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TWO SALES MADE IN STEWART ACRES TRACT NEAR MEDFORD

The coming season promises to be a lively one in a realty way. Although it is yet early, several sales have been closed and a great many are pending.

C. W. McDonald, cashier of the Jackson county bank, has purchased F. N. Cummings' and J. B. Worthington's third interest in Stewart Acres, a 480-acre tract adjoining the Country club grounds, northeast of the city. The sale was made by Campbell & Nye.

A five-acre tract in Stewart Acres has been sold to Walter Watson of the Shapleigh Hardware Co. at \$150 per acre, who will at once erect a bungalow. The sale was made by T. E. Hathaway and Campbell & Nye.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS WESTERN FUEL CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 16.—Closing arguments were begun here today in the Western Fuel company case. The entire morning was devoted to the address of Special Government Prosecutor Theodore J. Roche, who asked the jury to find the four defendants guilty.

James B. Smith, general manager of the corporation, was characterized by Roche as the guiding spirit of the alleged fraud, whereby it is alleged the government was swindled out of hundreds of thousands of dollars by a systematic evasion of coal duties and by cheating it through short weighing of fuel. Each of the other defendants, including Superintendent Frederick C. Hills, Weigher Edward Mayer and Checker Edward J. Smith, was subjected to vehement denunciation for his alleged participation in a conspiracy to swindle Uncle Sam.

PLAN EXECUTION OF CAPTURED ZAPATISTAS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—Fifty Zapatista prisoners were brought into the capital today under heavy guard. It was believed they would be executed. The captives were taken Sunday in the Ajusco mountains, ten miles from here. A party of eighty of them were surrounded and surprised by federal soldiers, and in the fight which followed thirty were killed and the rest captured.

PRESIDENT ZAMOR DEFEATS THEODORE

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Feb. 16.—After heavily defeating General Faustin Theodore's rebel troops in two battles yesterday, President Oreste Zamor's forces today were pushing on Cape Haitien, where Theodore recently proclaimed himself president, as a rival of Zamor. The first of yesterday's fights was at Plaisance between Gonaives and Cape Haitien, the second at Port de Paix. The losses on both sides were heavy.

FORTY-SEVEN HOURS IN BALLOON: NEW RECORD

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—Hans Besinger, a balloonist, telegraphed today from Kirgischau, Russia, in the Ural mountains, that he had under there with two passengers after a forty-seven hours' flight from Bitterfeld, Germany, a distance record.

MEDFORD'S MUNICIPAL NEEDS

Survey of City by Prof. Sowers of the State University of Oregon.

(Continued from Friday.)

It will be noted from this table that \$20,000 of these bonds are refunding bonds and that inadequate provision is being made to retire the \$45,000 of water bonds due in 1917 and the \$25,000 of City Hall bonds due in 1918. If the present policy is pursued the only recourse open to the city will be to refund these bonds also. It is not fair to future tax payers thus to throw the entire burden of debt payment on to future citizens of Medford when the present citizens have issued the bonds, spent the proceeds and are reaping the benefits of the expenditure. To neglect next year and each succeeding year to set aside a reserve to pay these bonds when they come due is not consonant with sound financing. It is false economy for the city to deceive itself by keeping down the present tax rate in such a manner.

Charter Provision Inadequate The charter provision requiring the council to levy a tax of not less than one-half mill and to appropriate 5 per cent of the gross receipts of the water department toward the establishment of a sinking fund is wholly inadequate to meet the situation. The total amount set aside from these two sources in 1913 amounted to only \$4111.57 whereas from the table above it will be seen that in order to establish adequate sinking funds beginning in 1914 over \$14,000 will be required.

Serial Method Better Than Sinking Fund

Throughout the country sinking funds are becoming obsolete as a method of paying indebtedness. Both cities and states each year are becoming more committed to the serial method. Massachusetts has a statute which makes the serial method compulsory for all cities throughout the state. The sinking fund method is (a) cumbersome, complicated and difficult to administer; (b) in spite of express provision in the charter it is often disregarded with the result that funds are not available to retire the debt when it matures and refunding is the inevitable result (c) and is more costly than the serial method. The following figures will show the saving to be effected by the adoption of the serial method over the sinking fund method on a million dollar debt.

Sinking Fund Method Interest on \$1,000,000 at 4 per cent for 20 years.....\$ 800,000 2 1/2 per cent basis..... 707,221 Total cost.....\$1,507,221

Serial Bond Method Interest at 4 per cent.....\$ 420,000 Installments on payments.....1,000,000 Total cost.....\$1,420,000 Saving in favor of serial method.....\$ 87,221

Constructive Suggestions

- (1) That the charter be so amended as to limit the total bonded indebtedness for any and all purposes to ten per cent of the total assessed valuation, instead of the present arbitrarily fixed amounts. (2) That all future bond issues shall be serial bonds. (3) That each year the budget shall contain an amount sufficient to pay the interest on all outstanding indebtedness and to provide a sinking fund which will be sufficient to retire the present outstanding bonds at maturity.

Police Department

The police force consists of four men divided into two shifts of twelve hours each, the hours being from 8 o'clock. By special arrangement with the telephone company, the telephone operator flashes red lights located near the police station, and at the corner of Library park, whenever any citizen wishes a policeman. The men on duty thus remain within visible distance of these lights and so to the nearest telephone to inquire where they are wanted as soon as the red lights are turned on.

No records of any kind are kept by the police department. For want of records which would show how many calls are received each day, the difficulties of getting to the scene of action, the number of times it is necessary to hire an automobile and for what purposes vehicles are hired, it is not possible to determine whether the number of policemen is adequate or inadequate. For want of records which would show how much the police department spends for auto hire during the year, it is not possible to determine whether it would be economical for the city to purchase a motorcycle for the police department. In view of the fact that there is little demand on the part of the city engineer for the automobile belonging to his department, since very little construction work is under way, the advisability of making this machine available for the police department should be carefully considered.

Either the chief of police or the police judge should keep a record of the number of homeless men lodged

in jail for the night in order to determine the need for a municipal lodging house.

Fire Department and Fire Prevention

The fire department is well equipped and adequately manned. The plan which has been adopted of making use of the fire team on the street department is apparently working satisfactorily and might be followed by other cities.

It was not learned whether or not hose is bought on a pressure test and time guarantee but the plan now adopted in several cities of buying on specifications approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters is suggested for consideration.

The chief makes periodic inspection of the downtown districts in the interest of fire prevention. This is an excellent plan and the inspection should be extended throughout the city and if necessary ordinances should be passed giving the firemen authority to inspect all buildings within the city limits. By a proper districting of the city and by assigning the firemen to this task a complete inspection might be made every month. Each inspection should be made on printed forms dated, signed by the inspector and filed in the office.

The chief should send his men frequently through the buildings of the downtown district to familiarize them with conditions, the location of hydrants, exits, etc.

Carefully kept cost records should be maintained showing the cost of supplies, new equipment and repairs needed on the new auto fire engine. This information is important in buying new engines.

Out of a total of 55 fires in 1913, fifteen were started from defective flues and twelve were in residences. In other words, thirty-seven fires were in the residential part of the city, presumably outside the fire limits established for the city. This suggests the need for some inspection of buildings under construction.

Building Bureau

At present the inspection of buildings under construction is confined to an examination of the electrical wiring and fixtures. The work done by the electrical inspector seemed to be efficiently performed and the suggestion is herein made that the scope of inspection work be enlarged to include line work and the inspection of buildings under construction or alteration.

While a permit is required before the construction of a building can be undertaken, yet this serves no useful purpose other than to ascertain the amount of building that is being done.

The ordinance does not require that plans shall be submitted and approved by a competent engineer or architect before the permit is granted, and there is no inspection to see that the building code is not violated. A complete modern building code is needed in Medford and a building inspector is essential to see that the code is enforced.

Health Department

Out of a total payroll expenditure for the year of \$35,000, the city of Medford spends less than \$1,000 on health protection. This is no doubt the reason why the health officer has not enlarged his functions beyond exercising control over contagious diseases and making sanitary inspections.

In most progressive cities the duties of the health officer have been enlarged to include the following important functions: 1. Exercise control over communicable diseases.

(a) By requiring prompt reports from physicians, heads of families, teachers, proprietors of hotels and lodging houses, etc., under penalty of prosecution.

(b) By compelling druggists to report sales of diphtheria antitoxins.

(c) By establishing quarantine in all cases of typhoid fever, whooping cough, mumps, chicken pox, and German measles. By isolating all cases of smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, cerebro-spinal meningitis and poliomyelitis.

(d) By investigating all facts having a bearing on the source of infection, as unsanitary premises, learning the address of stores where milk and food are procured, water supply, presence of flies, etc.

(e) By notifying schools of the presence of communicable diseases.

(f) By keeping records of location and spread of diseases.

(g) By disinfecting quarantine premises.

(h) By not allowing a public funeral of any person dying of smallpox, diphtheria, membranous croup, measles, scarlet fever and cholera.

2. Control over sanitary arrangements.

(a) By inspecting all places to determine whether there are violations

of the sanitary code governing nuisances, privies and cesspools, hotels, laundries, barber shops, spitting, smoke nuisance, common drinking cup, common towel, etc.

(b) By issuing notices to abate nuisances within a stated time and prompt prosecution on failure to abate.

(c) All plumbing to be passed upon by plumbing inspectors.

3. Control over food:

(a) By compelling all persons engaged in the sale of food to take out a permit and to keep food in a sanitary condition, screened from flies and insects.

(b) By destroying impure, unclean or adulterated food.

(c) By inspecting dairies, milk stores, ice cream factories, meat markets, bakeries, restaurants and candy factories, etc.

4. Control over child welfare:

(a) By requiring permit to practice midwifery.

(b) Prompt investigation of all cases of still birth.

5. Control over hospitals and clinics:

(a) Provide hospitals for isolation of contagious diseases.

(b) Provide hospitals for care of advanced tubercular patients.

(c) Free vaccination of school children.

(d) Free clinics for treatment of all defects found in school children.

6. Control over registration of vital statistics:

(a) By furnishing blanks for reporting of deaths, births, and marriages, and prosecution for failure to report.

(b) By keeping records of geographical location.

7. Publicity:

(a) By informing the public through newspapers, bulletins, lectures or other methods upon public health subjects and to enlist the cooperation of the citizens.

Either the salary of the health officer should be increased to such an amount as will enable him to devote all his time to the work or else a sanitary and food inspector should be appointed and paid a fixed salary, who should devote all his time to the work.

In order to make the work effective a license should be required by every person intending to go into a business where food is kept, prepared for sale or sold and a permit from the health officer should be required before the license is granted.

REQUEST FOR BIDS.

In the district court of the United States for the district of Oregon. In the matter of E. C. Ireland Cigar company, bankrupts.

I will receive sealed bids for the following property, situated at Medford, Oregon, in the store room formerly occupied by the above named bankrupt, up to and until 12 o'clock noon on the 24th of February, 1914. Stock of goods, wares and merchandise, consisting of cigarettes, smoking tobacco, cigars, chewing tobacco, pipes, etc., of the inventory value of \$1812.02.

Fixtures pertaining thereto of the inventoried value of \$704.95. Certified check for 10 per cent of the amount offered must accompany each bid.

Sale subject to the approval of the court.

Inventory of the property may be seen at my office and the property will be shown to any prospective purchaser.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1914.

E. A. WELCH, Trustee.

PUBLIC SALE NOTICE.

On Wednesday, April 15th, 1914, at one o'clock p. m. at the east door of the Cottage residence located on the corner of West 16th and King streets I will offer at public sale for cash, all the furnishings of this fine residence, also all the paintings and too many articles to mention; also a lot of tools and implements. After the furnishings are sold I will offer for sale to the highest bidder the Cottage residence, barn and grounds, consisting of 113 6-10 feet front on West 10th street, a paved street and 181 feet long on King street. There is an abundance of fruit, flowers and lawn. Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance in yearly, or three and five year payments, interest at 6 per cent, payable semi-annually. Special notice, I will sell any or all of the above property at private sale or will exchange for country property here, north or south.

I also have over 700 acres of good land for sale, close to shipping point, 40 acres can be irrigated now, 310 acres has plenty of sub-irrigation at all seasons of the year and is fine alfalfa or fruit land; also 350 acres of good grain or clover land with plenty of water for pumping, good soil and well located. For the next 60 days I will sell for \$15,500.00 each one of the best tracts of land in Jackson county, barring none. We need money and must have it. Don't miss this opportunity for 60 days only, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 1914, and this offer closes Saturday, April 4th, 1914.

I will also sell small tracts of land on yearly payments maturing in five or ten years to suit purchasers. For further particulars call on me at 604 West 10th street, or write me, the owner.

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