

Practical Plan to Dispose Of Auxiliary Water Bonds

Tuesday afternoon the springs water commission and the city council met in the city engineer's office in informal conference to discuss the auxiliary water bond situation. Mayor Johnson and Councilmen Beaver, Ware, Cornelius and Ashcraft and all the members of the springs water commission were present.

The law requires that the council sell the bonds at not less than par and accrued interest. Their first advertisement was made last July and a continuous effort has been made ever since to get a bid at par and accrued interest, without results. The only bona fide bid for any of the bonds was for \$5,000 of the issue by a local investor. The state of the market is such that it is likely to be six months or a year before the market will be easy enough to absorb them at par.

Many citizens have expressed themselves as believing that it will be a great loss to the city unless the project can be completed and utilized for the tourist travel of 1915. With this prospect there was one of two things to do: Either sit down and wait until the market became good, or find some way to go forward with the work. After consultation with bankers, citizens and the city attorney, and after submitting the plan to the eastern bond attorneys as to its legality, it is now proposed to have the city advertise the bonds for sale at par and accrued interest, as provided by law, bids to be filed and opened at the regularly adjourned council meeting on December 29. All bids received will be considered. The springs commission will file a bid for the whole issue at par and accrued interest to date of delivery on the following stipulation:

To purchase the entire issue at par and accrued interest to date of delivery, the first bonds to be delivered on or before February 1, 1915, the first semi-annual coupons, which fall due January 1, 1915, to be detached before delivery; and the last of said issue to be delivered on or before January 1, 1916, upon the following stipulation:

The city is to have the bonds properly executed and placed in the hands of the city treasurer to be delivered to the bidder, or his order, upon payment of par and accrued interest to date of delivery, in sums of \$1,000 or multiples thereof, from time to time as the bidder may require, but all of them must be taken on or before January 1, 1915.

Thus the legal formality incumbent upon the council to sell at par and accrued interest will be legally met, the bonds will be placed in the hands of the treasurer where they may be sold in lots of one or more and delivered upon payment without further formality or delay.

It is proposed to sell from \$15,000 to \$25,000 of them to local investors at once and proceed with the plans and specifications on the work. If the plan is adopted work will begin on the project on or before January 10, otherwise nothing can be done until the bonds sell in the regular way, which may mean six months or a year.

Several local investors have expressed a willingness to take some of the bonds at once on the plans.

More than a dozen contractors have indicated a desire to bid on

Santa Claus Gets Christmas Letter

Many little letters written painstakingly by little folks are being mailed in the postoffice and sent in care of different individuals with instructions that they be given to Santa Claus. This morning one was received by the Tidings that was written with an even care which showed that the little writer had thought the whole success of the thing depended on its looks. The letter follows below:

Dear Santa Claus: We have been pretty good and we would like you to please send us some presents. My little brother would please like a train of cars and I would like a nice muff for my hands to keep them warm and a fur, if you can spare it. But could you spare my brother a pair of cowboy chaps? That is all we will ask you for, dear Santa.

F. G. McWilliams was a Medford visitor on Monday.

certain features of the work and accept bonds at par and accrued interest for the service. Among them Smith, Emery & Company have stood ready for four months to build the physical plant and accept bonds for the service. As soon as the detail plans are compiled and properly checked, if the price is found right the installation can then go at once forward and be paid for with bonds. And so with other features of the project.

It is probable that the council will advertise for bids to be submitted at its regularly adjourned meeting to be held on December 29th, at which time the commission will file the bid.

No Stickers On Foreign Mail

If you send Christmas packages abroad and want them to reach their destination do not decorate them with Christmas stickers or Red Cross stamps. The foreign governments will not accept them. The postoffice department issued an order December 1 saying that the senders of Christmas packages would be permitted to put stickers on the packages during the month of December. This permission has been revised to read on domestic mail only. Foreign governments have prohibited the sending of packages bearing stickers, and while the packages will go through Uncle Sam's mail bags without trouble they will not be received abroad. If packages are sent bearing stickers the packages will be returned to the senders, or if there is no means of identification they will go to the dead letter office. The local postoffice and the postal department are endeavoring to give the widest publicity to this new order.

Shopping Is Quite Heavy

Christmas shopping this year has been quite heavy, considering the strenuous times. Presents bought have tended more toward the useful things, such as wearing apparel, useful jewelry, gloves, shoes, etc. While as a general rule the sales receipts have run less than last year, yet all merchants seem quite satisfied, knowing of the tightened financial conditions. Furniture, as always, has remained a staple Christmas present.

Elevator Weights Mangle Arm

C. C. Johnson, aged 57, for six years an employe of the Garnett-Corey Hardware Company of Medford, yesterday afternoon had his left arm horribly mangled when the heavy weights of an elevator fell on him. The bones of his left arm were broken in several places and the ligaments torn loose. At first it was thought that amputation would be necessary, but according to the physician in attendance an effort will be made to save the arm by wiring the bones together.

The accident occurred about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Johnson along with H. C. Garnett had gone to the lower floor to see why the elevator did not work properly. While making an effort to remedy the trouble the weights were knocked loose and fell against Mr. Johnson's left arm. The unfortunate man was thrown against the weight casement and received the full weight of the falling iron on his left arm. He was taken to the Sacred Heart Hospital.

Prof. Geo. Briscoe Addresses Teachers

Prof. George A. Briscoe, superintendent of the local school system, delivered an address before the State Teachers' Association at Eugene Wednesday. His topic was "Teachers' Institutes and How to Make Them More Profitable." J. Percy Wells, county school supervisor, is the president of the association. Principal Moore and Professor Ruch of the high school also were delegates to the convention.

GREETING

While the year 1914, from a world view, has been one of the darkest in the history of mankind, the United States of America has been signally blessed in not having been dragged into war. On the contrary, she is so situated that the calamity overshadowing Europe becomes at once to her a source of great commercial profit, and while deploring the fact and sympathizing deeply with those embroiled in the misfortunes and dire losses, she girds her commercial loins in readiness to reap such advantages as legitimately are hers.

Under the conditions of uncertainty entailed by the battle clouds of Europe, and the depressing effects on all commercial activities, Oregon has suffered less than many eastern and coast states, for she lives more within herself and more upon her own resources.

Jackson county, and Ashland especially, has borne up well under the strain and no failures have occurred, which fact calls for congratulation, and indicates her stalwart ability to withstand a storm.

Withal, our blessings are manifold and we look confidently forward to the new year as one of splendid opportunity and great hope.

The Tidings acknowledges a debt of gratitude to the splendid citizenship of Ashland and Jackson county. Their good will has been encouraging and their patronage more than might be expected under the stress of the times.

Let us all look forward with hope and courage to the new year, determined to work closer together in the interest of all.

The Tidings and its entire force greets its friends with good cheer and the wish of a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 1915.

BERT R. GREER.

Funeral Services Of Arthur Hubbard

Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral of Arthur Hubbard took place from the Elks Temple, under the auspices of that lodge. There was a large attendance to reverent the memory of this man who had been so popular and genial in attending to his duties. The ritualistic services were performed by the Rev. H. A. Carnahan of the First Presbyterian church.

Prof. I. E. Vining with his customary fervor and power delivered a fitting eulogy, a eulogy stirred by the dominating thought of hope, courage and comfort. The Elks Quartet sang "Lead, Kindly Light" and "The Vacant Chair."

Beautiful floral pieces were given by the Ashland Elks, the Medford Elks, the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees, the Medford Rod and Gun Club and different individual friends of the deceased. A large number of his brothers of the orders to which he belonged were present.

Arthur Hubbard was "a man among men," a stout, unfeared and robust type, to whom duty was a part of his nature. He had made himself a statewide reputation by his diligence in the performance of his duties. His sudden and terrible death comes with a shock upon not only his family, but upon his friends and admirers that he had always passed with a friendly greeting and a nod of the head. Sympathy toward his family goes out from the whole county, for there were few that did not know the man.

Laborer Struck By Locomotive

A laborer was struck by a Southern Pacific southbound passenger train yesterday morning near Tolo, and lies at Sacred Heart Hospital, Medford, unconscious and unable to give his name. Mutterings led the sisters to believe it is either McNulty or McMarin. His right leg was broken, his side crushed and his head cut. It is feared he is suffering from internal injuries. Drs. Pickel and Thayer operated upon the unfortunate man yesterday afternoon. He was brought to Medford by the train that struck him and rushed to the hospital.

According to the account given the man was seated upon the track near Tolo when struck, not being seen by the engineer until too late to stop. Warning whistles were given, which were not heeded. Chief of Police Hittson says the injured man was in Medford yesterday morning and had been employed on the Skikyou division of the Pacific highway. One report said he had a bottle of whiskey in his clothes, but this could not be confirmed.

Gun Club Sends Resolutions

The members of the Rogue River Protective Association and the Medford Rod and Gun Club have sent the following tribute to the late Arthur S. Hubbard:

Whereas, Arthur S. Hubbard, a member of these organizations, has met an untimely and tragic death in the performance of his duties as a warden, we, the members of the Rogue River Fish Protective Association and Medford Rod and Gun Club, respectfully present the following resolutions:

That Arthur S. Hubbard was one of the most efficient wardens in the service, and through his zeal and devotion to duty was one of the strongest factors in the upholding of law and the protection of game and fish. Although he had a high sense of duty and zeal in enforcing the law, he was yet, withal, a most kind and lovable character.

Be it further resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of these organizations and copies be sent to the relatives of the deceased, and copies be sent to Medford and Ashland papers for publication and the State Game and Fish Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Rogue River Fish Protective Association, Medford Rod and Gun Club,
by W. F. Isaacs, Chris Gottlieb, E. E. Kelly, R. L. Ewing, George Putnam, Dr. E. R. Seely, M. S. Bideu, E. G. Brown, R. L. Taylor, Dr. L. Bundy, committee.

Chf Payne makes china closets.

Fire Truck Answers Twice

The fire truck has answered two calls this week. Monday afternoon a fire burned out at the Potter residence on Second street, but no real damage was done.

Wednesday morning the fire company was called to 488 North Main, where a bungalow belonging to F. H. Berger of Portland was afire. The bungalow had just been traded off the day before by the Beaver Realty Company, and although the deal was completed, the property still stood in their name. Mr. Berger had taken out insurance with them at the time of the trade, however, and a full recovery will be made. About \$300 damage was done. The blaze was due to a defective cement flue. The fire company had to do considerable tearing up of the floor to get the water to the flames, and a great deal of the plaster was ruined. The bungalow was almost new. The E. G. Davis family were just moving in, but all their goods were removed and did not suffer any damage.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Elks' Christmas Tree At the Vining Tonight

All children in Ashland under twelve years of age are invited by the Ashland lodge of Elks to be present at the Vining Theatre this evening, to enjoy the big Elks Christmas tree, where many presents will be given away by Santa Claus. All children under twelve years of age will be admitted free and each will be given a present. In order that no child fail to receive a gift registration headquarters have been kept open and children who expect to be at the theatre that night have signed their names.

The doors of the theatre will be open at 7 o'clock and all children are welcome. Grownups will pay 10 cents admission for the privilege of attending the entertainment. Moving pictures will be shown, the orchestra will provide special music

and the Elks Quartet will sing.

The Elks lodge have donated a sum for his purpose, and also have given this year to the Sunshine Society. The Big Brother idea is certainly finding a place in the local lodge.

The proceeds gained from the adults present will go toward the immediate expenses of the theatre, such as the pictures, orchestra and incidentals. Professor Vining has given this evening through his interest in and desire to help the little folks. The Elks lodge cannot receive too much commendation for their efforts in making a happy Christmastide for the youngsters.

Keep it in mind that tonight Santa Claus will appear in all his glory, and take the little folks to see him and to receive a present.

Scandinavian Yule Feast

An extensive program, to be rendered in four different languages, has been prepared by Dr. O. N. Nelson of Medford for the Scandinavian Yule-feast to be held at Medford in St. Mark's hall on New Year's eve. A long list of musical pieces and recitations are enumerated, and the performers hail from every nook and corner of Jackson county.

These gatherings have been a great success ever since Mr. Nelson about a year ago started to unite all the Scandinavians in the valley in order to properly celebrate the oldest and most important of all holidays, Yule, which has been observed in northern Europe for thousands of years before the Christmas era.

Judging from the program, this year's Yule-feast will be one of the foremost social events in Medford during the coming holidays, and hundreds of Scandinavians are expected to attend from all over Jackson and Josephine counties.

Former Fireman Is in Ashland

James Porter, formerly known to all as "Jim," is in the city renewing acquaintances with some of his old-time friends. Mr. Porter was fireman on the first engine that ever ran into Ashland. D. McCarthy was the engineer on this locomotive, which made its first trip in 1884. Mr. Porter is now working for the Western Pacific, on the Feather River Canyon route. Mr. Porter has many tales of railroad experiences, having been in several jam-ups. In one wreck some years ago he was hurt badly, and as a result is still a trifle lame.

Sunshine Work For Happy Christmas

The Sunshine Society met yesterday afternoon at the Temple of Truth and made up their Christmas boxes for the needy of the city. Packages of clothes, groceries, etc., were made up and addressed ready for giving. The Sunshine Society received a good deal of help this year by both the Elks and the Masons. Besides this, E. V. Carter, G. S. Butler, W. H. Day, J. W. McCoy, Dr. F. H. Johnson and C. H. Vaupel gave generous contributions, some ranging as high as \$25. The Sunshine Society will certainly send a gleaming ray of happiness into a good many homes this year.

Operation Causes Sudden Death

The funeral services of Perry Preston Eherenman occurred this afternoon at 1:30 under the auspices of the Odd Fellows lodge. Many friends attended the services, which were preached by Rev. Vallandigham.

Mr. Eherenman's death was on Monday. He was about fifty years of age. Deceased recently underwent a surgical operation which interfered with the action of his kidneys and caused his death. He leaves a wife and one son. The family came here about four years ago from California, owning considerable property there and elsewhere.

Shopping For The Well Dressed Man

Some time ago, but not so long ago that the day may not be remembered by the oldest inhabitant, the shirt makers were, vulgarly speaking, "up against it." It was when the manufacturer's ambition was to make money, instead of to improve the appearance of a somewhat reckless public, as they now love to do. There was a group of them sitting late one night in the lobby of one of our biggest hotels—or perhaps they were in the bar—and they worried, round by round, over the fact that although people bought shirts, they didn't buy enough shirts. The problem was to invent some shirt that would sell itself by virtue of its novelty. It was an ugly situation. And as they worried, so their spirits went down.

History does not relate how long they sat there. The important fact is that the meeting was finally broken up by a member of the party jumping to his feet, waving his arms and shouting, "I've got it." What he had got no one could discover, because he immediately fled. But a week later he put on the market the first shirt with soft cuffs. The innovation was a success. All his competitors followed suit—in his hurry he had forgotten to patent his invention—and for years the market was inundated with soft cuff shirts. Everybody bought them because everybody else did, and because the makers said they were comfortable and handsome.

The vogue of the soft cuff has been immense, but at last it is on the wane, and I for one am glad to be able to report the fact. The soft cuff was not handsome; it was hot in summer; it crumpled in an hour or two; it absorbed, like a sponge, every atom of dust with which it came in contact and was, altogether, far from desirable. It has begun to go. The stiff cuff is coming into its own again. And men who dress according to the dictates of sense and cleanliness and practicability are wearing it quite extensively.—By Robert Lloyd Trevor in Vanity Fair, November, 1914.

Petty Theft Of Auto Tools

A. S. Ames of Talent was in Ashland last Monday evening with his big six-cylinder car. He reports the losing of a valuable set of tools which were stolen from his tool kit. He had left his auto stand at a certain place in the city for some time, and, coming back, found that all the tools had been stripped from the canvas tool roll. He wishes that if the thief would call on him, he would give him the roll also, as a roll without any tools is not of any particular good. The thief might get a different roll, too, of another nature. The same evening quite a number of tools were taken from the Ashland garage. It is thought that some boy with an evil or covetous turn of mind possessed himself of the implements.

What's Better
for a holiday present to young or old than a 1915 Chautauqua ticket? A strong program already bought, including a big band.
Present price \$2 or \$1.
See L. J. Trefren, secretary.
Phone news items to the Tidings.