

CITY PROPERTY DELINQUENCY IS CUT TO 5 PER CENT

A review of the delinquent taxes and assessment situation and the progress being made by the city in clearing it up, is set forth in a report to the city council by City Attorney John H. Carlin, as follows:

"When this work was undertaken some three years ago there was delinquency approximately \$125,000 in county and state taxes on property against which the city had delinquent assessments and there was a total of 2266 lots with delinquent taxes of from one to ten years. While not all of these were on payment, yet the majority were and when we consider that there were but between 4000 and 5000 lots originally paved, one can readily see that at the time the extended payment plan was proposed some five or six years ago that there was a delinquency of nearly 50 per cent.

"Due to campaigns on the part of the city to get the property owners to pay up the taxes, a part of this \$125,000 of county tax delinquency was paid up at Jacksonville without returning the city to take over the delinquent properties at tax sales.

"However, out of these 2266 lots it was necessary to take over about one-third of them at the county tax sales three years ago. Of the approximately 700 that the city had to take over from the county at that time the majority were on paving. All of those on paving, however, have been redeemed or straightened up by the original owners or disposed of to the legion boys with the exception of approximately one hundred.

"Thus so far as the lots on paving are concerned as against the delinquency of over 2200 lots to start with we now have title to only some one hundred. In other words a nearly 95

per cent delinquency has been reduced to something less than 5 per cent. I believe this is a remarkable showing and one of which the citizens can well be proud.

"In connection with the one hundred or so lots to which the city has title there remains now but one thing to do, to hold a sale and close them up at an early date or to let the people purchase them from time to time as the demand for building lots requires. To do the former would close all of the paved lots taken over from the county probably by the first of the year; to do the latter would possibly require a year to dispose of the balance. In this connection I would suggest that in view of the investigations showing the paved lots are selling from \$750 to \$1000 apiece in other similar cities in Oregon and recent requests from some property owners that further paving be done, and especially in view of the heavy demand for paved lots for building, that the remaining lots when sold should not be sold at too great a sacrifice.

"I have not taken up the matter of the lots off paving. The city has on its hands as you know a number of them, in fact sufficient probably to accommodate the doubling of our present population without extending our city limits, but inasmuch as there is a total of only \$39,000 of delinquent indebtedness against all of the unpaved lots they do not constitute a factor in the straightening up of city assessments.

"Further, I am not taking up the 700 or 800 lots, most of which signed up under the new plan and have one or more installments of city assessments delinquent, although these are requiring a greater part of the time of this office and will for these two or three years depending on the rapidity with which the city grows. Some of these are being straightened up by redemption every day, the chief problem that faces this office being our inability to find the owners, the majority of whom are non-residents and almost all of them persons who moved from the city years ago."

3 MEN SUFFOCATED MILWAUKEE SEWER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 20.—Three men working on a sewer line were suffocated early today and another was rescued after several hours work by city firemen.

The men were working twenty feet under ground when the wall gave way, tons of earth falling on them. John Adams, 23 of Milwaukee, was rescued. He has a fair chance for recovery. The dead: James Casper, Stanley Hartkovich and John Namaruk, all of Milwaukee.

MILLIONAIRES SON DROPS TAXI TO SELL COATS

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Frank O. French, son of Amos Tack French, who quit being a taxicab driver after working three days, now is selling overcoats on commission.

CITIZENS URGED TO PAY OFF THEIR BACK ASSESSMENT

Mayor E. C. Gaddis today issued a public letter to Medford property owners urging those who are delinquent in paying sewer or water assessments to pay up as soon as possible both for their own good and for the good of the city.

Last year the city was able to pay off \$50,000 of improvement bonds and this year Mayor Gaddis hopes that at least \$100,000 will be paid off. This amount can be paid off in the mayor's opinion, if the citizens cooperate properly with the city toward this end.

The notice is in part as follows: When our paving, sewer and water mains were laid during 1909, 1910 and 1911, it was on the basis that they would be paid for within ten years.

But adverse war conditions caused the suspension of the present extended payment plan, which gives additional time to those who signed up to pay by this new plan. Some remained under the original ten-year plan and have paid up in full, so that the original amount of these improvements, \$1,250,000 has been reduced, and now the total amount of improvement bonds outstanding is \$785,000, which carries interest at 6% amounting to \$25,000 per year.

City records show that a large number of property owners have only from \$25 to \$100 yet to pay on assessments. Under the extended payment plan they would pay on the \$100 as follows: \$5 principle every six months and \$3 interest, (cost of book work and office expense through taxes to be added), which would make the final cost \$100 principal and approximately \$50 in interest and office expense. With these facts before you it will be easy for you to figure that for every dollar you owe on city assessments, it will require an additional \$100 to meet interest, bookkeeping and collection expense during the eight years remaining for payments.

By paying up the full amount of your assessments at once you will make a big saving and will enable the city to reduce the outstanding bonds, thus getting rid of a part due debt. Last year we paid up \$50,000 of improvement bonds and we want to pay at least \$100,000 this year, which can be done with prompt cooperation.

Our city is in an era of expansion. Our postal receipts have almost doubled since 1916. Our bank deposits of \$4,299,680 on October 1st, this year shows almost two and one-half times larger than the same date in 1916. Our volume of business is growing as a result of irrigation and timber development. We must realize that it is up to us to build and make our city greater.

Already we have demands for bigger and better schools and an enlarged new water supply, better parks and playgrounds. There is also need

LOCAL SALVATION ARMY CAPTAIN GIVEN NEW POST

Captain and Mrs. C. Ford, local officers in charge of the Salvation Army corps have received marching orders instructing them to proceed to Sacramento, California to take charge of Number 1 corps post. Captain and Mrs. Ford say they have enjoyed their stay and their work here very much, and state that it is with regret they go to their new appointment. The many kindnesses shown them during their sojourn in Medford have been appreciated to the full.

The farewell service to their many friends and acquaintances will be conducted tonight at the Salvation Army hall in the Medford Bldg. This is the last public service conducted by Captain and Mrs. Ford and it is expected a large congregation will be present.

Ensign and Mrs. Bellington, Rodgers will be the newly appointed corps officers. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers have ten years of experience in the responsibilities of Salvation Army work. The ensign served overseas during the world war in charge of a regimental band, has organized and conducted bands in different parts of the country and it is believed that the Medford organization of the Salvation Army will continue to grow and expand under their leadership.

An especial invitation is extended to the ministers of the city and their congregations to attend tonight's service, also to the many business men who have shown themselves to be very sympathetic to the Army's work.

for at least one hundred new homes to be built in our city, and all of these things have been a contributing factor in bringing better conditions for the sale of real estate, therefore city lots are in better demand and prices are stiffening. We can look for a future development of Medford on safe and substantial lines and with proper effort her future is assured.

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STATE OFFICIALS OF ODD FELLOWS WILL VISIT HERE

Next Friday, November 24, will be an eventful day in local Odd Fellow circles. On that day the Canton branch of the order will have as its guests at least three of the leading officials of the state commandery.

About 7 o'clock an official inspection will be made of the local Canton, in full dress uniform at the lodge hall. This is always a very interesting and impressive ceremony.

Later, about 8:30, the degree of chivalry will be conferred upon a class of Rebekahs, initiating them into the ladies' auxiliary of the Canton. This affair will be held at the armory and will be open to the public. An invitation is extended to all adults to witness this very pretty and interesting coronation.



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