.

#### The Meeting That Nominated.

Referring to the article as to the meeting in the Commercial Club room of about two score citizens, at the time I was nominated. Such article seems to be "AN OUTBURST" on the part of some person or persons trying to give vent to some spleen, and who were ashamed to sign their names. He or they knew that they were using the art of the demagogue merely to furnish the unthoughtful with some morsel as a campaign argument. If that were not so, why did they not mention the names of all the citizens present, instead of the names of three candidates, together with the names of two other gentlemen? It plainly proves in itself that the writer of that article wished to cast an aspersion on Councilman Butler, Recorder Hurt and Mr. Briggs, and that he did it with no other design. The article is unfair, deceptive, and unjust. None of the parties mentioned, unless it be Mr. Malone, has any stock or interest in the Siskiyou company whatever.

#### No Friend of the Siskiyou Company.

For the information of the public I would state that no persons in the city of Ashland were more indignant at the action of the Siskiyou company in raising the lighting rates than were G. S. Butler and E. D. Briggs, referred to in that article, and both Mr. Butler and Mr. Briggs at that time wrote the officers of the Siskiyou company that their acts in raising the rates was unjust and was contrary to the agreement made between said company and the officers of the city at the time the city bought of that company the lands and riparian rights along Ashland creek. The letters were published in one of our local papers and perhaps in both at that time, and we must certainly brand that article as an insinuating falsehood designed to prejudice people against the said parties, and it was an unfair and dishonest trick, and every one that knows the true situation will certainly agree with me.

### City Recorder Hurt Efficient and Friend of Municipal Plant.

We all know that there has not been, in the history of the city of Ashland, a more competent, thorough and reliable City Recorder than Joseph Hurt. We all know that if there is any man in the city of Ashland that has used his best efforts to make the city lighting system a success and free it from imposition, unnecessary expenses and graft, that man is Recorder Hurt, and certainly some enemy of his must have been instrumental in bringing up such a false issue.

#### Briggs Never Aided But Always Fought the Siskiyou Company.

The article as well as the arguments bandied about in whispered conversations and other devious methods, insinuate that I would play into the hands of the Siskiyou company. They know better. They know that in all of the litigation between the city of Ashland and the Siskiyou company for the past seven years or more, and in several important suits, that I have represented the city of Ashland as its counsel. And they further know that in each of such suits the city has been successful.

#### Friend of Municipal Plant.

Some have said that I was opposed to the city lighting plant. I answer this by saying that as the trusted counsel of the Mayor and Common Council, I for months contested in the courts of Oregon in behalf of the city electric plant and helped to make the construction of that plant a possibility. I even wrote articles which were published in the local papers urging the citizens of Ashland to patronize the home plant and show their loyalty to the city, and I was one of the first to make a contract to take electric current from the city plant, and now some of these "self-styled" advocates of the city lighting system attempt to take upon themselves full credit for accomplishments which they, in their impractical way, could never have accomplished.

#### The Frobbach Report.

I am accused of circulating a subscription list to raise the money to have the finances of the electric light plant expeted. I admit the charge. I wanted to know the actual facts, and I wanted the people of the city to know them. Some had asserted that the reports made by city employes were garbled. The lighting plant is an enterprise belonging to

the people of the city of Ashland, and the people were entitled to know the facts. I am furthermore pleased to state that in circulating the said subscription, every person I asked was willing to give his mite for such purpose regardless of his views as to the issue of additional bonds. I did not then know what the expert report might be; we merely wanted the facts. The report has been made and I am pleased to see that it has excited the city officers and employes to come forth and express themselves fairly and give the people a chance to judge for themselves. There can be no question but that the voters of the city are now better able to vote intelligently than they would have been had the usual silence been maintained. Certainly no one who is in favor of a square deal can find fault with that.

#### The Bond Issue.

I have stated and I now state that as I view the matter I will be obliged to vote against the additional electric light bonds. I am willing that the people should know my position, whether it results in either a gain or a loss of votes for me at the coming election. In my judgment I have what I consider good reasons for voting against the additional bond issue. I will state my reasons, and I ask the public to have the same respect for my views as they would have for the views that do not accord to my own.

First—The matter of the water rights of the city of Ashland is now pending in the courts. The testimony has been taken, and perhaps within the next few months the courts will have decided just what those rights are. Such decision may not give to Ashland ALL the waters of Ashland creek, but when given we will have to abide by the decree of the courts. When that decree is made then we will know our exact position, and when our actual rights are determined then we can act intelligently, and what is done can be done for permanency and with safety, but until that time it is unwise, in my judgment, to incur a considerable expense in installing a plant that through the decision of the court might become useless and of no value to the city.

#### Danger for Water Users.

Second—As one patron who uses water from the upper water system, and as one who in the past has keenly felt the need of water to irrigate lawn and garden, I am fearful, notwithstanding the statements of the city experts, in some of whom I have

great confidence, that we who live along the upper system will in the future suffer still more from the scarcity of water in case water shall be taken from the upper system and discharged at the intake of the lower system for the running of the proposed auxiliary plant. I cannot see how it can be otherwise.

#### Health of People Endangered.

Third—For several years I have been fearful as to the purity of the water in the lower water system. It has always seemed to me that the lower intake is not where it ought to be. It ought to be extended farther up the creek, and above the belt of the farm lands which sooner or later will be subject to irrigation and seepage water will percolate into the reservoir of the lower system, and furthermore it should certainly be extended to a point above the Prater property, where the leachings from the old barnyard and outbuildings soon mix with the water that passes into the lower system. The intake of the lower system must be extended up the creek to a point above the Prater property. The health of the people of the city depends upon it. The State Board of Health will certainly require it to be done, and should it be done, then an auxiliary power plant erected at the present reservoir at the lower system will be useless and its cost will be wasted. This point I wish to emphasize more emphatically for the reason that the trouble has already begun and we have now perhaps a dozen cases of typhoid fever in our city, and instead of voting these bonds at the present time it seems to me that it would comport more to the benefits of the city and the health of its inhabitants, and even to the saving of life, if our city fathers would engage without delay in effecting a remedy for the condition that confronts us. I dislike to be thus plain, but it is right that the people should understand the situation. I know the Ashland canyon nearly as well as I know my home place, and I wish that the people of the city would try to inform themselves by going up the canyon and not trust to the gaining of knowledge second hand.

#### People Deceive—Officers Must Obey.

But whether I am in favor of the bonds or not makes but one vote difference in the result. The people decide by a majority vote whether or no the bonds shall issue and it will be the duty of the city officers-elect to follow the instructions given by such vote. And let me assure you

that should the bonds be voted, and I, elected as Mayor, there will be no expenditure in excess of the bond issue in the construction of any auxiliary plant.

#### Fire Protection.

I believe it is absolutely necessary that we should have better protection against fire. I believe that if an auto fire engine can be found that can be safely trusted to climb our hills, that such protection will be the most efficient, safe, and sanitary.

I believe the fire boys should be given the opportunity of testing any engine purchased, and the responsibility as to the selection entrusted to them and their decision respected. I am in favor of those bonds.

#### Lower Taxes Imperative.

Fourth—I believe the people of this city have all the burdens they should be called upon to bear until they have had time to recover from the immense drain for the taxes and special assessments of the past year and from the taxes and special assessments soon to become due. They should not be imposed upon by having to bear still heavier burdens, and, furthermore, I am not willing to invest much more in public utilities unless the management of them can be removed from the influence of politics and isms and placed in the hands of some carefully selected commission freed from the influence of city politics. I believe that with

a proper utility commission the electric light plant and the city water plant might be made to pay handsome dividends to the city, but they can never be made to do so as long as the management depends on political preference.

#### License or No License.

The license or no license question is to be voted upon, and the VOTE must decide the question of saloons or no saloons, and if a majority vote for the saloons then license will have to issue regardless of the views of the Mayor or the City Council on that question. But if license is defeated, as undoubtedly it will be, then there can be no license issued, regardless of the state of mind of the Mayor and Council. Any officer-elect must take an oath of office, and is bound under his oath, and I have no thought but that every nominee before the people, if elected, will live up to that oath in every respect. It seems ridiculous to me that any fair-minded person could think otherwise.

In view of the above it seems useless for me to declare my position on that matter. But, that there may be no misunderstanding on the part of either a dry or a wet voter, I will say that if the people vote NO LICENSE, then there MUST not be, and will not be any "blind pigs" in Ashland, if I have to work night and

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**MOST stores get a much larger profit on their Christmas goods than on other lines, but FERGUSON'S BARGAIN STORE is satisfied with their usual small profit.**

