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CEDAR CITY'S FINANCE, ETC.

Our Bonded Indebtedness and What is Being Done to Take Care of It.

MAYOR W. H. LEIGH ANSWERS INQUIRIES

Improvements and Progress of the Year—Stopping of Leaks, Both of Water and of Revenue.

I have been asked to give the bonded indebtedness of Cedar City, state what was being done to meet the bonds and turn on any other "side-lights" which might be of public interest.

Eleven years ago last March the City was bonded for \$9,200.00 for a water system. The bonds sold for a premium, the city receiving about \$12,000.00, because this issue was to draw 8% interest.

Five years later the City was again bonded, to pipe the water down from the springs to the system in town, for \$9,166.00. This issue sold at par, and was to draw 5% interest.

This made a total bonded indebtedness of \$19,166.00. The interest amounts to \$1,234.30 annually.

The bonds were to run for twenty years.

We now have, or rather will have, when the taxes of this year are adjusted, about \$8,600.00 in the sinking fund. I have in mind recommending, before the close of this administration, the paying of this \$8,000 to the bond holders and cutting the \$19,000 down to \$13,000.

During the last two years the water system has been extended, two or three good springs added, a number of extensions made here in town, at a cost of about \$4,000, and this has been done without further bonding of the City. In fact, there will be left in the treasury a nice little sum for the next administration.

The big drain on the City's purse is the fixing of the leaks and maintaining of the water system. The pipe, when purchased, was a very poor class of pipe, poorly put in, and badly treated after it was in. The factory that made it only made one other batch of pipe and went out of business.

For the extensions two car loads of the California red wood was ordered, and it is proving very satisfactory.

The present administration has tried to make every department as far as possible self-supporting. It was found at the beginning that sixty families or more, who were using the water, were not paying for it. Sixty families at seven dollars (which was then the price) amounted to a loss of \$420 per year in this one department.

A charge for the use of the Library's auditorium has been made, which has averaged \$15.00 per month for the past year. \$15.00 a month invested in books for twelve months adds many good volumes to the growing library.

The City is growing in population. The "bootlegging" and drinking is hard to keep down, and for these reasons the administration has seen fit to employ a man to do nothing else but police the town.

Many of the old wooden bridges have been replaced with cement ones. The corrals, the dumping ground, the slaughter houses and the sanitary conditions in general have improved.

The installing of fire hydrants, the purchase of 500 feet of the best hose and a hose cart, have been good additions.

Helping to make the beautiful road from the top of the lane to Main street, and the sprinkling of most of the streets are some of the improvements of the last two years.

W. H. LEIGH, Mayor.

Bishop Spilsbury of Toquerville is in Cedar City, and has spent the past two or three days here, taking treatment for an infection in one of his ears which was implanted by a wood-tick, that was recently removed by Dr. Wilkinson of Hurricane. Mr. Spilsbury spent a number of sleepless and miserable nights with the trouble, but is now better and expects to return home Sunday.

COMMENDS RECORD FOR ITS COURSE.

J. H. Manderfield of Salt Lake Route Compliments Editorial on the Settlement of County.

J. H. Manderfield, assistant freight and pas. agent of the Salt Lake Route, writing from Salt Lake City under date of December 13, has the following to say, which has a bearing upon the settlement and development of Iron county:

"I have read with considerable interest the editorial in your issue of December 3rd regarding prospective settlers from California and wish to complement you; it covers the situation fully.

"In this connection, won't you be good enough to send me the names of the local attorneys you speak of who are familiar with what entries are still available. We have quite a number of interested people coming in every week seeking information regarding lands along our line, and would like to be in a position to give these prospective settlers the names of good reliable land locators at the different points.

"It is indeed gratifying to know that there is some one in your section who will handle the matter of locating prospective settlers in such a manner as to not work a hardship.

"Yours truly,
"J. H. MANDERFIELD."

(At the present time M. H. Dalley & Sons Co. of this city appear to be the only ones in the county, so far as we can learn, who are taking care of this class of business, and are keeping maps posted up as required. They will be found reliable and reasonable in their charges.—Ed. Record.)

FEDERAL BUILDING FOR CEDAR CITY

Bill Introduced in U. S. Senate by Senator Smoot Making Appropriation.

COST, INCLUDING SITE, TO BE FIFTY THOUSAND

Bill is Read Twice and Referred to Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

The Record is in receipt of the following copy of a bill introduced into the Senate of the United States by Senator Smoot, providing for a government building in Cedar City, to cost, including site, \$50,000: 64th Congress, 1st session.

In the Senate of the United States, December 7, 1915.

Mr. Smoot introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds:

A BILL
To Provide for the Erection of a Public Building at Cedar City, Utah.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, a site and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building for the use and accommodation of the post office and other offices of the Government at Cedar City, Iron County, Utah, the cost of said site and building not to exceed \$50,000.

Splendid Snow Storm.

Tuesday night approximately a foot of snow fell in this locality, which makes the farmers feel happy, though some of the sheepmen were a little nervous lest the weather man had rather overdone the job, and the flocks might suffer in consequence.

As a result of the heavy snow, following open mild weather, the electric plant ditch was filled so full of snow that it required nearly two days to remove it, in consequence of which the town was in darkness, save for the light of the moon Wednesday night, and users of power were seriously inconvenienced.

The snow is now packed and there is good sleighing in the streets.

MRS. J. C. CARPENTER WINS PRIZE AUTO

BY A VOTE OF 210,680, SHE TAKES FIRST PRIZE IN CONTEST—MRS. J. D. LEIGH, ON VOTE OF 164,915, CAPTURES SECOND PRIZE.

Mrs. Margaret Pryor Takes Third Place and Blanch C. Jones Gets Fourth—Finish of Contest Was Lively and Considerable Money Changed Hands on the Result.

The final count in The Record's prize voting contest, made last Tuesday by the judges, showed as follows:

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| Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, Glendale | 210,680 |
| Mrs. J. David Leigh, Lund, Utah | 164,915 |
| Mrs. Margaret Pryor, Cedar City | 151,870 |
| Blanch C. Jones, Cedar City | 66,640 |
| Maud A. Benson, Parowan | 10,830 |
| Alonzo Dalton, Hurricane | 9,380 |
| Fannie R. Jones, Cedar City | 5,270 |

GUESSING CONTEST.

The results of the guessing contest are as follows:

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| Dr. A. N. Leonard, first prize on guess of J. C. Carpenter, second prize, on guess of | 210,165 |
| Mrs. Kumen Leigh, third prize, on guess of | 208,790 |
| We certify the above count to be correct. | 199,990 |

S. J. FOSTER,
JOHN P. FULLER,
M. D. HIGBEE,
Judges on Contest

The first prize in the contest was a Ford touring car; second, \$50 gold; third, \$25 gold; fourth, \$10 gold; fifth, sixth and seventh, each \$5 gold. The prizes in the guessing contest were \$5, \$2.50 and \$1.50, respectively.

The money to cover all cash prizes was placed on deposit at the Bank of Southern Utah, and all those who have not yet received the prize money to which they are entitled may either call for it or advise the Bank what disposition they wish made of it.

As announced in our last issue, the count by the judges of the votes deposited in our voting contest, was made on Tuesday on the arrival of the mails for that day. The result was as much a surprise to the management of The Record as to any one taking an interest in the contest. We had expected that the vote of the three leading candidates would have been much closer than it was. All worked hard and apparently were running up a mammoth vote.

Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, the winner of the car, is a new comer to this locality. Her previous home was Glendale, Utah, where she conducted a hotel for a number of years. Mr. Carpenter is now in the sheep business, having his sheep south of Hurricane, in the Dixie country, but makes Cedar City his headquarters. They have three sons attending school here, two of whom are students of the B. A. C.

While the losing candidates naturally feel disappointed, they take defeat in a sportsmanlike manner, and are making the best of it, realizing from the start that only one could win first prize, and that it might be up to any of them to take defeat.

Mrs. Carpenter took possession of her car last Wednesday. Her portrait appears below.

BRANCH A. C. NOTES.

Many of the students have already gone to their homes for the Christmas holidays.

Prin. Homer and a number of the other teachers will leave Sunday for Salt Lake City, where they will attend Teachers' convention.

Mr. Homer gave the students a Christmas talk in chapel last Tuesday. He wished them a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr. Knudsen has departed for his home in Provo, where he will spend the holidays with his mother. Mr. Knudsen has been away from Provo for a number of years, so he will, without doubt, enjoy his visit.

The first matinee dance, given for the purpose of learning the latest dances, was given Monday afternoon. The dances were taught by Miss Knowles.

A farewell dance was given Thursday afternoon. The students who have not already gone home will leave Friday and Saturday, and they felt that they must once more meet and dance before leaving for their vacation.

Clair and Fernleigh Gardner are the honored members of the Senior class, having made the '16 which was so artistic that it could scarcely be surpassed. The class is grateful to them for the gift, which will be one of the treasures of the class and will appear at the next Senior dance.

We are all satisfied that the Senior dance given last Saturday was one of the most successful given this year. The league '16, which lighted up the campus, was the most original thing that has been used at any dance for a long time. Late in the evening it



MRS. J. C. CARPENTER, Winner of the prize Automobile.

was taken into the dance hall where it furnished light for a number of '16 dances. Lemonade and after dinner mints were served during the evening.

The last week has been one of triumph for the B. A. C. in the way of athletics. In the game played last Saturday with Richfield the B. A. C. was victorious, the score being twenty to twenty-four. Richfield, however, had a little hard luck. One of their men had the misfortune to fall and break two of his fingers, thus throwing him out of the game.

In the game with Kanab last Monday we were equally successful. The games were both played fast and with spirit, especially on the part of our team, who seemed to enjoy being once more in the game.

The B. A. C. players are in splendid condition for the league games, which will be continued immediately after the holidays. We have one of the strongest teams in the history of the school and stand a good chance of winning the championship this year.

AS THINGS LOOK IN U. S. METROPOLIS.

Amasa Clark, President of National Sheep Shearers' Union, Writes Interesting Letter.

Hotel Continental, New York, Dec. 5, 1915.

Friend Chas.—I thought I would just drop you a line to tell you how things are looking in the nation's metropolis.

Of course things look big to us at first, but it isn't so much different here to other cities. Business men are not so optimistic here as they are in Butte, and while money is easy, the big men are not in a mood to invest it just at present.

The feeling is prevalent here that the present congress, which convenes tomorrow, has to do with and handle the most serious national questions that have faced the United States since the Spanish-American crisis.

Henry Ford sailed from this place yesterday. His mission of peace is looked upon as a joke by most of the people, but on the other hand the majority wish him well and hope that he may be able to accomplish something that may lead to peace terms.

I am back here on a business trip for the Sheep Shearers' Union and Mrs. Clark accompanied me that we might take in the sights of the Eastern cities together.

We stopped at Salt Lake City, Omaha, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Washington, D. C. and the Quaker City coming out, and will return via Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake, then on to Butte, Mont.

We get The Record when home and we only wish we could get it while here.

Best wishes, old man, from your friend,
AMASA CLARK.

Clarks Take Ride in Aeroplane.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Clark returned home from California Thursday, and report a most pleasant outing. They were in San Francisco at the closing scene of the exposition at that place, and say that the best of the exhibits will be removed to the San Diego show, which is to be kept open for another year, or the greater part of it. Each of them availed themselves of the opportunity of taking a ride in an air ship while at the exposition grounds, and Mrs. Clark prizes as a souvenir her ticket and agreement with the Loughhead Hydro Aeroplane Company. Patrons of this concession at the grounds had to agree to waive all claims for damages in the case of accident while on the voyage.

The minimum speed at which the aeroplane travels when maintaining the same elevation is 90 miles an hour, and when ascending or descending a speed of 100 to 125 miles per hour is frequently reached. For a fee of \$10 the passenger is taken for a ride of fifteen to twenty minutes, during which time a distance of 30 or more miles are covered.

It is a matter of some surprise to learn that a great many more women than men avail themselves of this exciting and exhilarating pastime.

December Student is Out.

The December issue of The Student, published by the Junior class, has just issued from our press. Besides being well written considerable trouble and expense has been put on the cover, which gives the book a handsome appearance. The front piece is an original drawing by one of the students of the class, which is done in gold bronze and cannot fail to attract favorable attention wherever seen. The publication has consumed the greater part of this week, which we had intended devoting to our holiday number, but which is somewhat neglected in consequence.

Cliftons Make Changes.

Mrs. Clifton was in Monday from her ranch about 12 miles this side of Lund. For a number of years the Cliftons have resided on and taken care of the Sarver ranch, but this fall they have moved onto their own homestead about half a mile south. New barn, house and other buildings have been erected, which has made times exceptionally busy for them. The large galvanized iron barn was moved from the McBee ranch and erected on their farm, and everything has been made comfortable for winter.

FARMERS URGED TO ORGANIZE

Settlers Near Heist Take the Initiative for Social and Financial Betterment.

WILL PETITION CONGRESS FOR RELIEF FROM PEST.

Unique Plan for Social Intercourse, and Discussion of Questions Affecting Welfare.

Heist, Utah, December 3, 1915.

Editor Iron County Record, Cedar City, Utah, Dear Sir.—Please find herewith enclosed a small article that I believe will be of interest to many of your readers, if you will kindly find space for it in your next issue. I submit it as the secretary of our club.

Yours truly,
J. W. CLARK.

Farmers, we should organize ourselves into clubs. It breaks the monotony of the farm, brings us closer together, and is of mutual benefit to the neighborhood. If the readers of this had been present at our Neighborhood Social Club meeting on last Thanksgiving evening, they would have made up their minds that there is no reason why farmers should not enjoy the pleasures of society, as well as city folks do. There were sixty persons present, and they certainly did enjoy themselves, until twelve o'clock. Our entire neighborhood has organized into what we have named "The Social Neighborhood Club," have elected a president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive board; and adopted by-laws. We meet once a month at some neighbor's house. In the winter time the meetings are held at the homes of neighbors who have houses large enough so that the entertainments can be inside; in the summer time at neighbors who have small houses and the entertainment is held outside.

The object of the club is to get better acquainted, and to create a more neighborly feeling; also to discuss topics that are of mutual interest to us all and of the most benefit to the community, such as schools, good roads, and telephone service. We are working at present on a question that is of vital importance to the entire county. That question is, "Jack Rabbits." Our plan is to petition our senators and congressmen to take the matter before the United States Congress and ask them to help us with this pest. We have been told that already two counties have been helped. The plan is, I believe, that the government furnishes the rabbit wire to the settlers at the lowest possible cost, on long time payments, and at a low rate of interest.

Now, neighbors, if this has been done in other counties we can get it done here, if we will all get busy and organize clubs or societies. I need not mention the great amount of damage these creatures are doing all over the county, for you all know full well.

At our last meeting we elected a committee of three, of which I am a member, to co-operate with committees from, we hope, every town and neighbor in the county. These committees to meet at some central place and draft a petition to congress. And, neighbors, we believe that if we can get a petition signed by committees from all towns and neighborhoods, that our government will help us. For without something of this kind can be done many of us will be compelled to give up our claims, for most of us are not able to buy fencing such as will turn rabbits.

So let us get together and at least try. Now, dear reader, it is up to you to see that a committee of some kind is appointed or elected with power to act for your locality, and when such committee is created, if you will drop me a card (as I am secretary of our club) I will communicate with you as to place of meeting. Or, your next meeting of the club will be held New Year's eve at Mr. Beranscano's place north of Beryl. If any one wishes to come and talk this matter over with us at that time, you are cordially invited. J. W. CLARK, Secretary.