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FRIDAY, MAY 20.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET



Congressman J. N. WILLIAMSON Supreme Judge F. A. MOORE

Food Commissioner F. W. BAILEY District Judge T. A. McBRIDE

District Attorney HARRISON ALLEN

Representative GEO. MAYERG Clerk E. E. QUICK

Judge J. B. DOAN Sheriff MARTIN WHITE

Treasurer EDWIN ROSS Assessor A. T. LAWS

School Superintendent J. H. COLLINS Surveyor W. T. WATTS

Commissioner CASPER LABEL Coroner H. R. CLIFF

A FEW LIES NAILED.

Last week's issue of the Houlton Register contained the following:

During the year 1902 the total amount of money expended for county purposes, other than roads and bridges, was \$16,678.26.

The amount of money raised this year for county purposes is \$22,305.95, or in excess of last year \$5,627.69.

The total amount of money to be collected as taxes is \$18,541.71, almost double the amount (\$41,664.09) levied in 1896.

State tax for this year \$12,985.00 School fund, general 15,600.00

School fund, special 2,736.33 Road fund, special 1,152.23

Total, other than county general and roads and bridges \$32,592.68

Deduct this last total from the \$54,717 collected, leaves a balance of \$45,972.13 at the disposal of the county court.

An amount greater than the tax levied for all purposes in any year of the county history prior to 1900.

And in the year 1901 the county indebtedness was wiped out. We are told in the Mist that the raising expense of the county is less than \$1,000 a year.

Now we will tell the people for what purpose the other \$29,000 is to be expended. It would buy a half-dozen rock crushers and second-hand engines.

The first lie is that the amount raised for county expenses is \$18,541.71 in excess of last year. The amount raised last year for county purposes was \$20,553.93; this year \$22,305.95, or \$1,752.02 in excess of last year and \$5,982.91 less than for 1902, according to the table published by Treasurer Ross.

The second lie is that there was a balance of \$45,972.13 at the disposal of the county court. Mr. Mitchell's figures in regard to the "school special" and "road special" must have been the product of a hop dream. The correct figures, furnished by the county clerk, are as follows:

State of Oregon, County of Columbia, ss. I, H. Henderson, county clerk in and for the above-named county and state, do hereby certify that the several amounts apportioned to be assessed upon the taxable property within Columbia County, for state, county, general and special school, road and special road and S. and S. indigent fund, are as follows:

State \$12,985.00 County 22,305.95 School, general 15,600.00

Road, general 18,229.92 S. and S. indigent fund 97.15

S. D. No. 1, special 987.16 S. D. No. 2 193.81

S. D. No. 3 120.15 S. D. No. 12 48.60

S. D. No. 13 912.60 S. D. No. 28 658.70

S. D. No. 21 149.92 S. D. No. 22 138.88

S. D. No. 23 267.22 S. D. No. 27 219.84

S. D. No. 30 609.75 S. D. No. 32 201.95

S. D. No. 41 109.57 S. D. No. 42 149.48

S. D. No. 44 99.15 S. D. No. 48 97.65

S. D. No. 49 74.45 S. D. No. 50 82.20

S. D. No. 51 92.70 S. D. No. 7, joint 21.49

Road District No. 10, special 1,452.33

Road District No. 15 971.15

Road District No. 11 1,158.20

Polls No. 656 656.90

Total \$78,564.71

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said county Court this, the 12th day of February, A. D. 1903.

H. HENDERSON, County Clerk.

By W. A. HARRIS, Deputy.

There is the "road general" of \$18,229.92, the county general of \$22,305.95, and the balance is made up of the S. and S. indigent fund; the "school special," which amounts to \$5,347.61, instead of the \$2,736.33 claimed by Mr. Mitchell; the "road special," which amounts to \$2,912.88, instead of the \$1,152.23 claimed by Mr. Mitchell, and the poll tax of \$656.90. All the taxes, with the exception of the "county general," are returned to the district in which they are collected. The "county general" is used to defray the salaries, expenses of the courts, costs of assessment, books, stationery, deputy hire, etc. The balance, after the payment of these fixed and unavoidable charges, is in the discretion of the county court.

The Mist has made the statement that the amount of money which the county court has actual control over is about \$7,000 per annum. We now inform Mr. Mitchell that this statement was made on the authority of Sheriff Hattan, in his office, in the presence of a witness, and Sheriff Hattan will not deny it.

OUR TAXES.

The following table shows the levy and amount raised in the different funds since 1897

Table with columns: COUNTY TAX, ROAD TAX, SCH. TAX, STATE TAX, TOTAL. Rows for years 1897-1902.

Includes 3.4 mills for roads and bridges.

It will be observed the levy and amount raised for the general fund, which includes all general expenses of the county, has been reduced.

The road fund has been increased from no levy to a levy of 10 mills, and the amount raised this year is \$18,229.92.

The school and state taxes have each been more than doubled, and are levied in accordance with state laws, and are out of the jurisdiction of the County Court.

The column of totals includes the entire levy of each year, except the special school and special road taxes, which are levied by the school and road districts.

EDWIN ROSS

A NEW COURT HOUSE FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

The report of the grand jury, which we publish elsewhere in this paper, very strongly urges the construction of a new court house, and presents it in an undiplomatic manner the urgency of this matter. The foreman of the grand jury was U. W. Clark, the Democratic nominee for assessor, a gentleman who is held in the highest esteem by all with whom he is acquainted. Two other members of the grand jury are Democrats, and none of them are residents of St. Helens, or in any way unduly personally interested in the matter. But they are good representative citizens of Columbia County, and as such they do their duty without fear or favor, political or sectional bias. Incidentally, however, they compliment the present management of the county's financial affairs when they say:

We find the financial condition of the county to be such that, in our opinion, the interest of the county and the taxpayers would be best served by the construction of a new court house and jail, and we recommend that the same be done.

The county is out of debt and its people are prosperous. Taxation is lower than in most of the counties of the state, and lower than in any Democratic county in the state. We can afford to build the court house, and there should be no delay in beginning the work. Sheriff Hattan, the Democratic nominee for county judge, has repeatedly pledged himself to this, and although Judge Doan has made no pledges, we have no doubt that he will abide by the wishes of the grand jury, and of a great majority of the people of the county.

THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

The candidacy of Prof. J. H. Collins for the office of county school superintendent should certainly commend itself to all fair-minded Republicans, and especially to those who were present at the Republican county convention. His nomination was honorably secured by his friends, apparently without any personal solicitation on his own part, and when he was declared to be the choice of the convention, arose and endorsed the nomination, saying that from his personal knowledge Professor Collins was fully competent to fill the position and that the schools of the county would prosper under Professor Collins' management. It seems that this should secure for the regular nominee the unanimous support of his party. He has resided in this county for a number of years and has had excellent success as a teacher, and his personal character seems to be beyond reproach, and has never been assailed, being the regular nominee, though unqualifiedly competent, and having the unqualified endorsement of his opponent in the convention, there would seem to be no reason why every person having any claim to be called a Republican should not feel it his honor to give him their earnest support.

In addition to this, Professor Collins represents a section of the county that asked for nothing else at the hands of the Republican convention. Raimier demanded and received the Republican nomination for county judge, Union precinct gets the clerk, and sheriff, and Clatskanie is certainly entitled to the school superintendent.

THEN AND NOW.

The Columbia County News, edited by R. H. Mitchell, on February 19, 1903, published the following:

The county court and commissioner's court for the past two years has been raimier commensurate and conscientious management. The members of the court having laid aside all political prejudices when they took the oath of office.

In reference to a rock crusher, on October 25, 1901, the News said:

We are told that the county is not yet ready for a crusher. But we see our neighbors over in Washington are going right ahead and are improving more rapidly than we are here. Why? Because they are building good roads. Good roads cannot be built of any other material in this county than crushed rock. We have the rock and we have the roads laid out, and several miles ready for the crushed rock. If the county should order a crusher now, it would take three months to get it in operation and the county will not be out any money for the crusher until it is put in operation.

In its issue of July 12, 1901, the News said:

No district should be allowed money from the general fund until they have exhausted all their district funds and worked out all the poll tax. The road tax for next year should be ten mills.

Now he is opposing the same county judge, denouncing the purchase of the rock crusher, and his candidate for county judge is advocating the abolition of the special road tax.

RAINIER NOTES

The Rainier boys played their second game of baseball last Sunday, with Clatskanie, the score resulting in 14-6 in favor of Rainier. As in the game before, the best playing was done by the pitcher, Caswell, and the catcher, Shorty Thorton. Caswell striking out eleven men. Lack of fielding, both out and in, lost the game for Clatskanie. A fair-sized crowd was in attendance.

New planking is being laid on Water street, together with the new sewer system, is a great improvement. The work fronting on Dolbert & Clark's property is being done by Frank Pomeroy.

Miss Esther Silva successfully passed the teachers' examination at Houlton last week. She expects to take a school at Kyser in the near future.

Preparations are being made for the graduation exercises of the public school. Under the personal direction of Professor Wilkenson several dialogues are being rehearsed.

Miss Ruby Jackson spent Sunday last in Rainier.

Miss McLaren was in Portland this week.

Sunday evening when the Astoria excursion train left Rainier, some Portland rowdies who were aboard the train struck a number of our young people in the face with a limb of a tree. Of course, they did not know the eastern-bound train stopped at the switch to meet the Astoria train, but our boys did, and oh joy, they certainly got theirs. Some of our boys and some of the Clatskanie ballplayers ran up the track and when the train stopped—you may imagine the rest.

Mr. McDermott, of Couch & McDermott, is in town for a few days.

Mr. Brookings, the jovial salesman for Honeyman & DeHart, was in Rainier Monday.

Frank Ward, of Portland, was attending business interests in Rainier Tuesday.

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COUNTY COURT.

The following bills were examined by the court and allowed, and the clerk ordered to draw warrants on the treasurer for the following named persons and in the various sums as follows, to-wit:

Table listing names and amounts for various bills, including Road District No. 10, 15, 11, and various individuals like W. A. Storey, J. M. Cooper, etc.

WELCH THE AMERICAN CLOTHING. Why Not Save Your Money? Buy Your Spring Suit of WELCH. The New STERLING HAT. At \$3 to the best in the Market.

New and Handsome Styles. At \$9.75, \$12.50, \$15, \$18, \$20, and \$22.50.

NEW SPRING SHIRTS \$1. BOYS' SHOES. NECKWEAR, SOX AND GLOVES AT REDUCED PRICES.

J. MACKENZIE, General Contractor. BRIDGES, MILLS, AND PILE DRIVING A SPECIALTY. ESTIMATES FURNISHED.

ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY. DAILY SCHEDULE.

W. C. FISCHER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. RAINIER, OREGON.

Columbia Restaurant. TAYLOR BUILDING, ST. HELENS, OREGON.

Owl Saloon. Backs, Dime, and Cigars kept in Stock.

ST. HELENS PHARMACY. Patronize a drug store when you want pure, fresh and reliable.

Drugs and Patent Medicines. HEADQUARTERS FOR SCHOOL BOOKS.

Mist and Oregonian \$2.00. In Leather Goods. In Ladies' Shoes.

America LEADS THE WORLD. SOROSIS LEADS AMERICA. 37 STYLES FOR \$3.50.

KNIGHT SHOE CO. Fifth-Wash. Sts., Portland. Opposite the Perkins Hotel.

THE NEW YORK STORE. General Merchandise, Clothing, Dry Goods, Groceries, Fruits, Provisions, Furniture, Stoves, Etc. Lowest Prices.