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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

OREGON CITY, OCT. 18, 1901.

The official return shows that the South African concentration camps in August contained 137,619 persons. The deaths numbered 2345, of which number 1878 were children.

On account of the tax-dodging of Chicago's "anarchists in broadcloth," its school fund is about \$4,000,000 instead of \$7,000,000, and the public schools will have to close up for a part of the year.

This steel trust made \$54,000,000 net for the six months ending in September, which means over 10 per cent on a billion dollars of capital, several hundred millions of which is water, in other words extortion, highway robbery.

When Philadelphia recently tried to borrow \$9,000,000 at 3 per cent she obtained only \$5000. When political knavery reaches the point where the State's financial credit is impaired, then even calloused Pennsylvania realizes that it is no longer a mere cry of wolf, and begins a searching of hearts.

The platform adopted by the democracy of Massachusetts contains these words: "We are absolutely opposed to colonial imperialism abroad. We demand for the Philippines ultimate independence. We favor free trade by of genuine reciprocity, or other"

At the present rate of expenditure, the deficit in the British exchanges for the fiscal year will be £89,734,000 (\$345,000,000), while the sixty millions of new consols, with which it was expected to meet the deficit, realized at 94 1/2 £56,700,000, leaving a net deficit, which must be provided for by fresh appropriations for £13,000,000.

Co-operation in every reasonable and practicable way is of the greatest advantage to the farmer. The Grange Bulletin puts the matter in this way: The best answer that we can give to the farmer who is anxiously inquiring, "What must I do to be saved from trusts, monopolies, unequal taxes and other evils?" is—"Join the Grange nearest to you, if there is none close by get the neighbors interested and organize one."

Oregon is about to receive some adverse advertising in Ohio—advertising that it will take several Lewis & Clark expeditions and Oregon exhibits at Buffalo, Charleston, St. Louis and Chicago to overcome. Still some of the invitations to stump Ohio may not be accepted. *** Gear vetoed the bill for a state board of equalization because he had too much to do. That is the reason given in the veto message. He has more time now and will spend the month on stump in Ohio.—Salem Independent.

The London press, including such leading ministerial papers as the Times, Standard, Chronicle and Spectator, are now in full cry against the English war office. Some of them blame it for not sending more men to Kitchener. Kipling in a tart letter declares the army machine is back "in the old ruts of timidity, pretense and collapse." The Times says Kitchener has "accomplished nothing in a year except by the attrition," calls for Lord Roberts to be sent out again to finish the war

J. R. Douglas, the Santiam gardener, of Linn county, assisted by his son-in-law, W. A. Eastburn, secured more premiums at the state fair than any other exhibitor in the state, 21 blue ribbons and \$412 in cash. Mr. Douglas has proven himself a genius in the line of preparing county and other displays, which he does mostly from his own gardens. He is an example of what rustic and energy will do. Eight years ago he came to Albany with eight children and \$5 in his pockets, and today has a large place on the Santiam river, devoted to all kinds of gardening, and is worth several thousand dollars.

DEBT NEARLY \$200,000.

From the records of the county clerk and the county treasurer the following facts have been obtained in regard to the business affairs of our county government:

On July 31, the exhibit made by the clerk showed:

Table showing financial details: Warrants unpaid on general fund \$159,870; Interest on same 13,787; Cash in treasury 23,152; Road warrants, one year 31,877; General fund warrants, one year 55,850.

The treasurer's books show, among the expenses paid in cash for the year:

Table showing expenses: County school fund \$23,933; State and scalp bounty taxes 28,708; Interest on \$62,351 cancelled general warrants paid 12,457; Interest on \$26,000 road warrants 1300; Contingent fund 347.

Total \$66,745. It has been found that on road warrants the average interest accumulates to nearly 5 per cent before they are paid. A county warrant runs on the average three years before being redeemed, when, at 8 per cent, the interest amounts to one-fourth of its face. As soon as the 8 per cent warrants on the general fund have all been cancelled, the accumulated three years' interest will amount to one-fifth of the principal.

The \$27,234.49, principal and interest, paid out by the treasurer under "road fund," is not considered here in the footing following, excepting the part constituting the interest, which is an approximation to within a few dollars, as the \$31,777 road warrants issued for this year, 1900-01, is the amount that must be considered for the year 1900-01.

If we add to the total sum of \$66,745 paid out by the treasurer, the two items of warrants on the general fund and warrants on the road fund, issued by the county clerk for 1900-01, per order of the board of county commissioners, we get:

Table showing totals: Paid out by treasurer \$66,745; General fund, warrants 55,850; Road fund, warrants 31,877; Total \$154,472.

This sum, \$154,472, is the total expense of Clackamas county for the year ending June 30, 1901.

As the total taxes to be collected by the sheriff for 1900 were \$147,163.98 (\$891 poll taxes included), it is seen that even if every cent of the sum were secured by the sheriff, which it will not be, about \$8000 remaining delinquent, it is evident for the year 1900-01 Clackamas county increased its debt about \$15,000. Evidently a county tax levy of 29 mills on \$4,285,379 was not high enough. The tax rate must be increased, or the expenses of the county reduced.

If we subtract the state tax, \$24,423.49, and the scalp bounty tax, \$4,284.84, which, added, make \$28,708.33, we get \$125,764 as the expense of the county government for one year, repair and building of roads, care of paupers, etc.

To arrive at the total of the county indebtedness, we must add to the \$159,870 of unpaid warrants on the general fund the \$31,877 of road warrants, making \$191,747, and subtract from this sum the \$23,152 cash in the treasury, leaving \$168,595. But to get the net debt we must add to this sum the \$13,787 interest accrued on the general warrants, giving a total of \$182,382 as the debt of the county on July 1st—we may, in justice call it \$200,000, as the debt is continually growing.

The largest item of expenditure of the county's money is roads fund for the year amounted to \$18,247, which added to the \$31,877 of road warrants, makes of that one item alone over \$50,000. For the year 1898-99 this amount was but \$38,262.

The prevalent practice of squeezing the county debt into a smaller compass by deducting from it the delinquent taxes, is nonsensical. They form, it is true, assets, but they are not available. Suppose that the county had a list of \$100,000 delinquent taxes, could it pay with them the expense of the Canby bridge, which, it is said, will cost \$15,000 when completed?

THE BOARD'S CHILD'S PLAY.

The board of county commissioners is making frantic efforts to cut down the enormous expenses of the county in a way that shows poor judgment, and a desire to shield the g. o. p. officials in the court house. Evidently the board thinks it has to save the \$2000 it gave to the Enterprise on the printing deal by cutting down the clerical force in the courthouse, but it doesn't seem to know how to go at it. In the first place, it makes an order allowing the sheriff and clerk each one deputy and the assessor two, and because the assessor let two of his deputies go (but kept four, claiming two were platmakers), as there was nothing much for them to do anyway, and the clerk and sheriff did not, on account of extra work (which they paid out of their own pockets), the Enterprise and Oregonian correspondent claims the sheriff and clerk did not obey the order of the board while the assessor did. Let us see:

It is true that the work of the assessor's office has been increased by new laws, but the work in the clerk and sheriff's office has also been increased in proportion, but this is no excuse for letting the assessor have nine deputies part of the time (one month's bill amounting to over \$300) and the clerk and sheriff only two each. We don't wish it understood that we sanction the employment of two deputies by these officers any more than we do nine by the assessor, because we don't. But if the assessor is entitled to six, which he has on duty this week (he merely laid off two for a couple of weeks FOR EFFECT) the others should be allowed two. The county's money seems to be EASY got and EASY spent. Why are three office deputies and three field deputies of assessor paid \$3 per day and another \$2.50 and two others \$2.00, when the other deputies are paid but \$2.50 and \$2.00, surely their work doesn't show for the extra compensation when the work of a \$4.00 assessor and a lot of \$3.00 deputies has to be corrected by a \$2.00 deputy in the sheriff's office.

Here are a few figures. Let us see: It is the work of the assessor to assess. He assessed 891 polls and the sheriff collects \$1124 for polls NOT on the assessor's books, besides making new assessments and correction and collecting thereon \$1765.03, or a total of \$2889.03 which the assessor couldn't find. He has practically saved this besides selling \$4210 worth of back tax liens under the new law at an expense of \$720 for all deputies for six months. The clerk has extended the roll and collected \$7000 in back taxes at an expense of \$200 for extra deputy hire (not counting chief deputy). Both the sheriff's and clerk's offices more than make their salaries and deputy hire in fees, while the assessor's office is a constant drain, from \$400.00 to \$800.00 per month.

The Courier-Herald is in favor of a law limiting the number of deputies allowed officials, same as Uncle Sam does the postmasters. There would still be plenty of office seekers if officials were not allowed any deputies at all, excepting the assessor, who could get along with one. Put the jobs up at auction and see how spirited the bidding would be. Very few business men make as much as a public official's salary, saying nothing about the grafts that nearly all work taxpayers! How do you like to pay taxes and have the money squandered? Think of this next June. The Courier-Herald will support any ticket that will agree to cut expenses of the county down one-half, and we believe the voters will help us. If not, let us turn the whole thing over to THE political boss and let him run it.

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