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TAXPAYERS MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO COUNCIL

Protest Payment of Bonds Which Are Said to Have Been Illegally Sold

Doing Away With One Marshal at a Saving of \$900 a Year to the City Is Among the Other Recommendations.

Radical action was taken at the meeting of the Southern Lane County Taxpayers' league Saturday afternoon, when the report of the municipal committee was adopted. This report went into detail as to the resale of \$5000 of water bonds which had been purchased by the city of Cottage Grove and later resold. The report declared that in the opinion of the committee the resale was illegal.

After the adoption of the report, E. A. Gleason, chairman of the municipal committee, presented a letter addressed to the city council and moved its adoption. The letter requests the city council to discontinue paying interest on the bonds alleged to have been illegally sold and to refuse to pay the interest.

The report and letter both recommend the doing away with one marshal, at a saving of \$900 a year to the city.

The report and letter in full follow:

"Report of the Committee on Municipal Affairs to the Tax League of Southern Lane County:

"In making this report it is the wish of the committee that anything embodied therein will not be construed as offered in a spirit of criticism or fault-finding, but only as it is intended, a recital of facts for the information and consideration of the citizens of the town.

"We find in the treasurer's report that all the water bonds issued by the city at various times are reported as outstanding.

"Now it is a well known fact that \$5000 of the old water bonds were redeemed. In connection with this we find the following facts as recorded in the books of record of the city, viz:

"That \$15,000 of water bonds were sold to Morris & Whitehead September 28, 1901.

"That \$20,000 of water bonds were sold to Morris Bros. & Christensen May 17, 1905.

"That \$4000 of these bonds were redeemed August 5, 1907, with money from the water fund, the city having to pay a premium of \$344.90.

"That December 2, 1907, \$1000 of these bonds were redeemed, and while the records do not state the amount of premium it was presumably at the same rate, which would be about \$86, or \$430.90 for the \$5000 redeemed.

"That March 13, 1912, more than four years after the redemption of these bonds, at a special meeting called for the purpose, the city council resold these bonds, accepting the offer of the First National bank of \$8c on the dollar, or \$600 less than their face value, which added to the premium paid, \$430.90, made a loss to the city of \$1030.90.

"The city has paid in interest on these bonds, since their resale, over \$1000, which makes a loss of over \$2030 in the transaction to the present time, and if the matter is allowed to rest, will continue to cost the city \$250 per year interest until their maturity, when we will again have to pay the full face value for the same bonds we have once before paid for.

"Your committee believes there is no doubt that the resale of these bonds was illegal, and being so, the city should not be required to pay them the second time, and should protest against it, or the payment of any more interest on them.

"If officials were allowed to resell the bonds of a city, redeemed by a previous administration, there would be no assurance to the people that they would ever get a debt paid, but might be reassessed indefinitely for the repayment of the same indebtedness. This principle would extend further, to our schools, the county and the state.

"It is costing the people altogether too much for administration in state, county and city, and it should be the aim of our city officials to retrench in all possible ways until our indebtedness is greatly decreased. With our present enormous indebtedness it is taking a great proportion of our funds for interest, and there can be no real prosperity while these conditions continue. Our levy has increased continuously from the 12 mills of a few years ago to the excessive levy this year of 19 mills, while the taxable valuation has been greatly increased during the same period. In 1910 the people of the city voted \$30,000 of bonds to pay off the warrant indebtedness, and to put the city on a cash basis, and at the end of 1915 there was again the enormous sum of \$38,005.83 in warrants outstanding. Add to this the \$5000 of water bonds resold, the indebtedness increased \$43,

605.83 during this period, assuming that the \$30,000 voted accomplished the purpose for which it was intended.

"While the showing is good for the present year, there being a reduction in the indebtedness of \$4590.12, for which the council should be commended, the debt of the city still remains very large.

"We have passed through a period of great extravagance and all extravagance is dearly paid for, and ours will be no exception to the rule. There should be retrenchment in every way possible, that this extravagance may be paid for as quickly as possible with the minimum of cost to the people.

"We think retrenchment could be made without interfering in the least with the welfare and peace of the city.

"The vicinity has probably not been a law-abiding for many years as at present, and we see no good reason for continuing to employ two marshals. This would be a saving of \$900 a year to the city.

"While we are not deprecating public improvements, and especially street improvements, as fast as the people feel themselves able to make them, we think it would be wise for the council to discourage any more street improvements until the people first authorize an assessment to pay for the intersections, as going in debt for them and paying interest on them for several years makes them very costly in the end.

"The assessed valuation of all the property in the incorporation for 1916 is \$739,326. The full amount of public indebtedness at the present time is approximately \$265,000, including street bonds, or about \$19,000 more than one-third the taxable valuation, truly an enormous indebtedness. Add to this our proportion of school indebtedness and it raises it to about one-half the taxable valuation."

E. A. GLEASON,
A. McKINNEY,
Committee.

"To the Mayor and Common Council of Cottage Grove, Oregon:

"It coming to our knowledge that \$5,000 water bonds, redeemed in 1907, were afterward resold, and believing the resale of them to have been illegal, therefore we, members of the Taxpayers' League of Southern Lane County, recommend that no more interest or principal be paid on them.

"We also consider that, in the present very peaceful and quiet condition of society, and it being wisdom to economize wherever possible, it is unnecessary to keep in the employ of the city more than one marshal."

Mayor T. C. Wheeler and Alderman George Knowles were present at the meeting. They stated that the report was an unfair one, that no attempt had been made to get all the records, that no attempt had been made to get information from the members of the city council who were in a position to give it, that the report placed the Council in a wrong light, that the report alleged a loss to the city when in fact it was doubtful if there had been any loss, that the committee, after having its attention called to the matter, did not revise its report to show the saving to (Continued on second page)

ROSEBURG DEFEATS HOME TEAM

Local Boys Hold Crack Roseburg Team. Fresh From Other Successes, to Score of 37 to 15.

The Cottage Grove high school basketball team put up a pretty and scrappy fight against the Roseburg team at the armory Thursday night but were unable to do better than hold the Roseburg aggregation to a 37 to 15 score. The Roseburg players are husky, seasoned fellows while the Cottage Grove team is lighter and has had far less experience and practice.

The Roseburg team is a fast one and has a pretty list of games won already this season to its credit. Tuesday night it won from the midjet but scrappy team of the Northwest Normal school of Oklahoma and Wednesday night defeated the Eugene team at Eugene by a score of 28 to 21.

The playing of Randall and Coffman, the local guards, was unusually clever, as they were outclassed as to stature by several sizes. Anlauf also starred.

The teams lined up as follows: Roseburg, forwards, Willett and Osburn; center, Jewett; guards, Bemis and Baldwin; sub, Trumbull. Cottage Grove, forwards, Smith and Anlauf; center, Duran; guards, Randall and Coffman; subs, Medley, Jones and Vench.

In a letter to Superintendent Beatty, Principal H. Omer Bennett, of the Roseburg high school, says: "Our boys report a fine game at your place, saying it was the cleanest game they had been in."

The Cottage Grove teams meet the Oakland teams here tomorrow night in a boys' and girls' double header.

Mrs. Short Writes.

Dear Oregon Friends I want to thank you all who remembered me so nicely Christmas, and I pray that God's richest blessings may be yours this new year. Your Illinois friend,

MRS. RACHEL SHORT.

New Furnishings Make Model Hostelry of Oregon Hotel

An improvement of credit is that recently completed in the refurbishing and refurnishing of the Oregon hotel by C. A. Bartell. All the rooms of the annex have been newly carpeted and furnished and present a most inviting appearance, while the dining room and the lobby have also been done over.

The lobby has been freshly kalsomined and the dining room is newly furnished throughout with new tables, inlaid linoleum, curtains, linen, china and silver, while new sideboards will also soon be installed. The woodwork in the dining room is bright with a new coat of white enamel.

The rooms are neat and attractive, and have a number of features for the comfort and convenience of the traveler, one of the most unique of which

is the adjustable shaving mirrors which will accommodate men of all statures with equal comfort.

Mr. Bartell is planning still further improvements to be made a little later in the spring. The chief of these will be the addition to the hotel of the rooms now occupied by the real estate office of Brainerd & Thornton. These rooms will be used as women's writing and rest room and lounge room. Mr. Bartell will also beautify the outside of the building by the use of window boxes in the upper story and boxes of flowers on the side walk and flower beds in the narrow ground space between the building and sidewalk.

The new furnishings for the hotel were all purchased through Knowles & Graber.

CANNERY COMMITTEE RAISE POTATOES, IS HARD AT WORK SHIPPERS' ADVICE

Striving to Secure Pledges Aggregating \$2500.—J. O. Holt, of Eugene, to Attend Meeting.

J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene cannery, is to be present at the meeting of the cannery association Friday morning at 10:30, to assist in any way possible the reorganization of the cannery. Mr. Holt's experience and success will be at the disposal of the local cannery officers and he will be prepared to make valuable suggestions to the organization. His presence at the meeting was arranged for through N. S. Robb, county agent, who was in the city yesterday.

Members of the committee appointed to dispose of cannery stock among the farmers are still busy at work in preparation for the meeting.

The report of this committee will largely determine the disposition of the future affairs of the cannery. If the committee is able to report \$2500 pledged, a reorganization of the cannery association will be made, new officers elected and business will be resumed this season.

The officers and others interested in the welfare of the project are anxious that a large number of the stockholders of the cannery be present at tomorrow's meeting so that the necessary business may be transacted. It was found impossible to accomplish anything definite at the last meeting, on account of the lack of a quorum.

640 ACRES STOCK RAISING LAND MAY BE HOMESTEADED

On December 29, 1916, the president approved what is known as the 640-acre homestead act. This act provides that any person qualified to make entry under the homestead laws may enter such lands as have been designated "stock-raising lands," not exceeding 640 acres of unreserved public land, in a reasonably compact form. The secretary of the interior is given authority to designate, on application or otherwise, as stock-raising lands, subject to entry under this act, such lands as are chiefly valuable for grazing, which do not contain merchantable timber, are not susceptible of irrigation, and do not contain water power or reservoir sites.

It is probable that considerable of the vacant unappropriated land of this district could come under the classification of grazing land. Anyone interested can secure more detailed information relative to this new law, and also a list of the vacant lands in this district by application to the United States land office at Roseburg.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW COTTAGE GROVE HAS 92 HEALTHY INCREASE RANKING SPELLERS

Greatest Gain in Savings, Due to Ruling Permitting \$1000 Deposits.

In every department the postal receipts of the Cottage Grove postoffice for 1916 exceed by a comfortable margin the receipts for 1915. The gain is most pronounced in the savings department, where the increase is nearly \$3000. This distinct difference is explained by the new ruling which went into effect some six months ago raising the maximum amount to be placed on deposit by a patron from \$100 to \$1000.

The postal receipts for 1916 were \$7455.74, as compared with \$7039.34 in 1915, showing an increase of \$506.40. Receipts for the quarter ending December 31, 1916, were \$2135.88. For the corresponding period of 1915 they were \$2059.97, the increase for 1916 being \$75.91. Receipts for the month of December, 1916, were \$841.66, while for the corresponding month of the previous year they aggregated but \$791.76, an increase for 1916 of \$49.90.

In the postal savings department the deposits on January 1, 1916, aggregated \$1096. On January 1 this year they were \$3823, a gain of \$2727.

Not Enough Grown, Is the Opinion of Local Buyers of Humble Spud. Advise Larger Acreage.

That the potato market is strong and that at the present prices it would pay the farmers to grub out their low ground, dig up their fence corners and raise this staple commodity is the statement of W. B. Cooper who this year has shipped out twelve cars—about 4000 sacks—of potatoes for local growers. His shipment brought \$5750. Mr. Cooper claims that the waste land left at the ends of fields where high grains or other crops are planted should be dug out and used for growing spuds.

Shipments of 6 cars by Roy Short and one car by Humphrey and Mackin have also been made from this district. S. L. Mackin, in speaking of the shipment made by his firm, said that had more potatoes been available they could have easily been disposed of.

Should Spray Trees Now

Fruit spraying should be done as soon as possible according to County Fruit Inspector C. E. Stewart. The clear weather of the past week was most favorable for spraying. The wet weather which usually prevails at this time of year is a hindrance to spraying but if the weather is clear at all this is the proper time for doing it. A good many of the orchardists around Creswell spray as soon as the leaves fall in the autumn, which is also a very good time.

BOHEMIA WINTER IS OPEN AND PLEASANT, SAYS JOHN NOKES

John Nokes and Thomas Taplin returned Saturday from Mr. Nokes' property, the Good Friday in the Bohemia district. They have been working the property for something over a month and are well-pleased with the showing made. Mr. Nokes says that he has found rich rock.

Commenting upon the weather in the district from which he has just come, Mr. Nokes declared that the weather is quite like summer. There is at present no snow whatever just at his location which is on a southwest exposure and well favored. At Mineral, two miles below, there is a little snow, perhaps six inches, but below that again none at all.

Aged Lady Injured.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sherman fell one day last week and received a severe injury to her back. Mrs. Sherman is the mother of Mrs. C. E. Jones and is about 85 years of age.

Recent County Test Also Shows 7 Perfect Spellers in District 75.

The results of the second county school spelling test of the year, held recently, show that in five grades of the city schools—third, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth—there are 92 pupils whose spelling grades range above 90. No test was given in the fourth grade.

Following are the names of the pupils of the city schools who made a grade of 90 or above: Eighth Grade—Gladys Hayes, Anna King, Lemar Piper, Margaret Scheufele, Ruth Van Boskirk, Myrtle Potts, Vera Thurber, Mabel Westenhaver, Glen Cellers, James Rinard, Clara Milne, Carlton Porter, Velma Hart, Earl Fuller, John Porter, Violet Crowe, Jesse DeWald, Grace Jones, Lenora Hubbard, Kenneth Spencer.

Seventh Grade—Cyrus Leum, Ivan Sams, Sibyl Cellers, Arthur Stewart, Nellie Pleunard, Fay Cooley, Erling Hansen, Ardie Eby, Mildred Hanna, Henry Jensen, Elsie Bainbridge, Claire Leum, Harvey Brown, Ted Kirkpatrick, Edith Hickey.

Sixth Grade—Ruth Bede, Evelyn Veatch, Harold LeRoy, John Westen-

haver, Dale Weeden, Cleo Lewis, Olive Jensen, Marion Teeters, Bertha Howe, Henry Reule, Dwight Buchanan, Irwin Clark, Hazel Stephens, Mildred Cochran, Hilda Scheufele, Katherine Scheufele, Alfred Pleunard, Dale Cooley, Margaret Young, Frances Hamloth, Lora Haldeman, Carl Heinlein, Eva Broekers, Rohnd White, Carl Thornton, Marie Thurber, Frieda Aubrey, Veta Plaster, Leonie Hohl, Clara Tiller, Wendell Cochran.

Fifth Grade—Helen Breedlove, Beulah Brumfield, Evelyn Stafford, Agnes Taylor, Dale Stafford, George Robinson, Genevieve Rice, Bernice Hickey, Margaret Higgins, Glen Smith.

Third Grade—Muriel Young, Ruth Senn, Kermit Sams, Gertrude Clark, George Kerr, Olive Florer, Pearl Monroe, Frances Cameron, John Clark, Mabel Martin, Muriel Taylor, Dana McCargar, Archie Sanford, Ruth McKibben, Byron Leagru, Lee Nichols.

In the school of district No. 75, taught by George Matthews, there were seven perfect spellers in five grades. They are:

Third grade, Christopher Keithley; fifth grade, Glen Banton, Ellena Shortridge; sixth grade, Lillie Ewing; seventh grade, Olive Shortridge, Garland Banton; eighth grade, Lydia Ewing.

KANSANS WILL HOLD PICNIC.

Event Will Be Held in I. O. O. F. Hall Monday, January 29.

The sixth annual midwinter picnic of the Jayhawkers society will be held Monday, January 29, in the I. O. O. F. hall, according to the announcement of Chief Jayhawker George M. Hall. Election of officers will be held. A program will be provided by the following committee: Miss Lola Wilson, L. A. Ralston and Mrs. W. C. Conner. Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. A. L. Monroe and Mrs. J. H. England have been appointed as the supper committee. All former Kansas residents and their families are expected to take baskets and have dinner together.

Patriotic Orders Install.

Following the dinner served at noon Saturday by the Women's Relief corps, the officers of the G. A. R. post and the Relief Corps for the coming year were installed. The officers of the W. R. C. are as follows: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Fahrenwald; senior vice president, Mrs. E. M. Tompkins; junior vice president, Mrs. Elizabeth Rohde; treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Godard; chaplain, Mrs. Sarah E. Kerr; conductor, Mrs. Malinda Aubrey; guard, Mrs. Eliza McKibben; delegates, Mrs. Ida Ivans and Mrs. A. McReynolds, alternate, Mrs. Arthur Handy.

The G. A. R. officers are: Commander, G. W. McReynolds, senior vice, C. V. King; junior vice, F. A. Clow; adjutant, G. W. Kerr; sergeant, C. V. King; chaplain, L. Woolley; quartermaster, B. F. Adams; O. D., L. Single; O. G., Mr. Tompkins.

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SKIS IN BEAUTIFUL BOHEMIA DISTRICT

A. W. Helliwell Enjoys Winter Sport With John Coffman.

For the sake of winter sports, A. W. Helliwell two weeks ago made a trip into the Bohemia district and spent a week skiing in the company of John Coffman. Mr. Coffman is a veteran mountaineer and an expert on the skis, and though this was Mr. Helliwell's first experience in skiing he was an apt pupil and experienced no difficulty at all after the first day.

The trip from Disston in takes only about one day. On the trip Mr. Coffman and Mr. Helliwell were entertained at the Champion mine all night by Al Churchill and Oliver Gilbertson and at the Warehouse Mr. Helliwell was the guest of Harry Parker.

Going up the mountains the skis were hobbled in such a manner as to prevent their slipping, so that climbing was rendered comparatively easy. Mr. Helliwell had not trained for the trip in any way but experienced no discomfort of any sort. He said he was not even fatigued.

Groase mountain, which is very steep and has an extremely long grade, furnishes the most thrilling descent of the entire trip. Mr. Coffman came straight down the long, steep side of the mountain at a rate which, according to Mr. Helliwell, appeared to be about 80 miles an hour. Being a novice, Mr. Helliwell considered that it was the part of wisdom to make his descent in easy stages by zigzagging.

Deep in the mountains they found the snow eight to twelve feet in depth, firm and ideal for the sport they sought.

Mr. Helliwell in recounting his experience says that he has never seen a more beautiful sight than the wonderful snow-covered range with its outstanding peaks from Shasta to Mt. Hood and beyond.

A camera was an important adjunct of the equipment and Mr. Helliwell took many interesting pictures.

TENTATIVE SOCIETY BROCCOLI MEN ORGANIZED

Prospective Growers Hear Helpful Talks by Prof. Bouquet and County Agent Robb

Farmers Show Earnestness in Undertaking New Venture.—27½ Acres Signed Already for Growing of Profitable Crop.

Active steps for the formation of a permanent organization of broccoli growers were taken at yesterday afternoon's meeting when 27½ acres were conditionally signed for the raising of the product. David Sterling was elected temporary president of the organization, and the meeting adjourned to meet January 31. In the meantime the tentative members will make an effort to interest other farmers in the pledging of acreage for the product. About 40 were present at the meeting.

Professor Arthur G. B. Bouquet, of Oregon Agricultural college, and County Agricultural Agent N. S. Robb were present and talked on the raising and marketing of broccoli.

Both speakers emphasized the vital necessity for organization of a close and perfect sort as being absolutely essential to the success of the venture.

Mr. Robb touched upon the culture of broccoli in Lane county and the problems that the farmers of this district might face in growing it, before the arrival of Professor Bouquet, who came in from the north on the afternoon train.

Professor Bouquet said, first off, that there is no doubt whatever as to Oregon's being able to produce the ideal broccoli, and made the statement that there are a hundred thousand acres of well drained and favorably located land here adapted to its culture. He said that the production of broccoli is solely up to the producer; that while it might present many problems, and probably would, still those problems could be overcome by the use of judgment, commonsense, and the application of the known rules for its culture.

The big problem is that of marketing. The eastern, and particularly the middle western, trade where the bulk of our product would have to be disposed of, does not know broccoli as widely as might be desired, but that is a matter which time and education may remedy. The shipments of broccoli which have been made from this state were so absolutely first class that they have practically sold themselves wherever they have been placed on the market and have brought extravagant prices, going as high as 30 cents a head. Such broccoli has created a demand for more wherever it has become known.

Cooperation is the keynote to success in marketing and producing, according to Professor Bouquet, and must be observed faithfully and in all things. He laid infinite stress upon this point. According to Professor Bouquet, the organization, when formed, should observe a close uniformity in the manner not only of marketing, but in seed, planting, cultivation and harvesting.

In the production of the crop there are certain points to be carefully observed. Indeed, according to Professor Bouquet's statement, not every farmer is a broccoli man. The successful grower is a man capable of taking infinite pains, and being lavish with the time, labor and attention expended upon his crop. But for such time, labor and attention expended, many hundreds of dollars will be yielded. The crop averages well over \$100 an acre, clear, sometimes going to \$200. The seed, planting, preparing ground, fertilizing and cultivation, and marketing, will stand for an outlay of \$75 to \$100, but an acre will yield several hundred dollars' worth of broccoli.

Professor Bouquet went into the culture of the product, from the planting of the seed, through transplanting, cultivation and harvesting in a detailed manner and offered the prospective growers any and all other detailed information which they may require at a later period.

He suggested that an organization of broccoli growers should maintain an unending striving for "quality, quality, quality." He characterized "quality" broccoli as large, smooth, firm, paper-white heads.

He considered the menacing conditions in broccoli culture under three heads: Insects, weather and general growing conditions, including under this last head, fertilization and cultivation. He made many and various suggestions in regard to combating each of these influences.

The point that broccoli is the equal of kale for feeding stock was brought out to show that the farmer does not stand to lose, even though his harvest of cauliflower fails, inasmuch as he may feed the leaves of the plant.

At the close of both talks a vote of thanks was given Professor Bouquet and Mr. Robb.