

THE BEND BULLETIN.

AUDIT SHOWS CONDITION OF CITY RECORDS

SYSTEM IS OUTGROWN SAYS EXPERT

GREATER CARE URGED

Expenditures for Period of More Than Year Exceed Income by \$2430.72 — Large Amount of Liens Outstanding.

Detailed recommendations for the handling of municipal accounting, pointing out the inadequacy of the old system used, are contained in the audit of the city's books just completed by representatives of Arch J. Tourtelotte, certified public accountant, of Portland.

"The city of Bend has reached a stage in its development where old methods fail accurately to record the financial status of the city," Mr. Tourtelotte says in his letter of transmittal, adding that it was impossible to base the report on the records inasmuch as they failed to reflect with any degree of accuracy the financial condition of the city at the end of 1919.

"Greater care should be exercised in review of the accounts payable before issuing warrants," it is pointed out, while it is further urged that paid registered warrants should be checked with the warrant register each month, and a statement of outstanding warrants filed. It is also suggested that budget expenditures should be entered each month to a budget register, and should show comparatively the expenditures of each department to the estimated budget allowance. Finally it is recommended that the accounting work be centralized in one office, and that "a modern, business-like system of accounting, filing, and safeguarding the city records, be installed."

A feature of the report is the enumeration of outstanding liens. These are given as aggregating \$3753.04.

Expenditures Large.

In comments on audit exhibits contained in the report, the auditor shows an excess of expenditures over income for the period from January 1, 1919, to March 1, 1920, of \$2430.72. The statement of bonded indebtedness shows that an apparent deficit exists in the interest and sinking funds. This not an actual deficit, as is shown by the due dates on the bonds, but it is strongly urged by the auditor that a sinking fund be accumulated to provide for the retiring of city paper. This might be handled by adding to the annual tax levy, it is suggested.

Bend's assets, the report sets forth, amount to \$184,432.65, with liabilities, including \$27,164.64 in unpaid warrants, \$26,385.01 in notes payable, and a bonded indebtedness of \$142,500, totalling \$186,444.87, or excess liabilities of \$2012.22. Receipts for the period from January 1, 1919, to March 1, 1920, including balance on hand on the first date, total \$93,082.50, while the total of warrants issued and cash paid in this period amounts to \$53,835.26, cash on hand and in the bank on March 1 of the present year being \$9247.24.

Deficits Shown.

Among the city's receipts for 1919 and that part of 1920 already past, fines collected in municipal court reached a total of \$1192.85, while building permit fees amounted to \$500 on buildings valued at \$279,648.55. Transfers from the various city funds amounted to \$5830. Total outstanding liens and assessments total \$3753.04.

Deficits in the sinking funds and interest funds, for the sewer, railroad, funding and fire equipment bond issues is given as \$33,695.72. The total of all cash for these funds is carried in a special interest fund instead of a separate fund for each bond issue.

LON L. FOX IS LAST TO FILE FOR PRIMARIES

SEEKS NOMINATION AS TREASURER

CANDIDATES ARE FEW

No Contests Possible at Primaries for Justice of the Peace, County Judge, Constable or for Coroner.

Registration of voters and filing of candidates in preparation for the primary elections on May 21 came to an end at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the office of County Clerk J. H. Haner. Few late filings were made, but L. L. Fox of this city created a distinct surprise in political circles when he qualified in the last minute of the last hour as a candidate for the republican nomination for county treasurer. Clyde M. McKay, republican, was the only one to have previously announced his candidacy for this office.

Among other late filings were those of E. E. Butler of the Grange Hall district for the republican nomination for county commissioner; J. Alton Thompson of Bend, for the republican nomination for school superintendent, and J. D. Davidson, for the republican nomination for county clerk. The last two offices will be contested in the primaries only, for Mrs. Gertrude White of Terrebonne, republican, is the only other aspirant for the superintendency, while J. H. Haner, republican, incumbent, is the only candidate who had already filed for the clerkship. For the county commissioner, John A. Marsh of Terrebonne and Charles Carroll of Bend will contest the nomination with Mr. Butler, while M. W. Kniekerbocker of the Cloverdale district is the only democratic candidate.

Offices Uncontested.

For the position of sheriff, S. E. Roberts, who has held the office since the organization of the county, is the only republican candidate, while R. H. Fox and George W. Stokoe, both of Bend, will contest for a place on the democratic ticket. E. D. Gibson appears as the only candidate for justice of the peace in Bend. He is registered republican. J. A. Eastes, democrat, and R. W. Sawyer, republican, are candidates for county judge, and C. P. Niswonger, republican, alone aspires to nomination and election as coroner. L. A. W. Nixon, republican, and Frank Kulp, democrat, are out for the office of constable.

Precinct committeemen, all republicans, who have filed, are: Joe Howard, Jr., of Lower Bridge, M. C. Conlon of Tetherow, F. S. Stanley of Deschutes and M. A. Lynch of Redmond.

PAYS \$25 FOR FISHING.

Arrested Sunday by Game Warden McDonald, S. A. Dunn pleaded guilty in justice court Monday to the charge of fishing without a license, and was fined \$25 by Justice of the Peace J. A. Eastes.

Boy Scout Week To Be Observed Late Next Month

Boy Scout week in Bend will be May 23 to May 30, it was announced Tuesday by Mayor J. A. Eastes who has been named as chairman in charge of arrangements for the boys' big week. He has named Fire Chief Tom Carlon as vice-chairman, and preparations will soon be started for a scout camp within the city limits. This will probably be either on the vacant ground near the gymnasium, or on the park site near the river, and an effort will be made to secure enough tents so that the entire force of scouts can take an active part in camp affairs.

STATE GRANGE TO MEET HERE

BUSINESS MEN WILL ASSIST FARMERS

Bishop Paddock Deplores Selfishness in Commercial Club Address—Four L. Men Announces Visit of Chief.

When the convention of the state grange comes to Bend on June 1, the Bend Commercial club will have charge of the entertainment of some 500 delegates who are expected to be in attendance. It was decided Wednesday, when the club held its weekly meeting at the Pilot Butte Inn. E. E. Butler, whose efforts were largely instrumental in getting the convention for Bend, brought up the matter, explaining that one of the chief aims in bringing the convention here is to acquaint farmers from other parts of the state with irrigation needs in Central Oregon. The appointment of a committee to take care of the entertainment of the visitors was authorized.

In the absence of D. G. McPherson, Mayor J. A. Eastes presided at the meeting, introducing Bishop Robert L. Paddock of the Episcopal church as the first speaker. Bishop Paddock declared that in all his extensive travels he had never found a more beautiful place than Bend, but declared that the city will lose out unless a different viewpoint is taken by its citizens.

Selfishness Deplored.

"The world is in a desperate plight," he said. "I do not say this to scare you, but I do want to point out that nothing can save Bend and the rest of the world except a spiritual growth. You have no poverty here, so you are getting selfish. Overseas I saw soldiers who were ready to sacrifice everything. They came back and found selfishness ready to overthrow every one of their ideals. Your town and your nation must perish unless you can catch the spirit of self-sacrifice."

W. D. Smith, organizer for the Four L's, sketched the development of the organization and mentioned that, of \$24 cases which had come up since the loggers and lumbermen had joined forces on a peace time basis, all but two had been settled practically as soon as they were brought to notice, while the remaining two were taken care of without difficulty. Within the next 24 hours, Mr. Smith said, an announcement will be made of a joint debate which he will hold with Harry Call, secretary of the local timberworkers' union.

He stated that on May 29, Norman F. Coleman, president of the Four L's, will be in Bend, and will speak at the Emblem club on the subject, "Lincoln and Labor."

MICKIE SAYS

SAY, YA GOTTA FRIEND WHO USTA LIVE HERE, AINT YA? AN' YA DONT WRITE 'T THAT FRIEND AS OFTEN AS YOU SHOULD, DO YA? THEN WHAT YA OUGHTA DO IS TO COME IN 'N ORDER 'T O' HOME TOWN PAPER SENT TO 'EM REG'LAR. THAT WILL SURE PLEASE 'EM



BEND BOOSTER DAY ATTRACTS STORES FILLED WITH BARGAIN HUNTERS

Enemies of High Cost of Living Recognize Opportunities for Buying, and Record Business Is Done.

From all parts of Deschutes county, and even from Crook, Jefferson, and Lake came bargain seekers Saturday to take advantage of the opportunity afforded them to make money-saving purchases in Bend stores. It was Bend's first monthly Booster Day, put on by the Merchants Association, and the results, to put it mildly, were eminently satisfactory, both to the members of the association and their patrons.

Each of 28 stores placed some one article or class of articles on sale at a discount eliminating profit to the seller and the bargains offered brought crowds far in excess of the usual number of Saturday purchasers.

A few merchants failed to anticipate the tremendous demand and at one or two stores the supply of bargain commodities had been nearly exhausted by 2 o'clock. Buyers were interested, however, not only in the article which had been marked down, but purchased heavily of other goods, recognizing the excellent quality of the stocks handled by the Bend merchants.

"It's a flying start," one merchant remarked, "and it will be even better next month."

He expressed the general opinion of local retailers.

O. A. C. EXPERT TO SPEAK HERE SOON

Subjects of Importance to Potato Growers to Be Developed by Prof. George Hyslop.

On the urgent request of Deschutes county farmers following the meeting of community leaders here last week, Prof. George Hyslop, of the Oregon Agricultural college will speak in Bend on the afternoon of May 8, and in Redmond on the evening of the same date, on subjects of interest to potato growers.

Seed treatment, cutting seed, seed certification, varieties, planting, fertilization, hill selection, storage, and cultivation, will be the topics developed by the O. A. C. expert.

SUNFLOWER SEED NOW AVAILABLE

Three Tons, Sufficient for 600 Acres, Secured to Add to Silage Crop.

Some three tons of sunflower seed has been secured for the ranchers in Deschutes county, it was learned today. This amount will be sufficient for planting 600 acres, and on the basis of crops raised in this section last year should mean a yield of approximately 9000 tons, of a value of \$90,000. Ninety additional silos would be needed to handle this.

WHY THE COUNTY FAIR SHOULD BE IN BEND? REASON NO. 5

The heavy attendance that would attend a fair in Bend that could not go elsewhere on account of conveyances and perhaps their working hours.

GUN IS FIRED WHEN SOLDIER TRIPS ON WIRE

22 CALIBER BULLET CAUSES DEATH

CHILD FINDS BODY

Walter Weber, Formerly of 13th Infantry, Was Brother of La Pine Principal — Parents Reside in Gresham.

Walter Weber, ex-soldier and millwright at the Brooks-Scanlon mill, met his death two miles south of Bend early Monday afternoon while rabbit hunting, when the .22 caliber automatic rifle he carried was discharged as he tripped while going through a barbed wire fence. The bullet entered his right temple, passing out through the left eye, death apparently resulting from hemorrhage.

The body was found by 5-year-old Floyd Creson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Creson, who ran home, greatly frightened, shortly before 4 o'clock in the afternoon to tell his parents. A brother, Victor, remained by the body, while Richard Herold and Clarence Monical, employees of the Bend Water, Light & Power company, were sent in to notify the authorities. Sheriff S. E. Roberts, Chief of Police L. A. W. Nixon, County Physician R. W. Hendershott and others motored to the scene of the tragedy. Coroner C. P. Niswonger arriving a short time after. Death was so plainly the result of accident that no inquest was deemed necessary.

Accident Certain.

The right cuff of the corduroy khaki trousers worn by the young man was pulled down and had apparently caught on the lower strand of the wire as he passed through, being released as he rolled half over on his back after the firing of the fatal shot. The fact that his right thumb, instead of his forefinger exerted the pressure on the trigger necessary to release the firing pin is also considered as highly important in proving the theory of accidental death.

Was in 13th Infantry.

Weber had been troubled with a lame back for several days, his friend said, and at 11 o'clock yesterday morning had called at the Chase home, asking for his rifle and stating that he was going rabbit shooting. He was in excellent spirits, but said that he did not intend going back to work until he was entirely recovered. As far as is known, it is the last time he was seen alive by an acquaintance. Because of the distance to the Chase home in the mill district to the point where Weber met his death, the rough ground to be traversed, and from the fact that he had not entirely recovered from his lameness, it is supposed that the accident must have taken place shortly after noon.

Walter Weber had been a resident of Bend for the past five months. He was the brother of F. W. Weber, principal of the La Pine school, and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Weber of Gresham. During the war he was a member of headquarters company, 13th infantry, entering the service at Camp Lewis and embarking for overseas duty at Camp Merritt, only to be recalled a few hours later by the signing of the armistice.

MANY CARRIERS IN BIG FLIGHT

The biggest flight of carrier pigeons ever started from Bend was commenced Sunday morning when at 5:50 o'clock H. E. Brown, Agent for the American Express Co., loosed 65 homers in front of his office on Minnesota. The birds had arrived in Bend only the night before, and are the property of W. D. Sanford, pigeon fancier of Spokane.

RAISIN BRANDY AND STILL ARE TAKEN IN RAID

TWO BEND MEN FACE LIQUOR CHARGE

COMBAT GIVES CLUE

Liquid Contraband Found in Loop Apartments and Rains Made at McCormick's Home in Larch Addition.

The biggest liquor haul in Deschutes county since the ratification of the prohibition amendment was made on Tuesday when Chief of Police L. A. W. Nixon and Night Officer Swift collected one small still, approximately 20 gallons of raisin brandy and a quantity of raisin mash, together with a keg, apparently recently emptied of spirituous liquor, and several dozen bottles. Previous to the seizure of liquid contraband, John McCormick, S. P. & S. locomotive engineer; Harvey Martin and R. H. Loop, all of this city, were taken into custody, McCormick and Loop being charged with violation of the prohibition law and Martin with violation of the disorderly conduct ordinance.

Still Is Seized

A combat, in which the three defendants took part below the Loop apartments on Greenwood avenue, early yesterday evening, called the attention of A. E. Saye, acting officer, and, shortly after, Night Officer Swift appeared on the scene and arrested Loop. In the course of the melee McCormick is said to have badly damaged one of Martin's fingers with his teeth, while McCormick sustained two darkened optics. A few minutes after Loop's arrest, Chief Nixon arrived, arresting the two remaining combatants.

An immediate search of Loop's rooms in the apartments was made, Chief Nixon reporting the finding of a 20-gallon keg of raisin brandy and a quantity of bottles. In McCormick's house, owned by Loop, on Division and Lake Place, in Larch addition, a still of from three to four gallons' capacity, a quantity of raisin, soaking in water, and an empty barrel giving forth the scent of the raisin liquor were taken, the officers said.

ONE DOLLAR GIVEN BY JURY

NOMINAL DAMAGES ALLOWED MR. AND MRS. J. L. PARBERRY IN SQUAW CREEK DISTRICT LITIGATION.

Another dollar verdict, the second to be given by a circuit court jury this term, was awarded this morning when Dennis Hunt of Sisters, sole remaining defendant in the suit originally brought against the Squaw Creek Irrigation district, George Cyrus, Gus Stadig, J. E. Aldrich and Mr. Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. Parberry for \$1260 for damages alleged due for loss of crop last year because of insufficient water for irrigation. Unlawful diversion was alleged in the complaint. At the close of the testimony for the plaintiff, attorneys for the defense, De Armond & Erskine and N. G. Wallace, had asked for a non-suit, this being granted for all except Deputy Water Master Hunt.

Testimony was given for the defense to show that a water shortage of from 25 to 30 per cent existed in Squaw creek last year, and that the deputy water master had endeavored to distribute what was available fairly and with no favor to any individual. W. P. Myers represented the plaintiffs in the suit.