

FINANCE AS PRACTICED BY CITY COUNCIL

Special Bridge Levy Loaned to Other Funds—Storm Sewers Built and Sewer System Kept in Repair by Money Received for Road District.

But Little Money Expended on Road Work in District Outside City—Uses Made of Money Secured.

By direct taxation the city of Medford, through its city council has provided \$12,549.54 for bridge purposes during the past two years—\$5953.25 in 1911 and \$6596.29 in 1912.

Not one penny of this amount has been expended as yet for bridge purposes.

Of the amount provided by a one mill tax in 1910, paid in 1911, \$4760 has been loaned to other funds—\$4000 to the interest fund and \$760 to the street and road fund.

The first amount raised was for the purpose of moving the present bridge over Bear creek to Jackson boulevard.

The recent tax levy made by the city council called for another tax of one mill, furnishing \$6596 for the same purpose.

A city election has now been called to vote bonds "not to exceed \$20,000" for the purpose of paying the city's share of a new bridge over Bear creek at the line of East Main street.

If this new bridge costs over \$40,000, the city will pay the county \$13,500. If it costs less than \$40,000 the city will pay the county \$11,000.

Other Funds Available.
The \$12,549.29 is evidently to be expended for the moving of the present structure over Bear creek to Jackson boulevard.

The approaches to the new bridge on Main street are to be taken care of out of the difference between \$20,000 and the \$13,500 or the \$11,000 to be paid to the county.

But there are other funds provided for bridge purposes. From the special road tax provided by the county and levied on the Medford road district the city this year will receive \$13,192.

From the street and road tax levied by the city the city this year will receive another \$9894, making a total amount of \$23,086 available for street and road purposes.

From all funds for street and road purposes this year by direct taxation the city has \$35,635 available, \$12,549 for bridges and \$23,086 for street and roads if segregated.

If the \$20,000 bond issue carries it will make available for this year for street and roads (including bridges) the sum of \$55,635.

Road Fund for Sewers.
It is also possible that a greater sum than this should be available for roads and bridges. The money received during the past three years for street and road purposes has been used to cover a number of other items such as sewer upkeep—\$2700 was expended from this fund for a storm sewer constructed by the city a year and a half ago.

It is the custom of the city council to place the money received from the special road tax levied on the road district together with the street and road fund raised by direct taxation levied by the city in one common fund known as the street and road fund. From this fund the city engineer's office has been maintained, the streets of the city swept, the sewer system kept in repair, a storm sewer

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FARMER BEATS WIFE TO DEATH IN BED

BEAVER, Pa., May 10.—Armed with a poker, Frank Attle, a wealthy farmer of Frankfort Springs, near here, early today called his wife, a former society belle of East Liverpool, Ohio, from her bed and beat her head and face into an unrecognizable mass. She was dead when neighbors arrived at the farm house. Attle alleged that he killed his wife because she tried to murder two children by his first wife.

TAFT RUSHES TO ASSISTANCE RATE COURT

Veto of Entire Legislation, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill is Threatened in Order to Save Commerce Court.

Democrats Plan to Abolish Present Tariff Board and Consolidate Several Important Bureaus.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The house this afternoon overwhelmingly passed the legislative judicial appropriation bill as amended by provisions to abolish the commerce court, to retain the mints and assay offices and to consolidate several bureaus in the national government.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—That President Taft will veto the entire legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill rather than see the abolishment of the Court of Commerce is the belief here today of many members of congress. Representative Driscoll of New York and Representative Stevens of Minneapolis, who are close to the administration, are organizing the friends of the commerce court in the house today and will put up a determined fight against its abolishment when the question comes up for final passage. They plan to put every congressman on record and a separate vote will be demanded on the clause calling for the court's abolishment.

It was learned today that the democratic forces plan to abolish the present tariff board and consolidate the bureau of statistics and manufacturers with the bureau of foreign relations, forming a new bureau of domestic and foreign commerce.

LANE IS PROBING EXPRESS COMPANIES

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Commissioner Franklin K. Lane of the interstate commerce commission is making an analysis today of all the testimony in the express combine investigation. He will submit the results of his work to the commission shortly and that body will make a report, imposing new regulations on the express companies.

It is expected that the report will show over-capitalization, exorbitant earnings and extortionate and unsystematic rates.

In congress it is declared that the express companies are going to be out of business.

THREE SLIGHT QUAKES MAKE MEXICO SHAKE

MEXICO CITY, May 10.—Three slight earthquakes were felt here today, but there was no damage and but little excitement. Reports received here today from outlying districts place the number killed in yesterday's quake at 47.

WARRANT OUT FOR SUN ARTIST

A warrant was issued Friday against W. Tyler Smith, circulator and artist of the Sun, charging assault and battery by John Billings, an employe of Councilman Mitchell at his carriage shop. Smith called to collect a circulation bill from Billings and claims he was roundly abused by both Mitchell and Billings, because of his connection with the newspaper, and upon being assaulted by Billings, knocked the latter down, whereupon Mitchell challenged him to fight.

But there is as much difference between Mitchell's story and Smith's as there is between an ice cream soda and a C. & G. highball. Mitchell said he simply took Smith by the shoulder and led him to the door, whereupon Smith grew abusive. Mitchell says the strongest word he used was something like "Peace, be still." He disclaims any language on his part which could be interpreted by the

ARCHBALD GOT \$10,000 OUT OF COAL BARGAIN

Fact That Railroad Had Two Cases Pending in Commerce Court Resulted in Option on Coal Pile Being Given to Associate Judge Archbald

Impeachment Hearing Underway in Washington—Got 150,000 Tons for Very Small Sum.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Investigation of the charges against Judge Archbald of the commerce court was continued today before the house judiciary committee, with the recalling of Edward Williams, who was cross-examined in regard to Archbald's alleged negotiations to buy a cull coal pile from the Erie railroad of Mosaic, Pa., for \$8000 and sell it for \$20,000.

Judge Wrote Letter.
Williams testified that his "katty-did" cull pile of the Erie railroad was previously offered to the Dupont Powder company for \$2000. He and Judge Archbald, he stated, were "held up" for \$4500 for the Erie's interest in the pile alone. John Robertson, the other owner, according to Williams, demanded \$2500 more for his share.

The witness testified that when he opened negotiations with Captain May, manager of the Erie railroad coal properties, he thought a letter from Judge Archbald would help push the deal along. He declared that May was aware that Archbald was a United States judge, as the Erie railroad had considerable litigation in his court. He admitted that he thought the fact that Archbald was a United States judge would help him to close the deal.

When asked if he thought the Erie refused to close the deal because they heard the department of justice was investigating, Williams said he did not know. He admitted that he and Archbald had discussed the writing of a letter by the judge, while the deal was not yet consummated, and said that Archbald told him to see Brownell, the vice president and general counsel for the Erie railroad.

Secured the Option.
"Did you ever say that the judge declared he would see Brownell, and that he might hurt him if he refused to do such a small thing?" asked Congressman Clayton, the judiciary committee chairman.

"I said that the judge had two cases before him involving the Erie railroad," replied Williams. "They had not been tried yet. Archbald said he was well acquainted with Captain May. He might do him some harm, not that he could do Brownell any harm."

Williams testified that Judge Archbald sent him again to see May, with the result that the witness finally secured the desired option on the cull pile, although paying \$2000 more than was previously asked. Williams estimated that the Erie railroad's interest in the cull pile

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NOSEGAY FOR AGED MAN WON HER \$500,000 LEGACY.



Miss Dorothy Bateman, the daughter of Sidney Bateman, proprietor of a Newport boarding house, who has been made richer by \$500,000 through the will of Ross R. Winans, of Baltimore, declines to discuss her good fortune. A story is being told of how a bouquet picked by Miss Bateman at Newport caused the aged Baltimore man to take an interest in the girl, who now figures in his will.

URGING RECALL OF CRAWFORD FOR FALSE ADVICE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—Angered by a recent opinion of Attorney General Crawford on the obligation of Oregon delegates to the national republican convention, supporters of Colonel Roosevelt today are urging the recall of the state official.

In his opinion, an off-hand one, Crawford held that inasmuch as Colonel Roosevelt did not in the receive a clear majority of all republican primary election in Oregon the delegates of the Oregon delegation were not obliged to vote for Roosevelt.

All members of the delegation are on record as against the attorney general's interpretation of the law and announce they will vote for Colonel Roosevelt as long as he has a chance to win, he being clearly the choice of the voters.

Roosevelt adherents are preparing a letter to the attorney general requesting a formal opinion on the primary law and if Crawford adhered to his original opinion, they say they probably will try to recall him.

SLOOP PENSACOLA TORN TO SHREDS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—Torn to bits for the sake of its copper bolts and fasteners, the old sloop Pensacola, for years the training ship at the government station at Yerba Buena Island, sank off Hunter's Point here today within a few minutes after the wrecking crew had abandoned it.

The Pensacola was recently sold by the government to Henry J. Rogers, who ordered its demolition. The ship passed through the civil war and aided in the promotion of many a naval officer.

FLOOD MENACES LIVES OF 10,000 ALONG MISSISSIPPI

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 10.—The lives of 20,000 persons living in the district of New Rhoades are seriously menaced today by the flood waters of the Mississippi river. Government officials here regard the situation there so serious that they ordered all available launches, motor boats and barges to rush to the scene to rescue marooned residents. The situation at half a dozen other Louisiana towns today was desperate.

All telegraph wires into Terras are down, but couriers report the situation there as alarming. The pressure of the flood waters caused the levee to crumble and the crevasse there is a mile wide. A similar condition prevails at Moreauville. There two breaks widened and, finally joining, poured a flood of water into the town. Residents have fled to higher ground but the water is gradually encroaching on this territory. Scores of homes have been swept away and the food supply is rapidly diminishing.

An organization of negroes complained today to Governor Sands because negroes are being forced to work on the levees. They received no encouragement from the governor, who said:

"I am working on the levees, as are all white men. You negroes are no better than any of the rest of us."

REBEL PARAGUANS DEFEATED BY FEDERALS

ASUNCION, Paraguay, May 10.—A large force of rebel soldiers under the command of former President Colonel Alvaro Jara, were defeated by government troops in the vicinity of Tibicuary today.

MEXICAN REBELS MEET DEFEAT

EL PASO, Texas, May 10.—General Huerta over a telegraph circuit via Laredo, Texas, and Torreon, to the Bernajillo battlefield, stated today:

"General Robago completely routed an advance party of 1,000 rebels at Zaragoza, near Bernajillo, killing 90 of them. General Villa's cavalry pursued the fleeing insurgents from the field.

"Tuesday night we heard the advance guard of the rebels coming. Villa attacked their front at 6 o'clock Thursday morning and almost immediately after Villa arrived and flanked them with machine guns. The fight lasted until Thursday noon but finally panic seized the rebels and they ran like rats.

I'M ONLY ONE AGAINST BOSSES SAYS TEDDY

"Just One Candidate Whom It is Possible to Nominate Against the Bosses and That is Myself" Asserts Roosevelt.

"All Decent Citizens Believing in Rule of the People and Honesty in Politics Must Vote for Me."

NEW YORK, May 10.—Declaring flatly that "there is just one candidate whom it is possible to nominate against the bosses—and that's myself," former President Theodore Roosevelt, in a letter published here today by the Roosevelt committee, expressed generally his view of the present situation in the presidential fight.

Addressed to Chairman Caswell of the Minnesota Roosevelt committee, the letter declares that President Taft is the tool of the bosses, and that every vote not cast for Roosevelt will tend to strengthen the hold of "the interests" on the people. The letter says in part:

Taft's Unpopularity.
"Nine states held presidential primaries or their equivalent. These are the only states in which a free chance to express the popular will was given. Forty of their delegates to the Chicago national convention are instructed for President Taft and 216 are against him. He has carried but two of the nine—New Hampshire and Massachusetts. In all the states together three of every four of the republicans voting in the primaries were opposed to Taft.

"President Taft's chances for renomination lie solely in his ability to secure delegates at Chicago who will misrepresent the will of the people. After a prolonged experience with me as president, practically all the big republican bosses disliked me so heartily that they opposed Taft's nomination because I favored it. After three and a half years of experience with Taft since he was elected, these same men are heartily in favor of his renomination. They were opposed to me four years ago and are opposed to me now. These men include Gallinger of New Hampshire, Aldrich of Rhode Island, Penrose of Pennsylvania, Keating of Indiana, Lorimer of Illinois, Guggenheim and Evans of Colorado, Patrick Calhoun and the Southern Pacific crowd of California and the Amalgamated Copper crowd of Montana.

Just Me Alone.
"The present fight is nation-wide. There is just one candidate whom it is possible to nominate against the bosses, and that is myself. Every vote for any other candidate from now on is really a vote for Taft and a vote for the bosses, whether it is cast in Minnesota, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Jersey or California.

"I became a candidate when I was convinced that no other progressive could possibly be nominated against Taft. The contest has gone so far as to make it evident I certainly can be nominated—either I will be nominated or a reactionary will.

"It is also evident that every progressive republican and every man believing in decency and honesty in politics, who is against boss rule and

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BOWERS SAYS WILL PROBABLY ENJOIN BRIDGE

Ashland Man Gives Reasons for Threatened Injunction to Prevent County Court From Building Span Across Bear Creek at Medford.

Says He Personally Examined Present Structure and Pronounced It Good Enough for Medford.

Benton Bowers of Ashland announces that he and S. A. Carlton of Ashland will probably enjoin the building of the Medford bridge across Bear creek, as previously stated in the Mail Tribune. He gives his reasons for his contemplated action as follows:

Ashland, May 9.
To the editor: Will you please allow me space to reply to article published in your paper of May 7th, headed "Ashland Man May Enjoin New Bridge."

Last summer there was a petition by numerous taxpayers and prominent citizens, presented to the county court, asking for a bridge to be built across Bear creek, on the road leading from Tolo to Eagle Point, and Bybee bridge on Rogue river, and there was no attention given the matter. I was requested by a number of people living in that district to call the court's attention to the matter, and to the great need of the bridge, which I did, and succeeded in getting Judge Neil and Commissioners Davis and Owens, as well as Roadmaster Harmon to go down and look the matter over, and all were unanimous in saying that the bridge was needed and that they would build it, but asked a certain amount subscribed. But nothing was done. Later I asked them what they were going to do about the bridge. Judge Neil replied that they would have to drop the matter as they had no funds, so I let the matter rest until this spring when I went to Judge Neil and asked him again, what they were going to do, and if it wasn't possible to give some relief in the way of building the bridge. He still pleaded poverty.

I was in Jacksonville May 1st, and saw a number of Medford gentlemen at the county judge's office, and was informed by one of them of the promise that they had obtained from the county court to build the new bridge in Medford. Last Monday I was in Medford and I asked Mr. S. A. Carlton to go with me to inspect the bridge across Bear creek, which we found to be adequate to the present demands, and Mr. Carlton agreed with me that if the county court did not have funds to build bridges where most needed, we would take some action to see that they did not impoverish the county more by building them where they were not needed. But neither Mr. Carlton nor myself ever stated that we opposed any improvement in the county this year.

There is not a man in Jackson county who favors improvements more than I do. But I want to see the county funds used where most needed, and not for the benefit of a favored few, as was the case last year, with a great deal of the county money. If Medford was in need of a bridge, and it was the county's place to build it, I would heartily endorse such action, or to make improvements where needed any place in the county. I have no animosity against Medford and give it credit for the great improvement it has made, but felt it my duty as a citizen and taxpayer of Jackson county to take some action against the wanton and unbusiness-

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FINAL DEFEAT OF MINT BILL LOST

WASHINGTON, May 10.—By a vote of 176 to 113 the house today adopted the amendment introduced by Representative Humphrey which calls not only for the continuation of coinage at San Francisco, New Orleans and Carson City, but also for the retention of six assay offices, including the one at Seattle. The bill also provides for an annual appropriation for maintenance.