

COURT HOUSE NEWS

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Circuit Court

Sterling Mine Co. et al. vs. Spencer S. Bullis, answer of defendant filed.

Theo. H. F. Eagle vs. Andrew Weidner, action to recover money, complaint filed January 14; E. E. Kelly and Herbert Hanna, attorneys.

C. D. Hagerty vs. W. Lyman, action to recover money, complaint filed January 15, Carlin & Taylor.

Probate

Estate of John H. Beverly, deceased, petition for administratrix, order appointing Minnie M. Beverly, order appointing appraisers.

Estate of W. S. Stiff, also known as Wm. S. Stiff, petition for appointment of administrator; order appointing Vernon H. Vawter administrator; order appointing appraisers. Property in section 9, township 37, range 2 west.

Miscellaneous

Charles Prim, commission as notary public.

Volva W. Sanderson and Eva L. Mackie, Mar. Lis.

John H. Fuller registers farm name of "Oakmont Farm" in section 27, township 38, range 1 west.

Recorder's Office

Heirs of Gail T. Jones to Wells E. Mann, lot 4, Highland addition to Medford, W. D. 8 750

R. E. Duke to Harry K. Spaulding, 88 acres in sec. 20, twp. 38, 1 E., Q. C. D. 4,000

Julius Miller to T. J. Albrecht, et al., lot 60x661 feet on Mountain ave., Ashland, W. D. 10

Z. E. Ueh to Clara W. Clark, lot 1, block B, Railroad addition to Ashland, deed 20

W. W. Hale to A. S. Kimble, land in sec. 32-34, range 2 W., and sec. 5, twp. 35, 2 W., 200 acres, W. D. 1,000

Albert V. Whitney et ux to Butler & Thompson Co., lots 3 and 4, block 40, Central Point, W. D. 10

Butler & Thompson Co. to Albert V. Whitney et ux., part D. L. C. 39 and 43, twp. 39, 1 E., W. D. 10

Caroline C. Barfield et vir to Willard V. B. Campbell, E. half lot 10, block 3, Cottage addition to Medford, mtg. 375

Delbert Fehl et ux to D. S. Woods, land in sec. 34, twp. 34, 1 W., W. D. 10

Fred E. Inlow et ux. to Serapta E. Inlow, land in sec. 33, twp. 34, 1 W., W. D. 500

R. B. Johnson et al to Mollie Soner, 3 acres in sec. 14, twp. 39, 1 E., W. D. 200

J. A. Kelts et ux to A. C. White, bill of sale.

Thomas B. Dawson, affidavit.

W. B. Towney et al. to W. L. Tomlin, satisfaction of mortgage.

Bankers' Trust Co. to Northern Pacific Railway company, satisfaction of mortgage.

In the matter of Trail Lumber Co., copy of adjudication of bankruptcy.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council at its meeting to be held January 20th, 1914, for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in quantities less than a gallon at its place of business on lot 10, block 44, city of Medford for a period of six months.

HOLLAND HOTEL CO.

Dated January 6th, 1914.

Mayor's Annual Report

Submitted to the city council Tuesday evening, January 6, 1914, and approved:

Medford, Or., January 5, 1914. To the City Council, city of Medford, Oregon.

Gentlemen: Section 14 of the charter of the city provides that "at the last regular meeting of the council, before the annual election in each year the mayor shall make a written statement of the condition of all of the affairs of the city, and recommend such measures for the government and improvement thereof as he may deem expedient." This is certainly a job of some magnitude and one that I may not fully perform, but submit the following for your consideration:

Mayor Eifer The sudden death of Mayor Eifer was a great shock to his family and friends, and by it the city lost a good citizen and an official who, in my opinion, was trying to do his duty according to his lights. The unfortunate wrangle in which his administration was involved, soon after his death, was a great loss to the city. The praise of such after his death, however, and the flowers of eulogy placed on his grave by the press of the city cast no fragrance

backward over the weary way he trod as mayor.

His Successor

It became the duty of the city council, after his death, to appoint someone to fill the vacancy in the office, and, after some delay, that honor fell to myself without seeking for it. I was not asked to make any pledges, and made none, and accepted the office as a duty I owed the city as a citizen, and I have no promises to keep, nor political fences to mend, nor any desire to build up a political machine, but simply wish to do the best I can for the city.

Permanent Improvements

For the year 1913 the showing as to permanent city improvements is not a large one. We have paved 1.24 miles of streets, have laid .37 of a mile of water main, and constructed 1.02 miles of sanitary sewers and .18 of a mile of storm sewers, and .58 of a mile of concrete sidewalks, the sidewalks having been constructed on property of delinquents, who, after due notice, failed and refused to construct their sidewalks, and the same was done by the city and a lien filed against the property in favor of the city, as the charter provides may be done in such cases, and the expense of such works will be collected by the city in due time. In addition to the foregoing the city has constructed a new telephone line to the intake of the water system at a cost of some \$2000. This was deemed necessary by the council for the reason that the old line was a temporary affair and getting in such condition as to continually fail for repairs, and the city must have communication with the employe at the intake, and the further reason that a lot of the rights of way for the pipe line were granted by property owners in consideration of having the right to use the city's telephone line, and it must be kept in repair to carry out the terms of the agreement by which right of way was granted. The new line has two wires and new posts, carefully set, and should not give further trouble for a number of years.

The City Water System

Receipts of the water department for the year 1913 amount to the sum of \$22,813.12, and the expense of operation has been the sum of \$13,984.66, and the balance after deducting this sum, is \$18,828.47. These figures run for the year up to December 1, 1913, and include the month of December 1912, this being the time for which the receipts and disbursements are shown. In addition to the cash received, there have been redeemed water certificates in the sum of \$9,729.16, as payment for water rent. The charter provides that 5 per cent of the gross receipts of the water department be set aside each year to create a sinking fund to redeem the water bonds. In addition to not less than five-tenths of a mill tax levied on the taxable property of the city. The 5 per cent of water fund to be set aside will raise \$1649.30, and the tax levy of five-tenths of a mill on this year will yield \$2301.51, making a total for the year for sinking fund of \$4950.81, which in my opinion is not sufficient by at least one-half, and there should be a larger amount provided in some way. The water system is more than self-supporting as now managed, a matter of some congratulation, as it would appear that a larger sum could be set aside for the sinking fund to the end that the next tax levy for the purpose should be smaller.

The City Court

The fines collected in the city court for the year amount to the sum of \$939.39. I am not able to give the number of people arrested for the year, but since I assumed the office there have been 94 arrests, to be tried out and fined or not by the mayor. Some attorneys argue that it is unconstitutional for the mayor to act as judge of this court, as in the approval of an order he becomes a lawmaker and mayor, and in his acts as judge of the court must construe the laws so made and enforce the penalty for violation of the same. This will be a matter for consideration by the new council.

Sewer District No. 13

This inheritance from a former administration still remains with us, and the matter of payment for the sewer from North Central avenue to Riverside avenue, for which warrants of the city were issued, is still in an unsettled condition. The former assessment, made by the former administration, has been declared invalid by the circuit court of Jackson county Oregon, and while the matter of a new assessment has been under consideration, it has never been completed, and this will be a matter for the new council to consider and settle by either collecting for the improvement or ascertaining that they cannot do so.

Sinking Fund

As before stated, there is to be raised this year \$4941.81 of the sinking fund provided by subdivisions "b" and "g" of section 72 of the charter, and there is, at this time, the sum of \$3757.91 in the fund, of which sum \$3757.91 is invested in the water bonds of the city, as may be done under the charter. It seems that no provisions for this fund were made until 1912, which must have been an oversight, as outstanding bonds of the city to be redeemed are as follows: \$45,000—5 per cent to come due March 1917 (issued 1907, ten years). \$25,000—6 per cent to come due February, 1918 (issued 1908, ten years). \$30,000—5 per cent to come due August, 1920 (issued 1910, twenty years). \$38,000—5 per cent to come due April, 1921 (issued 1911, twenty years). \$35,000—5 per cent to come due July, 1923 to 1935 (issued 1908 fifteen to thirty years). \$20,000—5 per cent to come due October, 1922 (issued 1912, twenty years).

As these several bond issues will have to be met in some way when they mature, preparations should be made to the end that a proper sinking fund for the purpose shall be provided and kept intact.

Street and Road Department

As shown by the report of the street commissioner, the payroll for the past year amounts to \$19,295.46, of which was paid out for other funds as follows: On account of bridge fund \$ 943.95 On account of water fund... 269.50 On account of sewer fund... 963.63 For permanent improvements 1,215.96

\$3,333.14 This sum deducted from the full payroll leaves a balance of \$6957.32 as the payroll properly chargeable to the street and road fund.

A part of the expenses of this fund is that of street cleaning and the reports show that 14,676 blocks have been flushed, swept and cleaned at an expense, as the commissioner figures, of about one cent per block per day. While a good many things of the expenses in connection with streets and roads can be reduced very materially, I do not believe it should be done by failure to keep the streets clean and in good condition. The cleanly condition of our streets is a matter that is frequently commented on by strangers in the city, and for this reason and from that of a sanitary standpoint, I hope to see them kept in a proper condition.

Hear Creek Bridge

The completion of this bridge fell to the lot of the present council, and it seems to have been done in a satisfactory manner and wholly within the appropriation provided for the purpose, and it seems to have withstood the assaults of the street railway company without much damage.

Charity

The poor, we have with us always, and during the past two months there have been many applications for relief by indigent persons. As there has been no fund provided for this purpose the mayor simply had to make it his duty to have food and fuel furnished to certain persons and take chances on the bill being approved by the finance committee, as has been done so far. I think the incoming council should make some different provision for such cases, and that a relief committee should be named to consist in part from the council and in part from the citizens, relief to be granted only on approval of committee.

Hamilton Ranch

The purchase of the Hamilton ranch during the past year by the council has been much criticised (times as a piece of extravagance, but there is a question as to whether it was not a necessary one. Analysis of the water prior to the time the place was bought showed the water to be infected with typhoid germs, and after the place was bought and cleaned up a further analysis of the water showed it to be free from such contamination and fit for domestic use. Further, the present intake is a temporary affair at best, and sooner or later we will have to build another and permanent one, and having the ranch will be to our interest at the time, as the intake can be placed there and the pipe extended, and then the water flowing into the pipes can be kept in a sanitary condition.

Police

The advice of some of our citizens to reduce the police force would seem unwise, as a population of approximately 10,000 people that is being policed by four men would seem to be about as reasonable, for the number, as could be asked.

Fire Protection

The six paid firemen of the city that are kept constantly under pay, seem to me to be about as small a number as we should use, although I am not prepared to say that a smaller number would not be sufficient, but this will be a matter for the consideration of the future council for the coming year.

Unpaid Assessments and Interest

This matter is a source of great trouble to the council and it seems to me that if proper precautions had been taken at the time applications to bond were received, and the applications had provided like a mortgage note, that a failure to pay the annual installment and interest when due, should render the whole sum due, or that any unpaid amount of interest or principal should bear interest at ten per cent after maturity, that this matter could be much easier managed and that the collections would have come in with a great deal more certainty.

I have not been able to state in this report the entire amount of delinquent assessments that are due the city, but the treasurer has prepared a statement of the total amount of delinquent interest on paying that is due the city and it amounts to the sum of \$20,538.77 to October 1st, 1913, and this matter has had to be taken care of by the council, as best they could and, while I am aware that there are people who are unable to pay their assessments or their interest, there are quite a number on the list who are able and who should pay these assessments and the interest due, as the city council, in order to make these payments has

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SPECIAL TODAY

Several houses for rent, from seven to fifteen dollars per month. A good young orchard for sale at a bargain. 40 acres in Nebraska, will trade for any kind of property here. My specialty is looking after non-resident property.

E. J. STEWART

Room 204 Fruitgrowers Bank Bldg. Office phone 531. Res. phone 522-J.

to use other funds and, if the interest is not paid, when due, the credit of the city is impaired and that is a condition that we must not permit.

Public Market

The operation of the public market seems to have been a success under the management of Mr. Runyard, so far as I am able to ascertain. He informs me that the ordinance, heretofore passed, governing the public market, should be changed in some particulars and this should be looked into by the coming administration. The market has been a convenience to our people and to the people of the surrounding country and has enabled the producer and the consumer to meet the middle man, but I would suggest one thing in regard to the market, and that is that the practices that some persons want to carry on, of purchasing things and having a stall in the market for their resale, is not in strict accord with the intention of a public market, as I view it, which is simply to allow the producer to sell his produce to the consumer, however, this is a matter that is for the council to settle in the future.

Public Library

The provisions made by the council for the support of the public library have been meagre enough, and, if it were possible to do so, there should be better provisions made in the future. However, under the city for economy, in the administration of the city's affairs, it would hardly seem possible, at this time, to recommend that any further allowance be made for this purpose.

Economy in Administration

As the most of the improvement of the city has been made, there remains but little further unless the additional reservoir and pipe line is constructed, that the coming council will have to consider, it comes up to them with greater force to use their best united efforts for economy in the administration of the affairs of the city. If any place can be found where retrenchment is possible, it should certainly be practiced.

In order to give the council, and the people an idea of the expenses of the various funds for the past three years, I have had prepared and set out, herein, a table showing the amount paid out in each of the different funds for the years 1911, 1912 and 1913, which table follows:

Park Fund

For 1911— Paid out for salaries.....\$1120.69 Paid out for supplies..... 514.45 For 1912— Paid out for salaries.....\$1115.50 Paid out for supplies..... 44.90

For 1913— Paid out for salaries.....\$1036.40 Paid out for supplies..... 146.25

General Sewer Fund

For 1911— Paid for salaries.....\$1232.00 Paid for supplies..... 239.58 Paid for printing..... 172.76 For 1912— Paid for salaries.....\$1125.00 Paid for supplies..... 2512.08 Paid for printing..... 266.00

For 1913— Paid for salaries.....\$895.56 Paid for supplies..... 202.05 Paid for printing..... 229.85

General Fund

For 1911— Paid for general salaries.....\$8791.25 Paid for firemen salaries..... 3157.50 Paid for police salaries..... 3879.93 Paid for supplies..... 9989.68 Paid for printing..... 792.86

For 1912— Paid for general salaries.....10074.79 Paid for firemen salaries..... 4578.00 Paid for police salaries..... 4616.81 Paid for supplies..... 3617.45 Paid for printing..... 502.00

For 1913— Paid for general salaries.....10063.48 Paid for firemen salaries..... 5589.48 Paid for police salaries..... 4340.62 Paid for supplies..... 3373.56 Paid for printing..... 1195.44

Water Fund

For 1911— Paid for salaries.....\$9331.18

NEW TODAY

Party wants to rent about 400 acres in stock ranch, with privilege of buying within two years. Will stock it alone or on shares. Means business.

Fine listing of small ranches, fine buys at reasonable terms.

\$1000.00 to loan on close in improved tract.

C. D. HOON Room 10, Jackson County Bank Bldg.

WHY?

Last year I added a large number to my list of satisfied customers. During the coming year I shall have a larger working force, a better equipment and a more complete listing of property.

I shall conduct an exchange department to handle exchanges of property located in the Rogue river valley and vicinity.

I want to be in a position to give my customer the best buy there is in Jackson county. Buy right and boost will be my slogan.

I shall give my special attention to that property for sale for which a quick turn is demanded.

If you have property to sell or trade you are invited to call on me or phone 120-J. J. C. HARVES First National Bank Bldg.

Paid for supplies..... 8521.21 Paid for printing..... 299.01 For 1912— Paid for salaries.....\$7837.87 Paid for supplies..... 5544.41 Paid for printing..... 212.30 For 1913— Paid for salaries.....\$8055.96 Paid for supplies..... 5698.09 Paid for printing..... 230.70

Street and Road Fund

For 1911— Paid for salaries, eng. dept.....\$12254.17 Paid for salaries, street dept..... 12496.92 Paid for supplies..... 4681.48 Paid for printing..... 2793.66 Paid for maintenance, etc. 3963.19

For 1912— Paid for salaries, eng. dept..... 4742.75 Paid for salaries, street dept..... 12382.44 Paid for supplies..... 4876.71 Paid for printing..... 1565.72 Paid for maintenance, etc. 2652.54

For 1913— Paid for salaries, eng. dept.....\$ 2373.90 Paid for salaries, street dept..... 10295.46 Paid for supplies..... 3378.52 Paid for printing..... 759.95 Paid for maintenance, etc. 5915.31

Under the item maintenance, etc., is included paving repairs and upkeep and sidewalks built, some for others, and a lien on the property taken by the city, and sewer repairs and for office rent formerly paid.

An examination of this table will show what has been paid for salaries, supplies and other items for the different years. All figures have been taken from the records of the recorder's office, by one of the clerks, and will, I think, be found correct. The council should scrutinize this table carefully, as well as other citizens and if further information is desired, along these lines, detailed statements for each of the years, and for each month of the year can be found in the recorder's office for any citizen, or any member of the council, who are free to examine them and draw their own conclusions. Certain it is that the expenses of the city are heavy.

We have a great deal more paved streets and more miles of pipe line and sewers to look after than is usually the case in a city of our number of people and, if all this has to be taken care of and repairs kept up, streets cleaned and all these items to be paid for, still it ought to be possible and I hope it will be found so, that some extensive curtailment may be made in these expenses, not by neglecting to care for all this property but by better systems of management, if such can be devised.

Respectfully submitted, MAHLON PULLIN, Mayor.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished rooms. 340 South Riverside. 256

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms with bath and heat. 245 N. Grape. \*

FOR RENT—Large sleeping rooms, and modern housekeeping apartments, prices very reasonable. Phone 247-L. 222 South Holly street. \*

FOR RENT—Newly furnished rooms, each room suitable for one or two gentlemen. Phone and bath. Rent \$10.00 per month. 1121 East Main. 278

FOR RENT—HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms, lights, gas; also hall bed room, wood heaters. 234 E. Ninth St. 274

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping and transient rooms, nicely furnished, cheap. The Oxford, 223 W. Main St. 278

FOR RENT—HOUSES

FOR RENT—Five room apartment, modern, range in same. Inquire Col. Sargent. 254

FOR RENT—Two strictly modern six room, unfurnished bungalows, fine location. Phone 229-M. 258

FOR RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR LEASE—Full equipped placer mine. Gold Ray Realty Co. \*

FOR RENT—Store room occupied by Fouts Grocery. Inquire Claud Miles, Nash Hotel. \*

FOR RENT OR SALE—Garden and fruit tract. M. A. Rader, 60 N. Orange St. \*

FOR SALE—ACREAGE

FOR SALE—Five and 10 acre tracts cheap and on easy terms. Located one mile south of Hotel Medford. W. H. Everhard, 1913 West Ninth St., phone 667-J. \*

FOR SALE—10 1/2 acres solid pears in heavy bearing, fine new improvements. \$3000 yearly net income for 8 years. Price \$13,500.00 on easy terms. Clark Realty Co., 206 Phillips Bldg. \*

FOR SALE—FARM LANDS

FOR SALE—160 acres, 3 1/2 miles from railroad station, estimated 1 1/2 to 2 million feet saw timber and 6000 cords hardwood, \$10 per acre. Address Owner, P. O. box 842. \*

FOR SALE—HOUSES

FOR SALE—5 room bungalow built in furniture, fire place, all modern. Close in. Call owner, 689-R. 254

FOR SALE—Modern bungalow, 7 rooms bath, screened porch, built in bookcases, etc., extra large lot, fruit and berries, just off paved street. Easy terms. No reasonable offer refused. Phone 417-M mornings after Monday, Jan. 19th, 1914. \*

FOR SALE—LOTS

FOR SALE—Five lots, house and outbuildings on paved road adjoining city limits, or will trade for city property. P. O. box 507 Medford. 265

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—A snap. Launch county taking in \$20 to \$40 daily fine location, small expense. Owner has to leave for homestead at once. \$200, part cash, balance out of business. See Daley, 32 Jackson County Bank Bldg. 254

FOR SALE—Chicken house and incubator cheap. Phone 520-H. 254

FOR SALE—Choice Spitzberg apples, 70 cents per box at public market, booth 18, Saturday, Jan. 17. Orders taken now, phone 591-R2, Liberty Orchards. 254

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FOR SALE—15 extra good cows, 19 Durhams, 5 Jerseys, fresh and coming fresh. 50 tons of first class baled hay, 3 fine horses, spring wagon and cart. Walsh's Ranch on Spring street, mile out North Roosevelt avenue. 276

FOR SALE—Or will trade, good R. 1 Red Cockerel. Address Mrs. H. J. Ticknor, Medford, Ore. 254

FOR SALE—Furniture at your price. 1022 W. Eleventh St. 255

FOR SALE—S. C. Buff Leghorn cockerels, R. C. White Wyandotte cockerels. Phone 19-F2. Mrs. A. B. Ferns, Phoenix, Ore. 255

FOR SALE—Nice dry 16-inch balm chunk and stove wood in not less than two tier loads. The best wood in the market. B. F. Van Dyke, phone 402-R3. 274

FOR SALE—Tuscan cling peach trees at 10c. C. C. Hoover, phone 254-X. 257

FOR SALE—Body fir cord wood and cedar fence posts for sale. Apply or address Neuner Bros., Glendale, Ore. 273

FOR SALE—Order your day old chicks. First orders first served. H. C. High, phone 372-R4, Talent, Ore. 271

FOR SALE—A good variety of apples, some extra fancy Spitzenbergs. Also first crop alfalfa hay. Robert Dutton, 1022 10th St.