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AS TO MUDDLED BOOKS

In its defense of the courthouse ring, the Medford Mail says:

"If the 'books of many offices are known to be in a sad muddle,' why don't the editor of The Tribune show up where they are muddled. The books are open to inspection all the time. Is it the sheriff's office? No—his books are in better shape than they have ever been in the history of the county. You can step in there any day and learn exactly what has been collected and what remains uncollected. Mr. Jackson's tax rolls are balanced every night. It is not in the clerk's office. It is not in the treasurer's. It is not in the recorder's. It must be in the janitor's. Well, yes, the woodshed is about gutted, and if this cold weather doesn't let up soon there's liable to be a shortage of fuel. Mr. Putnam, if you are in possession of any facts in regard to any crookedness, out with it; let the public know the truth."

The whole trouble is that no one knows the actual condition of the books in any department of the courthouse, and no one can find out conditions unless the books are experted, and the county officials have refused to do this.

Without an experting only a casual examination, which would not reveal actual conditions, is possible. In 20 or more years the books have not been experted.

But without either inspection or experting the way the county's business is conducted shows that accounts are badly muddled. The books in both the sheriff's office and assessor's office are mixed up or conditions would not be as they are.

The sheriff's office frequently fails, after giving a receipt for taxes, to enter the payment upon the rolls, so property on which taxes have been paid gets on the delinquent tax list.

If the sheriff's books were kept correctly, such a condition would be impossible. Then persons paying taxes on property are given receipts for taxes on property they do not own, and they have hard work to recover the money.

The assessor's books must be in a fearful mess. Property owned by one person is assessed to another. Duplications on the assessment rolls are multitudinous, and owners are frequently asked to pay taxes on the same property several times. Then, valuable property, such as the Lewis orchard, the Pellett tract at Talent, and other pieces of property too numerous to mention are left off altogether.

Another charge is made that receipts from county taxes are held up and deposited with certain banking corporations to swell their deposits instead of being turned over to the county treasurer at once, as the law requires. An expert's report would reveal all this, but no expert's report is made.

There is so much secrecy regarding county affairs that it is difficult to find out anything regarding actual conditions. The officials all stand together to conceal matters from the public.

This paper made known the fact that former Superintendent of Schools P. H. Daily was short in his accounts, which shortage was carefully screened from the public by the county officials for the benefit of bondsmen. It is true that Mrs. Daily has since either paid or agreed to pay most of the shortage, but how is the public to know that other concealed shortages would not be revealed by an investigation?

The county officials stood together to hush the stories of cruelty to prisoners under Sheriff's Jackson's administration. How does the public know who else the ring may be shielding? Each one is protecting the other, and in the rallies about the country each is praising the other.

With these conditions prevailing, with each official practicing secrecy; with an experting of accounts denied; with some shortages leaking out; with higher taxes and a flat increase of 66 2/3 per cent in assessed valuations; with the tax rolls badly muddled; with property on delinquent list on which taxes have been paid; with other property not on the rolls at all; with money paid out as taxes on the wrong property, which cannot be recovered, is it any wonder there is popular distrust of the courthouse ring?

This distrust is fostered by the officials themselves, by their refusal to have their books experted or to request an experting. If their accounts were in good shape, would they not request that the fact be made known to voters? The fact that they have all opposed publicity speaks plainer than words.

It is absurd at the eleventh hour to say that the books have not been experted because no one offered to expert

them. The Tribune last January told of an offer made by an Ashland expert to go over the books for a percentage of the money that would be saved to the county. The expert stated that he would have \$640 in the first five minutes in the sheriff's office. Had The Tribune been asked to furnish this expert, it would have done so, but it was not asked.

No experting of books was or is wanted by the courthouse ring. What, then, is being concealed from the people? A copy of the Medford, Or., Tribune, probably sent by George F. Marshall, former editor of the Republican, reached us Saturday. It is a very fine paper, and shows Medford to be making great progress. An orchard sale amounting to \$78,000 is reported for the preceding week. Two Medford men, acting under the direction of the Medford Commercial club, had started east on a boating trip for the Rogue River valley country and there was an indication of prosperity and hustle in the paper that looked good for that country.—Henssler, Ind., Republican.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Gum arabic, which forms one of the most important minor exports of Egypt, is really the sap from a special kind of tree which grows from three to five yards in height, whose forests of which are found in the Kordofan provinces and also near Geddid, in the White Nile province.

"The woman in front of me at the theater refused to take off her hat." "What did you do?" "I was idiot enough to make sarcastic remarks about it, and presently the woman turned around, and what do you think? It was the wife of my tailor!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Yes," said the first gallery god, describing the melodrama, "de hero done de villain up all right, but de villain wouldn't admit it!" "G'on!" exclaimed the other. "No," the first continued, "de last words he sez wuz, 'I am undone.'"—Philadelphia Press.

"In China, dear friends," said the absentminded missionary, "human life is regarded as of but very slight value. Indeed, if a wealthy Chinaman is condemned to death he can easily hire an other to die for him, and I believe many poor fellows get their living by this acting as substitutes."

"Mrs. Van Astorhill called upon me yesterday morning," said Mrs. Woodby proudly. "Yes?" replied Mrs. Chellus, with affected indifference. "I heard she was interesting herself in charitable work, but I thought it was among the very poor."—Exchange.

With its microscope brain the ant does not the power of reason, said a lecturer at the London Institute recently. Experiments have proved that, but it is excessively initiative, has marvelous power of adaptation and accomplishes all its remarkable work through the medium of "plastic instinct."

The highliffie visitor to the studio of the famous but crochety artist propounded the query, "What do you mix your colors with?" "With turpentine, sir," replied the painter in the highest tones. "Ah," commented the visitor, "so you paint miniatures?"

"At last," he sighed, "we're alone I've been hoping for this chance!" "So have I," said she very frankly. "Ah, you have guessed, then, that I wanted to tell you that I love you!" "Yes, and I want to say 'No' and get it over with!"—Catholic Standard and Times.

"She's really too young to go shopping alone." "Yes, she is rather impressionable." "Impressionable? How do you mean?" "I mean she's liable to get excited and buy something!"—Philadelphia Press.

"Gee, George, how did you get that big tear in your trousers?" "Jones' bulldog grabbed me. I made Jones cough up \$10 for it too." "He paid for the trousers, did he?" "Without a murmur. Why?" "Say, is his dog unchained yet?"—Cleveland Leader.

"But," said the vaudeville manager, "what makes you confident you would make a great juggler?" "At our boarding house," replied the applicant, "we had a gravy boat on a slippery detached tray, and for years I have passed it to and fro with never an accident!"—Kansas City Times.

Watchman (breathlessly)—The boys' dormitory is on fire, and if they find it out they'll stop to save their foot-balls, bats and things and perish. Boarding School Principal (quickly)—Notify the boys that all who are not downstairs in two minutes won't get any pie. Kansas City Independent.

First Youth—My papa put a mansard roof on our house. Second Ditto (proudly)—My papa put a mortgage on ours. First—I don't care. I heard my papa say he was insured. Second (still more proudly)—Hub! I heard papa say he was insolvent.—Baltimore American.

Many gymnasts and athletes, especially those who do bar or ring work, wear shoes of all heavy cotton or duck. These shoes are really heavy stockings. The gymnast relies upon the foot as nature intended it for a firm foundation for his or her feats.—Boston Globe.

Prairie Hay and Corn. As the result of some experiments in fattening cattle it was shown that when prairie hay was fed with corn alone it gave small, unsatisfactory gains and very little profit. A Self Feeder. A self feeder in the poultry house is a convenience on stormy days; but, used, it is a standing temptation to rats and mice.

Democratic Ticket

PLEGGED TO STATEMENT NO. 1.

Election June 1, 1908. For U. S. Senator—Geo. E. Chamberlain. For Congressman—J. J. Whitney. For Supreme Judge—H. S. Bean. For Joint Representative—Jackson and Douglas Counties—F. E. Cavender. For Representatives—M. Purdie, D. H. Miller. For County Judge—J. R. Neil. For County Commissioner—M. Marshall. For County Sheriff—Wilbur A. Jones. For County Clerk—A. S. Barnes. For County Recorder—J. C. Masterson. For County Treasurer—M. M. Taylor. For County Assessor—R. B. Dow. For County Surveyor—E. R. Sawyer. For County Coroner—Dr. A. C. Stanley.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Election June 1, 1908. For United States Senator—H. M. Calk. For Representative in Congress—Willis C. Hawley. For Food and Dairy Commissioner—J. W. Bailey. For Supreme Judge—Robert S. Bean. For Railroad Commissioner—T. K. Campbell. For Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson and Josephine Counties—R. F. Mulkey. For Joint Representative, Jackson and Douglas Counties—J. A. Buchanan. For Representatives—J. L. Hamnersley, H. D. Kubli. For County Judge—G. W. Dana. For County Commissioner—James Owens. For County Sheriff—D. H. Jackson. For County Clerk—W. R. Coleman. For County Recorder—R. T. Burnett. For County Assessor—W. T. Grievie. For County Treasurer—J. M. Cronmiller. For County School Superintendent—J. Percy Wells. For County Coroner—A. E. Kellogg. For County Surveyor—P. A. Grisez.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

O. & C. Railroad company to First National bank of Southern Oregon, 671.86 acres in township 34, ranges 4 and 5 W. \$5361. Flora McNabb to Charles E. Young, 160 acres in section 26, township 32, range 4 W. 1040. Mrs. J. N. T. Miller to City of Medford, 104 acres in township 37, range 2 W. 1040. Merritt & Co. to Mrs. L. M. Ring, 30 acres in section 28, township 35, range 3 W. 1. Gillet Mining company to Gillet Mining company, 40 acres in section 35, township 36, range 3 W. 1. D. T. Lawton to W. E. Phipps, lot 2, block 1; lot 5, block 2, West's addition to Medford. 1. D. T. Lawton to W. E. Phipps, property in West's addition to Medford. 1. James Taraladson to John E. Swanson, 157.69 acres in section 6, township 32, range 2 E. 2500. Susie L. Allen to W. Traverser, 10.10 acres in section 6, township 39, range 1 E. 10. William M. Abbott to Mrs. Bertha A. Conhell, land in section 19, township 39, range 1 E. 10. H. L. Sayles to Edna M. Morris, part of lot 4, block 25, Ashland. 10. Enoch Wheeler to W. Traverser, 10.10 acres in section 6, township 39, range 1 E. 350. W. L. Childreth to T. E. Nichol, 3 acres in D. L. C. 46, township 36, range 1 W and water right. 1100. W. R. Taylor and Harry Silver et al., land in section 7, township 39, range 2 E. 2500. M. A. Gillilan to J. A. Anderson, 7 acres in section 34, township 37, range 1 W. 3. Blaine Klum to A. W. Sturgis, lots 2 and 3, block 71, Medford. 1100. Vawter, Palm and Lewis to B. Klum, lot 2, block 71, Medford. 10. R. H. Toft to May Anderson, lots 13 and 14, block 2, Bungalow addition to Medford. 10. W. D. Roberts to Julia L. Orr, 1/4 acre in Medford. 750.

Buy Tickets by Wire.

"Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time."

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the city council of Medford, Or., at its next meeting, to be held June 2, 1908 for a license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than a gallon for a period of six months, at our place of business, lots 16, 15, 14, block 21, Medford, Or. YOUNG & HALL, Dated May 22, 1908.

Rose Festival.

Tickets for the Rose Festival will be on sale June 1 and 2, and only on those two days. Those who intend going and wish sleeper reservation should leave word at the depot as soon as possible in order to give the company time to secure the necessary cars. Round trip fare \$13.20.

The Most for the Money.

The Auburn automobile is the most roomy and best machine ever offered for the money. See it before buying. L. B. Brown agent. time.

Golden Grain Granules. 100 PER CENT PURE CEREAL COFFEE. It tastes like coffee. It looks like coffee and it smells like coffee, but is pure roasted grains, blended so as to procure the best flavor, the greatest strength and an article which young and old may drink morning, noon and night. Golden Grain Granules is especially recommended to those suffering from heart trouble, nervousness, constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia and stomach troubles. Nearly 2-pound package for 25c, all retail grocers. Wholesale by P. B. Theiss & Co. Medford, Or.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED? I have for sale at \$62.50 per acre, 80 acres of as fine orchard land as there is in Rogue River valley. The improvements on place are worth at least \$1250. Let me show you this land. ALFRED SMITH. OVER JACKSON COUNTY BANK.

BACK IN OUR KITCHEN. You will find the finest of meats and other foods all awaiting your order to be cooked. And the cook knows how to do it to perfection. If you have never eaten at this restaurant you have a great pleasure before you. Come and enjoy it today. We have some special dishes we know you will relish as you never have done before. The Nash Cafe.

What About Salmon Protection? That the food fish of our state need better protection than is now afforded is agreed. You have already or doubtless will receive considerable literature on the subject, but no matter how attractive the argument, stop and consider how much it may be colored by self-interest. The United States Bureau of Fisheries are the greatest expert authorities on the subject and has no ax to grind. Read what they say: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C. Hon. Charles W. Fulton, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. Sir: The Department realizes the importance of the various questions affecting the salmon fishery in the Columbia river brought up in your letter of the 18th ultimo, and has taken this opportunity to make a thorough investigation of the matter. There can be no question that the status of the fishery is unsatisfactory, and that under existing conditions the trend may be expected to be steadily downward, with the result that in a comparatively few years the run of salmon in that stream will be reduced to such a degree that thousands of fishermen may be thrown out of employment and much capital rendered idle. The federal government is without any jurisdiction whatever in the premises, and the duty of conserving the salmon supply in the Columbia involves on the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho; but this Department has been charged by congress with important fish-cultural operations in the Columbia basin, and has felt impelled from time to time to direct attention to the necessity for giving adequate protection to the various species of salmon frequenting that stream. The Department is convinced that the run of salmon in the Columbia can be amply maintained for an indefinite period if artificial propagation is supplemented by rational protection; but artificial propagation alone cannot cope with the situation, and, as a matter of fact, the recent experience of the Department has shown that its beneficent labors are rendered almost futile by the failure of the states to appreciate the fact. The Department sees no reason for advocating the elimination of fishwheels from the river, as there is no evidence to show that this form of apparatus is particularly destructive to salmon. A condition that is specially favorable for the passage of salmon—namely, very high water—renders the wheels unserviceable, and, on the other hand, periods of very low water, when the fish are much restricted in their movements, are also unfavorable for the wheels. During the past two or three seasons the catch of salmon by wheels has been comparatively small; but even if it were very large it would be a fact of no special significance in the present connection. The Columbia river is, however, made to yield a quantity of salmon far greater than regard for the future supply permits, and the drain is yearly becoming more serious. No one familiar with the situation can fail to appreciate the menace to the perpetuity of the industry that is furnished by the concentration of a tremendous amount of fixed and floating apparatus of capture in and near the mouth of the river. This apparatus comprises about 400 pound nets or traps, over 80 long-sweep seines, and more than 2200 gillnets, the last having an aggregate approximate length of over 570 miles; and these appliances capture more than 95 per cent of the fish taken in the Oregon and Washington waters of the river, the figures for 1904 being nearly 31,000,000 pounds, or 95.7 per cent of the total yield. Under such conditions, it is self-evident that but comparatively few fish are permitted to reach the upper waters where the spawning grounds are located. The details of the measure necessary to place the salmon industry of the Columbia river on a permanent basis can not be elaborated by the Department at this time, but in general it may be said that there should be (1) a restriction on the amount of apparatus employed in a given section; (2) an adequate weekly close season covering possibly two days at first, but reduced later if the circumstances warrant it; (3) an annual close season, preferably at the beginning of the salmon run, and (4) joint arrangements between the states, so that protective measures may be harmonious. Respectfully yours, (Signed) OSCAR S. STRAUS, Secretary.

Bill No. 318 embodies Government recommendations and should Pass. It is a square deal for all. VOTE 318 X YES. Bill No. 333 was framed to foster the selfish interest of a single locality. It is against the Government recommendations, and will mean a heavy tax on the State to carry out its provisions. It favors monopoly and is unfair. It should not pass. VOTE 333 X NO.

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