

UNION COUNTY OUT OF DEBT AND MONEY IN THE COFFERS

Union county is out of debt. No man has any paper in his possession that shows any obligation on the part of the county to pay. But the story is even better. There are now in the county and road fund, \$60,000. Of this sum \$37,000 is county funds proper and \$23,000 are road funds proper. All county and road and other warrants of whatever description have been paid and the money now in the treasury of the county is drawing interest at a local bank.

During the course of the week, County Treasurer Jno. Frawley paid the first half of the state taxes to the state treasurer at Salem, amounting to \$42,670.43. The other half is not due until the first of November and the money that is now in his hands belonging to the state, and the money that is still to be collected will lie in the vaults of the local banks and draw interest, which will go to the county fund.

The disbursements of the county so far this month have amounted to the handsome sum of \$136,000. Part of this was used to liquidate the indebtedness of the county amounting to some \$25,000. It also included the \$50,000 paid over to the city treasurer which is the largest sum of taxes ever paid to the city in any one year. This is not all that will be turned

over to the city. About 20 percent is still to come which will materially increase that sum. The sum disbursed likewise represents school taxes paid to all of the districts.

The Contents Of a Box

By EDITH V. ROSS

I was walking on a side street in St. Petersburg one afternoon when I met a man with a box on a wheelbarrow. As he passed me the wheel dropped from the sidewalk to the street, a distance of about twelve inches. From inside the box came a suppressed groan, as of some one who had been hurt or badly joggled by an unexpected fall. I knew some one was inside the box, and by the tone of the cry I surmised that it was a woman, a girl or a boy.

The man who pushed the barrow went on his way. Whether he had heard the sound from within I don't know. I think he had, for I saw him bite his lip as though displeased with himself at this carelessness. But he pretended that nothing was amiss and did not notice me proceeding with affected unconcern. I walked on a short distance, then turned and, curious for an explanation of the mystery, followed him.

On reaching a building containing government offices he opened a basement door and pushed his load inside, closing the door behind him. This shut me off so far as that means of entrance was concerned, but the building being a public one I could go in through the main door on the floor above. This I did, and after giving the man time to set down his burden I went down into the basement by an interior staircase. I saw the wheelbarrow pusher shoving his barrow out of the door through which he had entered. In the basement, standing against the wall, was the box that had been left there.

I stood some distance from it considering what I should do. I was born with a full measure of curiosity and desired to see the mystery unfold itself. To go to the box and tell who ever was inside that I had the secret of his or her being there would arrest the matter where it was, for the design, whatever it might be, would doubtless be thus forestalled. The only way I could hope to observe its development would be to hide in the basement overnight. Which of these two plans should I adopt?

Shortly after 6 I heard some one come down the stairs and lock up. Then, turning out all the lights except one in the hall, which he left burning low, he mounted the stairs, and I heard his footsteps die away above.

Nothing but the prospect of an adventure would have induced me to be thus locked up for all night. As it was I did not regret my action for a moment. I was sure that some one—I believed a woman—was in that box and during the night she would do something unusual. While waiting I tried to conjure up something she might do. But I confess I could think of nothing whatever.

I expected to have to wait till midnight or morning before a denouement, but when a clock outside struck in deep tones the hour of 9 the play began. I heard the squeak of turning screws. Either some one beside the person in the box was in the basement or a part of the box had been screwed on from the inside. When the screw turning stopped I heard the removal of wood. Whoever moved from the box must pass near me. I heard no step, but a figure flitted before me, and as it passed into the hall where the light was burning I saw that it was a young woman.

This naturally added spice to the adventure. Emerging from my hiding place, I followed on tiptoe. As I reached the hall I saw the figure turn from the topmost step into the upper hall. Still following, I tracked the woman through a corridor till she stopped before an office door with a glass panel, through which shone a light. I, being in darkness, was enabled to steal up near to the figure. I saw her look through the glass into the office.

She raised her arm above her head. The light struck something in her hand. Her other hand was on the door-knob. I dashed forward, but without sound, running on my toe tips, and caught her wrist just as she turned the doorknob and pulled the door

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Priest Goes to Brogan.

Father Driscoll went to Brogan this noon to take charge of Father Brady's parish during the non-Catholic mission which the latter is conducting here in La Grande. Brogan is beyond Vale.

REDDIE PLEASES AUDIENCE.

"Bluebeard" is Well Handled by Reader Last Night.

Prof. A. F. Reddie of the department of public speaking at the University of Oregon, pleased a fair-sized audience last evening in the high school auditorium by his reading of "Bluebeard." Prof. Reddie proved to be a finished student of dramatic expression and will be welcomed back to La Grande. He came here in connection with the extension work being done by the state university.

slightly ajar, suppressing a cry, she stood without motion except to turn her head and fix her eyes on me. We both stood silent, motionless. Through the glass I saw a man with his back to us working at a desk. The girl closed the door softly, and still holding her wrist, I drew her to the main hall, where there was a light burning.

"Are you a spy?" she asked.

"No."

"One of the police?"

"No. I am a simple citizen of St. Petersburg. I have saved a life and have saved you from crime."

"You have prevented my breaking a link in the chain that holds the Russian people. What are you going to do with me?"

"Nothing. But you shall not go back there. Who is he?"

"The chief of police."

"Give me that glass ball you hold."

She did so, and, ringing the janitor's bell, when he came I told him that we had been locked in the building and wished to be let out. He unlocked the main door for us, and we departed.

The girl could not have been over eighteen years old.

The next day I informed the chief of police by an anonymous note that he had better not thereafter work nights alone in his office.

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Wool Brocade Dress Goods	43c	Men's Neckwear	25c, 45c
Cotton Crepes 8 1-3c, 10c, & 12 1-2c		President Suspenders	25c
Burson Ladies' Hose	19c	Canvass Gloves, 10c-kind	5c
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Pennant Contest for Table Cover Is Now Completed.

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LOST—Arredale Terrier, about 10 months old. Strayed away about a weeks ago. Will pay reasonable re-

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