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ary by the fact that the improvement bonds issued by the city bear interest payable semi-annually, while the interest which is paid by the property owners on the unpaid portion of their assessments, on account of which the bonds are issued, are required to pay interest only annually.

Small Tax Levy for Medford. "When it is remembered that the city of Ashland has levied 21 mills for city purposes for the coming year; the city of Klamath Falls, 37 mills, 5 mills for the city of Medford seems a very small provision for carrying on the running expenses of the city for the next 12 months, but with a continuance of the co-operation and harmonious working of the council and the mayor and of the earnest efforts of all to economize wherever possible, the city of Medford will be able to meet from this 5 mills all of the expenses of the city and to preserve unimpaired the high credit which the city enjoys, both at home and abroad.

Better Fire Protection. "I therefore strongly recommend that early steps be taken to prepare and enact a sufficient building ordinance, and I also recommend on this occasion that the chief of the fire department be paid a salary and that all of his time be devoted to the city. I would suggest that the work of building inspector and of looking after enforcement of the provisions of the building ordinances might be imposed upon him and in this way the salary of one man be saved.

"In view of the fact that experts employed by the city have just completed an exhaustive, detailed report of the financial condition of the city and of the receipts and disbursements of the city for the past two years and four months, which report is presented to the council at this time, I deem it unnecessary to burden this report with figures or statistics which would unnecessarily be a mere repetition of the figures given in the report of the experts.

"In conclusion, I would recommend that immediate steps be taken to build an addition to the present city hall on the vacant lot adjoining it on the south. "The present quarters of the city are inadequate and the city has been compelled to rent quarters elsewhere for its engineering department. The present quarters of the city jail are so small as to render it impossible to make at times decent provision for city prisoners. The city owns the vacant lot which not only serves no useful purpose, but is more or less of an eyesore, being, as it is, in close proximity to and in full view of the passenger depot of the Southern Pacific company.

"Moreover, at the present time a large number of our citizens in the building trades are unemployed and I deem it a time propitious for erecting a substantial addition to the city's building. "No provision has been made in the present tax levy for the purpose, and in case it would decide to build it would be necessary to borrow the funds. I call the attention of the council to this matter and trust that it will be given careful consideration and all phases of the matter canvassed and gone over.

"Respectfully, "W. H. CANON, Mayor."

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A REAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. MEDFORD is to be congratulated upon having had such a business like and efficient city administration as that experienced under Mayor Canon and the present city council. The mayor's annual report indicates a most healthy condition, financially and otherwise. At no time in the city's history have affairs been conducted more harmoniously and satisfactorily than during the past year. It is no small achievement to have spent almost \$2,000,000 without a breath of scandal.

Contrast with neighboring cities shows that Medford, while spending far larger sums for public improvement, is in much better shape and with a smaller tax levy than any of them. In many of the other towns city warrants are at a discount and city employes have not been paid for months. The levy for the ensuing year is 9 1/2 mills, which includes one mill for a new Bear creek bridge, one mill for trunk sewers, and two and a half mills for sinking fund and interest purposes, leaving 5 mills for operation.

Ashland has levied 21 mills for city purposes this year, Klamath Falls 37 mills, while Grants Pass has city warrants outstanding amounting to \$84,000 due to levying too small a tax. That Medford should have so comparatively small a levy, and its credit be at par despite a heavy bonded indebtedness, is a high tribute to the ability of the present administration.

It is a matter of public regret that three of the present councilmen, Messrs. Merrick, Wortman and Eifort, retire this year and refuse to again be candidates. They comprised the original water committee, and the present gravity water system was selected and constructed under their supervision. It, more than any one thing, is responsible for the city's prosperous and healthy condition today. They have served the city faithfully and well for the past four years and leave a community deeply indebted to them for their unselfish labors.

Too great care cannot be exercised in the selection of their successors. They should be men who will devote as much time to the city as the retiring councilmen have, broad-minded, liberal men who will not take a partisan or factional view of public matters, who will not be phonographs of a clique, or blind instruments of factions, but who will act at all times for the best interests of the community as they see it.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE?

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