

FINANCES.

Fine Showing for Linn Co.
County Expenditures Reduced Over Ten Thousand Dollars.

To the Taxpayers of Linn County:— It is a little out of the ordinary for the submission of an annual statement of the disbursement of county funds, but we can conceive none more entitled to receive such information than the taxpayers who contribute the money, hence we submit below for your consideration the exact account of all monies paid out for county expenses for the past year, and inasmuch as we stated in the last canvass that in our opinion, if the same rigid economy was practiced by officials conducting the county business as individuals are forced in these hard times to practice in conduct of their own private affairs, quite a saving could be made, and taxes materially reduced.

In justification of that opinion and as a redemption of the promise if elected county judge, to make an effort in the direction of such economy, we beg to submit for your consideration the following table of expenses as taken from the official records.

With no spirit of criticism of former administrations, on the contrary the tax payers of Linn county can congratulate themselves on having had their county business economically conducted for years past, but in order to show that even more rigid economy has been practiced the past year, we submit for comparison a table of expenses for the twelve months ending June 30, 1896, and for the twelve months ending June 30, 1897.

What paid for.	12 mos. ending June 30, 1896	12 mos. ending June 30, 1897.
Judge, salary	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 1,200 00
Clerk, salary	3,537 00	3,542 21
Sheriff, salary	4,070 00	3,382 21
Treasurer, salary	1,000 20	1,000 23
Recorder, salary	1,880 35	1,800 00
Supt., salary	1,108 05	1,127 00
Assessor, salary	3,726 00	2,873 50
Surveyor, salary	429 00	215 50
Coroner, salary	136 54	157 45
Pauper acct.	3,629 14	3,732 48
Commissioners	348 50	253 95
District attorney	785 30	612 33
Court house and jail	1,338 59	725 69
Roads and bridges	8,301 88	3,824 15
Account of road supervisors	2,418 65	2,070 70
Viewing, surveying roads	547 10	103 50
Stationery and printing	1,446 55	1,897 87
Incidental expense	1,366 36	325 74
Fuel	39 75	63 20
Insane	54 00	91 60
Preliminary examinations	1,506 15	2,131 98
Scalp bounty	60 00	87 50
Elections	1,120 95	931 40
Bailiffs	158 00	156 00
Wts before grand jury	1,288 10	301 60
Wts before petit jury	1,451 30	848 20
Wts in criminal cases	1,394 00	400 55
Acct grand jury	232 60	182 10
	\$44,633 06	\$34,166 64

The above comparison reveals the fact that the current expenses has been \$10,466.42 less than the previous year, a net saving of nearly 25 per cent.

The tax roll of 1895 discloses the fact that the sheriff is directed to collect from the taxpayers of Linn county the sum of \$125,686.50; in the present, or, roll of 1896, he has a warrant for collecting only \$105,847.14, in other words the taxpayers of this county are asked to pay \$19,839.36 less of taxes this year than the previous year.

The assessed valuation of the county for 1895 was \$7,880,985 for, 1896 \$7,501,625. Total tax levy 1895, 15 mills; for 1896, 13 mills, hence even with \$379,000 less valuation we have been enabled to reduce the tax levy 2 mills.

The present levy for all county purposes is only 3.29-30 mills, by far the lowest, to our knowledge, in the state of Oregon, and Linn county is entirely free from any debt and money for current expenses in the treasury. The above table, relative to the county assessor does an injustice to Mr. Stafford, the present official, inasmuch as his term of office began

January 1, 1897, he has only been in office six months. We are satisfied from the business-like methods adopted by Mr. Stafford and the able, energetic, careful and painstaking work he is doing, the tax roll for 1896 will be the most complete and accurate of any roll ever made for Linn county, and that too, judging from bills allowed up to date, at a cost not exceeding \$2,500 as compared with \$3,878 for the botched and inaccurate roll of 1895, and ditto \$3,225 for 1896. On January 1, 1897, we will submit to the taxpayers the exact cost of his services and roll.

In this connection I cannot refrain from again calling our people's attention to the useless, senseless, extravagant and alarming increase of cost for preliminary examinations in justice of peace courts. Over \$600 increase the last year over the previous year, and the county court is absolutely helpless under the present law to correct the evil.

Have the legislature abolish the system, compel the county judge on present salary to conduct all criminal examinations, abolish the office of district attorney, wipe out the pernicious fees, and give him a salary, thereby removing the incentive to prosecute frivolous cases, in order to make a fee or satisfy some complainant's personal spite.

In conclusion I submit the above table of figures and statement of facts, as my answer to the untruthful, malicious, contemptible, libelous and pussillanimous charges of extravagance, etc. emanating from those who desired to rob the county treasury and were prevented from so doing.

GEORGE D. BARTON,
County Judge.

Republican League Meeting.

DETROIT, Mich., July 14.—The tenth annual convention of the National League of Republican clubs opened yesterday. The most striking feature in the decoration of the auditorium was a life-sized portrait of President McKinley, surmounted by an eagle, and surrounded by the stars and stripes; directly opposite, to the rear of the hall, was a similar portrait of James G. Blaine. Pictures of Washington and Lincoln adorned the walls at either end of the hall, and the intervening spaces, rafters and gallery fronts were hung with red, white and blue escutcheons of the state.

President Woodmansee rapped for order at 10:30. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Robert Servis, President Woodmansee introduced Governor Pingree who delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the state.

Col. Henry M. Duffield, of this city, welcomed the delegates on behalf of Detroit.

President Woodmansee, of Cincinnati, then delivered his annual address.

He reviewed the work of the league during the last campaign, expressed unbounded confidence in the present administration, paid a glowing tribute to President McKinley and made several suggestions regarding the work of the present convention.

The roll of states was called for the announcement of members of committees. A resolution was adopted directing that a telegram of greetings be sent to President McKinley, congratulating him on the success of the Republican administration, and asserting that the promised era of prosperity was close to fulfillment.

At this point the following letter of President McKinley to President Woodmansee was read:

"I offer through you my heartiest congratulations on the tenth annual convention of the Republican league and my continued best wishes for increased usefulness and prosperity of this worthy organization. (signed), Wm. McKinley."

A letter of regret was read from Vice-President Hobert, Secretary Sherman, Senator Allison, Quay Wellington, Washburn, Fairbanks, Burrows, Speaker Reed, Congressman Dingley, Fowler, Henderson and Secretaries Alger, Gary, Long, Wilson, Long and Pension Commissioner Evans and others. All the resolutions, which meets tonight. The convention then adjourned.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Warships Are Sent to Hawaii

Japan's Attitude the Cause of This Movement.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The triff conferees find themselves apparently less certain than at any previous time as to the date when they will reach a final agreement. Two of the questions which, it is stated, have been decided recently are those affecting lead ore and white lumber. There has been a determined fight, on the part of the house conferees, to get lead ore to 1 cent a pound, but Senator Jones, of Nevada, has taken such a firm position against any change from the senate figures that the house representatives have apparently yielded finally. The question has been left in such a shape, however, that it can be returned to, and it may be returned to on white pine. Unless the decision which has been reached is reversed the house schedule fixing the rate at \$2 per 1,000 feet will be reported.

There is talk among the Republican senators of the necessity of another course to be pursued with reference to the conference report.

PRICE REDUCED.

The price to be paid for armor plate for the three new battleships now in the course of construction was the theme of an extended and, at times, lively debate in the senate. Late in the day an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill was agreed to restricting the price of armor to \$300 per ton, or \$125 less than the amendment reported by the committee and recommended by the navy department as the minimum rate acceptable to armor contractors. Another amendment inserted in the bill directed the secretary of the navy to investigate as to the advisability as to the establishment of a government factory, and to report at the next session of congress. After inserting another amendment the deficiency appropriation bill, the last of the great supply measures, was passed.

CRUISER PREPARING.

The Bennington, now on the California coast, is being fitted out to take the place of the old cruiser Marion, at Honolulu. Though there has been talk of sending the battleship Oregon to Honolulu to reinforce the Philadelphia, it is said at the navy department that no such orders have been issued. It is said that Admiral Beardslee has not been sent any orders recently. When he went to Honolulu, some months ago, he was charged to maintain statu quo there, having in mind the fact that the president intended to submit an annexation treaty to the senate.

Got Nine Years.

NEW YORK, July 14.—James Quinlan, who broke into the store of A. C. Wilcox, in Brooklyn, was sentenced to nine years at Sing Sing. Quinlan was indicted for burglary in the third degree. At his trial it was shown that he stole three bicycles, removed the nameplates and sold them. He is believed to have been a member of a gang of bicycle thieves, who have operated extensively.

What

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Rules of contest published in large advertisement about the first and middle of each month.

Which Will Be Taxed.

CHICAGO, July 14.—Every bicycle in Chicago will pay a yearly tax of \$1 if Mayor Harrison signs the ordinance which the council has passed. Vehicles of every description are taxed from \$2 to \$12 per annum under the provisions of the same ordinance.

In the city there are estimated to be 300,000 bicycles, and sufficient vehicles to make the revenue derived from the ordinance \$1,000,000 per annum. Every dollar of this is to be expended upon the repair and keeping in good condition of improved streets.

Mayor Harrison says that as far as he has studied the ordinance he is in favor of it, and thinks he will sign it. The vote by which the council passed it was 10 to 16. The ordinance provides that besides the tax of \$1 per annum, all vehicles shall bear the annual tax as follows: One horse, \$1; two horses, \$3; three horses, \$5; four horses, \$7; six horses, \$10 50; eight horses, \$12.

STRIKE.

The Arbitration Conference.

Some Difficulty in Keeping Up the Miner's Enthusiasm.

PITTSBURG, July 14.—There is a lull in the miner's strike in this district, attributable to the fact that nearly every mine in the district is idle. To keep up the enthusiasm and prevent the strikers from becoming luke-warm in the cause, however, the officials have arranged for a series of meetings in different sections every day.

This morning a large meeting was held at Snowden, on the Wheeling division, and the men were unanimous to stand firm for the 69-cent rate. The miners of this division fear that the company will soon begin evictions from their houses, and intimate that if this is attempted there will be trouble.

News reached miners' headquarters this afternoon that the diggers on the canal, Warner and Mosgan mines in Beaver county, had thrown down their picks and joined the general strike. The three pits employ about 300 men. The strike had also spread to Mercer county. Five mines are idle in that region today. National President Hatchford, of the United Mineworkers, is expected to meet the arbitration commissioners. There is a bare possibility that the joint arbitration conference may get lead to the termination of the miners' strike, on the basis of the "true-uniformity" agreement proposed by President de Armitt, of the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company, but which failed for the reason that the necessary 50 per cent of the operators in this district could not be secured.

The Portuguese Flag Incident.

MONTREY, Cal., July 14.—Henrique Laidley, Portuguese vice-consul at San Francisco, is here at the request of the Portuguese minister at Washington to make a thorough investigation regarding the disturbance over the hauling down of the Portuguese flag from the pole above Manuel Ortin's grocery store and the burning of the flag. Ortin's notification to the minister at Washington resulted in the investigation. Laidley declares if the affair is not satisfactorily explained the Portuguese government will demand an apology from the United States.

RIVER NEWS.

River navigation is now becoming somewhat difficult on account of the low stage of the water. The Steamer Gypsy, one of the lightest draft boats of the O. R. & N. Co., came up from Portland yesterday with a very heavy load of freight and passengers. About a mile below Wheatland the river spreads out very wide and is very shallow and the Gypsy was too heavily loaded. She could not make it over the bar.

BASEBALL.—The Salem baseball nine, accompanied by a large crowd of local baseball cranks, goes to McMinnville tomorrow morning where in the afternoon they will cross bats with the local team there. The McMinnville team has been defeating all teams on the West Side and an interesting game is anticipated tomorrow.

Help Wanted.

Thursday morning, thirty girls to pack fruit. Those with some experience at the work, preferred. OREGON FRUIT & PRODUCE CO. Corner Trade and High streets.

TURKEY.

Another Turkish War Likely.

The Sultan Trying to Draw Persia Into a Scrap.

BERLIN, July 14.—The Vossische Zeitung's Constantinople correspondent says the porte had dispatched an ultimatum to Persia, demanding the withdrawal of the Persian troops from Turkish territory near Kerbela. The ultimatum states that a refusal to comply with his demand will be accepted as a declaration of war. Russia is believed to be behind Persia, the government of which country will disregard the ultimatum.

British Soldiers Killed.

LONDON, July 14.—The Times Athens correspondent says official dispatches have been received announcing that a serious conflict has taken place at Candia between a force of British troops and a party of bashi-bazouks, arising from British intervention in a skirmish between the bashi-bazouks and the Christians. Sixteen of the British forces and a number of the bashi-bazouks were killed. The admirals of the foreign fleets have sent five warships to Candia to suppress any further Mohammedan movements.

No further details of the conflicts have been received.

Trouble Threatened.

LONDON, July 14.—Advices from Constantinople indicate that the sultan is obdurate regarding the acceptance of the peace proposals. Edhem Pasha is hastening back to Domokos, and the furloughs of all Turkish officers have been canceled in readiness for a renewal of hostilities.

Guldensuppe's Head Found.

NEW YORK, July 14.—The head of William Guldensuppe is said to have been found by some boys in Branchport, N. J. The head was encased in oilcloth and plaster of paris.

STATE HOUSE NEWS.

Mr. H. M. Montgomery, of Portland today received a notarial commission from state departments.

The Costa Rica Coffee Land Co. Messrs. G. C. Van Houten, R. McMeble and Attorney G. G. Willis, of Portland, are the incorporators. The particular object of the company is given as dealing in coffee lands in the republic of Costa Rica in Central America.

Weather forecast for Thursday: Continued fair and warmer.

Superintendent of state house grounds, Jo. Fones ought to do some spraying.

His Sallx Cabilonica is being eaten up with lice.

DIED.

MUIR.—At his home in North Salem, at 2:30 a. m. Wednesday July 14, 1897, S. R. Muir, Jr., aged 32 years, of consumption.

Deceased has been a resident of North Salem for the past nine years, coming to Oregon from Green River, Wyo. On August 4, 1896, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Davis, who survives him. His father preceded him to the grave only two months ago, death resulting from the same cause.

Funeral services will be held from the residence at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, conducted by Rev. Wm. Manning. The remains will be given interment in the family lot in Rural cemetery.

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