

AUDITOR'S REPORT SHOWS CITY IS IN FINE CONDITION

The financial auditing of the city books of the past administration for the years 1923 and 1924 just completed yesterday by Certified Accountant E. M. Wilson was handed to the city council last night. It is a voluminous record, going into all of the transactions of the city treasurer's and recorder's and other departments of the city as in past years but contains in addition this time a complete inventory and appraisal and auditing of all of the property and sales made by the city to date, these being handled by the city treasurer's and city attorney's office. This was requested by the council as they wanted to know just how the city was working out financially on the properties taken over by it. This has delayed the finishing of the report for some weeks so that all of the city property could be inventoried and appraised and these new funds checked over.

On this feature of his report Mr. Wilson shows that after paying off all interest on bonds and calling and retiring more assessment bonds than have ever been retired in any other two year period in the city's history and paying all county taxes and expenses of administration that the city has collected in cash and on hand in collectible assessments and mortgages and property owned by the city \$18,868.47 more than the outstanding bonds, showing that the city will, if the present policy of straightening up assessments is continued be able to turn over a surplus from the paving account to the general fund in the final windup.

This effectively silences the criticism of those who claim that the city is losing money on its assessments and will be good news to the people who have had continued faith in the city.

Regarding the decrease in bonded indebtedness of the city, the report is equally pleasing, in that it shows that in the last six years the total bonded indebtedness of the city has been reduced from almost \$1,200,000 to but a little over \$900,000, or to be exact, \$908,000.

Commenting on this Mr. Wilson says: "The improved condition of city finances is favorably shown by calling attention to the retirement of bonds for the period covered in my previous report for the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922—four years—and bond retirement shown in this report, 1923, 1924—two years. For the years 1919 to 1922 inclusive the retirement averaged \$15,250.00 per annum and for 1923 and 1924 the retirement averaged \$50,500.00 per annum."

The report shows that two years ago there were assessment bonds outstanding of \$629,000 and that in the two year period \$101,000 had been retired, leaving a present assessment debt of only \$528,000. The water bond debt has been reduced in the same two year period from \$413,000 to \$270,000. The number of delinquent properties in charge of the city has been reduced as shown by the report from 2556 separate parcels to but 523 at the date of this report.

The funds on hand as verified by bank statements and cash and securities shown in the report as follows:

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| Jackson County Bank | \$10,869.12 |
| First National Bank | 3,931.19 |
| Medford National Bank | 15,431.25 |
| Medford National Bank (water fund) | 1,264.26 |
| Farmers & Fruitgrowers bank | 8,238.89 |
| National Park Bank, New York | 37,271.92 |
| Total in banks | \$76,197.68 |

The police court records of Judge Glenn O. Taylor show that the city has received in fines in the two year period \$2030.50, an average of a little over \$80.00 per month.

Mr. Wilson speaks highly of the careful auditing of claims by the finance committee and recorder and states that he finds but few minor errors and that City Treasurer Mary Haswell Welber has been especially accurate in her cash records and finally concludes by stating, "that the records certainly reflect a most healthy financial condition of the city brought about by the earnest efforts and most careful attention of city affairs by all those who had a guiding hand in our city government."

Sue for Title of Land In Wimer District

Ernest Harrison as receiver for the Sacramento Valley Realty company, filed suit in the circuit court against Charles L. Donohoe, Charles L. Donohoe company, and John Doe and Doe company, for the possession of the title to land in the Wimer district. The complaint alleges that Donohoe as agent for the company purchased the land, and holds legal title to the same, refusing to turn it over. The conveyance of the title to the realty company and the cost of the suit are sought.

Wonderful Bargains In Wednesday Specials

The people of southern Oregon and northern California should notice the special bargains offered by 28 Medford merchants in Monday's issue for Wednesday special tomorrow.

Wonderful bargains are offered every week, but this week they are unusually attractive and cover practically every line of business, with something for everybody, including the babies as well as the home, auto, yard and garden.

Nickel Plate Gets C. & O. RICHMOND, Va., Mar. 21.—(By Associated Press.) Lease of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway company to the Greater Nickel Plate system, was formally approved by the stockholders of the former company today.

FLOYD YOUNG IS KIWANIS SPEAKER, GIVES FROST DATA

Floyd C. Young, frost expert, was the speaker at the Kiwanis banquet Monday. He told of the wonderful development of the protection of fruit by smudging in California and Oregon especially. Mr. Young said this is the ninth year for the frost service in the Rogue river valley, that it had advanced from mere experiment to the point where the fruit crop can be saved under any conditions, with the equipment if properly used. There were 130,000 new heaters added this year and many are smudging that never did before.

Another great improvement has been the system of education as to temperatures and use of smudge pots.

He said the smoke from the smudger is disagreeable but it has to be if the people save their crops. In California questionnaires were sent out to over 200 physicians asking if they considered the smudge smoke injurious to health. Out of 147 replies 149 said no, seven were not sure and not one said it was. He closed by saying the loss to citrus fruits in California last winter was about 50 per cent but around Pomona where they have a splendid system of smudging the loss was only about 10 per cent. The speaker complimented the local telephone office for their excellent cooperation.

G. M. Harris, of Portland, representative of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph service, said the first telephone conversation was in 1876 and was over a line two miles long between Boston and Cambridge, that in 1850 there were 2,000 telephone stations in this country, in 1924, sixteen million stations and the Pacific company now has 300,000 men employed. In closing he referred to the new method of sending pictures of Coolidge's inauguration over their line from Washington to San Francisco and that they appeared in the Medford Mail Tribune 48 hours after the parade.

T. E. McMeans of Johnstown, Pa., told of the splendid work being done by the Kiwanis club there.

A. L. Hill presided at the meeting. C. M. Kidd received the attendance prize, a fine leather pocket book donated by Ralph Woodford. Dr. Hayes told of the progress of the child the local club is caring for and the result of the operations in a San Francisco hospital.

Attention was called to the normal celebration at Ashland this evening and all were urged to attend.

J. W. Jacobs asked all to observe Clean-up Week, April 3 to 10.

"Bill" Warren explained the increase in postal rates April 15. Guests were F. E. McMeans of Johnstown, Pa., G. M. Harris, Portland and F. C. Young.

NEW GROCERY STORE OPENS IN MEDFORD

One of the new up-to-the-minute business institutions in Medford is the new cash grocery of Sanford & Co., successors to Warner, Wortman & Gore on East Main street.

The interior of the building has been made over, new shelving, counters and show cases added and the entire interior painted white. They carry everything in the grocery, fruit and vegetable lines, have their own delivery, making no charge for orders of \$2 or over and a 10 cent charge on orders less than this amount.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Jones of Klamath Falls, are here for a time assisting Everett Jones, who is manager of the local store, get started after which they will return home and look after the wholesale and retail stores they have operated in Klamath Falls for three years, going there from the Willamette valley.

It is the intention of the owners to purchase produce and fruits here to supply their wholesale and retail trade in Klamath Falls as well as the local store.

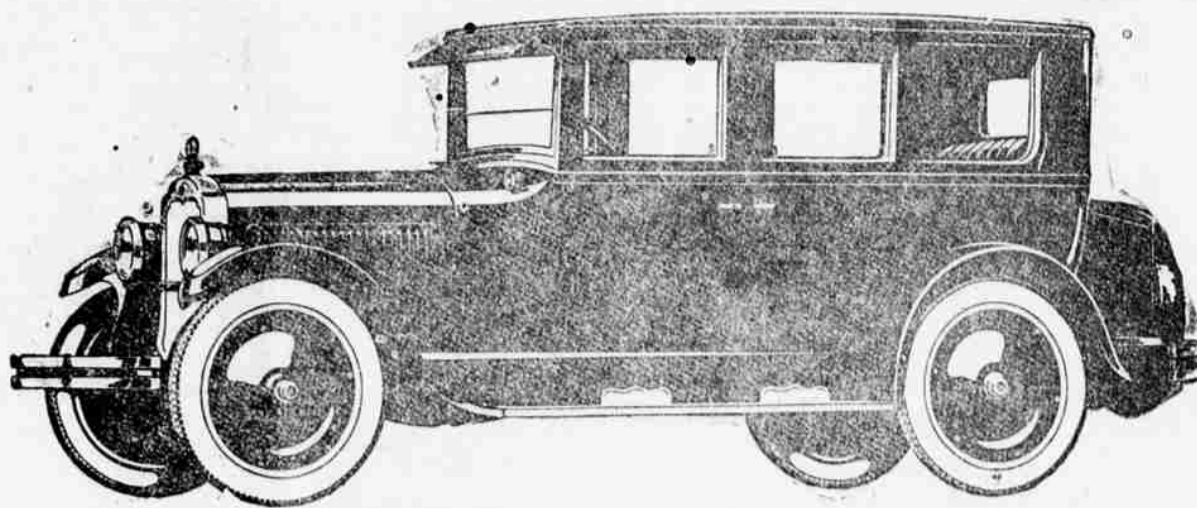
The Messrs. Jones are very much impressed with Medford and the future of southern Oregon.

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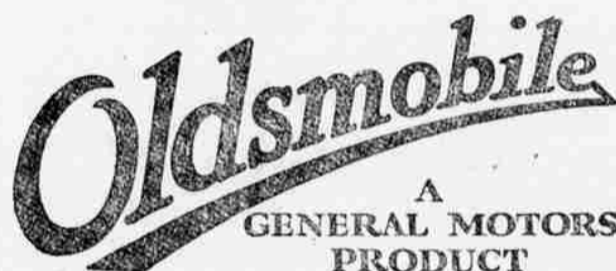
Relief from First Bottle Battle Creek, Michigan.—"I had great pains and swelling in my sides, pains so bad at times that I could not do my housework or stand on my feet for weeks and I was in a very nervous condition. In a Cleveland paper I read a letter about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I have had great relief from the first bottle and I shall continue its use because I believe and know it helps me. I want to help other women all I can and I am going to answer letters and tell them what the Vegetable Compound has done for me."—Mrs. C. E. PALMER, 247 Champion Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.



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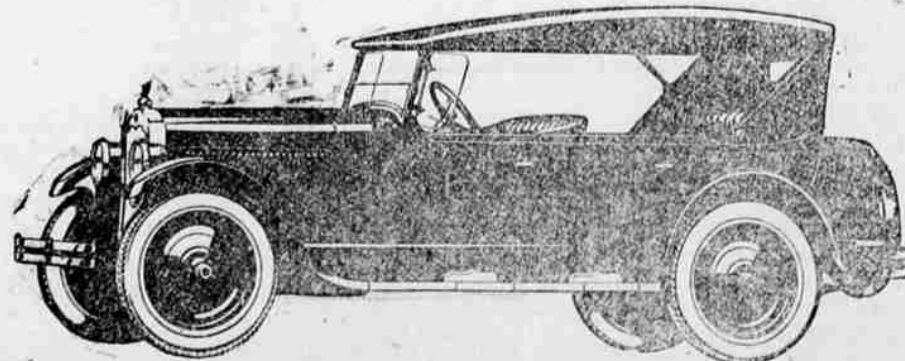
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