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OUR AGENTS.

A. B. SARKIS, Bandon, Oregon.

Relating to the County Printing.

As the reader will notice the County Court Report in this issue of the TRIBUNE is in a very abbreviated and unsatisfactory form. We have followed copy however, and if you were a member of the election board and find \$3 coming to you for assisting in making a jury list, do not kick at the printer, as it is probably but a new form of condensing.

The Globe last week published a portion of the court proceedings as they probably appear on record and as they doubtless would have been left for publication had that paper been awarded the county printing. The County Clerk informs us that the report was shortened under the direction of the court, and such being the case we would like to ask the court if this is not a discrimination against the TRIBUNE? Is a Republican court, because of some trivial or fancied grievance, discriminating against a Republican paper, that for 15 years has been laboring for the best interests of the county, in favor of a Democratic sheet of but little if any merit? The "abbreviated" court report failed to make any mention whatever of at least one item of official record.

Page 1977, Section 2 of Hill's Annotated Laws says: "The county court shall, at the January session of each year, select one newspaper published within the county, having the largest circulation in the county where published, in which the proceedings of said court, as returned on record, shall be published at the expense of the county." If this law has not been amended the public as well as the TRIBUNE is entitled to the report in full, and we respectfully ask that such a report be made out and sent to us for publication.

The TRIBUNE freely offers space to the court for the correction of any delusions under which it may be laboring, as it is not its creed to cast unjust reflections upon any one. We all have rights that should be respected, and the TRIBUNE is asking now only for that to which it is justly entitled by custom as well as by law.

How very kind and considerate brother editor of the Globe for refraining from demanding your right to the county printing in the Circuit Court! We fully appreciate the generous impulse that moves you; standing as you do upon such a genuine list of bona-fide subscribers as was presented by you to the last court; and as for raising a howl, it would hardly be policy when you have nothing whatever to howl about—only the losing of that to which you were never entitled.

The assertion that the TRIBUNE secured the official printing of the county by counting in subscribers who are in Coos county, is without foundation and is absolutely false. In order to prove this we defy the Globe to publish the names of 7 subscribers on our sworn list who are living in Coos; this being but one-half the TRIBUNE's list. The list we presented to the court was genuine and at the present writing we do not know of a single name on it that was not entitled to be there, but if there are any such it is of people who have moved out of the county without our knowing it, and not of alleged paid subscribers who never subscribed or who are receiving the publication at half price.

In conclusion, and in order that the public may see for itself, we suggest that each paper publish its list. This suggestion was made by the TRIBUNE once before and met with excuses, and we expect it to meet a like fate this time, which however should be evidence enough that the Globe's list will not stand the light of investigation.

At the Jan. term of court 1910, the Gold Beach Globe must either go back on its own word or attempt fraud by filing its Coos county subscription list as belonging to Curry.

Roosevelt with his "big stick," and Tiltman with his "pitchfork," are lambasting and pitchforking each other like dunder and blixen, and the people are hissing them on, and laughing to see the feathers fly. Its, go it, Teddy! Stick him Bent! They both have good wind; but no one can tell who will get the last word.

The Governor's message is an able one, treating on many subjects for legislation in a clear, vigorous, manner, in which partisanship is submerged and statesmanship is elevated, showing that Chamberlain has opinions and is not afraid to express them. He belongs to the type of men that gave Oregon Penneyer and the country such glorious men as Lincoln, Bryan and La Follette.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Editor TRIBUNE—Upon examination of a summary and abstract which was compiled by secretary Dunbar for the five years next preceding, the taking effect of the Portland grab law in 1901, and then for the five years succeeding, it will be seen how the State tax charge against poor old Curry mounted up to proportions absolutely astounding in comparison. And what puzzles me is that our County Court has made no kick.

By reference to a table of decreases in assessments formed on page 38 of Secretary Dunbar's Biennial Report for 1899 it will be seen that, while Multnomah was making ready to spring the trap she squeezed down her assessment for a series of years by the appalling aggregate of 47.7 per cent, while Curry showed up with a decrease of a paltry 2 per cent, and it is certain that Lane county had been let into the secret by Senator Booth who had been selected to handle the Portland conspiracy bill, since he secured a cut of \$1,000,000 in Lane's assessment for the year last preceding the coup, by her board of equalization, and Washington county must have had a hint of the conspiracy in time to get in out of the wet, for her decrease aggregated more than 32 per cent.

And let it not be overlooked that the aggregates found in the several counties for the 5 years next preceding the enactment of the law in 1901 was made the basis of State taxation for the 5 years succeeding, and let the fact be borne in mind also that Portland, whose greed had continuously grown upon what it fed, was able by reason of her big delegation in the Legislature in 1903 to actually get the law amended so as to continue the swindle an additional 5 years and still the Portland tax shirking buccaneers for the further advantages as the work of the tax commission appointed under an act of the Legislature in 1905 will disclose.

In pursuance of the above mentioned act, Frederick W. Mulkey of Portland, Wm. J. Lachner of Baker and E. B. Seabrook of Coos were made the Commissioners provided for in the bill. This was a fair distribution of the membership geographically, but Portland was not altogether happy, for it would seem that it was somehow made to Seabrook's interest to remove to and take up his permanent residence in that city.

Mr. Clyde B. Atchison, of Portland, and a gentleman of first class ability, was made Clerk of the Commission, and, since Mr. Mulkey was engaged in his short-term Senatorial campaign a large share of the actual work devolved upon the Clerk, as is intimated in a note to the final report, which Mr. Lachner refused to sign because the two Portland members insisted upon making a bad matter worse by finally basing State taxes on the aggregate expenses of the several counties, which Mr. Lachner showed would relieve Multnomah county of \$100,000 a year and immensely increase the burdens of the poorer counties.

As a matter of fact, under the scheme that Mr. Lachner kicked against the tax charge against Curry would be arrived at this year by multiplying \$1,275,000 by .56 in

stead of by .40 as at present, even which ratio stings this county to the tune of \$5,100—at .56 our account would be \$7,140.

The Commission finally extended the present unjust scheme to 1912, after which the "county expense" scheme will be the vogue, absurd, unjust and ridiculous as it is.

It may not be clear to the average reader how it happens that Multnomah county will be so largely the gainer under a scheme of State taxation based upon county expenditures. Firstly then, that county is but little larger than Floras Creek precinct which fact means much in the matter of mileage charges. Secondly, the city of Portland relieves the county of much petty litigation.

But the most brazen claim set up by the Portland press in defense of the existing tax dodging regime, is that Multnomah county pays more than 30 per cent of State taxes! Why not with 40 per cent of taxable assets centered there? Then again, that county, in one way and another, entails upon us about 40 per cent of our State liabilities.

With her four Circuit Courts, her County Court and City Court, she deluges the Supreme Court with appealed cases, necessitating the enlargement of that Court at great additional expense to the tax payers at large, while her contributions towards swelling the ranks at the Penitentiary, Insane Asylum and Reform School are large and ever-growing larger.

J. H. UXTON.

Langlais, Oregon.

Official Report of the Proceedings of the County Court of Curry County, Oregon, for the Regular January Term, Beginning Wednesday Morning, January 6, 1908.

The Tribune is designated the County Official paper for the year 1908.

(Gen. Fund.)

Bills allowed as follows:

Walton Miller, Axman, Survey, \$4.00

George Anderson, Powder, 7.50

W J Ward, surveying proposed road, 10.00

G R Harris member election bd gd 3.00

C E Steen, 3.00

G J Heiberger, 3.00

W J Cooley, 3.00

H R Hartley, 3.00

E P Caswell, 3.00

Delmer Colgrove, 3.00

J W O'Strander, 3.00

F M Wridge, 3.00

W H Moore, 3.00

F G Bauef, 3.00

Manson Anger, 3.00

W H Crook, 3.00

Allen Lawrence, 3.00

Henry Ismert, 3.00

Edw. Lawrence, 3.00

Geo. Henry, 3.00

H A Whitbeck, 3.00

Albert Smith, 3.00

W A Bishel, 3.00

Wm S Winsor, 3.00

J R Browning, 3.00

C R Snydman, 3.00

Frederick S. Goughell, 3.00

M Doyle, 3.00

C Woodruff, 3.00

F B Postal, 3.00

G H Bailey, 3.00

R M Kruger, 3.00

D Quillen, 3.00

Allen Hilliard, 3.00

Frank Moore, 3.00

Milton Moore, 3.00

Merton Miller, 3.00

George Colebrook, 3.00

Joseph Crockett, 3.00

J T Prince, 3.00

G A Teel, 3.00

Thos Hentley, 3.00

W C Howland, 3.00

Richard Donaca, 3.00

E W Jensen, Registering electors, 2.30

E W Jensen, Jury talesman, 2.00

W W Gage, Making arrest, 2.00

W J Cooley, Returning elec. ret, 8.40

J W O'Strander, 3.00

A A Lawrence, 3.00

Robert Kruger, 3.00

D M Moore, 3.00

John Fromm, 3.00

F P Cook, 3.00

Jas P Russell, 3.00

Geo A Taylor, 12.40

E A H Cole, 12.00

Ed Miller, 6.00

F C Hawkins, 3.00

Richard Donaca, 1.00

Eugene A H Cole, canvassing elec-
tion returns, 3.00

R M Kruger, 3.00

Gold Beach Globe, publishing, 30.95

W S Guerin, traveling expenses, 32.50

Fred Coughell, Deputy Co Clerk, 50.00

Norman Tyler, meals for Lux, 2.25

R M Kruger, making jury list, 3.00

W A Bishel, assisting same, 2.00

J R Browning, 2.00

Walter Sutton, 2.00

B W Dean, 3.00

A Adolphsen, 3.00

John Fromm, 3.00

J W Curry, 3.00

H T Stewart, 3.00

W H Coughell, 3.00

George Fitzhugh, 3.00

J W Crowley, 3.00

F P Cook, 3.00

Ed Miller, 3.00

H D Meek, 3.00

Wm Cox, 3.00

W L Chenoweth, 3.00

For anything in Harness or
Saddlery it will pay you to
call on
Pearce, the Harness Man,
Myrtle Point, Oregon.

C Malchorn	3.00	D J Yeager	6.00
E B Thrift	4.00	Amos Cook	4.00
J S Capps	3.00	Perley Crowley	13.00
J G Russell	3.00	Perley Crowley	15.00
J P Russell	3.00	Road dist No 9. Bills allowed:	
Geo W Martin	3.00	J R Fitzhugh	27.00
Geo D Elgin	3.00	C Y Sydnar	2.50
Joseph L Baker	3.00	C Malchorn	140.00
Geo A Taylor	3.00	Cleve Cox	35.00
Abel Steph	3.00	Jim Sypher	77.60
C W Haines	3.00	J S Capps	17.50
George Billings	3.00	Chas Crowley	16.95
John Hall	3.00	Jake White	65.00
Chauncey Fry	3.00	Perley Crowley	26.00
C A Billings	3.00	Mel Fitzhugh	95.00
Lee Ry	3.00	E W Hale	43.75
Eugene A H Cole	3.00	John White	27.50
Edward Miller	3.00	Chas Gerber	59.00
W A Rumley	3.00	Andy Thorhaven	76.00
Geo W Riley	3.00	Jonah Hofness	82.50
Elisha Meservy	3.00	Mel Scramens	57.50
M Lucas	3.00	Bert True	10.00
G Famarina	3.00	Jim Chenoweth	10.00
J F Lowery	3.00	Road dist No 10. Bills allowed:	
E H Meservy	3.00	W H Jackson	30.00
F C Hawkins	3.00	Chas Fitzhugh	30.00
E R Miller	3.00	Claude Clarke	30.00
G W Thornton	3.00	Abel Steph	30.00
C A Woodruff	3.00	Road dist No 11. Bills allowed:	
Norman Tyler, board of prisoner	3.00	Eugene A H Cole	91.25
Otto L-mert, mileage	3.20	Road dist No 12. Bills allowed:	
Norman Tyler, distributing elec- tion supplies	25.00	Elisha Meservy	66.25
Bill Gen. Fund.		Paul Moore	40.00
Disallowed.		Frank Thornton	19.50
Bill of Dr Glanville for surgical treatment of Oscar Rickman.		Road dist No 13. Bills allowed:	
Amt.	\$50.00	W H Woodworth	12.50
Continued.		Elmer Miller	30.00
Bill of Geo B West for hauling sup- plies for indigents.		Tom Owens	1.00
Bill of Jos Cox, Justice and other bills in said justice court, continued to give Justice time to file transcript.		Andy Fry	1.00
Stationary fund.		Road dist No 14. Bills allowed:	
Norman Tyler, stamps, \$5.60		Chas Howland	10.50
Echo Register, Treasurer receipts 3.00		Johanne Prince	2.50
Glass & Prudhomme, books & sta- tionery.	178.05	A S Miller	2.00
W S Gue-in, stamps & sta.	16.25	J M Woodworth	4.00
Geo W Smith, 31.00		J T Prince	15.00
A J Marsh, stationery & stamps, 7.25		Road dist No 15. Bills allowed:	
The Tribune, stationery, 41.95		J M Moore	11.25
In the matter of Tax levy for year 1907.		Richard Moore	7.50
For State purposes 1.5 mills.		Harry Moore	22.00
" School " 2 "		Jo Swell	7.50
" County " 3.8 "		Road dist No 16. Bills allowed:	
" Road & Bridge " 3.2 "		F C Hawkins	11.25
Total.....10.5 mills.		Road dist No 17. Bills allowed:	
Road dist No 1, bills allowed:		Jo Swell	5.00
Fred Primrose, Funds Rd 1, \$14.75		Julius Steineke	6.00
Coleman Cooley, " " 45.00		Josiah Yelsley	62.50
Fred Gardner, " " 11.18		Joe Harris	15.00
Geo Heiberger, " " 31.13		Julius Steineke	24.00
Joe Zweibel, " " 5.50		Road dist No 18. Bills allowed:	
Harold Hartley, " " 17.68		E L White	11.25
E P Carad, " " 31.37		John Fromm	11.25
Ira Stitt, " " 17.68		D Quillen	4.00
Roy Gardner, " " 34.00		John Fromm	6.50
E G Gardner, " " 14.31		John Fromm	15.00
John Ray, " " 26.75		Road dist No 19. Bills allowed:	
O E Hendricks, " " 25.75		P Adams	22.50
Will Tolman, " " 25.00		A Ulrich	12.00
John McFerran, " " 27.62		W P Polly	12.00
Ernest West, " " 27.25		John Early	24.00
Jean Buzzini, " " 26.00		Road & Bridge Fund.	
W J Cooley, " " 57.00		Will Cooley, team hire,	39.00
R W Moore, " " 96.00		Roy Cooley, grader,	15.50
R W Moore, " " 72.00		Frederick Turner	12.00
Richard Moore, " " 50.00		Smith Lumber Co. Lumber	24.00
Huey Moore, " " 50.00		Bert Thornton Bridge work	25.00
Alfred Jackson, " " 74.25		H Meservy	16.00
Road dist No 2 bills allowed:		C M Fleming	40.00
Smith Lumber Co.		John Hansen Lumber	30.50
Lumber fund 2, \$16.50		Chas Quigley Bridge work	8.00
Road dist No 3.		J W Frock	17.50
bills allowed.		A J Marsh	7.50
Geo Emery, Rd Sup.		J McFettra	18.50
fund 3, \$42.50		Earl Caswell	15.50
Smith Lumber Company		Roy Gardner	15.40
Lumber 22.35		Ira Stitt	5.75
Road dist No 4. Bills allowed:		H. Hartley	8.00
Jesse Turner team work		E. G. Gardner	8.00
fund 4, \$6.62		Fred Primrose	2.25
Ruben Ralph	13.40	Jo Swell	2.25
Jas Kennedy	2.15	Jim Kelly Bridge work	3.00
Asstn Ralph	31.50	Alex Hartle	4.00
Albert Smith	33.75	Geo Yokum	2.00
Julius Smith	2.25	J N Fisher	4.00
Ac Turner	34.62	F A Thomas	4.00
Alt Gaultlett	16.75	Bill Cook	7.00
Milt Moore	6.75	A E Fry	8.00
W A Bishel	43.30	P O Lumber Co Lumber	307.5
Road dist No 5. Bills allowed:		A Jamieson	41.11
Fred Postal, Rd Sup. fund 5,		Road Superiors were appointed as follows:	
Road dist No 6. Bills allowed:		Dist 1 A P Tolman	
D M Moore, wagon hire, fund 6,		" 2 De'mar Colegrove	
Allen Hilliard fund 6,		" 3 W H Crook	
27.80		" 4 Jesse Turner	
Road dist No 7. Bills allowed:		" 5 Fred Primrose	
Alfred Haft fund 7,		" 6 Allen Hilliard	
19.25		" 7 A J Marsh	
A J Marsh team hire	284.50	" 8 Ernest Divilbiss	
A J Marsh	50.00	" 9 Clinton Malchorn	
J W Prock	87.00	" 10 C W Haines	
Marion Zumwalt	110.80	" 11 Claude Hall	
Marshall Cook	16.25	" 12 Elisha Meservy	
David Crowley	26.25	" 13 J M Woodworth	
L Knapp	35.00	" 14 A S Miller	
Chas Quigley	27.50	" 15 J M Moore	
A A Jamieson	308.50	" 16 F C Hawkins	
O J Mather	26.00	" 17 Josiah Yelsley	
J M Limpach	27.00	" 18 E L White	