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## COUNCIL MEETS

### MONEY IN THE TREASURY

Would Have Definite Understanding with Railroad Concerning Greenwood Avenue Bridge—Dumping Ground Matter is Discussed

At last night's council meeting Treasurer Spencer's report was read, showing a balance in the city treasury of \$906.86 on August 2nd. A synopsis of the report from June to is as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
June to. Bal. on hand	\$ 203.46
Found charges and dog licenses	106.75
Taxes	38.15
Near beer licenses	779.00
Fines	27.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1154.86</b>
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Water rent	\$ 37.08
Jail repairs, etc.	47.00
Police	160.45
Miscellaneous	8.47
<b>Bal. in Treas.</b>	<b>\$ 906.86</b>

A proposed ordinance regulating character of the railroad bridge over Greenwood avenue was read for the second time and put on the table on Triplett's motion, Oneil seconding. On Triplett's motion seconded by Sellers the Recorder was instructed to notify the Oregon Trunk that they must submit plans and specifications of the Greenwood bridge before the council's next regular meeting on September 13th, and unless this was done legal steps would be taken to stop the bridge-making until a definite understanding had been reached between city and railroad.

Mayor Merrill appointed Carlyle Triplett day policeman. The council did not ratify the appointment.

On Sellers' motion, seconded by Overturf, a committee of three, Sellers, Overturf and Kelly, was appointed to investigate the possibility of securing a dumping ground for public use.

Policeman Chapman reported the jail in need of fuel and blankets. On motion of Overturf, Triplett seconding, it was ruled that hereafter private complainants must deposit \$10 with City Attorney to insure appearance of complaining witness. City Attorney's salary was raised to \$20 a month and he was instructed to have printed special forms for complaints and warrants. He also was instructed to draw up an ordinance restricting to 8 miles an hour the speed of autos, and requiring use of lights on motor-driven vehicles.

### IS OUT FOR SHERIFF.

John Edwards of Bend Announces Candidacy for County Office.

John E. Edwards has announced himself as a candidate for the dem-

ocratic nomination for sheriff. Mr. Edwards is a resident of Bend. For seven years he has lived in this section of Central Oregon, in the Gist country, coming from Brownsville, in Lynn county.

### GET BEAR NEAR ROAD

Camping Party has Good Luck with Gun and Rod.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett, Mr. and Mrs. Brock, of Portland, and Wm. Brock, and Mr. and Mrs. Butts returned Saturday from a 12-days vacation trip to the south. The ladies traveled in an auto, their husbands driving with camp equipment and hounds.

When [about] midway between Lakes Crescent and Odell the men saw bear tracks in the road, evidently very fresh, as they obliterated the marks of the auto tires, which was but a short distance ahead of the wagon. "Bill" Brock, with a saddle horse, rifle and his hounds, started out after him, treeing and killing him within a half-mile of the road. The party reports six buck killed and the best of luck fishing in the lakes.

### VIEW VAST HOLDINGS

Owners Inspect Lands of The Dalles Military Road Grant.

On Sunday Walter Martin and Peter Martin, together with W. J. Burns and Wm. MacKenzie, arrived in Bend by auto having come from a trip of inspection of the lands embraced in The Dalles Military Road grant, some 450,000 acres in Sherman, Grant and Wheeler counties.

The Martin brothers are of San Francisco. Their father, Edward Martin, bought the road lands in 1872. MacKenzie represent the Portland firm of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., who also are heavily interested in the lands.

Peter Martin remained here a couple of days, the rest of the party leaving Monday morning.

### MAINS BEING LAID.

Ditches for Pipe Rapidly Dug Down Wall Street.

Over 500 feet of trench has been dug for the new water mains along south Wall street. The contract for digging the ditches has been let to Johnson & Co., comprising the crew that has been engaged in erecting the electric light wires. All the wooden pipe is now on the ground ready for installation and will be put down as the ditch is completed.

During the last week wires have been put in place on the poles and much progress has been made with the flume below the new dam, which will supply power for the waterwheel.

Notice. If you wish to have your express and light freight come in along with your letters and daily papers, have it come in on the mail line.—THE CORNRT STAGG & STABLE CO. 35tf

## WAS NOT GUILTY THREATENS LIFE

### LIQUOR CASE DOESN'T HOLD

Staats Charges Against George Hobbs Not Sustained in Trial—Second Case Against Williams Never Gets Before Jury.

George Hobbs was declared not guilty of the charge of selling in intoxicating liquor preferred by Sylvester Staats and tried yesterday before W. W. Orcutt and a jury consisting of J. L. West, Chris Woods, J. Fleming, J. A. Eastes, O. C. Henkle and Chas. Erickson. The case originally was called for Monday but as the prosecuting witness failed to appear was postponed until yesterday. Staats testified that he bought and drank Budweiser beer at Hobbs' place on July 4th. However, on cross-examination he was unable to swear from whom he received the beer and who was in the saloon.

T. E. J. Duffy, Asst. District Attorney, represented the State, and V. A. Forbes and Geo. Bernier the defendants.

A second complaint had been brought against Williams Brothers by Staats for selling whiskey. Duffy, on Tuesday, made a second complaint, abandoning the first, and asking for another jury and not that originally empanelled on Monday. Forbes objected, on the ground that the two claims were identical. A jury sustained Forbes and the second complaint was dismissed. Duffy did not return to the first, and the matter was dropped.

### SCHOOL OPENS SIXTH.

New Teachers and Scholars Start Work Next Week.

The Bend schools will open their fall term on Tuesday the 6th of September. School Clerk West reports that as yet it is impossible to give an exact estimate of the number of pupils that will be in attendance. It will, however, be considerably in excess, of last year's figure.

This year, for the first time, the schools will have a male principal, J. C. F. Harrington of Decatur, Ill., has been chosen for the position. He is a graduate of the Iowa State University and has been, for several years, in charge of government schools at La Paz and Oruro, Bolivia, South America.

Miss Anne Markel will retain her position in the High School. The name of the second teacher as yet is unknown by the Board.

In the Grammar School Miss Nona Richardson and Miss Florence Young are back. Miss Katherine Haskins of Ashland, Ore., and Miss Ida M. Anderson of Gridley, Iowa, are the new additions to the teaching force.

Mrs. Glenn H. Slack will have charge of the Arnold School and Miss Angeline Young will teach the new school in District 73, east of Bend.

### JOHN STEIDL IS BLACKMAILED

Letter Demands Money Payment and Secrecy on Pain of Death, Alleging Misrepresentation in Locating—May be Joke.

On August 9th John Steidl, of Bend, received a letter threatening his life and that of his family unless the sum of \$650 was paid to the blackmailers. A picturesque feature of the hold-up scheme, which smacks somewhat of the dime novel, is the demand that the money be put in a can and buried beside a certain telephone pole near Mr. Steidl's residence.

The alleged reason for the blackmailing is that Steidl located the writers upon worthless land in the "High Desert" country. Evidently this is an attempt to turn possible suspicion from the perpetrators of the letter, for Mr. Steidl says that he is on excellent terms with the ten men he has located in the country referred to, whose names he has recited as well as the amounts paid by them to him, the total of these location fees being considerable less than the amount demanded.

While there is some possibility that the writer of the letter really thinks he can bluff Steidl out of the cash by threatening to "blow his family to hell", as well as make him keep the matter quiet by similar threats, Steidl and his friends are inclined to treat the matter as a "raw" practical joke.

Steidl has buried the can, as ordered. But instead of putting the \$650 in it he inclosed some lava rock and a note requesting the blackmailers to call in person for their money. The invitation as yet has not been accepted, nor has the can been disturbed. Both the Sheriff and the postal authorities have had the facts of the case placed before them. As yet no clue to the letter's authorship has been run down.

Below is a verbatim copy of the epistle.

Bend, Or., July 31, 1910.

Mr. John Steidl:  
I and my brother and two other relations have come to a agreement to make you pay us back a little money that you robbed from us by locating us up there on de hay desert and mis-represented it to us and told us that it would raise and it won't a dange thing and yare node it wouldnt—all you wanted was to rob our hard earned cash. We are men with a family and sold our good homes and came here and now we are broke if you will just pay the 4 of us \$600.50 six hundred and fifty dials we will it square this money must be put in a can and buried the 4th telephone pole starting from your house on the laidlaw road and in gold coin coin on the north side of the pole and buried 2 inches under the soil and if you will give (?) or any thing or let this letter out for 12 months we will blow your head off if this moneys isn't there ritc away we will blow your house and

family to hell, because this is to much to stand, and dont you go there to look for 12 months either Yours truly,  
JOHN STEIDL,  
Bend, Ore.

And be sure you dont let this be known.

### HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Woman Under Ball Gets Out of Town Yesterday.

Despite his angelic name, one Angel Christo, an Italian, came to grief on Sunday evening. According to the story told by Christo he was in a room over F. C. Rowlee's bowling alley on Wall street drinking a bottle of beer supplied him by a woman there. When he said he had no money, says Christo, the woman took his purse and fished out the required change, and also, according to the Italian, \$25 in bills. The woman then told Christo to "get," which he did only with the assistance of George Hobbs, who was passing and ejected, at the woman's request, the Italian, who spoke no English and could not make understood his story of the alleged robbery.

Christo then got T. E. Duffy, Asst. District Attorney, who happened to be in town. Duffy appointed C. M. Davis constable to serve a warrant. Davis arrested the woman, and a trial was held before Justice of the Peace W. N. Orcutt. The woman, who gave her name as Mrs. J. Dohnau, was bound over to the grand jury under \$200 cash bail, charged with larceny from the person.

Late Monday night the woman left town in company with Messrs. Morrissey and Ward, the prize-fighters, says L. L. Fox. The men procured a team from Wenandy's barn, saying they were going to Laidlaw, and the woman's trunks were loaded on Freighter Patti's wagons. Tuesday evening Wenandy's team was returned by a man named Adams, who brought them from Redmond. Telephoning to the Redmond police developed the fact that no trace could be found of either the woman or her companions.

It is understood the \$200 bail was furnished Monday by a number of individuals, each contributing small amounts.

### Smith's Store is a Hummer.

It is doubtful if in any town several times the size of Bend there is a better equipped or more attractive men's furnishing store than that of the R. M. Smith Clothing Company. The big new shipment of men's and boys' clothing, just received, would be a credit to any city establishment.

### Announcement.

There will be a meeting of the subscribers to the Commercial Club at the K. P. Hall on Thursday, September 8th.

## FOR OREGON CAR

### EXHIBITS GO FROM BEND

Over 100 Samples of Deschutes Valley Products from This Section are Sent to Great Northern for Publicity Work.

On Sunday morning over 100 agricultural exhibits collected from the ranches in the country surrounding Bend, were shipped to Portland, to be used by the Great Northern railroad in its "Oregon Car" and other publicity work.

These included samples of practically all the grains and grasses, in sheaf, as well as a goodly representation of root crops. As it proved a little too early to get threshed grain and the best in potatoes, a full line of these will be collected and sent in later. Powell Buttes was well represented; the lands of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. contributed many valuable specimens, the Tuma lo country sent samples and a particularly large and fine lot of exhibits came from the Columbia Southern lands near Laidlaw, these having been assembled by Fred Wallace.

All the exhibits were wrapped and packed Saturday, by a large group of enthusiastic volunteers, after a series of photographs had been taken. Among those who contributed much time to the work may be named, A. A. Dickey, C. L. Hotaling, J. N. Hunter, Eimer Merrill, C. D. Brown, J. Goodfellow, Earl Houston and Messrs. Sutherland & McIntosh, who made the packing cases early Sunday morning, making possible shipment of the exhibits with freighter Armond Shearer who was leaving for Shaniko.

Among the many excellent samples sent were six Silver King onions from Guy Sear's ranch, the six weighing 8 lbs. and 4 ozs. Some beautiful specimens of highly finished juniper as well as several fine specimens of yellow pine lumber prepared by the Development Co. were among the exhibits.

Samples raised by the following ranchers were sent, in many instances a considerable number of exhibits coming from one place:

Ray Wilkinson, L. D. West, E. A. Bussett, G. W. Wilmer & Sons, J. H. Backhotz, J. Oneil, Ralph Caldwell, D. I. & P. Co., C. Sykes, R. T. Johnson, J. L. Gibson, Gray Seers, George Gates, Joe Elliott, Millard Triplett, A. McCall.

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