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ST. HELENS, OREGON, JULY 15.

America for Americans. "Long May It Wave O'er the Home of the Free and the Land of the Brave."

PROCLAIM the fact that Columbia county warrants are selling at 100 cents on the dollar, the first time in many years. This satisfactory condition of affairs has gradually come about since 1894, at which time county script sold as low as 70 cents on the dollar. It is not long, to be sure, that our script has been commanding its full face value in the markets, but the fact is all that is necessary to satisfy the minds of those who have to dispose of this commodity. We wish to ask: What has caused this change? It cannot be said that it is the result of tricking politicians, because we have only just emerged from a hard-fought campaign, in which it was claimed that all evidences of prosperity were fictitious, and so soon as the struggle had ended valuations would decline and business relax as by a stroke of paralysis, but such is not the case. This condition of affairs cannot be said to be the outgrowth of a cherished hope that polices antagonistic to those now in force by a republican administration will soon predominate, because as time advances and the issues become better understood the policy of the present administration becomes more popular. Example: Oregon election June 6th. There are many other philosophical reasons which the people of the country are ready to admit and advance for a steady increase in valuations of many classes. Up to a few months ago the common class, to whom the greater part of our county script was issued, calculated upon a 2 to 5 cent discount on their paper, and now that the full face value is received, who is benefitted? It is not the broker or the money lender. Persons dealing in money are now scouring the country in search of investments that will earn a fair rate of interest. Demands for loans have decreased, and as a result rates of interest have gone down accordingly. It was freely claimed that the price of warrants would decline as soon as tax-paying time was passed, but the fact is the increase in the price of warrants has taken place since the greater part of our tax has been collected. Another feature in this connection which stands out prominent to our vision is the knowledge and belief of the people that the danger of the predominance of principles which would not be for the best interests of the county has ceased, coupled with the realization of the fact that the affairs of the county are being administered judiciously and wisely. All these conditions are extremely gratifying, and must be so acknowledged by all honest thinking people.

MORE encouraging crop prospects could not well be hoped for than are reported at this time from every section of Oregon and Washington. The increased acreage and the splendid condition of crops insure an immense yield, and certainly there is no excuse for not expecting a good price for wheat, hops, wool, etc., in the event of which all other lines of trade will prosper in accordance.

IT seems to us that there is but one solution to the fact that in our sister county of Tillamook there is so much land being taken up and proved up on, as there is at the present time. For a period of at least three years, yes, five years, a notice for publication of a timber land entry was a thing rare to be seen in a newspaper in this section of Oregon, when for several years prior to that time such notices were published by the hundreds, and it was at that time that timber land speculations were of such enormous proportions, and lands of that character sold readily at good figures. Those persons who now stop to think of general business conditions obtaining at that time will recall with much pleasure the fact that this section of Oregon witnessed no livelier times than when timber lands were being taken by hundreds of sections, and those who chose to sell received from $8 to $20 per acre for their land. It was then that business was lively and money plentiful, and indications point strongly at present to a repetition of those days. In fact, for six months or more before the recent war declaration, timber lands in Northwestern Oregon found readier market and better prices than had been known for a number of years before, and it really looks at present that despite the war the immensely growing demand for our timber and lumber will assert itself. There is no questioning the fact that the war had a demoralizing effect upon our lumber interests, yet the confidence of the people in the government to carry the war to a speedy and successful termination asserts itself in this matter, and we see a steady revival of the most important industry in this section of our state. As an example of what is being done along that line of trade, in the Tillamook Headlight of the issue of July 7th there are fifty timber land notices, a circumstance which verifies our belief that Oregon timber lands are soon to find greater demand at increased prices.

THE annual statement of the county clerk showing the financial condition of the county, which appears in this issue, is a satisfactory one in the way of continued reduction of indebtedness. The semi-annual statement issued on April 1st showed an indebtedness of $60,000, while the present one shows $34,365.66, or a reduction since that time of $25,642.67. This reduction is due entirely, of course, to the collection of tax on the 1897 roll, which now contains nearly $10,000 of delinquencies, the greater part of which will be collected before October 1st. The statement shows, also, that warrants to the amount of $21,123.97 were issued from July 1st, 1897, to July 1st, 1898, which amount taken in conjunction as an estimate for the year ending July 1st, 1899, with the present showing, would give a quite accurate estimate of what the indebtedness will be one year hence, or about what the reduction will have been in one year. The debt is being reduced gradually, and further and more rapid reduction is now to be expected from the fact that the county court is vigorously proceeding with the enforced collection of all delinquent tax since and including the year 1887, which amount aggregates to July 1st, 1898, $29,032.93.

THE MANILA SITUATION.

At about the moment the sun sets on our fleet at Havana it rises on our fleet near Manila, and both are not unlikely to be in action simultaneously. This is a peculiar situation for a country so strongly adverse to engaging in a foreign war. But we are in truth minding our own business, both at the shores of Cuba and of the Philippines. War with a nation of widely distributed possessions like Spain necessarily means a field of action as broad as the world. The guns of the Oregon may soon be thundering off the coast of Spain also, and there may be collisions in the midatlantic or near the Canaries. All the enterprise of the American people will now be employed and their forceful qualities asserted. Commodore Dewey's fleet was compelled to capture a port from Spain in the far Pacific or to bring his ships back to San Francisco for a base, leaving half the ocean closed to our commerce. His orders, therefore, were to capture or blockade the most important of Spain's ports near the eastern coast of Asia. Giving up access to the Western Pacific is not to be thought of. Our fleet fought for a foothold, and not retreat to our Pacific harbors, 9000 miles from the scene of its present intrepid operations.

Not long ago the London Spectator said that "A great maritime power holding the Philippines ought to be mistress in the far East; and which of them is it to be? America will be the owner of the islands, but she will not want to keep them, thus giving hostages to all the maritime empires." In the main this is true. The 8,000,000 or 10,000,000 population of the Philippines are largely Asiatic, and the task of governing them would not be accepted by this country. But if the islands fall into our hands we shall retain a harbor there and have a voice in their disposition. Japan is said to have once offered $200,000,000 for the Philippines. The London journal remarks that there will be fierce bidding for the group, and fierce jealousies excited among those who bid. But the United States alone is bearing the cost and other burdens of the war that is expected to wrest them from Spain, and no nation can undertake to shoulder us aside after the expenditure of our blood and treasure.

Great Britian, Russia, Germany, France, and Japan are firmly seated on the eastern coast of Asia, and look to the future for great commercial advantages in that region, the most populous on earth, and the one most in need of industrial development. The aggregate area of the islands is nearly double that of Missouri, and their tropical fertility is unsurpassed in the world. Sugar, tobacco, hemp, and fruits grow in great abundance, and the demand for all products is ample. But Spanish influences and taxation have kept the natives miserably poor and ignorant. They have had no incentive to work, and progress of all kinds has been discouraged. The same causes of insurrection have long existed in the Philippines and Cuba. Labor has had neither reward nor respect, and official authority has been in the hands of officials who looted merchants and peasants alike, making a commodity of justice, and standing in the way of all real progress. Destiny has placed upon the United States the necessity of fighting the oppressor in the Philippines.

THE importance of an exhibit from Columbia county at the exposition which opens in Portland in September is of no ordinary magnitude. Our resources should be exhibited, and thus brought to the attention of the people of other sections of this state at least. The Portland expositions are yearly attended by a great many people from states other than Oregon, and we believe an exhibit there from Columbia county would be of some benefit to us. Our resources have been talked of and written about, to be sure, but the exposition of what we can raise and what our forests and mountains contain would be of far more practical advantage than all that might be written or said of it. This matter is of supreme merit and should receive encouragement.

IT is the opinion of the collector of internal revenue that a person who buys county warrants for himself, simply as an investment, is not a broker and is not required to pay a broker's tax. If, however, he buys for others, either in his own name or in their names, he is a broker and must pay a yearly tax of $50. If he pays this tax he can, of course, buy for others, but if they sell again they will become brokers, and must pay the tax.

COUNTY'S FINANCES.

Annual Statement of the Clerk of Columbia County.

The annual statement of the financial condition of the county, which the county clerk is required to issue on July 1st, each year, is here given, and makes a very creditable showing as regards indebtedness:

July 1. Amount of warrants outstanding	$38 884 36
Amount of warrants issued from July 1, 1897, to July 1, 1898	21 123 97
Total	$60 008 33
Warrants paid during year	$25 004 59
Cash in hands of treasurer to pay warrants	10 638 08
Total	$35 642 67
Total indebtedness	$60 008 33
Total paid to July 1st	35 642 67
Balance July 1st	$24 365 66
Total amount of unpaid taxes from 1887 to 1898	$29 032 93

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COUNTY COURT.

Long List of Bills Allowed at the Regular July Term.

A P McLaren, inquest on body of E Crosby	12 85
D Henshaw, juror same	1 00
Wm Stevens, same	1 00
A A Henderson, same	1 00
C F A Crouse, same	1 00
Wm Mellinger, same	1 00
G D Benny, same	1 00
U C Adams, witness, same	1 50
A E Myers, same	1 50
Cleve Mellinger, same	1 50
T E Mills, same	1 50
W D Case, appraiser on Coulter road	3 20
A B Powell, same	3 40
A Elliott, same	3 80
John Pringle, notary work	75
G Lynch, viewer road survey 137	2 00
D E Freeman, same	2 00
O D Garrison, same	2 00
N B Olsen, witness insane case of Sophia Matson	9 50
A N Clark, j p fees state vs Simons	5 30
A Robinson, constable, same	13 75
F A Snow, witness, same	7 50
H Karrigan, same	7 50
O Grimm, same	4 50
J Jones, same	4 50
J Carille, same	4 50
H Mathers, same	4 50
F Cleaver, same	4 50
Gabe Tarabajama, same	4 50
G A Hall, deputy district attorney	5 00
A N Clark, j p fees, state vs Ray	3 70
A Robinson constable, same	3 60

JURORS FOR MAY TERM CIRCUIT COURT.

Ernest Kreuger	4 20	Magnus Saxon	2 00
H J Waters	2 00	Miles Sheerin	5 60
C F Langfeldt	11 60	R Sesseman	10 00
M P Blood	10 00	A J Orwig	21 20
E Mecker	16 00	John Campbell	10 00
Geo Morrison	10 00	Charles Cooper	10 00
R A Lillick	21 60	C F Knowles	20 40
Herm'r Schmitt	15 40	N Merrill	21 20
William Wood	18 80	Geo Pearson	18 20
C O Lovegren	21 60	H W Barnett	2 00
J B Godfrey	2 00	N H McKay	4 00
Eli Lunan	2 00	E H Barnett	2 00
Wm Mellinger	2 00	M Davison	2 00
J P Bheeley	26 00	Frank Tracy	27 20
John Jones	28 80	N Stebman	22 80
P Peck	25 20	A H Matthews	24 40
Joe Eversol	2 00	A B Haines	27 20
S B Rose	25 20	G Neuman	24 20
E A Cushman	23 80	J Wilverding	22 40
D W Whittig	26 60	Andrew King	20 00
J B Godfrey	2 00	Eli Lunan	2 00
James Sheldon	20 00	J Lamberson	20 20
D W Freeman	29 80	T H Woodruff	25 60
A C Garrison	2 00	W P Tucker	2 00
C F A Crouse	2 00	A McCauley	2 00

WITNESSES MAY TERM CIRCUIT COURT.

R Sesseman	2 00	Will Palmer	7 20
H D Va'blaricom	7 20	W W Allen	7 20
Fred Zellar	7 20	J M McGrath	6 20
Minnie Lindsay	4 40	Will Watts	3 60
I Sentek	4 80	Wm Newell	12 60
F Turnahan	11 80	Joe Reed	8 20
Wm Myers	10 00	E J Doherity	12 00
C A Snow	12 60	Wm Hickey	10 00
W E Conyers	17 20	Albert Geo	12 00
M Davison	4 00	D Blanchard	9 60
G F Moeck	9 60	Bertha Hanson	8 00
J F Timony	9 60	A Cheldelin	2 00
S E Shults	10 00	E M Rice	12 00
James Coakley	11 60	Mary George	2 00
Mrs D Upton	27 00	K M Jones	15 20
H J McIntyre	12 00	Grant Jones	15 20
S E Rutter	17 20	John Reddick	17 80
Geo F Moeck	2 00	W H Conyers	15 20
R S Payne	15 20	Geo Statler	17 20
Wm Statler	17 20	John Nelson	14 60
Peter Matson	15 00	Anetta Matson	15 00
Henry Timonen	15 00	Josephi'e Krum	19 00
Wm Newell	10 60	H R Cliff	8 00
Geo Mayger	10 00	W W Blakesley	8 00
C H Jones	17 20	K M Jones	2 00
Geo Hayes	15 60	David Upton	29 00
S J Durham	12 00	James Adams	7 20
James Muckle	2 00	Chas McCauley	2 00
Mm Mellinger	8 20	Chas Breedlove	8 00
John Campbell	7 20	A Robinson	2 00
A N Clark	2 00	C W Blakesley	10 00
J Alexander	9 20	E D McKay	5 80
D E Freeman	5 80	S A Miles	2 00
N H McKay	6 00	F E Armstrong	6 00
R Sesseman	7 20	A Emmons	5 00
W W Allen	7 20	H Vanblaricom	7 20
E L Mills	7 20	M Davison	2 00
Esther Coulter	7 20	John Campbell	2 00
Wm Mellinger	2 20	W N Meserve	2 00

JUDGES AND CLERKS OF ELECTION.

James Muckle	3 00	R Cox	3 00
H M Knighton	3 00	W B Buell	3 00
G A Sanford	3 00	John Dibblee	3 00
G F Moeck	3 60	R P Burns	6 00
W M Perry	3 00	W A Wood	3 00
W C King	7 00	W L Brown	3 00
J C Kilby	3 00	P O Marks	3 00
J M McGrath	3 00	T C Watts	5 40
G C Fowler	3 00	R R Foster	3 00
Geo McKinster	3 00	Geo Foster jr	3 00
C L Olson	4 60	C W Emerson	3 00
John King	3 00	N Pinckney	3 00
James Gaitens	3 00	A D Holsday	4 60
A Stump	3 00	E H Lynch	3 00
J C Johnson	3 00	Gustave Lange	3 00
G W Barnes	9 60	D M Ewing	3 00
C H Jones	3 00	W F Slaughter	3 00
C N Davideon	3 00	J W Boales	8 20
John Nelson	3 00	Geo Richardson	3 00
H A Quigley	3 00	W H Kyser	3 00
W H Conyers	10 20	E S Bryant	3 00
Frank Merrill	3 00	W K Tichenor	3 00
Silvo Graham	3 00	James Wallace	11 40
James Thorn	3 00	Lincoln Wood	3 00
W B Colvin	3 00	James Graham	3 00
A E Thomas	9 40	D W Freeman	3 00
Oliver Wilson	3 00	Henry Moulton	3 00
Casper Libel	3 00	R Sesseman	8 20
E W Keasey	3 00	E H Mitchell	3 00
L W Vandyke	3 00	T H North	3 00

J N Rice, making deeds	6 00
J N Rice, serving subpoena in Upton case	5 00
J N Rice, same	5 00
J N Rice, guards for Upton	16 00
J N Rice, postage	17 00
J N Rice, preparing polling place	2 00
A Robinson, serving subpoena in Upton case	2 75
A Robinson, same	12 50
A Robinson, serving subpoena on J Alexander	2 40
A Robinson, serving subpoena on Matsou	11 50
T Cooper, boarding cow	25 00
Dart & Muckle, nails for r d 4	5 30
J Daley work on Houlton bridge	2 25
U W Clark, same	5 62
D Henshaw, same	3 00
F Malmberg, lumber for r d 13	7 00
Wilson & Libel, lumber for r d 12	33 25
Smith & Thomas, lumber for r d 13	11 00
Lane Bros, same	18 50
Clatskanie Lumber Co, lumber r d 9	24 78
Clatskanie Lumber Co, lumber r d 11	44 23
Burgdorfer & Johnson, lumber r d 27	42 51
H O Howard, lumber r d 4	26 17
H O Howard, lumber r d 22	10 83
O Wilson, road work dist 10	10 00
H B Borthwick, lumber r d 6	84 50
H O Howard, lumber r d 4	54 13
A M Tichenor, lumber r d 10	43 00
Chas Bureau, same	38 22
T J Flippin, same	25 61
N A Perry, nails for r d 22	30
P J Popham, bolts for r d 10	3 50
Z Bryant, nails for same	81
Mayger Co, freight on lumber for r d 9	6 75
T L Carter, work on Clatskanie bridge	13 75
E D Tichenor, same	11 00
Bert Bryant, same	7 00
Chas Boisvert, same	5 25
Joel Hill, same	3 00
H Tichenor, same	2 25
B Bryant, same	1 50
B Baker, same	4 50
N D Peterson, same	4 50
St Vincent hospital, board of P Roser	46 00
W J Deits, supplies for Jordon	10 00
G W Lane, support of Bitner childr'n	10 00
N D Johnson, support of Green	38 10
John Pringle, goods for R McCullough	9 40
P Bergerson, supplies for McCullough	7 24
Effie Vanblaricom support	10 00
Mrs O P Cheldelin, support of Hanson children	12 00
H Huber, support of sister	12 00
G F Lindgren, supplies for Demeyer	12 10
N A Perry, supplies Indian Isabella	14 39
A H Sheffield, support of Headley	20 00
E Ross, medicine for Headley	2 50
A H Sheffield, goods for Headley	5 25
John Pringle, goods for A Eastlick	7 80
Dart & Muckle, supplies for McCoy	10 00
W T Gardner, for Boys and Girls Aid Society	18 00
Wm Galloway, abstract of final proofs	2 65
Oregon Miss, stationery and printing	67 75
News Publishing Co, stationery	6 00
Glass & Prudhomme, election supplies	10 08
Glass & Prudhomme, blanks	1 60
Lewis & Dryden Co, record books	27 50
Lewis & Dryden Co, stationery	33 75
News Publishing Co, printing court proceedings	18 70
Irwin Hodson Co, stationery	3 —
Irwin Hodson Co, records	40 —
Irwin Hodson Co, stationery	13 —
Judson Wood, freight on supplies	1 50
M V Watkins, board of witnesses	24 —
L L Decker, board of jurors	7 60
Mrs G A Sanford, board of prisoners	15 95
N D Peterson, county commissioner	29 40
P A Frakes, county commissioner	25 70
W N Meserve, surveying	10 20
W N Meserve, making map in Upton case	3 —
W N Meserve, restoration of government corners	10 50
J G Watts, teachers examination	9 —
Alma Beegle, same	9 —
I H Copeland, same	9 —
W A Harris, supplies for courthouse	75
Martin White, county assessor	156 00
J A Van, rebate of poll tax	1 —
C W Blakesley, work on assessment	11 25
W A Harris, balance of salary	40 —
J G Watts, postage and cards	30 —
Joseph Hall, cleaning courthouse	8 —
Edwin Merrill, canvassing the vote	4 20
A N Clark, same	3 20
H C Lamberson, rent of hall	2 50
W J Rice, rebate of fees	10 —
Dan J Moore, certified copies	4 75
Dart & Muckle, supplies courthouse	1 65
W H Dolman, supplies for courthouse	2 70

WAR NOTES.

The third armistice granted by the American officials at Santiago de Cuba ended on Thursday at 12 o'clock, and if the surrender of that place was not made by that time Shafter and the navy were scheduled to begin the seige.

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A German man-of-war, the Irene, interfered with matters at Subig bay, Philippine islands, but through the generalship of Dewey she was soon quieted and her insolence hastily rebuked. The capture of Grande island and 500 Spaniards resulted from the fact that the German warship stepped in where she did not belong.

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Peace negotiations go steadily along, but on Spain's part too much is asked, and in all probability no agreement will be reached up to the time the third armistice ends.

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Watson's squadron has already started for Spain. It is made up of the best vessels in the American navy. Orders are issued to its commander to capture and destroy the Spanish flying squadron of Admiral Camara, which is now supposed to be on its way to Spain.

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A formidable army is to be sent to Porto Rico at once.

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In case Santiago is captured, Havana will not be molested until Commodore Watson returns from Spain.

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A number of cases of yellow fever are reported among the American troops surrounding Santiago, and General Shafter says he would better lose a number of men in an engagement in capturing the town than have his whole army subjected to the fever scourge.

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