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ST. HELENS, OREGON, JULY 18.

LIQUIDATING INDEBTEDNESS.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," said an eminent writer. Eternal vigilance is the road to success also, says every man who has practiced it. The county court of Columbia county has been practicing eternal vigilance for the past two or more years, and as a result the county's indebtedness has been rapidly decreasing. From the report of the county clerk rendered to the court at the July, 1897, term it will be seen that the amount of warrants redeemed during the year ending July 1, 1897, including the amount of money on hand applicable to the payment of outstanding warrants, exceeds the amount issued during the same period in the sum of \$16,475.50, or in other words, the county's liabilities have been decreased in that sum during the twelve months just ended. The report follows:

ANNUAL STATEMENT.
Following is the annual showing of the county clerk of Columbia county for the year ending June 30th, 1897:

Warrants outstanding July 1, 1896, \$41,622.18	
Warrants issued from July 1, 1896, to July 1, 1897.....	16,837.35
Total.....	\$58,500.00
Warrants paid during year.....	\$24,530.02
Cash in hands of treasurer applicable to payment of warrants.....	5,783.17
Total.....	\$30,313.19
Total liabilities.....	\$58,500.00
Total paid.....	\$30,313.19
Balance.....	\$28,186.80

Amount of county's lien on land bid in for taxes..... \$ 7,777.01
Amount of delinquent taxes, 1897 to 1898..... 20,901.33
Amount of delinquent taxes 1898..... 10,974.57
Total resources..... \$39,652.91
Amount of fees collected by the county clerk and paid over to the treasurer during year..... \$ 2,500.50

It is indeed gratifying to the county court to be able to make such a favorable showing, and it ought also to be none the less gratifying to the taxpayers that such a reduction in liabilities has been made. The county court, in the past three or four years, has had an elephant on its hands in the Massie and Meeker cases, from which the county not only suffered the loss of the actual shertage, but also has been subjected to very great court expense in trying to recover from the bondsmen which, it failed to do. This bugbear has at last been finally disposed of, and henceforward the indebtedness of the county may be expected to decrease materially from year to year until the last dollar of outstanding warrants are called in and laid safely away in the clerk's office, where it will not require an expert accountant to compute the interest thereon.

In the way of economy the county clerk's office has furnished no small item, since under the salary system the fees collected by that official has almost if not quite paid the running expenses of the office, whereas under the old system the clerk received all the fees from outside sources in addition to regular fees for county work. It is not so with the sheriff's office for the fees collected fall far short of paying current expenses, though the aggregate expense of the office to the county is not so great as under the old system.

The county court is deserving of the thanks of every taxpayer in the county for the splendid showing they are able to report upon the finances of the county. While the members of that tribunal have been maligned and abused day after day and month after month, they have gone steadily on scrutinizing the minutest details of county affairs, always endeavoring to deal justly with the public at every turn and at the same time overlooking no item from which the county treasury would suffer.

Mr. BRYAN still draws the crowds, as he did last year, but it is doubtful if as many of his auditors believe in his financial doctrines now as did then. He is looked at and listened to by great multitudes, but if his monetary scheme were put to a vote again it would receive less support than it did last fall. The world is discarding silver as standard money, and it can never be made so again by progressive nations. Even since Mr. Bryan's defeat, Japan and Chile have gone to the gold standard. Mr. Bryan's fluent talk sounds quite well, but it won't stand the test of close investigation. As time goes on he will be able to deduce a constantly decreasing number

of voters. Mr. Bryan is not a bad fellow; probably he is sincere in his preaching; but the country will never accept his theories on finance. In a few years men who now support him will wonder how they could ever have been led into such economic error.

THE COUNTY'S AFFAIRS.

Business Transacted at the Regular July Court Sitting.
At a regular term of the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Columbia, begun and held in the courthouse, at St. Helens on Wednesday, July 7, 1897, when were present Hon. J. B. Doan, judge, P. A. Frakes and N. D. Peterson, commissioners; Judson Weed, clerk; and J. N. Rice, sheriff; the following proceedings were had:

Matter of petition of J. H. Lambert for rebate of tax. Petition granted.
Matter of petition of G. E. Hunter for license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in Deer Island precinct. Petition granted.

Matter of petition of A. Catlin for an order for the cancellation of tax sale certificate to lots 6 and 7, in section 3, township 7 north, range 5 west. Petition granted.
Matter of petition of W. R. Bailey for a county road. Petition granted, and H. C. Risher, J. K. Stewart and W. L. Brown appointed viewers, and W. N. Meserve, surveyor, to meet at the residence of W. R. Bailey on July 29, 1897.

Matter of petition of John Schmitka for county road. Petition continued for the term.
Matter of petition of Halver Olsen for a county road. Petition granted, and Joseph Copeland, G. W. Baker and Max Berg appointed viewers, and W. N. Meserve, surveyor, to meet at the residence of H. H. Clark on September 7th, 1897.

Matter of petition of P. O. Marks for a county road. Petition rejected.
Matter of the cost bill in the case of the state vs. Pruett. Cost bill corrected and ordered paid.
Matter of cost bill in the case of the state vs. Dooley. Cost bill corrected and ordered paid.

Matter of annual statement of clerk, treasurer and school superintendent. Report examined and ordered placed on file.
Matter of the application of the Clatskanie Dam and Boom Company to lease the Clatskanie river. Order made leasing the river for a term of fifteen years.

Matter of rebate of tax of J. B. Godfrey, rebate of \$1.19 allowed.
Matter of the application of John Karth to become a citizen of the United States. Ordered admitted to citizenship.
Matter of viewers' report on N. C. Dale road. Report accepted and read ordered opened.

Matter of viewers' report on Joe Dupont road. Report accepted and read ordered opened.
Matter of viewers' report on S. C. Hudson road. Report accepted and read ordered opened.
Matter of viewers' report on Beaver Valley road. Report read, and petition for damages filed by S. K. Hudson and Adolph Olsen. The court appointed C. W. Mosher, Jared Wilson and S. M. Rice appraisers of damages, to meet at the residence of S. K. Hudson on August 13, 1897.

Matter of petition of Alex. Bonser for remission of tax of 1893. Petition granted.
Matter of petition of Joseph Hackenberg to have the court investigate certain charges as to misappropriation of lumber in road district No. 8. Court agreed to meet August 3d, 1897, and investigate the matter.
Matter of petition of G. W. Cole for cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 89. Petition granted.

Matter of application of E. B. Foss for correction of tax list. Continued for the term.
Matter of sheriff's return on delinquent tax roll. Ordered that the sheriff collect taxes without additional cost until July 25.
Matter of settlement with the county officers. Accounts of clerk, sheriff and treasurer examined, found correct and ordered approved.
The following claims were examined and ordered paid.

JURORS, MAY TERM, CIRCUIT COURT.

H. M. Fowler.....	\$ 4.00
H. L. Warren.....	9.20
William Holzapfel.....	7.00
F. A. English.....	21.20
V. Adams.....	20.20
J. D. Lewis.....	21.20
Charles H. Briggs.....	14.80
William Adams.....	23.20
D. M. Beane.....	17.00
James Timoney.....	23.00
G. W. Kyser.....	23.00
O. E. Ragon.....	16.00
W. W. White.....	16.00
James Ray.....	16.00
Harvey Glenn.....	26.00
Frank Lonkey.....	27.20
Casper Libel.....	27.00
B. B. Campbell.....	23.20
M. Johnson.....	26.00
Oiver Wilson.....	24.80
B. F. Whitney.....	18.00
J. G. Johnson.....	18.00
I. H. Copeland.....	13.00
Jacob Bros.....	21.20
J. W. Boals.....	24.40
C. K. Brant.....	25.20
S. E. Hagey.....	25.20

WITNESSES, CIRCUIT COURT.

W. T. Gardner.....	\$ 8.00
Mollie Harris.....	8.00
Walter Bradley.....	8.00
Fred Neubaumer.....	4.40
H. Secor.....	4.40
T. C. Watts.....	6.40
J. Young.....	8.00
M. Siger.....	8.00
William Wood.....	6.80
George W. Buchanan.....	5.00
O. D. Wolf.....	5.00
J. Martin.....	7.80
Neil O'Hare.....	7.80
Ernest Shannahan.....	7.80
A. N. Clark.....	2.40
H. Sager.....	4.00
Fred Neubaumer.....	4.40
T. C. Watts.....	4.40
B. S. Hatten.....	2.00
Kendal Baklesley.....	2.00
Celo Farlin.....	8.40
A. B. Larson.....	8.40

R. S. Payne..... 8.40
MISCELLANEOUS.
A. M. Thomas, plank, r. d. 19..... 20.00
Martin White, county assessor..... 150.00
Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn, spikes, road district No. 17..... 2.75
C. W. Blakely, writ assessor's office..... 7.50
W. P. McKay, witness state vs. Vivian..... 1.00
C. F. Fowler, same case..... 1.00
Glass & Prudhomme, stationery..... 10.10
Charles E. Sutton, bringing insane person to St. Helens..... 5.00
Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn, powder, r. d. 17..... 81.55
F. A. Zigmont, supplies, Mrs. Hansen..... 6.00
Irwin-Hodson Co., stationery..... 8.35
Irwin-Hodson Co., stationery..... 6.75
O. F. Lindgren, supplies for Domesyer Geo. D. Edwards, stationery..... 10.95
Bruce Haines, taking insane person to St. Helens..... 13.05
R. H. Bailey, wood for court house, in road district 29..... 35.00
A. P. McLaren, medicine county chge..... 7.00
J. G. Gill Co., writing fluid..... 1.25
A. B. Little, assisting teachers' exam..... 9.00
Alma W. Beagle, same..... 20.00
J. N. Rice, postage..... 9.00
A. W. Johnson, viewer on Dale road..... 4.00
Andrew Elliott, same..... 4.00
Francis J. Peterson, same..... 4.00
H. O. Howard, plank for r. d. 22..... 4.50
Good Samaritan Hospital, treatment of Jacob Cline..... 69.00
G. W. Cole, attorney for county in Clatskanie boom and dam case..... 14.00
N. D. Peterson, same..... 5.00
Judson Weed, sending indigent soldier to Soldiers' Home..... 11.05
J. H. Lambert, rebate of tax..... 27.00
A. Shannahan, justice fees, state vs. Pruett..... 7.40
Ernest Shannahan, justice fees..... 15.00
Margaret Segert, witness..... 2.00
William Wilkinson, witness..... 2.10
William Wood, witness..... 1.50
Geo. A. Hall, deputy district attorney..... 4.00
Mrs. T. E. Mills, boarding prisoner..... 4.00
N. A. Clark, justice, state vs. Dooley..... 3.00
A. Robinson, constable, same case..... 11.70
C. Stephens, witness, same..... 3.50
John Callahan, witness, same..... 3.50
F. H. Adams, witness, same..... 3.50
Barbara Callahan, witness, same..... 3.50
Anton Barber, witness, same..... 3.50
Ed Cline, witness, same..... 3.50
Harry Cline, witness, same..... 3.50
Charles Hobbies, witness, same..... 3.50
Geo. A. Hall, deputy district attorney..... 3.00
Alex. Bonser, rebate of tax..... 1.00
Judson Weed, postage..... 20.00
W. J. Rice, attorney for road supervisor, r. d. 12..... 10.00
Meserve Bros., plank for r. d. 17..... 50.40
News Publishing Co., stationery..... 12.00
W. N. Meserve, establishing government corner..... 9.00
John Pringle, supplies for Eastlick..... 5.75
John Pringle, supplies, McCullough..... 6.50
John Pringle, supplies, Hannah Mills..... 6.50
W. N. Meserve, surveying Co., roads..... 50.40
Pittsburg Mill Co., plank for r. d. 31..... 22.85
C. B. Fisher, plank for r. d. 13..... 14.40
G. W. Cole, attorney for state, examining witness, same..... 5.00
H. Huber, support county charge..... 12.00
Bertha Hansen, support of children..... 10.00
G. W. Lane, support of Bittner children..... 12.00
John H. Barber, referee, r. d. 13..... 5.75
Edwin Ross, examining two insane patients..... 10.00
Edwin Ross, medicine for county clerk..... 5.75
N. A. Perry, powder for r. d. 13..... 5.15
J. F. Gullett, examining insane patient..... 5.00
Dillard & Cole, return court fees in Massie case..... 55.80
Unity Mill Co., plank for r. d. No. 9..... 40.00
H. R. Cliff, examining two insane patients..... 10.00
A. H. Sheffield, support of Headies..... 20.00
John Campbell, resurveying county road in district No. 18..... 3.00
M. Emmens, chain carrier..... 1.00
S. B. Campbell, same..... 1.00
Dart & Muckle, supplies for McCoy family..... 10.35
W. H. Wagner, support of Gordon society..... 10.00
C. E. Gronberg, plank for r. d. 13..... 12.00
Wilson & Libel, plank for r. d. 12..... 22.25
H. O. Howard, plank for r. d. 3..... 7.92
W. A. Harris, oil for courthouse..... 90
T. C. Watts, supplies for Bromstick family..... 18.20
Sam Singh, washing for county chg..... 2.40
A. A. Johnson, support of J. Green..... 36.00
Court adjourned without day.

School Warrants Payable.
St. Helens, Or., July 9, 1897.
The school clerk of school district No. 2, Columbia county, Oregon, has money on hand to pay the following numbered warrants of said district: Nos. 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 and 126. Interest will accrue after this date.
E. E. QUICK,
District Clerk.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
ST. HELENS, Or., July 9, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to November 13, 1894, and the following on November 13, 1894, Nos. 728, 680, 816, 733, 735, and 500, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date.
E. M. WHARTON,
Treasurer of Columbia County, Or.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.
Delena, Oregon, May 11, 1897.
THE COPARTNERSHIP BETWEEN J. J. Meserve, Harry E. Meserve and Thomas Meserve, under the firm name of "Meserve Bros.," engaged in the sawmill and lumber business at Delena, Oregon, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. L. A. Meserve, retiring. The business will be conducted in future by Wm. N. Meserve, Harry E. Meserve and Thomas Meserve, under the firm name of Meserve Bros., and all accounts due the said old firm of Meserve Bros. will be paid to and all debts owing by said old firm of Meserve Bros. will be paid by the said new firm of Meserve Bros.
L. A. MESERVE,
HARRY E. MESERVE,
THOMAS MESERVE.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.
COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
ST. HELENS, Or., June 18, 1897.
NOTICE is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to September 14, 1894, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date.
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