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General report of Crandall & Roberts, Auditors, on accounts of County Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer. Portland, Ore., Jan. 30, 1912. To the Honorable County Court, Columbia County, Ore. Gentlemen;

We have carefully audited the accounts of the County Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer, from Dec. 31, 1910 to December 30, 1911, and have filed the usual summaries and reports showing their transactions. You will see by examining the various reports that all moneys have been properly accounted for and paid over to the County Treasurer, excepting a part of the collections of the 1910 Tax Roll, all of which have been turned over in January excepting a few small amounts and a small amount of fees due from the County Clerk. The fees for the violation of the game laws are still in the General Fund but the Treasurer has opened an account to which he has credited the full amount over and above that which has been paid to the informant, against this should be charged the costs in these cases and the balance turned over to the State Game Fund. The balance of \$417.19, called to your attention in our report of January, 16, 1911, still remains in the General Fund.

We would especially call your attention to the 1910 Tax Roll in regard to the following amounts; The roll as charged by the clerk shows a small discrepancy of \$1.64 and a credit amount of 4 cents from the same source, making a net error in the total amount of this roll, as originally charged, of \$1.60 to be charged to the Sheriff, and other items as per report on same. There is omitted from the roll in Volume 4 Page 544 line 23 and 24, a Certificate of Delinquency issued for \$3.24 which amount has been paid to the Treasurer and the only thing necessary to make correct will be to make proper entry on the Tax Roll. On statement of discrepancies of this roll there are debit items amounting to \$69.30 for moneys collected by the Sheriff on account of double collection, part of the amounts paid over to the County Treasurer but receipts not entered on Tax Roll and on the same statement a credit of some small errors amounting to \$1.92, making a net amount of debit discrepancies between the roll and the Sheriff's ledger of \$67.38.

There has been paid over to the County \$59.90 and the following items have not been paid to the Treasurer:

No. 2763	.02		
2513	1.86		
1101	5.60	7.48	
			\$67.38

The detail being explained on report above referred to. Also receipt No. 2504 issued to the Beaver Logging Company for \$277.62, of which \$77.63 seems to have been collected in cash and entered on the roll while the balance of the tax seems to be covered by receipt No. 930, issued to the same Company. The financial part of this transaction appears to be all right but the entries on the books and the receipts do not seem to agree as receipt No. 930 is still outstanding against the County for the amount of \$208.57, adding the amount entered on the roll for receipt No. 2504 which is \$77.63 to the amount of receipt No. 930 which is \$208.57, we have \$286.

20, which is the amount of the face of receipt No. 2504, but both receipts No. 930 and No. 2504 are outstanding.

Either the first receipt No. 930 should be taken up and cancelled or the second receipt No. 2504 should have been issued only for the additional amount collected, \$77.63. We also inclose statement showing the condition of the Sheriff's assessments on this roll which is merely explanatory. All the financial transactions of which are covered by the statement of the Sheriff's account on this roll.

We also call your attention to statement of rebates allowed by the Sheriff on this roll after the rebate period closed on March 15, on which we give receipt number, date of payment shown on same, name of tax payer and his address and the amount of rebate allowed. The present tax law does not permit any variation or favors in granting the 3 per cent rebate.

We would also call your attention to the fact that deeds issued under the old law should be charged for by the Sheriff at the time same are issued at the rate of \$1.00 each and under the Session Laws of 1907, Chapter 267 Sec. 56, deed issued under the new law should be charged at the rate of \$3.00 for each portion not exceeding ten lots or plots.

In this audit we have simply audited as between the county officers and the County and did not make any adjustment as between the County and various Special Funds in the taxes.

We think with the installing of a proper system of accounts the officers would be able to keep a better record and be better in a position to furnish the Court with a statement as to finances of the County and also be more satisfactory to the officers.

There was in the County Fund at the close of business on the 30th day of December 1911, the sum of \$36,267.40.

Yours very truly,  
Crandall & Roberts,  
Auditors. By Seth L. Roberts.

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