

# FIRE BELL IS UNSATISFACTORY

COUNCIL EXAMINES BELL AND SYSTEM AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF TOWER—ARE NOT APPROVED

After an examination of the fire bell, tower, electrical equipment, both in the tower and below, the general concensus of opinion of the members of the city council was that it was not satisfactory from several standpoints and that a number of changes are necessary.

First the bell tower does not meet the approval of the council, as it is constructed of hollow walls, and the bell is so enclosed by the pillars in the corners that the sound is not given a chance to get out. The hollow walls would also have a tendency to kill the sound, they say. The ceiling is too low, and the bell is too close to the roof below, it is also contended.

It is thought that the striker is not large enough, and that the apparatus, electrically controlled, is not strong enough to hit the bell square. Councilman Sheets held it down last night while it was running, and stopped it, when it is supposed to strike a blow of 700 pounds. The installation of the apparatus on the roof is also considered a poor job.

Other defects found in the mechanism below, such as adjustment, protection in case of blowing out of a fuse, transformer or accident to the wires.

It is understood that no money has been paid on the alarm system, and that the company has agreed to make it satisfactory. Also that Architect Veght is being held for satisfactory construction of the building before he receives his money. His acceptance of the building is final as far as the contractor and the city is concerned, but the city council has the last word over the architect.



# Report of the Police Judge for Fiscal Year, Ending May 31, 1915.

TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL.

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit to you the report of the Police Judge of the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, covering the transactions of the fiscal year beginning May 31, 1914, and ending on the 31st day of May, 1915.

The present City Charter was adopted March 10, 1913. The first general municipal election thereunder was on the first Monday in May, 1913.

In December, 1913, the Common Council, under authority of Section 115 of said Charter levied the amount of taxes, which, in its judgment, was necessary to provide for the payment during the fiscal year of all properly authorized demands upon the treasury, and for the payment of existing indebtedness. (Such levy of taxes being based upon the amount of taxable property within the city limits as shown by the Tax Roll for the year 1913) and apportioned to the various funds provided for by the Charter the following amounts for their support and maintenance during such fiscal year, to-wit:

| | |
|---|---|
| For the General Fund, the sum of | $19,263.32 |
| For the Street Fund the sum of | 3,200.00 |
| For the Light and Water Fund | 5,250.00 |
| For the Fire Department Fund | 1,250.00 |
| For the Police Department Fund | 200.00 |
| Public Library Fund | 360.00 |
| Incidental Fund | 1,000.00 |
| Bond Interest Fund | 7,207.32 |
| Bond Redemption Fund | 726.00 |

During such fiscal year there has been expended from the above named funds the following amounts, to-wit:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From the General Fund the sum of | | $18,061.79 |
| From the Street Fund the sum of | | 2,784.37 |
| From the Light and Water Fund | | 5,442.13 |
| From the Fire Department Fund | | 655.97 |
| From the Police Department fund | | ...... |
| From the Public Library Fund | | 364.00 |
| From the Incidental Fund | | 14.00 |
| (The following sums have been authorized against the Incidental Fund, but the warrants have not yet been drawn, to-wit: | | |
| For printing pamphlets descriptive of the resources of Klamath Falls | $250.00 | |
| For support of Band | 300.00 | 550.00 |
| From the Bond Interest Fund | | 10,219.07 |
| From the Bond Redemption Fund | | ...... |

The excess of expenditures over the amount apportioned to the Interest Fund is accounted for by the subsequent issue of the City Hall Bonds. The balance on hand in that fund at the beginning of the fiscal year enabled us to take care of that increased expense without embarrassment.

A comparison of the amounts apportioned to the several funds for the fiscal year with the expenditures indicates clearly the result of the efforts of the Common Council to keep within the several apportionments and the revenue received for each fund during the year just closed.

Following is a detailed statement of the several municipal funds, exhibiting the balances on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, and the receipts from all sources and the disbursements; and the banance on hand May 31, 1915:

### GENERAL FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By warrants authorized | $17,813.59 |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $14,545.01 | By authorized transfer to to city hall fund | 248.20 |
| To cash, liquor license | 5,625.00 | By bal. May 31, 1915 | 9,372.40 |
| To cash, taxes | 6,732.78 | | |
| To cash, imp. fees | 181.40 | | |
| To cash, Evans Bros. | 100.00 | | |
| To cash, Nichols note | 250.00 | | |
| | $27,434.19 | | $27,434.19 |
| 1915 | | | |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $ 9,372.40 | | |

The average monthly expenditure from this fund for the fiscal year has been the sum of $1,484.46.

It appears from an inspection of this account that the receipts for the fiscal year have been $12,889.18, and the expenditures $18,061.79; but this is accounted for by the fact that $5,172.61 of taxes received early in the year and passed to the credit of the fund, and appears in the balance reported on hand May 31, 1914.

### STREET FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By warrants authorized | $ 2,784.37 |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $ 1,970.01 | By bal. May 31, 1915 | 3,479.55 |
| To cash, liquor license | 1,875.00 | | |
| To cash, dog tax | 230.75 | | |
| To cash, taxes | 793.62 | | |
| To cash, Police Judge | 1,394.54 | | |
| | $ 6,263.92 | | $ 6,263.92 |
| 1915 | | | |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $ 3,479.55 | | |

### MUNICIPAL BOND INTEREST FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By pd. int. on sewer bonds | $ 2,305.74 |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $ 7,396.57 | By pd. int. on Light and Water bonds | 300.00 |
| To cash, int. on daily balances | 1,675.55 | By pd. int. on Refunding bonds and exchange | 4,613.33 |
| To cash, accrued int. on city hall bonds | 568.81 | By pd. int. on city hall bonds | 3,000.00 |
| To cash, taxes | 3,308.81 | By bal. on hand May 31, 1915 | 2,729.73 |
| | $12,948.80 | | $12,948.80 |
| 1915 | | | |
| May 31—To bal on hand | $ 2,729.73 | | |

### BOND REDEMPTION FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By bal. May 31, 1915 | $ 4,233.62 |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $ 3,685.36 | | |
| To cash, taxes | 548.26 | | |
| | $ 4233.62 | | $ 4233.62 |

The remaining unredeemed $5,000.00 Light and Water Bonds are redeemable in September next. With the taxes passed to the credit of this fund from collection of first half on June 1, 1915, the fund will not be sufficient by about $90.00 to make the redemption.

### ORIGINAL SEWER FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By paid warrants | $ 501.73 |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $ 1,817.43 | By bal. on hand | 2,440.76 |
| To cash collections | 1,125.06 | | |
| | $ 2,942.49 | | $ 2,942.49 |
| 1915 | | | |
| May 31—To bal on hand | $ 2,440.76 | | |

The balance reported in this fund was, by resolution of the Council adopted June 5, 1915, transferred to the fourth sewer unit bond fund for the purpose of liquidating the accumulated interest on construction warrant of that fund.

### LIGHT AND WATER FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By warrants authorized against the fund | $ 5,442.13 |
| Mar. 31—to cash, taxes | $ 1,890.00 | | |
| May 31—To cash, taxes | 1,627.00 | | |
| June 29—To cash, taxes | 279.80 | | |
| Sept. 28—To cash, taxes | 827.37 | | |
| Dec. 31—To cash, taxes | 96.21 | | |
| 1915 | | | |
| Mar. 30—To cash, taxes | 453.82 | | |
| May 31—To overdraft | 167.93 | | |
| | $ 5,442.12 | | $ 5,442.13 |
| | | 1915 May 31—By overdraft | $ 167.93 |

### FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By warrants authorized against the fund | $ 523.15 |
| Mar. 31—To cash, taxes | $ 450.00 | By bal. Mai 31, 1915 | 709.59 |
| May 31—To cash, taxes | 387.00 | | |
| June 29—To cash, taxes | 91.12 | | |
| Sept. 28—To cash, taxes | 196.08 | | |
| Dec. 26—To cash, taxes | 23.32 | | |
| 1915 | | | |
| Mar. 31—To cash, taxes | 85.22 | | |
| | $ 1,232.74 | | $ 1,232.74 |
| 1915 | | | |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $ 709.59 | | |

### POLICE DEPARTMENT FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | 1915 | |
| Mar. 31—To cash, taxes | $ 72.00 | May 31—By bal. on hand | $ 191.88 |
| May 31—To cash, taxes | 62.00 | | |
| June 29—To cash, taxes | 14.58 | | |
| Sept. 28—To cash, taxes | 31.50 | | |
| Dec. 26—To cash, taxes | 3.66 | | |
| 1915 | | | |
| Mar. 30—To cash, taxes | 8.14 | | |
| | $ 191.88 | | |

### LIBRARY FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By warrants authorized against the fund | $ 364.00 |
| Mar. 31—To cash, taxes | $ 126.00 | By bal. Mai 31, 1915 | 4.70 |
| May 31—To cash, taxes | 111.00 | | |
| June 29—To cash, taxes | 26.24 | | |
| Sept. 28—To cash, taxes | 56.70 | | |
| Dec. 26—To cash, taxes | 6.58 | | |
| 1915 | | | |
| Mar. 30—To cash, taxes | 42.18 | | |
| | $ 368.70 | | $ 368.70 |
| 1915 | | | |
| May 31—To balance | $ 4.70 | | |

### INCIDENTAL FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By warrants authorized against the fund and drawn | $ 14.00 |
| To cash, taxes | $ 959.60 | By warrant authorized, not drawn | 250.00 |
| | | By appropriation for band | 300.00 |
| | | By balance | 395.60 |
| | $ 959.60 | | $ 959.60 |
| 1915 | | | |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $ 395.60 | | |

### CITY HALL FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | By paid site warrants | $ 4,632.00 |
| June 3—To proceeds sale of bonds | $50,000.00 | By paid site warrant | 578.92 |
| To premium | 3,010.00 | By paid contractors, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 estimates | 29,833.09 |
| To transfer from General Fund | 248.20 | By paid Veghte & Co. | 930.20 |
| | | By paid contractors | 5,000.00 |
| | | By paid C. B. Coon for electrical fixtures | 454.20 |
| | | By paid Willis&Johnstone | 603.40 |
| | | By paid Wm. Mack | 54.40 |
| | | By paid H. Boivin | 1.25 |
| | | By paid Goeller & Son | 2.15 |
| | | By paid Herald Pub. Co. | 54.25 |
| | | By paid J. H. Garrett for inspection | 25.00 |
| | | By paid J. L. Cunningham | 5.00 |
| | | By paid Dave Burling | 2.50 |
| | | By paid M. R. Doty | 140.00 |
| | | By paid Miles Sign Co. | 6.60 |
| | | By paid Roberts & Hanks | 2.85 |
| | | By paid O. Peyton | 20.00 |
| | | By paid H. P. Thomas | 1.00 |
| | | By paid J. W. Siemens | 32.95 |
| | | By paid F. Bamber | 5.70 |
| | | May 31—By balance | 10,872.74 |
| | $53,258.20 | | $53,258.20 |
| 1915 | | | |
| May 31—To bal. on hand | $10,872.74 | | |

### STATEMENT OF ALL FRANCHISES IN EFFECT

April 6, 1895—A franchise was granted to H. V. Gates for Light and Water. The present owner of this franchise is reputed to be the California-Oregon Power Co.

The original grant was for ten years, carrying a proviso that in the event the city failed to purchase at the end of each five-year period, a new franchise should be granted.

February 18, 1907—A perpetual right and franchise was granted the United States of America to construct, operate and maintain an irrigating canal on west side of Link River from north line of Breitenstein property to north city limits.

October 6, 1908—A perpetual right and franchise was granted the United States of America to construct and maintain concrete conduit on west side of Link River.

December 12, 1903—A ten-year franchise was granted L. Hessig for telegraph and telephone purposes.

October 3, 1905—A ten-year franchise was granted the Langell Valley Telephone company.

July 15, 1907—A fifty-year franchise was granted C. S. and R. S. Moore, to erect poles, wires and other apparatus for certain electrical transmission purposes; and to construct flumes across Mill street in West Klamath Falls. The California-Oregon Power Company are the present reputed owners of this franchise.

December 16, 1909—A twenty-five-year franchise was granted the Western Union Telegraph Company.

August 15, 1910—A twenty-five-year franchise was granted the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The present municipal indebtedness of the city is represented in the following issues of bonds:

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|---|---|
| Light and Water Bonds—Original issue $10,000.00, issued in 1895, to run twenty years, bearing 6 per cent interest, $5,000.00 redeemed in December, 1913. | |
| Outstanding and due September, 1915 | $ 5,000.00 |
| Sewer Bonds issued 1910 to run twenty years, 5 per cent interest, due 1930 | 40,000.00 |
| Sewer Bonds issued 1911 to run twenty years, 6 per cent interest, due 1931 | 5,000.00 |
| Refunding Bonds, 1913, to run twenty years, 6 per cent interest, due 1933 | 76,793.00 |
| City Hall Bonds, 1914, to run twenty years, 6 per cent interest, due 1934 | 50,000.00 |
| | $176,793.00 |

### SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

The city has issued the following improvement bonds:

| When issued. | Name. | Amount. | Amt. called |
|---|---|---|---|
| September, 1911 | Series A, First Unit | $52,791.10 | 1 to 39 |
| September, 1911 | Series B, Second Unit | 47,082.62 | 107 to 134 |
| September, 1911 | Series C, Third Unit | 24,944.78 | 203 to 211 |
| October, 1911 | Series D, Fourth Unit | 70,658.51 | 1 to 11 |
| June, 1913 | Series H, Fifth Unit | 11,296.32 | 1 to 3 |
| June, 1914 | Series I, Sixth Unit | 17,358.70 | |
| September, 1914 | Series J, Eighth and Ninth Units | 35,021.15 | |
| 1914 | Fourth Sewer Bonds | 7,291.43 | |
| March, 1915 | Series K, Third Street | 19,040.76 | |

### DEFICIT BONDS

| When issued. | Name. | Amount. | Amt. called |
|---|---|---|---|
| August, 1912 | Series E, First Unit | $ 7,490.63 | 1 to 3 |
| August, 1912 | Series F, Second Unit | 4,206.42 | 1 to |
| August, 1912 | Series G, Third Unit | 4,304.51 | 1 |

The following is an inventory of all real property owned by the city, its condition and approximate value:

All of Block 88, upon which is situated the septic tank, value $5,000.00. Lots 9 and 10 of Block 75, upon which is situated the new city hall, $5,000.00. Lot 8 of Block 75, upon which is located the city pound and stable, $1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. LEAVITT, Police Judge