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TREASURER JOHNSON RENDERS STATEMENT

Interesting Report as to City's
Standing in the Matter
of Finances.

At the last meeting of the city council City Treasurer Col. W. Johnson made a report, covering the period from September 1, back one year and among other interesting items in his report, were the following: Received for liquor licenses, \$3900; fines in police court, \$350.50; taxes (6 mills) \$59,867.53; circuses and shows, \$70; from special fund \$251.23; from sewer fund, \$5340.96; merry-go-round, \$90; and other sources, making the total come to \$20,376.18. During that time he paid out \$14,061.43 for warrants outstanding; interest on same, \$2229.83, leaving a balance of cash on hand, September 11, 1907, of \$4,084.92. Other funds were reported as follows: Main sewer—bal on hand, \$5273.36; sewer assessment, \$120.40; tax (3 1/2 mills) \$3492.26, while \$5340.96 has been transferred to the general fund and \$2000 to the sinking fund, and \$732.64 was paid out as interest on bonds, leaving a balance on hand of \$8112.47. Road Fund—Bal on hand, \$1935.53, received for road tax \$216; hauling cement, \$43 and paid out: warrants, \$154.12, leaving a balance on hand \$653.41. Special Fund—Bal on hand \$251.23, which was transferred to the general fund. Sinking Fund—\$19,000 issue on hand, \$1000, transferred from Main Sewer Fund, \$1000, leaving on hand, \$2000. Sinking Fund—\$6000 issue, transferred from Main Sewer Fund, \$1000 paid for bonds No. 11 and 12, \$500 each, \$1000. The outstanding warrants foot up \$40,318.37, with interest estimated at \$3000, making total warrant debt, September 1, 1907 as \$43,318.37, while the outstanding \$19,000 issue of bond \$19,000 and \$6000 issue \$4000, making the total outstanding bonds against the city at \$23,000.

Other matters coming before the council were as follows:

An order was made for the constructing of a new granite sidewalk on the south side of L street, between 8th and 10th streets.

A petition by H. C. Ackerman et al for a lateral sewer, connecting with the main sewer on 5th street and running into the alley of block 83, O. T. S. was presented and the work was ordered done.

An ordinance, fixing the rates for the water works was read for the second time and was referred to the Judiciary Committee. No rates were named, but these will be inserted and acted upon at the next meeting.

The petition of T. W. Schallhorn et al for a lateral sewer, tapping the Pine street main sewer at the junction of the alley and extending up said alley 125 feet, was referred to the Sewer Committee.

In accordance with the petition of Joseph Moss et al a new granite sidewalk, beginning at the corner of L and 10th streets, on the south side and running to corner of L and 8th streets was ordered built.

A request was made by Messrs. Williamson and Mason, who are opening a new addition, facing the new factory, requesting the council to have the Southern Pacific to open up at least one more waterway under their tracks, to carry off high water.

City Recorder Clements was instructed to proceed and compile the various city ordinances and then have the same properly printed for future use.

Friday evening R. B. Baber of this city received the sad intelligence that his brother, W. H. Baber had died suddenly at his home in Junction City. Deceased was a native of Niles, Mich., and came across the plains, locating at Jefferson, November 25, 1852, later removing to Junction City where he has resided ever since. He has been prominent in the making of Oregon history and was highly respected. He was one of the pioneer merchants of the Willamette valley. He leaves a widow, three sons, two daughters, two brothers and one sister. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. for 30 years, also of the Masons. His old friend, Rev. W. R. Bishop of Portland, who was with him his last day on this earth, preached his funeral at Junction City Sunday, where the remains were interred in the L. O. O. F. cemetery.

FINE ART EXHIBIT IS BROUGHT TO THIS CITY

Famous Kiser Views Displayed
And Greatly Enjoyed by
Lovers of Art.

A few days ago Henry B. Corliss exhibited the Kiser views in Grants Pass in the Hall Art store. The entire wall space was covered with this famous collection, green burlap being used for a background to give the pictures an artistic setting.

But the views themselves were each and all works of art, well worth the close and careful inspection that was given them by the numbers who took advantage of this exhibit. Not only were the scenes shown in the usual black and white of the photograph, but they were further enhanced by water color artists so that they appeared in their natural colors.

Mr. Corliss stated that Mr. Kiser had made photographic art his life work and that this collection represents eight years of work, as well as an expense of \$40,000. The views all were taken in Oregon and Washington and are very diversified, showing all phases of landscapes from the placid lake scenes to rippling waterfalls and tumbling cataracts, with an occasional marine view, also sunrise and sunset views with their beautiful colorings and cloud effects are excellently depicted in their natural colorings and not the least bit overdrawn.

One of the most wonderful of the scenes is that taken from Mt. Jefferson in which can be seen five snow capped peaks, Hood, Adams, St. Helens, Rainier, and Baker, the latter being distant 400 miles from the camera. Mr. Kiser states that the atmosphere was very clear when this negative was taken. The collection includes scenes from Columbia River points, Oregon coast, Lake Chelan, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Baker, Mt. Jefferson and the Crater Lake region, these showing nature in her wildest moods, while a few views from the city parks in Portland bring us back to civilization. Mr. Corliss is exhibiting this collection throughout Oregon and Washington, before taking it east, where it cannot help but impress all those who see it, not only with the beauties of nature in this far northwest, but of the wonderful artistic talent of its creator, Fred H. Kiser.

Mr. Kiser is considered among the foremost photographic artists of the world, and many critics as well as world traveled tourist, have pronounced this collection the finest they have ever seen.

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICIALS

Interesting Statement Showing
Condition of Affairs in These
Public Offices.

Cherk Cheshire's Showing.

Showing the amount of claims allowed by the County Court of Josephine County, Ore., for what allowed, the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid from the first day of April 1907, to the first day of October, 1907. Warrants outstanding April 1, 1907, \$109,243 50
Warrants issued from April 1, 1907 to Oct 1, 1907:
County court and com per diem and mileage 674 20
Circuit court, jurors, wit, bailiff etc. 684 55
Justice courts, jurors, wit, constable and justice fees. 897 65
Sheriff's Office, Sheriff and Deputy 1,402 66
Clerk's Office, clerk and deputy 1,299 96
Treasurer's Office, salary Coroner's Office, Coroner's fees, jurors, witness etc 84 30
School Supt's office, sal, assistants, etc. 391 50
Stock Inspector, fees 5 60
Assessor's office, assessor and deputies 1,061 26
Assessment and collection of taxes 225 00
Tax rebates 40 34
Current expenses, printing, books, postage, etc. all offices 1,246 14
Crt house, janitor, water, light, repairs, fuel etc 1,415 28
Jail, Board of prisoners, med attendance, sup. 698 90
Care of poor, county physician, hospital charges, board, etc. 2,842 26
Indigent soldiers 60 00
Insane, exam and exp. 105 00
Election, registration 10 60
Roads and highways, labor, supervisor, etc. 11,046 70
Juvenile court, commitment and conveyance 36 55
Josephine County 1907 fair, appropriation 500 00
County Board of health, sal of sec'y, etc. 93 00
Estimated accrued interest 9,000 00
Total \$142,864 35

CONTRA
Warrants cancelled from Apr 1, 1907 to Oct 1, 1907 \$ 23,483 88
Cash in hands of treasurer to apply on warrants 4,744 68
Taxes unpaid 1906 roll 10,900 91
Amt due county from tax sale 2,696 79
Net liabilities 101,088 59
Total \$142,864 35

State of Oregon
County of Josephine } ss
I, S. F. Cheshire, County clerk of the County of Josephine, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the number and amount of claims allowed by the county court of said county for the six months ending October 1, 1907 on what account the same are allowed and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, as the same appears upon the records in my office and in my official custody.
Witness my hand and official seal this 19th day of October A. D. 1907.
(SEAL) S. F. CHESHIRE,
Clerk.

The County's Finances.
GENERAL FUND
To bal from last report \$ 5,245 50
Amt Co clerk fees 1,066 80
State and county tax 44,493 27
Poll tax 254 50
Warrants on taxes 814 60
Fines 133 50
Liquor License 1,200 00
Sale cemetery lots 31 60
Total 51,845 47
CONTRA
By amount transferred to school fund 2,988 80
State Tax 9,225 00
Cancelled Warrants 18,851 78
Interest on same 3,815 29
Bal on hand 17,864 60
Total \$51,845 47

SCHOOL AND OTHER FUNDS.
To bal from last report 867 98
Transferred to Co school fund 2,988 80
From State school fund 4,476 07
Institute fund 38 60
City tax 9,800 48
For road district 5,196 72
For school district 12,251 44
Total \$34,699 44

CONTRA
To amt paid Co school orders 2,074 10
Amt pd State school orders 1,993 99
City treasurer 9,800 48
School dist, special tax 9,800 10
Road dist 5,094 16
Bal on hand 5,860 25
Total \$34,699 44

I, J. T. Taylor do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amounts received, paid out and remaining on hand in the treasury of said county for the six months ending Sept 30th, 1907. Witness my hand this 21st day of October, A. D. 1907.
J. T. TAYLOR,
Treasurer Josephine Co

FARMERS PROPOSE TO ERADICATE ALL GRAFT

They Are Organizing Granges
all Over Oregon for This and
Other Good Purposes.

The Grange movement is reaching Southern Oregon and Hon. Jacob Voorhies, the state deputy has been getting the farmers for Josephine county in line, in good shape, during the past week or so.

On October 9th, he perfected the organization of the Illinois Valley Grange, with an enrollment of 29 members. Officers were chosen as follows: W. L. Babcock, W. M.; M. Kohler, W. O.; Mrs. M. E. Leonard, W. L.; Mrs. Mary Babcock, W. S.; Robert George, W. A. S.; W. H. Gerner, W. C.; Jno. W. Husse, W. Treas.; R. P. George, W. Sec.; J. E. Howard, G. K.; Miss Elsie R. Kohler, Pomona; Miss Ada Hart, Flora; Miss Edith Holland, Ceres and Mrs. Hattie E. Miller, L. A. S. The meeting was held in the Sucker Creek school house, with a large attendance and much interest was manifested in the proposition.

The next day, October 10, he met the people of the Selma neighborhood, at the Central school building when Deer Creek Grange No. 47, with 47 members was organized. The officers selected were: A. T. Shoeman, W. M.; G. W. Walton, W. O.; Ed. F. Hathaway, W. L.; Mrs. J. R. Clark, W. S.; Mrs. Minnie J. Wimer, W. A. S.; J. R. Clark, W. C.; Jacob Hanseth, W. Treas.; M. F. Crooks, W. Sec.; Jno. W. Biard, G. K.; Mrs. Lottie Tolin, Pomona; Miss Myrtle Tuttle, Flora; Miss Phrona Sauer, Ceres; Mrs. Etta Shoemaker L. A. S.

At Wilderville the assembly was held in the Methodist church and 59 members signed the rolls. Officers were chosen as follows: Chas. Smith, W. M.; Jas. T. McCann, W. O.; Miss Emma Hocking, W. L.; J. M. Hoxie, W. S.; G. L. Robinson, W. A. S.; Schubael E. Robinson, W. C.; O. F. Lovelace, W. Treas.; E. A. Hampton, W. Sec.; C. L. Woolf, G. K.; Miss Anna George, Pomona; Miss Maude Hampton, Flora; Miss Minnie Neathann, Ceres; Miss Bessie Robinson, L. A. S. Deputy Voorhies informed the Courier that the meeting with no opposition, whatever, but, on the contrary, the people seemed anxious to take hold of the matter. He explained that there were, primarily speaking, three objects for which the order stands. First and foremost, it strives to promote greater sociability among its members, then it is a strong advocate of educating the people and lastly it favors the co-operation of its membership. He remarked that the members are taking a lively interest in securing good, wholesome legislation, but that partisan politics and sectarian religions are tabooed, as these things would disrupt any such organization. The order proposes to do all in its power to eradicate all forms of graft in public places. It desires to equalize the tax burden and to this end it labors to keep down the expenses in public offices. It also uses every effort to get its members to keep out of debt and its motto is: "Pay as we go." Mr. Voorhies firmly believes that it is to the interests of the business men throughout the state to encourage the formation of Granges, for when its ideas are carried out, it will make better customers for the dealers and these patrons will not be asking credit, but they will buy more goods and pay more as they go.

This week he is organizing in Jackson county, but soon he will return to start Granges at Missouri Flat, Williams Creek and perhaps west of Grants Pass, near the Dimmick school house.

GRANTS PASS CANNERY INCREASES CAPACITY

Surprising Growth of New Industry Requires Much More
Floor Space.

Out at the big Grants Pass Cannery things are progressing nicely and lots of good work is done. Now it is found that the present quarters are wholly inadequate for conducting the business in a satisfactory manner and another addition is already being built to the plant.

The department heretofore used for the making of cider as been vacated and in its place will but up a neat addition to the structure, while other quarters will be provided for the making of the cider. The new addition will be 36x40 feet in size and will for the present be used for a store room. It will be two-story and well equipped for being of much use. The entire building is being fitted with porches and thus made much neater and pleasanter for the workers.

Just now a large quantity of tomatoes, pumpkins and squash is being canned and much nice jelly is also being put up. There is quite a brisk demand for these things from all over the west and the cannery management is sending off shipments right along to various points on the coast.

The valuable services of J. G. Webber of San Francisco have been secured to conduct the canning department. He was for some time connected with the Alaska Packers Association, where he was regarded as a valuable man and Manager Sampson is to be congratulated upon being able to induce him to stop and have charge of this important branch of the work.

Soon the manufacturing of Sampson's Spray will commence in earnest and already there have been a number of large orders booked for this popular production. Manager Sampson made a little trip through Douglas county, the other day and succeeded in selling four cars of the output in short order, with others to follow. He finds that the fruit growers are well informed as to the value of the spray and in many cases he did not even have to explain its good properties, the farmer telling him that he knew all about it and that he would take some of the spray just as soon as he could get it. One of the leading stores of Roseburg will be the distributor for that section and the demand is already very good. And this is but a starter.

Mr. Sampson proposes to see that the spray is used all over the state. He is making large plans for turning out lots of the product and hopes to be able to supply all the demand right from the start.

Celery at Pardee's. 10-18 11

HOW OTHER CITIES OWN THEIR WATERWORKS

Some Interesting Reports from
Municipalities Regarding this
Most Important Matter

Eugene is in the midst of a municipal waterworks campaign. That thriving city has several times voted upon the matter and in one or two instances the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the idea, but for some unaccountable reason it was not carried out. Now the advocates of the measure seem to be in downright earnest and they won by putting up a strong fight.

Mayor Matlock of that city has within the past week or two sent to various cities in the Pacific Northwest where there are in operation municipal water plants a series of questions in regard to the cost of building the plants, the net income, etc. So far figures from Cottage Grove, Corvallis, Pendleton, Oregon City, Portland and Walla Walla have been received and in each instance the plant is a financial success and the rates for water to the consumer are much lower than in those cities where the plants are owned by private concerns.

Pendleton has a pumping plant which was built in 1878. The net profit to the city from the plant in 1906 was \$4919.36.

Cottage Grove's gravity system has been in operation for 15 years and the city has a surplus water fund of \$5000 from its operation.

There is a gravity system at Corvallis and the net income is \$6250. The city recently purchased the pumping system which had been in operation there in addition to the city system.

Oregon City has a pumping system and uses filters. The gross income there is \$1100 a month and the expenses of operating the plant are less than \$500 per month. The rates for water there are said to be lower than in any city of the state.

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