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THE EXPERTS REPORT

TAYLOR AND BLAKLEY GIVE CHECKS FOR AMOUNT.

C. P. Davis, Ex-Deputy Sheriff, Under Arrest on the Charge of Larceny of \$10,000.

Sheriff Taylor and Ex-Sheriff Blakley have given their personal checks to the county to cover the shortage found by experts to exist in the Sheriff's office, through the alleged speculations of C. P. Davis, office deputy.

Saturday afternoon Davis, with his attorneys, appeared before Justice Fitz Gerald and waived examination, and was placed under \$2000 bonds. Those signing it are Nellie J. Davis, John E. Beam, Charles Cunningham and J. H. Armstrong. The first two justified for one-half of the amount, and the latter two for the entire sum.

Concerning the findings by the experts and the settlement, the East Oregonian says:
Nine thousand fifty-one dollars and eighty-eight cents was paid to the county treasurer Tuesday morning by William Blakley and T. D. Taylor, \$5,572.12 by the ex-sheriff, and \$3,479.76 by the present incumbent. That sum, with about \$1700 more by Taylor, is the price paid by the two men for the confidence placed in their chief deputy, C. P. Davis, and which they declare he betrayed.

At 10 o'clock this forenoon the county judge, two commissioners, district attorney, Expert Buchanan and the two sheriffs met in private session to consider the report of the experts which had just been prepared. After about half an hour District Attorney Phelps and Messrs. Blakley and Taylor came from the private office adjoining the clerk's office and repaired to the office of Sheriff Taylor. There each man wrote out a check payable to E. J. Somerville, county treasurer, for the amount held by the experts to be due from each. Ex-Sheriff Blakley sat at the desk which was formerly his when he was sheriff, and opposite which is the desk of the chief deputy. When he had finished writing his check he pointed to where Mr. Davis had formerly sat and said: "This is what I have to pay for the man who sat there and cheated me while at the same time I was placing all confidence in him and giving him a position that made his bread and butter."

There was something in the voice and manner of the pioneer and ex-

sheriff that showed he felt deeply toward his former right hand man, as well he might. The amount which he had been called upon to pay was more than he or anyone else had expected would be found against him, for it was generally believed that he would fare better than Sheriff Taylor, when the final accounting was made.

When the two men had made out their checks they both went to the county treasurer, where they paid the same to that official and took Mr. Somerville's receipt.

This action was witnessed by the district attorney, and when the receipts had been given, the shortage case was ended as far as the state of Oregon and William Blakley and T. D. Taylor were concerned.

However, there is another man for whom the matter is not yet over. He is C. P. Davis, former chief deputy, who, according to the statements of Messrs. Blakley and Taylor is responsible for the losses which they have incurred, and before whom the shadow of the penitentiary seems to loom.

It is understood that a complaint will be filed against him in the justice's court at once and that he will then be held for action of the circuit court.

As to the action to be taken by him District Attorney Phelps stated today that he would investigate the matter, and that who ever is found to blame will be prosecuted. Nothing in the report, aside from the bare totals, would be disclosed today by the district attorney, who says that the interests of the state can be better served by withholding the details at present. The report has not been filed with the county clerk, and consequently is not a public document, and is not accessible to the attorneys for Davis.

But while the details of the report were not given, it is said that the defalcation of the chief deputy has been gradual, and that it has been done by his taking comparatively small sums at a time. Just how this was done will be developed as the case against him progresses.

The \$3479.76 paid by Sheriff Taylor does not represent the total amount which that official has lost, for he had already paid some on the shortage at the time it was first discovered. While he states that he cannot yet exactly tell what his loss is, the sheriff says that it will be right close to \$5100.

The report made by Messrs. Buchanan and Beckwith, who have been at work on the matter for weeks, is a very comprehensive one and covers many pages of legal cap paper. It is said to be very complete, and to show the state of the accounts in a very concise manner.

At first it was supposed that a portion of the shortage which occurred during the Blakley administration would be more than six years old and thus outlawed. However, Mr. Blakley stated before the report was filed that he would pay the entire amount found due from him, regardless of whether it had become outlawed or not. However, the first crooked work discovered was in 1901, during the last year of Mr. Blakley's second term; consequently it would seem that large amounts were stolen at times during his term of office.

The interest charges on the amount due from both sheriffs helped considerably to increase the amounts which they had to pay. The interest as computed for the Blakley term was \$900, while that for Sheriff Taylor's administration was about \$500.

Soon after the first discoveries were made by the experts it was ascertained that Carter & Raley and Judge James A. Fee were retained for Davis.

Accidentally Shot.

Another victim has been added to help swell the list of "didn't know it was loaded" casualties. As a result Charles Warren of Adams is in a Walla Walla hospital with severe flesh wounds in both legs, and James Wilkes, the man who held the gun, is sorry, of course. Warren was taken to Walla Walla Sunday evening a short time after the accident. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias order and is well known in Adams and vicinity. It is understood that Mr. Wilkes will pay all hospital and other expenses. The two men were examining a revolver at the time of the accident.

Death of Henry Ritter.

Henry E. Ritter died at Seattle on August 19th of pneumonia fever. The remains were brought to Milton for burial, the funeral occurring on Wednesday conducted by Rev. Gibbs. Deceased was about 43 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. His parents live in Milton and a brother and sister reside in the vicinity.—Milton Eagle.

Death of William Redford.

William Redford, a well known pioneer of Walla Walla and Umatilla counties, died at St. Mary's hospital at Walla Walla Friday morning, following an extended illness of com-

plications. The deceased was aged 75 and came to Walla Walla county in 1862. For a number of years he farmed in Walla Walla and Umatilla counties. He leaves four daughters and one son all grown.

Leave Walla Walla.

Troops A, B and C of the Fourth Cavalry, United States army, left Saturday morning over the O. R. & N. in a special train of 20 cars for San Francisco, from where they will be transported to the Philippines. Walla Walla has been the home of the Fourth Cavalry for nearly 15 years, this being the second trip of a portion of the Fourth to the islands.

TOMORROW NIGHT.

"The Widow and The Fool" at the Opera House.

Everything is in preparation for the presentation of "The Widow and The Fool," at the Opera house tomorrow night. Company rehearsals have been conducted nightly, and individual rehearsals daily, for the past nine or ten days, and at present indications are that a fine performance will be given. The Johnson orchestra has been engaged for the evening, and between the acts some of the very latest musical selections will be rendered.

"The Widow and The Fool" is a play of today, a story of life as it is, not as it might be. Every character is drawn true to nature. The piece was written by Augustus Thomas, American's foremost dramatist, and in the careful stage direction of Mr. Welch is bound to be a winner. The local members of the cast have a great opportunity to show what they can do and every advantage of stage detail has been utilized. If you enjoy a good play you will have a chance to see one tomorrow night. The prices are 25, 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Dell Bros. grocery store.

Special Eastern Excursion Rates.

On August 24-25 and September 16-17 the O. R. & N. will sell round trip tickets to Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Leavenworth, Omaha, Council Bluffs, and Sioux City under the following conditions: One limited first class fare plus ten dollars. Children of half fare age half rate. Limit, going 10 days; final return limit 90 days. Stopovers will be granted in either direction within the transit limits.

Took Woman's Money.

Mark Nelson was arrested at Pendleton in a local lodging house on a charge of taking money from a woman. The officer's attention was attracted by a row. Investigation showed that he had taken \$50 from the woman. Nelson is in jail and the woman, who is the prosecuting witness, was released on \$10 bail.

Coming!

Eyes examined free, by the eminent Portland specialist, E. S. Corbin, at St. Nichols Hotel, Saturday, Sept. 2 only. Regular trips made here. Consultation free. Parents, have your children's eyes examined before school commences.

New Train Running.

The new train on the Walla Walla-Pendleton ran made its first trip Saturday. The train consists of an engine and two coaches, and is in charge of Conductor Menzies and Engineer Hilchock. The time of the train westbound in Athena is 8:03 a. m., and east bound, 6:25 p. m.

Mrs. S. A. Lowell Vice-President.

A Pendleton woman, Mrs. S. A. Lowell, has been named as one of the vice-presidents of the Oregon branch of the National Mother's congress. This organization recently met in Portland, and since then it has been determined to form a branch of the organization for this state.

Board of Equalization.

The county board of equalization met yesterday morning in the office of the county clerk and will continue its session throughout the week. The board consists of Assessor C. P. Strain, Judge H. J. Bean and county Clerk Frank Saling.

No Secret About It.

It is no secret, that for cuts, burns, ulcers, fever sores, sore eyes, boils, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It didn't take long to cure a bad sore I had and it is all O. K. for sore eyes," writes D. L. Gregory, Hope, Tex. 25c at McBride's drug store.

Rates Reduced.

The O. R. & N. Co. has reduced the rate on thirty-day tickets from Athenan to Portland and return from \$9.90 to \$7.15. This is one of the lowest rates that has ever been in effect between the two points.

Notice.

All knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and settle as I have closed out and want to settle up my business. Charles Norris.

A BAD DUST STORM

BECAME SO DARK THAT LAMPS WERE LIGHTED.

Nothing Like It Ever Seen Here Before—Columbia River Sand Mixed With Morrow and Umatilla Soil

The most furious dust storm ever seen here raged for half an hour Sunday evening, and ever since the busy housewife has been busy "cleaning up." There has been harder winds in Athearn but never before did they envelope the city in such suffocating clouds. For the space of 15 minutes it was as dark as night and lamps were lighted.

The big cloud of dust came up suddenly and it looked scary, to say the least. Columbia river sand and Morrow county dirt mixed with Umatilla soil in obscuring the light of day and putting the sun in total eclipse. No material damage was done in the Athena neighborhood with the exception that several shade trees were broken down and the few fields of grain yet standing were reduced a little in yield by the wind shattering the wheat out.

The bolting of the big black cloud gave a nervous shock to those who had some time or other lived in states where cyclones walked about in their sleep, and many went into cellars for safety. The Press man was on the hurricane deck of the Blue mountains at the time of the storm, and as it walled up over the foothills a poetic fiend who was with him, dilated on its impressive scenic effects and longed for a camera. Camera befuddled! A cave was the object of the colonel's desire, and not finding one, he hung like grim death to a fir sapling. Up there the storm had all the frills and trimmings of a cyclone, hurricane and cloudburst combined.

Apparently the storm was more severe west of Athena. At Pendleton awnings were torn away, plate glass windows broken and shade trees blown down. From reports the storm came up the Columbia river and practically enveloped the Inland Empire. Arlington reports some damage, as does La Grande and Walla Walla. Telephone, telegraph and electric wires were broken and in many places communication and light service was discontinued. Trains were delayed by the storm. Damage to grain, with some exceptions, is reported as light.

PURSES AND PREMIUMS.

Walla Walla Fair, September 23 to 30 Offers Good Prizes.

The Walla Walla County Fair Association in anticipation of many entries and large crowds at the fair and race meeting September 25 to 30 this year, has offered \$15,000 in purses and premiums for fast horses, both harness and runners, and for fancy livestock. The reputation established by the management of the fair the last three years for fair dealing has brought it no end of entries in both races and exhibitions. It will be an event well worth attending, and it offers the opportunity to every man and woman to enjoy fast races, a fine show of livestock and a good time after the hard work of the summer months. Reduced rates are offered on all railroads leading to the Walla Walla fair.

Lewis and Clark Rates.

The O. R. & N. Co. announces the following rates from Athena to Portland for the Lewis and Clark fair: Individual tickets will be sold daily from May 29 to October 15, inclusive, continuous passage in each direction; final return limit 30 days from date of sale, but in no case later than October 31, 1905, for one and one-third fare, amounting to \$9.90.

Party tickets—that is ten or more persons—will be sold from May 29 to October 15 inclusive; passage in each direction; 10-day limit from date of sale, at one single fare per capita for round trip, amounting to \$7.40. Children one half fare age at half fare of the above rates. For further particulars call on M. W. Smith, O. R. & N. agent, Athena.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that City of Athena warrants Numbers 1 W to 497 W will be redeemed at the office of David Williams, treasurer of the City of Athena, Oregon, and that interest on the above warrants ceases after this date. Dated Athena, Ore., August 9, 1905.

David William, Treasurer.

Local Wheat Market.

Athena, Aug. 25.—Wheat today is quoted at 58 cents.



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