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THE audit of Douglas county fi-
nancial affairs just completed
reveals that this subdivision of
government has a very satisfactory
dollar health.

The auditor expressed it another
way when he stated for publica-
tion yesterday: "Where a county
has no bonded indebtedness, no
warrants outstanding and a net
working balance of \$134,699.99 in
cash, coupled with a low tax levy
and a tax collection in excess of 100
per cent, what more could an au-
ditor desire?"

That is a splendidly optimistic
statement—and it is true. However,
it is a fact that taxes unpaid dur-
ing former years bring the total
delinquencies up above the half
million mark. Every business has a
few bad debts and the county is a
business, of course, it is engaged in
the business of providing the var-
ious services needed collectively
by the community. It is, in fact, the
biggest business in the Douglas
valley.

The most important thing about
county finances is the fact that cur-
rent collections are equal to cur-
rent needs. When delinquencies are
piled up year after year higher
taxes result. The plain reason for
that is that when some fail to pay
their share, the remainder have to
pay enough more to make up for
those who do not pay.

The law that permits a taxpayer
to pay a portion of his delinquent
taxes without penalty or interest
providing he pays up his current
taxes is largely responsible for the
improvement in tax payments.

This county, however, has adopted
another plan that has worked, in
that it has resulted in the collec-
tion of considerable amount of
delinquent tax money—and a great
deal of current tax money that
might never have been collected.
The plan is so simple it is a won-
der that it is not used more gen-
erally. The idea is to go out after
certain accounts rather than sit
still and hope the money will be
brought in.

Of course tax collecting—that is
active work at tax collecting, is not
a job that makes a person popular.
It is very natural, therefore, since
county officials stay in office of not
depending upon their popularity,
that the general practice has been
to make as little disturbance as
possible about getting tax money in.
Several years ago the Douglas
county court had the fortitude
courage to employ a man to devote
his entire time to visiting up tax
money. The idea was applied suc-
cessfully to the collection of personal
property taxes in the beginning,
but later the collector has applied
his energies to any and all col-
lection problems as they present them-
selves. It is a good plan.

Consideration of the excellent fi-
nancial condition of the county we
live in makes one wish that some-
thing could be done about the con-
dition of our federal government.

Editorials on News

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ing out from the front pages,
doesn't indicate by its expression
any very high and noble motive.

You can't always tell by the
look on a man's face, however,
what is going on in his mind.

ANYWAY, Bergdoll was a sap
to run out on his obligations.

ANYBODY is a sap to run out on

his obligations. Whoever does so
will be pretty sure to regret it
sooner or later.

JIM FAHLEY, back from a swing
across the country, reports
that a lot of people are demanding
that Roosevelt go after a third
term. Also and Kintner, widely-
read Washington correspondents,
are of the opinion that Roosevelt
himself is considering it seriously.

THINK writer hopes fervently he
doesn't do it.

Franklin D. Roosevelt is un-
questionably a charming individual.
There is plenty of testimony to
that effect. But let's not let those
devotees that he is a SCARED
DEATH every moment he's at the
wheel. You never know what fool
trick he'll try next, or what long
chance he'll take on the spur of
the moment.

Around the County

TENMILE

TENMILE, June 2.—Alfred Ro-
sen and William Debolt have pur-
chased the Monogram Cigar store in
Roseburg. Mr. Rosen is a resident
in Tenmile and is employed at the
Stanley logging camp in Canas
Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Breitenbuecher
entertained Mrs. Vera Haddan of
Portland for several days recently.
Mrs. Haddan is a sister of Mrs.
Breitenbuecher.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sibbald
spent Sunday with their daughter,
Mrs. Landon Hoffman in Happy
Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Coats were
transacting business in Salem last
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDaniel of
Portland visited at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith on Sun-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Robertson
were dinner guests at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. George Gladwell in
Roseburg Saturday.

Mr. Lockwood was called to
work Thursday at Eden Ridge in a
logging camp where he expects to
work throughout the summer
months.

Mrs. Kate Bourassa was visiting
relatives in Powers last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kyle and
two daughters, Leonard and Johanna,
attended baccalaureate services
Sunday evening at Canas Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ebel and
niece, Joan Walgamuth, visited
with Mrs. Ebel's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. George Kallgren at Ellensburg,
Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Lockwood and Ad-
rian Ward were transacting busi-
ness in Roseburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kelson were
visiting with Mr. Kelson's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Debolt in Roseburg,
Sunday.

Mr. Winifred Swift is in the
Mercy hospital in Roseburg for a
major operation.

Mrs. Landon Hoffman and daugh-
ter, Janet, were visiting friends and
relatives in the valley the past
week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Godfrey, Ted
Coats and Clara Coats drove to
Bakersfield Saturday evening to visit
an uncle, John Appleton, who is
quite ill.

Mrs. Rilla Hahn, had as her
guests last weekend, Mr. and
Mrs. Lynn Hopfner from Cali-
fornia, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ab-
bott and family from Grants Pass.
Mrs. Abbott is a daughter of Mrs.
Rilla Hahn.

Mr. Sampson from Washington is
here visiting his daughter, Mrs.
Howard Kyle.

Lawrence Lockwood is home
from the Eden Ridge logging camp
where he is employed. He is being
treated for a piece of steel in his
eye.

L. C. Anderson, electrician from
Roseburg, has completed wiring
the L. M. McCaffrey home ready to
receive electricity. Mr. Anderson is
writing Dr. Swell's house at present.

The surveying crew for the West
Douglas Electric Co. has been
here completing setting stakes in
Tenmile district.

Alfred Ebel has been quite ill
with some trouble but is reported
to be much improved. Dr. Swell
and Amelia Hanson are busy cutting
their oat hay.

MELROSE

MELROSE, June 2.—Mr. and
Mrs. Jeff Lynn and small daugh-
ter of Myrtle Point were the
weekend guests of the former's
mother, Mrs. Zona Lynn and of
his brother-in-law and sister, Mr.
and Mrs. Ed Glass, and his brother
and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.
Vernon Lynn.

Mrs. Mildred Shuman and son
returned in their home at Seaside
Wednesday after visiting for par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Anselm John-
son.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson
and Mrs. Guy King of Glendale and
Mrs. Martha Richardson of Rose-
burg attended church and the
social picnic at Blount Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Morgan and
family have resided for sev-
eral months on the Fredrickson
place, are moving Wednesday to
their new home in Tenmile. They
moved from there to Melrose last
fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cotton of the
quilt and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Han-
son of Clatsop county attended the
picnic at Melrose Sunday and
stayed with Mrs. Hanson's brother,
Lyle and sister, Mr. and Mrs.
Leslie Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Terrell
and children of Astoria, Ore.,
were weekend guests of the for-
mer's parents and sister, Mr. and
Mrs. Carl Terrell and brother,
Mr. and Mrs. Olan Webb of
North Bend, were weekend guests
of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson.
Mrs. Webb was formerly Mrs. Wil-
son of Melrose.

Mrs. Edna Ward left Wednesday
evening for her home in Portland
after visiting for the past month

OUT OUR WAY

THAT'S
PRETTY NEAR
LIKE THE
CONTROLLER
WE MAKE
AIN'T IT?

REDAWN
BY REQUEST

MACHINERY
KEEP OUT

WATCH NOW—
WATCH WHEN
HE WORKS
IT

DO YOU EVER SEE A
YOUNG MACHINIST
HANGING AROUND
MACHINERY AT A PIC-
NIC? THEY TELL YOU
THIS IS THE AGE OF
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