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## COUNCIL FINDS COST OF RUNNING CITY IS REDUCED

Report of Recorder for Eight Months Shows Reductions in All Departments—Some Savings Very Material.

The report of H. E. Walker, recorder, for the eight months, from November 1, 1914, to June 30, 1915, read at the regular meeting of the city council on Monday evening, proved of special interest to the councilmen present, for it showed a very marked decrease in the cost of administering town affairs over the same period of last year. The report is printed in detail elsewhere in this paper.

The matter of street repairs was considered somewhat at length, and it was decided to have the old street sprinkler made over into an oiler, so that the dust may be laid on the main roads running into town.

Acting Mayor Fischer also suggested that some rock should be spread on Second street from Main to the river bridge.

The bond of Bruce Lansbery, who has the contract for the grading and macadamizing of G street from Eighth to Tenth was approved.

The recorder reported that a Mr. Foster had fenced his property near the city rock crusher, and that it is now impossible for the teams to drive around directly to the rock bins, but they must be backed in. No action was taken.

Recorder Walker was given a leave of absence for two weeks in August.

The council adjourned until Monday, July 26.

## SAYS FLAX CAN BE MADE MONEY MAKER IN LANE

Lane county and the Willamette valley will grow better flax, both for seed and fiber than is grown in Belgium, in the opinion of Emil J. Hansett, Belgian flax expert, of Salem, who recently made an examination of the soil in various localities around Eugene as to its availability for growing flax.

"There is better land for growing flax, both for seed and fibre here in the Willamette valley than in Belgium," he stated. "We have nothing as good in Belgium as some that I have seen here. If properly planted and cared for land like this should produce from 2 1/2 to 3 tons of fibre-straw to the acre, or of the seed variety 1 ton of straw and 15 or more bushels of flaxseed. The latter would produce a net profit of about \$30 to the acre for both the straw and seed. The fibre-straw is worth about \$15 a ton as it comes from the field; it requires, on the average, about 8 tons of the straw to make one ton of fibre, at a cost of \$80 to \$90, which sells for \$200 to \$400 or more per ton, according to the quality. No crop on earth will rot so quickly and as thoroughly as will flax, and new heavy land is the best, generally speaking, for its growth. Flax land in Belgium is worth \$400 to \$500 an acre, and the cost of raising flax there is about \$80 to \$100 an acre, while here

## LIBERTY BELL PLATE TREASURED 40 YEARS

The visit of the Liberty Bell to Oregon reminded Mrs. Chas. Dority of a treasured memento of the Centennial exposition which she has kept for nearly 40 years. It is a deep glass plate with the design of the Liberty Bell cut in the under side of the glass, together with the dates 1776-1876. The names of the 13 original states are also given.

The cost is only \$15 an acre. I am sure that flax culture in Oregon would succeed and be very profitable, but it is well to remember that, as with everything else, one should be careful in starting to start right, go slow, and learn what not to do as well as what to do."—Guard.

## HUNDREDS FROM SYRINGFIELD GO TO EUGENE TO SEE LIBERTY BELL

Hundreds of Springfield citizens will go to Eugene this afternoon to see the Liberty Bell which is to stop there for half an hour on its way to the San Francisco exposition. Some of the stores will close, and in all the staff of clerks will be reduced.

Beginning at 1:45 the P. E. & E. will maintain a 15-minute car service; with extra cars about 4 if it is found that the crowds are too large for the service planned.

Trains this morning from the upper Willamette and the Mohawk valleys brought large numbers, and as early as eight

this morning teams were driving through on their way to Eugene from the smaller places off the railroads. This evening the S. P. will hold the Oakridge train here until 6 o'clock to wait for the Wendling special that will leave Eugene immediately after the departure of the Bell.

The Booth-Kelly mill closed at 3 o'clock to give the 150 employees of the mill an opportunity to go to Eugene.

As the special train leaves Eugene it will proceed very slowly, so that persons at the different street crossings will be able to see it on its special car.

## FUND REACHES \$47.50

The Springfield Development League's fund for assisting in keeping a Lane County representative at the Panama-Pacific exposition today totaled \$47.50, according to Dr. W. H. Pollard of the soliciting committee. The League has set the task of raising \$67.50.

## WILL PREACH AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. N. Ferris of The Dalles, will occupy the pulpit at the Springfield Baptist church on Sunday, July 18. He is said to be a very able preacher, and all members of the church, and townspeople as well, are invited to attend the services.

The News for the news.

## SHRINERS' EXTRAS TO CAUSE GRAVEL TRAINS TO CEASE

Southern Pacific Co. Will Take No Chances Tomorrow Over Having Exposition Specials Delayed En Route.

On account of the large number of special trains bearing Eastern Shriners on their way to San Francisco, that will pass through Springfield Junction tomorrow, the Southern Pacific operating department has asked the Willamette-Pacific construction department not to run any gravel trains tomorrow.

The specials are spaced half an hour apart at times, and it would be with difficulty that a train could be gotten north against them. A gravel train might be able to make Eugene without delaying a special, but the company does not want to run the risk of dumping a load of gravel on the main line. A delay which ordinarily would not affect many trains, would seriously disarrange the schedules of so many extras. And, besides, the Shriners include a number of high operating officials of eastern roads, and it is a matter of professional pride on the part of the Southern Pacific to get the large number of extras over its single track line expeditiously and safely.

## REPORT OF THE RECORDER OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, SHOWING WARRANTS DRAWN FROM NOV. 1, 1914, TO JUNE 30, 1915, INCLUSIVE

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total	Same period 1913-14
Police department	141.75	130.93	112.50	110.00	125.00	110.00	110.00	153.95	994.13	2,110.85
Salaries, recorder, treas.	115.00	103.38	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	758.38	943.67
Light	219.25	219.25	218.37	194.75	201.83	202.85	202.25	202.25	1,660.80	1,921.42
Water	119.40	118.20	117.00	117.00	117.00	117.00	115.50	115.50	936.60	938.80
Engineering department	11.75	54.36	55.25		51.50	44.00	6.25	21.25	244.59	1,134.75
General expense	111.00	75.30	38.00	107.50	68.75	31.11	41.93	15.40	488.99	4,777.62
Supplies	110.15	15.98	24.55	6.50	23.70	9.85	7.10	29.65	235.59	694.19
Legal department, salary	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	400.00	574.00
Street improvement	208.53	168.15	49.85	430.96	118.43	101.77	184.64	86.79	1,367.12	1,660.42
Bridge, 2nd street	831.81	123.07							944.88	2,076.15
<b>Total warrants drawn</b>									<b>8,030.98</b>	<b>21,875.02</b>
<b>Receipts of Recorder's Office, Nov. 1, 1914, to June 30, 1915.</b>										
Sundries	181.01	181.23	80.78	597.01	117.69	309.33		.50	1,467.55	
Licenses	20.00	10.00	32.50	8.00	24.00	29.50	2.00	2.00	128.00	
Fines			22.50		22.50		23.50	1.00	69.50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>201.01</b>	<b>191.23</b>	<b>135.78</b>	<b>605.01</b>	<b>164.19</b>	<b>338.83</b>	<b>25.50</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>1,664.05</b>	

## Michigan Mint King Visits Here

A. M. Todd of Kalamazoo, Michigan, owner of one of the big farms of Michigan, and a heavy grower of mint for the drug and confectionary trade, spent the afternoon in and around Springfield Monday, inspecting the farm land, and particularly the mint farm of his brother, O. H. Todd, located a few miles north of Springfield. Mr. Todd lives in Eugene, and his brother is visiting him for a short time while on the coast.

The Michigan man was very much pleased with the farm lands of the Willamette valley, and said the mint here is doing splendidly, except that it needs more water, which will have to be supplied by irrigation. The Messrs Todd were taken about the country by John Kestly and W. L. Benham. They spent two hours inspecting the Booth-Kelly mill, which impressed the Michigan man as a wonderful institution.

Mr. Todd mows 4000 acres of mint each year, and sells vast quantities of the peppermint oil to the chewing gum manufacturers. He was a member of congress during the time of the Spanish-American war, and introduced the House resolution which gave the President power to carry on the war.

He is president of the Kalamazoo Municipal Ownership league, which has just succeeded in carrying an election to provide for a municipal electric plant. Municipal railways will be the next subject to be considered, and Mr. Todd inspected the municipal railways of San Francisco while in that city.

The latest thing to be regulated in Portland is the poster for the moving picture shows.

## APPARATUS ARRIVES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

A quantity of physical and chemical apparatus ordered some time ago by the school board for the use of students of the Springfield high school, arrived today, and will be installed in the school for use when the term opens in September. With this added equipment, the high school is rated as "standard" under the requirements of the state regulations. An encyclopedia and other supplies were included in the shipment.

## CHEESE IS PUT ON MARKET

Mr. Zwald, cheesemaker on Dr. Joseph Schafer's ranch on Camp Creek, was in Springfield this morning supplying merchants with the first of his product. Samples distributed a few weeks ago showed the cheese to be of exceptionally fine flavor.

## CURIOUS APHIS IS FOUND ON ASH TREE

A curious aphid of some sort has attacked an ash tree on D street near Fourth, and causes the leaves to curl up and exude a white, transparent, sticky substance, a good deal like the pitch of a fir tree. No one has named the animal as yet.

## LANE COUNTY ONLY ONE FREE FROM FIRE BLIGHT

Benton, Linn, Marion and Polk Have Fruit Pest

Because the county appropriated money for the purpose of fighting fruit pests, Lane is the only county in the upper and central Willamette valley that is free from fire blight, according to C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector, who was in Eugene from his home at Cottage Grove yesterday.

Inspector Stewart a short time ago discovered the blight in many places in southern Benton county and since then he has discovered it in Linn, Marion and Polk counties. In walking down the streets of Salem a few days ago he discovered an English hawthorne tree on the state capitol grounds badly infected with the blight. He also found it in several other parts of Salem.

Inspector Stewart called the attention of C. A. Parks, state horticultural commissioner, whose headquarters are in Salem, to the blight where he had found it, and the commissioner at once took steps to eradicate it before it spreads further.

A deputy inspector for the north part of Lane county, to work in the orchards near where

## All Old Soldiers Urged to Attend

A note to the News from E. A. Kreamer, secretary of the Lane County Veterans association asks that the paper announce that membership in the association is not confined to veterans of the Civil war alone, but any person who has been in the service of the United States at any time, and has an honorable discharge therefrom, is eligible.

the blight was found so thick around Monroe in Benton county, has recently been appointed by the county court and he is now busy with his duties. It is believed that the disease can be kept out of this county, although it had started to spread from the Monroe orchards and was found among a few quince trees about Junction City. These have been cut down and burned, which is the only way to get rid of the pest.

Inspector Stewart says that the Benton county authorities are now endeavoring to check the spread of the blight down that way and he thinks that if the proper measures are taken they will be successful.

"The fruit growers and the authorities down the valley have to organize before they can do effective work. They realize that the blight has obtained a good foothold and are doing all they can to check it," said Inspector Stewart. "The blight in Lane county is practically done away with but we are not going to quit. We must constantly be on the alert or it will spread to the orchards of this section."

Kendall Bros. will start work on their 30 mile timber railroad out of Roseburg soon.

San Francisco, July 15.—

What railroad officials declare to be the largest special train movement for one group of people in the history of the West will be handled over the Shasta Route of the Southern Pacific between July 15 and 21. Twenty-two specials will bring approximately five thousand Shriners, hailing from every corner of the continent, to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. The first of the Shiner trains to leave Portland, Ore., will depart for California on July 15, bearing Islam Temple of San Francisco. This special will arrive at San Francisco, July 17. The other Temples will come in trains in the following order: Medinah, Chicago; Columbus Shrine, Columbus; Al Malakal, Los Angeles; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia; Kansas City Shrine, Kansas City, Mo.; Yaarab, Atlanta; Ainad, St. Louis; Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Almas Boumi, Kismet and Mecca, New York; Aleppo, Boston; Kosair, Louisville; Acca, Richmond, Va.; Syria, Pittsburg; Wichita, Wichita, Kas.; India, Oklahoma; Orak, Hammond, Ind.; Ismailin, Buffalo; Alhambra, Nashville; Damascus, Rochester; El Jebel, Denver and Alee, Savannah.

Each Temple or Shrine, as the case may be, will have its own individual train, except the three New York Temples, which will travel together. The trains carry from 150 to 200 Shriners, each.

Another heavy train movement will materialize the week of July 20, when the Southern Pacific will bring fifteen special train parties of Elks to the California expositions.

Hill system taking over Western Pacific gains entrance to Frisco.

Coquille—City council has bought large order iron pipe from Coos Bay Iron Works.



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