The Claimant

He Had Recourse to a Brute For a Witness

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

There is in man a faculty for development that the lower animals do not possess.

An illustration of this diversity between men and animals occurred during the eighteenth century in the case of a young Irishman who emigrated to America and later returned to his native country. Arthur Donovan was a younger son of the Earl of Strongford. Young Donovan was devoted to hunting, and, since there was a fine pack of hounds on the estate, he occupied himself largely with the sport. Neither of his two older brothers cared for it, so that the dogs came to look upon Arthur as their master, and he never went among them that they did not show the greatest affection for him.

Arthur was not only beloved by his dogs, but by every one who knew him. He was a fine, manly fellow, while his older brothers were disposed to lead a dissolute city life. The heir to the title and estates spent most of his time in London, while the second was an officer in one of the aristocratic English regiments. Arthur, having only the remotest chance to inherit the title, became restive and did what a great many younger sons of British noblemen did in those days—he emigrated to America.

Arthur Donovan was but eighteen years old when he left Ireland for America. The last goodby he spoke was to the dogs. Going out to the kennels, he called to them, and they gathered about him, barking their joy, supposing that they were going for a hunt. There was one dog, Hector, of which Arthur had made an especial pet. He was very young, but Arthur had found him capable of being trained far easier than the other hunters. Hector loved his master, and his master loved Hector. When it came to bidding farewell to this dog Arthur's eyes became wet, and, breaking away from his pet and waving adieu to the pack, he returned to the house, where a conveyance was waiting to take him to Belfast, from which point he was to sail for Virginia.

Arthur reached America not long before the breaking out of the Revolutionary war. In civil strifes the side youngsters take is liable to be decided by circumstances. Perhaps young Donovan was influenced by a hereditary antagonism to England, but the immediate cause of his advocating the American cause was meeting with John Paul Jones, who became famous as a naval commander. Jones was as much Scotch as Donovan was Irish. Donovan joined the future conqueror of the Serapis and was with him during that famous battle, receiving a wound in the face which left a scar which largely changed his expression.

At the end of the war Donovan had been in America ten years. Between eighteen and twenty-eight there is always a considerable change in a man's appearance, but in this case there was much more than is usual. When Arthur left Ireland his face was smooth. Now it was covered with a beard, which he wore partly to hide the scar he had received in battle. Then he had a thick head of hair, which was now thin, and he had inherited a family predisposition to become gray early. As soon as hostilities ceased, with some prize money he had received he bought a tobacco plantation in Virginia, and, settling down on it, there was every prospect of his living the life of an American southern planter.

When Arthur joined Paul Jones he wrote his family in Ireland of the fact, and his father ordered that his name should never again be mentioned by any of the family. Eight years passed without a word between him and them. The oldest son died of dissipation, and the next younger brother, who had been sent with his regiment to America, was killed at the siege of Yorktown, which occurred near the end of the war. Neither of these men was married.

This left Arthur Donovan Earl of Strongford by right, but there was a barrier between him and the title which would be difficult to pass. In the first place, a cousin, Herbert Donovan, a keen and unscrupulous lawyer, was next of kin and, with Arthur out of the way, would possess the title and entailed estates. Secondly, Arthur, having had no communication with his family for years, would likely have difficulty in proving his identity. Thirdly, in endeavoring to establish his claim against his cousin his having fought England, especially with the so called pirate, Paul Jones, would prejudice every one against him.

When the Earl of Strongford died Herbert Donovan laid claim to the inheritance, taking the ground that Arthur was dead. To prove this he sent an agent to America with instructions to find a record of the death of some one bearing the name of Donovan and manufacture evidence that the deceased was the youngest son of the Earl of Strongford. This was not difficult. There were plenty of Donovans in America, and a record was found of an Arthur Donovan who had been killed at the battle of Trenton. Ireland was much farther from America in those days than now, and to make up a case proving this man was a son of the Earl of Strongford was not the task it would be today.

The position taken by Herbert Donovan was well fortified before Arthur heard of the great changes that had occurred since he left home. The occasion of his hearing of it at all was that the case became known to a Dublin attorney, O'Rourke, who knew the Strongfords, especially Herbert, and through a desire for gain, as well as a sense of justice, concluded to find Arthur, if alive, and notify him that his inheritance was about to pass to another. He, too, sent an agent to America in the matter of the Strongford title and estates.

Arthur was riding over the broad acres of his tobacco plantation when a man accosted him and handed him a letter from O'Rourke notifying him of the death of his father and brother and saying his cousin had laid claim to the title and estate. Arthur at once put his affairs in America in a position to go to Ireland and took the next vessel that sailed from Philadelphia. Arriving in Dublin, he went straight to O'Rourke, whom he had known before leaving home, and introduced himself as Arthur Donovan. He received his first setback in the fact that the attorney recognized nothing in his appearance of the youth he had seen more than ten years before. He asked Arthur what proof he had of his identity, and Arthur was obliged to confess that the life he had led as a sailor during the American war had resulted in the destruction of every paper he had possessed connecting him with the family.

O'Rourke was disheartened. He had spent some money in sending an agent to America, which it now appeared he was likely to lose. He was very doubtful about his client being the real Arthur Donovan. But Arthur, who had learned in his experience with the colonists how to put up a good fight, persevered and succeeded by narrating events which had happened in his family with which O'Rourke was conversant in putting sufficient confidence in the attorney to induce him to undertake his case, though Arthur was obliged to send to America for means to pay the costs.

When Herbert Donovan saw the claimant to the Strongford title he felt quite comforted. He had seen his cousin frequently in years gone by and now saw not the slightest resemblance between this man and Arthur Donovan. He had taken possession of the late earl's residence and ransacked the house, searching for any papers or likeness that might aid in establishing Arthur's claim. He had found some letters and a miniature painting on ivory made when Arthur was sixteen years of age. He had destroyed the letters and kept the portrait till he could discover whether it would aid his own case or his cousin's.

Death and change had played havoc with the Strongford household. Lady Strongford had died before Arthur left home. Most of the servants had gone elsewhere, and of those who remained many pronounced him an impostor, the rest being in doubt. Michael Monahan, the keeper of the hounds, was still there, though but two or three dogs were left of the pack, since no member of the family had hunted since his departure. Michael when he saw Arthur was in doubt whether he was the man he had known as a youth or an impostor. Asking Arthur for his hat, he put the lining up to his nostrils and drew a long breath.

"Ah, Mr. Arthur," he exclaimed, "you're the rale hunter that went to Ameriky! I know you by the fine perfume of you."

Arthur at once communicated the fact to his attorney as important proof. But O'Rourke saw nothing in it, and if there had been he said it could not be utilized in court. If Michael had not seen Arthur since his return to Ireland and would pick him out by his personal odor among a number of men it would go far toward establishing his claim. Was there any one else who had not seen him who would recognize him by this odor, which was very like musk and agreeable rather than unpleasant?

Unfortunately not a person could be found who had ever detected this personal odor. Arthur worked hard to get other evidence, but for every bit he got in his favor his cousin secured one against him. His counsel took the matter up for trial with misgivings, but hoped for the best. Michael Monahan made an excellent witness, and O'Rourke told Arthur that if he could get anything in the same line to reenforce it he believed that he could win the case for him.

Arthur asked Michael if any of the dogs he left behind when he went away were still living. Michael thought awhile, then replied that there was one left, old Hector, but he was half blind. After a conference between O'Rourke and Arthur it was decided to bring Hector into court as a last hope.

The scene when the old hunter was led up to Donovan was long remembered in those parts. Hector cast a glance at his master and looked away. Donovan drew nearer the dog till he was within a few inches of the animal's nose. Then Hector began to sniff, nosing about as though trying to remember something. Then he gave a low moan, which he kept repeating.

"Hec!" said Donovan.

Hector started, whined and raised himself till his forepaws rested against Donovan.

It was now evident that the dog remembered his former master, laying his head against Donovan's breast and crooning like an old woman over a newly found child.

The case was won. What it is difficult to describe in words was easy for the jury to interpret. Donovan won and soon after took possession of the title and estates. The most valued creature on the premises was old Hector, which died at the advanced age of thirteen.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

Owosso, Mich., May 18th, 1914.

Regular meeting of the Commission, Mayor DeYoung presiding.

Members present, DeYoung, Hanscom, Rosevear.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved as printed.

PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented and referred to the department of Public Improvements:

Petition No. 483

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned residents of W. Main street, between Robbins and Brooks Sts. hereby petition for the sprinkling of said W. Main street between the streets named during the season of 1914. We hereby severally agree to reimburse the city of Owosso for the expense of said sprinkling at the close of the season and in default of payment that the amount may be placed as a special assessment upon our property located in said sprinkling district

Edward McDonald and 18 others.

Petition No. 484

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned residents of Washington street, between Elizabeth and Osburn streets, hereby petition for the sprinkling of said Washington St. between the Strs. named during the season of 1914. We hereby severally agree to reimburse the city of Owosso for the expense of said sprinkling at the close of the season and in default of payment that the amount may be placed as a special assessment upon our property located in said sprinkling district.

O. C. Whitney and 6 others.

Petition No. 485

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned residents of East Main street, between Dewey and Oak streets, hereby petition for the sprinkling of said E. Main street between the streets named during the season of 1914. We hereby severally agree to reimburse the city of Owosso for the expense of said sprinkling at the close of the season and in default of payment that the amount may be placed as a special assessment upon our property located in said sprinkling district.

C. Hobbs and 12 others.

Petition No. 486

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned residents of E. Main street between Oakwood and Gould streets, hereby petition for the sprinkling of said street between the streets named during the season of 1914. We hereby severally agree to reimburse the city of Owosso for the expense of said sprinkling at the close of the season and in default of payment that the amount may be placed as a special assessment upon our property located in said sprinkling district.

George Bartlett and 9 others.

Petition No. 491

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned residents of N. Shiawassee street between the bridge and Oliver streets hereby petition for the sprinkling of said N. Shiawassee street between the streets named during the season of 1914. We hereby severally agree to reimburse the City of Owosso for the expense of said sprinkling at the close of the season and in default of payment that the amount may be placed as a special assessment upon our property located in said sprinkling district. Sprinkling to be done with oil.

F. H. Williams and 5 others

Petition No. 492

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned residents of W. Williams street between N. Shiawassee and Pine streets hereby petition for the sprinkling of said W. Williams street between the streets named during the season of 1914. We hereby severally agree to reimburse the city of Owosso for the expense of said sprinkling at the close of the season and in default of payment that the amount may be placed as a special assessment upon our property located in said sprinkling district. Sprinkling to be done with oil.

F. H. Williams and 4 others.

Petition No. 493

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned residents of E. Main street, between Oak and Dewey streets hereby petition for the sprinkling of said E. Main street between the streets named during the season of 1914. We hereby severally agree to reimburse the city of Owosso for the expense of said sprinkling at the close of the season and in default of payment that the amount may be placed as a special assessment upon our property located in said sprinkling district.

E. W. Pettit and 11 others.

The following petitions were presented and referred to the department of public utilities:

Petition No. 487.

Owosso, May 15, 1914

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned owners of lots and premises fronting and abutting upon Adams street in the said city between and just north of Jeanette street and Galusha hereby petition your honorable body to cause to be laid and constructed a water main along said Adams street and between the points named during the year 1914.
In consideration of your so doing, we severally agree that we will, within six months after the laying and constructing of said mains by the city, cause our premises to be connected with said water main in the street and commence to use in and upon our premises city water from said main.
We further severally agree that if we individually refuse or neglect to so connect our premises and commence to use and consume city water as aforesaid, we will for our individual violation of said agreement severally pay to the city of Owosso the sum of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars, which is hereby agreed upon as liquidated damages and which the city may recover upon the basis of this agreement.
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this day and year first above written.

Daniel Conklin and 7 others.

Petition No. 488

Owosso, May 4 1914

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned owners of lots and premises fronting and abutting upon Ament and Walnut street in the said city between Stewart and Shiawassee hereby petition your honorable body to cause to be laid and constructed a water main along said Ament and Walnut street and between the points named during the year 1914.
In consideration of your so doing, we severally agree that we will, within six months after the laying and constructing of said main by the city, cause our premises to be connected with said water main in the street and commence to use in and upon our premises city water from said main.
We further severally agree that if we individually refuse or neg ect to so connect our premises and commence to use and consume city water as aforesaid, we will for our individual violation of said agreement severally pay to the city of Owosso the sum of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars, which is hereby agreed upon as liquidated damages and which the city may recover upon the basis of this agreement.
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this day and year first above written.

Alfred Palmer and 3 others.

Petition No. 489

Owosso, April 21, 1914

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
We the undersigned owners of lots and premises fronting and abutting upon Woodlawn, Alger, Glenwood and Farr streets in the said city between Railroad and Farr hereby petition your honorable body to cause to be laid and constructed a water main along said Woodlawn, Alger, Glenwood and Farr street and between the points named during the year 1914.
In consideration of your so doing, we severally agree that we will, within one year after the lying and constructing of said mains by the city, cause our premises to be connected with said water main in the street and commence to use in and upon our premises city water from said main.
We further severally agree that if we individually refuse or neglect to so connect our premises and commence to use and consume city water as aforesaid, we will for our individual violation of said agreement severally pay to the City of Owosso the sum of Twenty-five ($25.00) Dollars, which is hereby agreed upon as liquidated damages and which the city may recover upon the basis of this agreement.
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this day and year first above written.

F. Palmer and 5 others.

The following petition was presented and referred to the department of public improvements:

Petition No. 490

To the Commission of the City of Owosso:
The undersigned property owners respectfully petition your honorable body to cause a cement sidewalk to be constructed on the west side of Harrison avenue from Corunna road to the south line of Mr. Moore's property.

Libbie Linabury and 1 other.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and referred to the department of public improvements:

Owosso, May 15, 1914

To the Commission of the City of Owosso,
Gentlemen:
I desire to protest against being taxed for sprinkling in front of my property at 535 East Main street.

William Jacobs.

Owosso, May 18th, 1914

To the Honorable Mayor and Commission of the City of Owosso,
Dear Sirs:
I expect to have my home vacant at 640 North Adams street this city during the summer months I herewith remonstrate against sprinkling in front of the place and refuse to pay any tax levied for that purpose. Hoping you can adjust matters satisfactory I am,
Respectfully,
R. N. Coppernall.

Mr. Hanscom reported that Mrs. Packingham, on Corunna road has made verbal protest against sprinkling tax.

The following communication was presented and referred to the department of public improvements:

Owosso, May 15, 1914

Attention Mr. Dumond, City Clerk,
City of Owosso, Owosso, Mich.
Gentlemen:
As it will be necessary for this company to have a sidewalk built on Washington street in front of our property, I request that the city build same and assess this company for the cost.
This request also includes the sidewalk which the City requested the Grand Trunk to build on Chipman street a year ago. Should you desire further information, please advise
Yours truly,
E. M. Lampkin,
Agent.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The following report was presented and received and ordered printed:

April 18, 1914

Report of Owosso City Treasurer for April 1914.

To the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Owosso, Michigan.
Gentlemen:
Below is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the month of April 1914, with detailed statement of balances in various funds May 1st, 1914:

Balance on hand April 1st, 1914		$ 42008 48

RECEIPTS

Fund:		
Contingent		
Delinquent tax of County Treasurer	$ 337 26	
Int. on deposits	68 56	
Justice's receipts	34 35	
City Clerk Colls	187 13	$ 627 30
Police fund		
Del tax Co. Treas		53 50
General Sidewalk		
Del tax Co. Treas		21 90
Sidewalk fund		
Del tax Co. Treas		108 11
General Street Fund		
Del tax Co. Treas		204 12
Interest & Sinking		
Del tax Co. Treas	118 19	
Loan		
Owosso Savings Bank	7066 19	7185 16
Bridge Bonds		
Del tax collections		2 06
Armory Bonds		
Del tax collections		10 99
Park fund		
Del tax collections		26 80
Sprinkling		
Del tax collections		156 93
Fire fund		
Del tax collections		129 80
Water works		
Del tax collections	62 40	
City Clerk collections	1364 87	1427 27
General Sewer Fund		
Del tax collections		47 88
Health		
Del tax collections		6 18
Light		
Del tax collections		81 71
Chipman St Sewer No. 3		
Loan, State Savings Bank	201 73	
Del tax collections	28 97	230 70
West Exchange St. Sewer		
Del tax collections		43 50
Corunna Ave Sewer west		
Del tax Co. Treas		70 09
Glenwood Ave Sewer		
Loan, State Savings Bank		110 87
Hickory St. Lateral No 10		
Del tax col Co. Treas		14 20
Mulberry St. Lateral No. 2		
Del tax col Co. Treas		10 04
N. Owosso Main Trunk Sewer		
Del tax col Co. Treas		76 88
Park Street Sewer		
Del tax col Co. Treas		34 29
Pine St. Sewer		
Del tax col Co. Treas		14 21
Saginaw Street Sewer		
Del tax col Co. Treas		22 08
E. Div. S. Owosso Sewer		
Del tax col Co. Treas		71 31
Washington St. Sewer No. 10		
Del tax col Co. Treas		21 49
Water St. Sewer No. 7		
Del tax col Co. Treas		31 63
Woodlawn R. R. & Alger Sewer		
Del tax col Co. Treas	42 44	
Loan, Citizens' Savings Bank	175 71	218 15
Wash. and Ridge St. Sewer		
Loan, Citizens' Savings Bank	116 27	
Del tax col Co. Treas	54 00	170 27
Oliver & Wash. St. Sewer		
Del tax col Co. Treas		40 78
Mason St. Curb No. 2		
Del tax col Co. Treas		14 45
Mulberry st. Curb		
Del tax col Co. Treas		16 27
Saginaw St. Curb		
Del tax col Co. Treas		26 62
Water Street Curb		
Del tax col Co. Treas		13 99
Washington St. Curb		
Del tax col Co. Treas		23 04
Bridge		
Del tax col Co. Treas		12 30
Library		
Del tax col Co. Treas	8 24	
City Clerk collections	6 79	15 03
Comstock Creek Drain Fund		
Del tax Co. Treas		9 45
Salary		
Del tax col Co. Treas		59 06
Park Fund		
Del tax Co. Treas		2 75
Library Fund		
J. H. Laverock		700 00
		$ 12156 66

DISBURSEMENTS

Contingent	485 87	
Police Department	366 14	
General Sidewalk	18 00	
General Street	534 05	
Int. and Sinking	8968 05	
Fire Dept.	865 84	
Water Works	1713 76	
First Dist Highway	24 75	
Second Dist. Highway	44 25	
Third Dist Highway	68 85	
Fourth Dist. Highway	73 05	
Fifth Dist Highway	47 70	
General Sewer	75 79	
Health	98 85	
Chipman St Sewer No. 3	406 55	
W. Exchange St. Sewer	459 20	
Glenwood Avenue Sewer	317 71	
Woodlawn. Railroad & Alger Ave Sewer	848 01	
Wash & Ridge St Sewer	535 25	
Henry Street, opening	2 00	
W & O St Pavement	939 05	
W Main St Pavement No. 2	468 32	
Library Fund	159 79	
Salary	897 93	
Park Fund	4 00	18423 67
		$ 32042 47

FUND BALANCES

Contingent	496 99
Police Dep't	2006 00
Sidewalk	276 33
Gen'l Sidewalk	58 79
Gen'l Street	385 93
Interest and Sinking	1672 75
Paving Bonds Fund	3948 32
Bridge Bonds	778 90
Bridge Bonds 1914	3000 00
Refund Armory Bonds	2998 75
Park Bonds Fund	26 80
Sprinkling Fund	725 30
Fire Dep t	3161 73
Water Works	2019 67
First Dist Highway	905 54
Second Dist Highway	1418 41
Third Dist Highway	195 48
Fourth Dist Highway	2 17
Fifth Dist. Highway	57 37
General Sewer	135 80
Health	186 30
Light	8798 50
Ball St. Sewer	26 06
C. D. O. & M. St Sewer	26 50
Comstock St Sewer	81
Corunna Avenue Lateral	70 09
Hickory Street Lateral	14 20
Maple Ave. Sewer	07
Mulberry St. Sewer No. 2	30 12
N. Owosso Sewer	76 88
Park St. Sewer	82 73
Pine Street Sewer	14 21
Saginaw St Sewer No. 14	24 41
Saginaw St Sewer	13 92
E Division S Owosso Trunk Sewer	141 75
Wash. St Sewer No. 9	32 64
Washington Street No 10	128 93
Water Street Sewer No. 6	31 63
Williams & Oak St Sewer	20 16
Wash. & Ridge St Sewer	54 00
Woodlawn R. R. & Alger Sewer	42 44
Watson St. Sewer	13
Ball St. Curb	679 68
Ball St Pavement	8 02
O & W St Paving Bonds	587 71
Michigan Avenue Paving	925 55
West Main Pav Rep	7 89
E Main St. Pavement	52 71
Mason St. Curb	52 97
Mulberry Street Curb	16 27
Saginaw St. Curb & Gutter	52 27
Saginaw Street Curb No. 2	26 62
Water Street Curb	13 99
Washington Street Curb	23 04
Bridge	619 80
Library	2027 60
Bell Drain	1 81
Wesson Drain	31 73
Comstock Creek Drain	9 45
Salary	1762 68
Park Fund	34 18
	$ 35745 47
Due to correction in warrant 2426 in Sidewalk fund, see May report	3 00
	$ 35742 47

Bank Deposits April, 1914

Owosso Savings Bank	$ 11798 45
Citizens' Savings Bank	12640 65
State Savings Bank	11901 28
	$ 36340 38
Cash on hand	1593 14
	$ 37933 52
Unpaid Checks	2184 81
	$ 35748 71
Correction in sidewalk fund of warrants 2426 and 2616, See May report	6 24
	$ 35742 47

Respectfully submitted,
A. T. WRIGHT,
City Treasurer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The hearing on closing portion of Howard and Green streets having been deferred to this date, was on motion of Mr. DeYoung deferred until May 21st, ayes DeYoung, Hanscom, Rosevear.

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted, ayes DeYoung, Hanscom, Rosevear:

May 18th, 1914.

Resolved by the Commission of the City of Owosso that the claims and accounts hereto attached be approved and the Clerk and Mayor are hereby instructed to issue a warrant on the City Treasurer against the various funds for the amounts shown:

FROM CONTINGENT FUND

Times Printing Co.	17 84
Union Telephone Co.	1 62
National Office Supply Co.	9 60
F H Rush, County Treasurer	18 83
W W Wilcox Co.	6 00
Expense Account	55
M DeYoung	2 30
Owosso Gas Light Co.	25
Expense Account	8 50
L A Potter Stamp Co.	45

FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT FUND

H W Martin & Son	1 40
W S Patterson	17 50
Geo J Denyes	16 75
Geo S Kinney	16 75
H G Thomas	16 75
O J Washburn	16 75

FROM GENERAL STREET FUND

Arthur Ward Co.	92
Ira G Curry	15
Great Western Oil Co.	6 60
Southard & Densmore	1 40
Michigan United Traction Co.	4 48
C E Fairweather	25
Castree & Co.	25
D Speck	12 25
E Hesse	12 25
C Giffel	12 25
J Helt	12 25
V Folman	40
T Corcoran	6 07
H Roose	4 50
F Donigan	10 00
R Smith	4 50
W Fuller	4 00
E Hayes	13 05

FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND

Ira G Curry	6 62
Arthur Ward Co.	15
Loomis & Osmer	1 00
J C Johnson & Son	70
Hughes & Son	1 50
Kelly & Douglas	1 50

FROM WATER WORKS FUND

Crane Co.	6 40
M Zimmerman	1 70
Kelly & Douglas	37 86
Union Transfer Co.	8 91
R Crell	12 60
A Hutchinson	1 00
Chas DePotty	4 93

FROM FIRST DISTRICT HIGHWAY FUND

Ed Warren	75
R Bartelt	1 25
Ray Harmon	1 00
D Tucker	1 40
Roy Wallace	60
F Harvey	2 20
L Kimmel	60
F Kimmel	60
F Sutphen	1 80
F Good	1 80
F Crane	1 80
Will McKellar	1 40
J D Priest	1 35

SECOND DISTRICT HIGHWAY FUND

R Smith	2 25
W Fuller	2 25
Fred Sutphen	8 85
F Good	11 70
E Hayes	4 95
F Crane	80
L McQuiston	1 00
L Freass	1 20

THIRD DISTRICT HIGHWAY FUND

R Smith	6 75
W Fuller	6 75
F Sutphen	4 50
F Crane	1 20

FROM HEALTH FUND

Sturtevant & Blood	2 50

FROM BALL STREET CURB FUND

Southard & Densmore	5 77
Owosso Auto Co	3 50
Castree & Co.	18 00
Sturtevant & Blood	1 40
Fred Welch	67 50
H Peterson	14 00
Ed Warren	10 75
R Bartelt	8 75
Joe Rathbdrn	9 60
R Harmon	7 10
D Tucker	6 60
Roy Wallace	7 40
F Harvey	7 40
L Kimmel	7 40
F Kimmel	7 40
W McKellar	6 60
J D Priest	18 90
A Geeck	4 40

FROM BRIDGE FUND.

Southard & Densmore	15

FROM LIBRARY FUND

Southard & Densmore	8 68
The D M Christian Co.	1 70
Fred Welch	79 31
Geo Freet	28 25
Orie Rainey	4 80
N N Reed	8 75
R Doane	10 00
P Smith	7 00
Geo Smith	8 10
M Murray	9 00
L McQuiston	8 00
L Freass	8 40
M Tunnacliff	8 10
Joe Selemi	7 70
F Good	4 50
E S Brewer	63 50

Mr McNally addressed the Commission regarding a dumping place for garbage.

On motion adjourned until May 21st at 7:30 p. m.

JAMES DEYOUNG,
Mayor.

ARTHUR H. DUMOND,
City Clerk

After a heavy meal, take a couple of Doan's Regulets, and give your stomach, liver and bowels the help they will need. Regulets bring easy, regular passages of the bowels. Adv

OWOSSO MARKETS.

Owosso, Mich., May 22, 1914.

GRAINS

Quoted by Fred Welch.

Wheat, white	$.91 to .92
Wheat, red	92
Oats	40
Rye	56
Barley	$1 10
Choice hand picked beans	1.90
Cloverseed, Alsyke	$6 00 to .700
Clover seed, June	$6.00 to 7.00
Clover seed, Mammoth	$6.00 to $7.00
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Commissioners' Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Eliza M. Thomas deceased.

We the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the Citizens' Savings bank in the City of Owosso in said County, on Monday, the 13th day of July A. D 1914, and on Monday the 14th day of September A. D. 1914, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said day, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate and that four months from the 12th day of May A. D. 1914 are allowed to creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

Dated 12th day of May A. D. 1914.

GILBERT L. TAYLOR,
E. H. HOLMES,
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