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Just Sketches

(Contributed)

As I passed into the court house to pay my respects to the tax collector, I met my friend Pat — coming out. I said, "Hello, Pat, what's the matter? You look like you were suffering from shell shock."

"I just paid my taxes," said Pat; "and I had a collapse of the spinal column, and I couldn't spake for a time."

"Ah, I say, I heard you were going to vote to move the court house and add another million dollars to our debt."

"Bejabers," said Pat, "show me the Heing spalpeen and I'll knock his block off in a minute," and Pat faded away.

Then I met Brown and Jones coming out but neither one of them was singing Happy Day. Brown shook his fist in Jones' face and said:

"— you, you are going to help Medford's big four increase our taxes by voting to move the court house."

Then Jones whispered: "I was, Brown, but I changed my mind. Say, Brown, loan me a quarter, I want to buy a sandwich; that — tax collector got my last cent."

Then I met a sweet-faced, elderly lady and with her a young girl. She said in a gentle, trembling voice and with moisture in her mild blue eyes: "Susie, it took about all to pay the taxes on our little home and our winter's wood yet to buy." Then I wondered, with sorrow in my heart how many, many dear little homes will be taxed to the utmost to build Medford's million-dollar court house.

Then I saw a jolly, good-natured looking fellow, I judged from the country. His hat was on the back of his head, his eyes sparkled and his

face was wreathed with smiles. He was whistling Home, Sweet Home, in fact, he was just bubbling over with good cheer as he rushed in to liquidate his indebtedness to Jackson county. In a short time my jolly looking gent came out. Well, you have, no doubt, seen lightning changes on the stage. His hat was pulled down over his eyes, the smile was gone, his fists clenched, an apoplectic color in his face. At this moment he spied a Medford friend and bellowed: "Here, Jack, where is that — petition to move the court house you begged me on your knees to sign. Take my name off. Court house—taxes—taxes. Just paid enough to bust Vanderbilt."

THE COURT HOUSE ON THE GREEN.

Tell me not in mournful numbers
That it's all a passing dream,
Nor pretend like one who slumbers
O'er the court house on the green.

For she stands there in earnest,
And the jail is all serene—
And all is neatly furnished
At the court house on the green.

She stands there stout and massive
Long ways from Medford it may seem,
Where the law of Jackson county
passes
At the court house on the green.

Medford's profits sure are fleeting
And all trials have their scenes;
But why keep up that constant bleating
O'er the court house on the green.

Trust no "price-come-down" prediction
With the moving law thy theme.
Think and think without restriction
About the court house on the green
—J. R. O'D.

VOTE 323 X NO

Facts and Figures

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until we have the money ready to build a new court house.

If Medford wished to do the right thing she would have asked the county court to put on the ballot an act setting aside the 6 per cent law and creating a levy for a sinking fund which would run a number of years. Then when the money had been procured, asked for the measure providing for the removal.

A levy approximately 59 4 mills will be made in Medford this year. Consider this burden! no wonder that some of Medford's citizens think they have enough to carry!

We have now practically \$96,675.98 in warrants issued in 1914 and as the statute of limitations provides that they must be called this year or be refunded. If you hold a \$100 warrant issued in 1914, you will have \$42 due in interest and as there is no money to take up these warrants we will either have to refund them or issue a new warrant for the face value plus the interest or \$142.00 and after seven years we must start paying compound interest on these warrants. No one can tell us what we will do or where it will end. Inquiries of the judge elicited no satisfaction.

Like a note with no interest paid on it is null and void so are these warrants and when the people who are holding them demand payment, the county court will either pay them or refund or they will be collected by law.

I will leave this with the statement made by Judge Gardner when he quoted Judge Calkins as saying "If I thought the court house would cost what Col. Sargent says it would I would feel like voting against it," to which Mr. Gardner replied that it would be near the Colonels figure.

Yours for lower taxes,
J. B. WETTERER.

Judging Materials.

When buying woolen materials hold them up to the light and look through them; the best qualities are free from uneven and broken threads.

Administrator's Final Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Maria Friederika Johanna Holst, has filed in the above entitled Court his final account, and said Court has fixed Monday, November 8, 1920, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day in the Court

room of said Court, in the Court House at Jacksonville, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of said final account; and any and all persons having an objection to said final account are hereby notified to make or file the same with said Court on or before the said time.

JOHN D. HOLST,
Administrator with the will annexed of the Estate of Maria Friederika Johanna Holst, Deceased.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Jessie Waterman Monroe Washington, otherwise known as Jessie Waterman Monroe, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the

same to the undersigned at Medford Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified within six months from the date of this notice.
Date 1 and first published October 9, 1920.

M. PURDIN.

Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Jessie Waterman Monroe Washington, otherwise known as Jessie Waterman Monroe, Deceased.

HALF A MILLION WASTED

IF THE COUNTY SEAT IS MOVED TO MEDFORD

Do Not Be Deceived

The advertisements recently published in the Medford papers by the promoters of the county seat removal scheme, while seemingly at first glance to be fair, yet on closer study are shown to be misleading and liable to deceive the voters, as was no doubt intended by the writers thereof.

The statement over the signatures of Porter J. Neff and John A. Westerlund is in effect and does not even say that the building they propose to contract is for use of the county, or at whose cost it will be erected or what the rental will be. Notice! nowhere do they say that this building will be rent free to the county, nor when it will be ready for use.

The statement with the name of C. E. Gates, Mayor of the city of Medford, Oregon, attached, is worth exactly the value of the waste paper upon which it is printed and no more; it is concocted by people who know anything about the authorities and powers vested in municipal officers generally, that that the common council of a town has no power to purchase or contract for the purchase of real estate for any other use or purpose save that of the city or its inhabitants. The statement referred to is pure bluff.

The statement over names of the four Medford banks, also is not to the point, it simply says "The \$5000 cash necessary for renting temporary quarters has been subscribed." It does not say that any money has been paid into the banks or either of them, neither does it say what the temporary quarters are for, nor for what time the money will pay the rent.

The next statement is to the effect that the Medford Chamber of Com-

merce stands ready to provide temporary quarters for county officers for two years or will pay the sum of \$5000 to the county authorities for that purpose. This might be an obligation (if it were one) at all hard to realize on, no security is offered and nothing is said about any assets that the Chamber of Commerce may have. In these times it is easy to promise but sometimes very difficult to turn promises into coin.

One of their advertisements or articles states: "That inspired by the insistent demand from the citizens of the county residing outside of Medford and in the rural sections of the county, etc. the Chamber of Commerce endeavored to secure the sentiment of the Medford people as to their willingness to dig deep down in their pockets and offer a bonus to the county, etc. This is bank, and out of whole cloth, at that, the facts being that the only 'insistent demand' was by a small clique in Medford, less than half a dozen in number, who probably had axes of their own to grind, and the 'digging down deep' in their pockets was unheard of until the petitions were being circulated and a large number of taxpayers refused to have anything to do with the matter unless Medford would donate a site for the proposed new court house and furnish temporary quarters, etc.

However, it is evident that the "digging down deep" did not prove very effective, as all that was brought forth was a subscription, not actual cash, to the amount of \$5000. Perhaps the bottoms of the pockets were burned out in the \$100,000 fire last summer when Medford's fireproof warehouse was destroyed.

Why waste Taxpayers' Money for what we do not need?

The records are all safe in the Vaults in the Court House, nothing in the woodshed but Waste Paper, such as election returns Ten to Fifty Years Old. Reports about records, circulated by Medford parties are untrue and made to deceive voters.

Tax Levy Increased 212 Per Cent

VOTERS, do you know that the rate of levy for taxes for Jackson County, has increased from 8 mills in 1909, to 25 mills in 1920? This is an increase of more than 212 1-2 per cent. Do you know that the rate for school tax and for city taxes in the towns has also largely increased and that the total levy in several towns in the county will be more than 50 mills, or FIVE PER CENT on the assessed valuation for 1920?

Do you know that besides the regular taxes special assessments have been levied in many towns for street improvements and that water rates in the different irrigation districts of the county, will have to be paid?

Do you know that the indebtedness of Jackson County, the various cities and towns of the county, and the irrigation districts, total a sum of more than FIVE MILLION DOLLARS and that this indebtedness alone is nearly twenty per cent of the total assessed valuation of the property, real and personal, within the county?

Do you want to increase the indebtedness of the county from Four Hundred Thousand to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, in order that Medford may

have the county seat and an expensive court house?

If you do not want to increase the debt and taxes to be assessed then vote 323 X NO.

Porter J. Neff and John Westerlund want to build a one story shack and rent it to the county for enough to pay the cost of construction, then they will have the building for use as a storeroom for waste papers from the Hotel land hotel. It would make a fine packing house for Uncle John if it does not burn down in the meantime.

In seeking evidence to convict a suspect of an offense, detectives and lawyers always endeavor to find the motive; in the scheme for moving the county seat, fathered by four or five Medford promoters, the motive is becoming apparent and will become more so if the proposition should carry at the polls, in which event it is expected that a large, juicy "melon" of county money will have to be cut and divided. Will the taxpayers of Jackson county stand for it? We answer NO!

The Records in the Woodshed? ? ?

Medford partisans and their so-called newspaper have been making a great hurrah about the "invaluable records" in the woodshed at the court house, the danger from fire, and the loss to the people of Jackson county if these records were destroyed, etc.

However, they DO NOT state what the invaluable papers consist of. The writer has made a personal examination of the papers stored in the woodshed and can truthfully say that more than 90 per cent of the so-called records are WASTE PAPER, pure and simple and of no value to anyone for any purpose other than to sell to the paper mills as "waste paper" for approximately one-half cent per pound.

The papers found there consist principally of old, many of them unused, election tally sheets, statements, tax receipts and other forms which have been discarded and moved out to the woodshed because they were of no use and had been superseded by more up to date forms; that the deed records, the mortgage records, mining records, and all records affecting or showing the title to lands and all real estate transactions of the people of the county are to-day, safe in the vaults in the recorder's office in the court house where they are far safer from destruction from fire than they would be if moved to Medford and put into any building which Medford could or would supply at any price; the same statement is equally true of the records and files of the circuit and county courts; all judgment rolls, pleadings of all kinds, decrees, orders and everything pertaining to the work of both these courts are safely filed in metal boxes,

in a fire proof vault communicating with the county clerk's office, within the court house and not in the woodshed, nor have they ever been in the woodshed at any time.

This above are facts that can be easily verified by anyone and in fact are well-known to nearly every attorney and to many other persons who have had business to transact at the court house. We suggest that the county officers have a "clean-up" day, at least once each year to pack into bundles the waste papers that have accumulated in their respective offices and ship the same to some paper mill where they could be used in making new paper.

County Judge Gardner has served as a county official for nearly eight years six years as county clerk and two years as Judge and knows more about actual conditions of the business and records of the various offices than any other man in Jackson county, today. In a recent conversation with the Judge the remark was made, that 90 per cent of the stuff stored in the woodshed at the court house was valueless, the Judge replied "yes, and you can safely say that 90 per cent of it, there is nothing there of any value to any one." Say, voters do you for one minute believe that George Gardner, with his knowledge of county affairs would permit the storing of valuable records in the woodshed? No, not on your life.

Vote 323 NO and Save Money

(Paid Advertisement)