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real requirements desired, so after remodeling the drawings we decided on the third sketch I made and completed it with the present specifications and plans which were carefully followed as to the exterior of the building.

There were a number of changes made in materials and work not specified as usual in an undertaking of this kind.

My second and last real estimate made was \$15,000.00. I remarked when my drawings for the last set were completed and placed on file, August 12th 1911, that the work would run over Fifteen Thousand Dollars as those plans and specifications covered more ground and met many more requirements not contemplated before.

Getting a good foundation was much more difficult than estimated, so that cost ran high.

Lack of space to handle materials and indifferent help made the work cost too much also.

Numerous details not originally contemplated were carried out more than anticipated, as, in the wiring, the plumbing, extra radiators, the ladies' rest room, new gutters and down spouts etc., that could best be put as the repairs went on.

In out and out contract work this building could have been remodeled as per careful estimate, I think for \$23,000.00 easily, in which case the bulk of the work would have been let out of the County as is usual. Nearly all items of labour and materials would be cut considerably in that case.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. WHITE

Note.—Myself and Architect J. Will of Portland, carefully estimated the cost of the court house improvements as called for and shown on adopted plans in Aug. 1911, and found we could not exceed \$20,000.00 at the very most but then thought \$18,000.00 would complete the work.

Working 8 hours per day at a 10 or 12 hour gait made the work sum up also.

W. A. W.

There are a number of other minor complaints handed in, some about timber cruiser's erroneous figures, such as A. Bonney and V. Harris, on a certain 40-acre tract where it was claimed as timber land, we found the man mistaken, if he gave the right 40-acre tract, some others similar, but have not had the time to verify every little matter called to our attention.

In the matter of the Equity Society's use of the court house, we find after a vote was taken up by the court on the question: "Shall all organizations be allowed the use of the court house, when not in use for court purposes, the use of the room?" the vote stood 2 to 1 for, Mr. Matton voting against because of the manner the question was put. He said he did not like to throw it open for everybody.

In the matter of the county's financial condition, we find that on March 31, there was on hand in the general fund \$101,631.58. Road fund in debt, \$46,700.74. By subtracting the road indebtedness fund from the general fund on hand, we have on hand at this date, March 31, 1910, \$54,930.79.

That on March 31, 1910, there was turned over to the treasurer and total on hand \$364,021.12.

March 31, 1913, total general and road fund on hand and what was turned into the treasury, \$561,961.89.

Amount on hand March 31, 1913, general fund on hand \$52,958.77 road fund on hand \$36,008.84; total on hand, \$88,967.61.

By subtracting total on hand March 31, 1910 from the amount on hand and turned over to treasurer, we find that the March 31, 1913, report shows that there is \$197,940.77 more money to do business with than on the same date March 31, 1910. But we find that by subtracting the amount of indebtedness or actual money not expended on March 31, 1910 from the same statement of 1913, that there is a difference of \$34,331.82 in favor of the 1913 court.

Now by subtracting the amount in favor of the condition of the 1913 court from the amount of more money to do business with we find the 1913 court had the advantage of the 1910 court of \$163,608.95, this is the condition as near as we are able to determine the facts, having figured on a basis, given from the reports on the same items after balancing the indebtedness and placing the two courts on an equal footing. From this we must conclude that the 1913 court has no credit due as to being out of debt. In other words if they had only the same money to do business with that the 1910 court had, and had expended the same amounts as they did, this county would be in debt \$163,608.95, more on March 31, 1913 than on March 31, 1910.

Owing to the many obstacles this report is not as complete as some of you might expect. We found the records in many instances only gave part of the facts, as they took place, so were compelled to dig on the outside to get the complete chain of facts and some men who could give information would not do so. One merchant in Oregon City gave me the price on nails on a certain date, but when I wanted a statement in writing he would not do so, stating that he did not want to mix up in his, and then changed his figure on nails to 30 cents per keg more than he had given me a few minutes before. However we found the county paid from 10 cents to 35 cents per keg more than any farmer could have bought the same nails for.

In regard to the cost of cement we hereby submit a letter from Nottingham & Co., Portland, Oregon, which speaks for itself. We examined the sales book of Nottingham & Co., and found the price given was the same until January 1912, when it declined \$1.00 per barrel net, f. o. b. Portland carload lots, 5 cents and 10 cents more per barrel in small lots. Mr. V. Harris bought for \$2.05 in 5-barrel lots. The county paid all the way from \$2.40 to \$2.65. Price paid for cement on repair of court house as \$2.60 per barrel through D. C. Robbins. Nottingham & Co. letter to R. Schuebel follows:

Portland, Ore. May 9.

Robert Schuebel, Canby, Ore. In regard to your request for our prices on lime and cement during the month of May, June, and July, 1911, in car load lots, lime was sold \$1.15 per barrel net f. o. b. card Portland. Sacks were charged extra at \$1.00 per sack, which amount was refunded on return of empty sacks.

R. B. Beaty, representing the City Commission House, was given these quotations during the summer of 1911 here at our office, 102 Front street. P. S.—Price of cement declined to \$1.90 Jan. 1912, C. W. K.

We would further recommend that a taxpayers league be organized in each school district, and one man be selected from each school district by the voters to confer with the county court before the court attempts any very expensive undertaking, such as the timber cruise deal and the bridges of importance, and that the court follow the law as to the contracting for the bridges. We feel that the court which is unwilling to work along such lines is unfit to serve the people and that one man from this taxpayers' league be hired by the court as a buying agent for the county. Our reasons for the last recommendation is that Mr. R. Schuebel, having investigated the price asked the court for steam rollers, he personally inquired, finding that the same roller could have been purchased by Mr. Schuebel for \$275 less money, and the same is true of other things. Personally, I will state I have gone over nearly all matters referred to in this report and will gladly show book, page and other records to any man who doubts the statements in this report.

On account of the vicious and untruthful matters printed in the Enterprise the morning after the mass meeting in regard to the actions of your mass meeting committee, such as that the committee has already decided on the report it would bring in; also stating that the report might already be written, we thought best to ask the Live Wires to appoint a committee to help look into the charges preferred against the court, which they did. We received this committee with uncalloused hands and are ready to return them in the same condition. They were of no use whatever, and as soon as we found drift of their intentions, we decided to let them work to suit themselves and make their own report, and we would do the same. We leave the result in your hands to judge the merits of the work of each committee and their findings, but do recommend that the taxpayers insist upon a more accurate way of keeping the records of the transactions so any citizen of intelligence can locate the cost of the bridges from the records, which we are satisfied no man living can do as the accounts are now kept.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. BROWN,

Chairman,

R. SCHUEBEL,

Secretary,

S. L. CASTO.

Mass Meeting Committee.

After the reading of the report, a resolution was passed accepting the same, thanking the committee and discharging same.

Another resolution was passed commending the Enterprise for its criticism of the committee, and commending the Courier for its action in opening its columns for the people.

Harvey Gibson, of Barton, told of action in a road case at that place, and of the excessive charge, \$52, for the court making a survey which took less than a day's time.

George Oglesby made a bitter attack on the members of the county court. He said if we had grafters it was time to throw them down; that he worked for and voted for Blair for commissioner because he thought he would stand up, and when elected he laid down and did what the county court told him. "We want men with backbone for officials, and when officials will not do their duty, take them by the nape of the neck and throw them out. I am with you for the recall. I will campaign the county and 500 other men will do the same."

E. D. Olds explained how the papers and affidavits relating to the purchase of road machinery in the several counties was dropped. He said the Beals people started it for criminal action, and detectives worked it up, and that later machinery was bought from the Beals people for Oak Grove—and nothing further was done. He related how Fred Harris, then road supervisor, was standing out against the county court; that George C. Brownell called Harris up and said "For God's sake, Fred, stand in." He said the papers in the road implement matters were gotten from Virgil C. Clark, of Portland.

In Explanation

As one of the investigating committee on the county investigation, the editor would state that only those who have worked on such matters can appreciate the difficulties a committee has to get information in a limited time and to put that information into a comprehensive report in a short space.

And to give the readers a better understanding of this report, the Courier will next week take it up, each item separately, and give full explanations of each complaint investigated—that readers may better understand it. We will discuss the items show up the details the report does not show, and try to make it entirely clear to all.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during the sickness and death of our mother, Camelia Bryants. MR. AND MRS. J. W. BRYANTS

Disorders of the stomach may be avoided by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. Many very remarkable cures have been effected by these tablets. Sold by Huntley Bros. Co.

I suffered habitually from constipation. Doan's Roguets relieved and strengthened the bowels so they have been regular ever since.—E. Davis, Grocer, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

OUR SWEDE COLONY

Flourishing Condition of Our Neighbors at Carlsborg

That the thrifty race of northern Europe invariably make good when colonized on Oregon soil, is the statement of C. C. Chapman, state immigration commissioner to the Portland Journal, and never was this fact impressed on him more than by his visit to the Swedish colony of Carlsborg. This colony lies in the upper Milk creek valley, Clackamas county, 15 or 20 miles from Oregon City. He declares that the settlement has been very successful and that the people are happy and are making money.

"This colony," says Mr. Chapman, "is an example of what can be accomplished a long distance from a railroad. Produce is hauled a long way to market, but there is a general air of prosperity, and the people are happy and enthusiastic. This colony, but eight years old, was organized by Rev. Carl J. Renhard, a pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church; the colonists are of this faith."

"I visited Carlsborg with J. A. Bexell, director of the O. A. C. statistical bureau, and he was so struck by its success that he will make an investigation of it and add the figures to his records. I found that the colonists bought their land at a low figure, from \$12.50 to \$16.00 per acre, in tracts of 40 acres and up. It was logged off land, but so successful have the settlers been in clearing it that the expense did not average more than \$25 per acre."

"The colonists, upon their arrival, built their own sawmill to cut lumber for their houses, selling a portion of

TODAY'S DOINGS

Comments and Observations on Things in the Public Eye

The only explanation I need make to you who eat your bread by the sweat of your brow, for not writing the item I had proposed to write, is to say that I am trying to maintain an existence on a small patch of God's footstool politically known as Clackamas county. No explanation at all is needed, as those, like some of their kind at the tail end of the eighteenth century will say "after us the flood."

The item in question will require a little more time but will be worth the while. In the mean time here are a few items of public interest.

First, it is well known the democrats have at all times sounded as a keynote, the idea of local self government. How does the junket trip of the "Commoner" harmonize with that idea? By what right does the federal government meddle in California's affairs? Really I think the words of Penoyer of Cleveland: "I am minding my own business, let the president do the same," would be timely and fitting the occasion.

The morals of this enlightened nation may safely be marked up another notch.

The prime minister gave a swell feed to a lot of useless foreign loafers and did not have booze with any of the courses. For all that I refuse to throw my ragged hat up in the air. For the life of me I see nothing to shout about.

I know that living in the uncult has a tendency to keep a fellow green,

should cancel that title at once.

You will see why so much noise about intervention was produced in the newspapers. These well fed exploiters and freebooters want American working men to become targets for Mexican rifles.

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WANTS TO BE SHOWN

A Gladstone Gardener Discusses Several Big Profit Stories

Milwaukie, May 11, 1913

Editor Courier:—

I read in last Friday's Courier an article on what specializing does, this time it's asparagus, by W. B. Stafford. I do not doubt but Mr. Stafford's figures are correct but he does not trim and the consumer throws away from one-third to one-fourth of butts that cannot be cooked tender, so far as I'm able to learn. But there are other growers who do not trim, and the result is the consumer buys two or three times and has had enough of such like.

I have nearly one acre but it will be 8 or 9 years before it will return \$1,000 and then I'll have to sell the butts, whereas now I trim the waste off, which would amount to not less than one-fourth by weight.

There is another grower and myself who trim our asparagus in this vicinity yet I returned with over 100 pounds from Oregon City Saturday, which I could not sell. Why? Because the consumers will not stand for such waste. Now I say to the consumers: demand the trimmed asparagus.

I also read how Mr. Dimick read a letter from a farmer who sold \$362

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment. What is CASTORIA Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend. GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of The Kind You Have Always Bought In Use For Over 30 Years THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT To spend in discomfort. Running water in the home brings many conveniences and comforts—the Bath—Sanitary Toilets—the Wash Room—Hot and Cold Water, Etc., Etc. City people wouldn't be without them and they are now within the reach of all rural or suburban residents. Every dollar invested in a Mitchell's LEADER WATER SYSTEM will return you eventually \$10 worth of comfort—to say nothing of fire protection. The Mitchell-Leader System furnishes you cool water anywhere you want it, under any pressure you want, up to 125 lbs. Hundreds of home owners right here have found the solution of their water supply problem in this system. Let us send you our Book, "The Question of Water" with circular containing cuts of homes and letters of Northwestern parties who have installed them. It will surprise you how reasonably you can secure a Mitchell Water System that will satisfactorily take care of your requirements. Write Us At Once. PORTLAND Spokane Boise

MOUNTAIN VIEW Energy and paint work wonders in making a city beautiful, and we notice a desire of many in this city to make the homes more attractive. Mrs. Griffin is having her house painted. Ray Campbell has had his house remodelled and has cleared up and put a coat of paint on the yard fence. The Curran people have taken down the old, unsightly fence on Duane street and replaced it with a neat picket fence, which adds to looks and value of this corner and if the grass and weeds are kept down in our part of Oregon City we defy any other place to be more picturesque. Last Monday was Mrs. Mautz' birthday and members of the Grange and the Bible Class of Mountain View gave her a postal card shower to remind her that through the long weeks of sickness that has deprived her of meeting in these social circles, she was not forgotten. R. M. C. Brown was called to Grants Pass by the serious illness of his brother-in-law, J. N. Gotcher. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McClintock fell on a sharp piece of glass last Thursday and cut a gash near the jugular vein, that required three stitches to close it. She otherwise bruised her face. Mrs. Simmons, of Woodburn, visited a few days with Mrs. Amanda Hickman. Mrs. Mason and her daughter, Eva, and Charlie, were in the city and visited over Sunday with Mrs. Hickman and Mrs. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Clark were at Woodburn and Silverton looking at property. Mrs. Hyatt, of Goldendale, Wash., was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mautz. Rev. T. B. Ford will preach at Mountain View Church Sunday at 4 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Will Huntemann of Hillsboro visited John Gillett and daughter, Lillian last week. Mrs. Huntemann is a niece of Mr. Gillette. Frank Stillwell, of Duane street, has purchased the candy factory of Mr. Church on 7th street, and has taken possession of the same. The Ladies Aid of Mountain View met with Mrs. Vanauken last Tuesday and are doing well in the charity work of this neighborhood. A SPLENDID SHOWING Let Others Get in this Work and Make the County Proud Editor Courier:— For the benefit of our juvenile contestants who joined in the Wilsonville Fair Aug. 1912, and all those who expect to join in the coming fair in Sept. 1913, I would like to say to you through the courtesy of the editor, (who, by the way is a loyal supporter of this good work) that our Juvenile Fair at Wilsonville, Ore., shipped and had an exhibition at the state fair, more exhibits than any other juvenile fair in the state. Also the only one to have a whole car to carry their exhibits. At this fair we carried off \$68.50 in cash prizes from our 48 entries. We also carried off five of the seven of Clackamas county's general prizes for its ten Juvenile county fairs cash value \$48, and on Aug. 29, 1912, we paid to the children, cash in hand \$151.25 and 18 orders for goods delivered. Cash value \$44, total cash value \$195.25. Cash value, Oregon City, \$48; cash prizes from Salem \$68.50; cash from prizes at Canby Co. Fair, \$8.50, which makes a grand total of \$320.25 besides one ticket each at the state fair for one day and 15 one day tickets at the county fair, which, if divided among our 108 exhibitors, would make nearly \$3 each. Not a small sum besides the ribbons and honors mixed with so much knowledge gained for the three or four months' labor expended. Now I would like to ask any of these exhibitors to write a letter to any paper telling of what they did and how, and what prize they received, so that others may learn and become interested. And they too may join in this year's contest and instead of having 108 exhibitors, we may have 801 or half that number, and again have the best fair in Clackamas county and a larger showing at the state fair than any other Juvenile Fair in the State. We have not the prize list for this year out yet, but expect to have it soon and make it good, trusting that the donations from patrons and business men and women of our section will as ably finance this wonderful child labor industrial extension work as they did in 1912, much to the satisfaction of themselves and many others who attended this fair. Our Juvenile Fair will be held at Wilsonville, Ore., Sept. 18, 1913. Thanking the patrons for their courtesy and loyal assistance, also the many children for their untiring efforts in my behalf for past as well as future support, I respectfully remain, MRS. M. C. YOUNG Supt. Juvenile Fair Wilsonville, Ore. COLTON The lady preachers have been holding meetings at the schoolhouse for the past two weeks. Miss Nellie Bonney was home from Estacada to visit with her parents a few days. Quite a number from here attended the funeral of Bird Lamm of Molalla, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Petterson, the possessors of the Axene place, were out from Portland a week ago. Frank Countryman intends to do the freighting for A. Danielson and also for the Equity Society. Oscar Miller left for Portland again. Miss Ruby Countryman, who has been working at Molalla, is now visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bonney, at Colton. She intends to leave soon for the coast, where her parents live. N. Werner, of Portland, and his brother and wife of Salem, were out Sunday, to visit with the former's family in the hills. Several young people of Elwood, attended the preaching at the schoolhouse Sunday. Albert Bauer left for Sherwood Thursday. Supt. Gary, of Oregon City, and Mr. James, of Estacada, attended the school meeting at Colton Friday evening. Lew Hubbard, of Molalla, was in this place with his new auto a week ago. Mrs. Blanche Elliott arrived here from Salt Lake City Wednesday. Mr. Dibble, of Elwood, was in Colton Sunday. Confirmation exercises were held at the Swedish church Sunday. Road Boss Swanson, and a number of men are building a forty foot bridge across Bee Creek. E. Lindstrom has been doing team work for P. Westburg the past week. Charlie Hunter erected a flag pole at the Bee Hill schoolhouse Monday. Carl Strogren is planting potatoes for E. S. Petterson. Mrs. Ulah Lamm and sons of Molalla, are staying with her parents at Bee Hills. One of Mr. and Mrs. Landstrom's little girls was scalded pretty badly by falling into a tub of hot water Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Gordon left for Dodge last Sunday, where Mr. Gordon intends to work for the summer. A. Johnson has torn down his old barn and is making preparations to build a new one. Mr. and Mrs. J. Petterson and children visited at E. Lindstrom's home Sunday. John Jones made a business trip to Portland last Tuesday. Mrs. Dix and son, visited at Dix Bros. sawmill at Shubel one day last week. Everett Erickson and Fred Carlson were Mulino business visitors Saturday. Fred Bauer hauled a load of hogs to Oregon City Thursday. We pay highest prices for spring chickens—Clackamas Hotel and Health Resort. Phone Main 3051, Route 2, Box 175.

their output. The colony has been increasing in size since settlement eight years ago, and today numbers over 40 families, most of whom have the most modern homes imaginable, with electric lights and all other conveniences. It would be hard to find a happier lot than these people of Carlsborg. "It is the intention of the commission to investigate a number of other colonies in this state to learn the conditions met with by newcomers and to determine the chances for success by settlements of this character." W. C. T. U. This order meets the first Tuesday in every month at the Presbyterian Church on 7th street. There will be a special programme each meeting and it is hoped every member will be present and as many other ladies that can meet with us. All are welcome. ELWOOD Mr. C. Bittner is in Oregon City, working for the Hawley Pulp and Paper Company. Adolph Freeman has been plowing for Frank Wilson. Mrs. Elliott is out on the farm for a short visit, after which time she will join her husband at Pendleton. An entertainment and basket social will be given at the schoolhouse Saturday evening May 24th. School will be finished the 23rd. Mattie Mapiethorpe spent last week visiting with her sister, Mrs. Keith, and with friends in Estacada. Some of the men of the neighborhood, under the supervision of Mr. Cox, have been putting corduroy on the road on the Clear Creek hill. Harlie Freeman, who recently had his upper teeth extracted, went to Estacada last Friday, and had the impression for his new plate taken, so he won't be "grandpa" much longer. Mr. Ed. Dibble and Adolph Freeman went to Colton last Sunday to attend preaching services, which are held at the schoolhouse by two ladies, but please tell me, do we hire a lot of high priced politicians for the sole purpose of entertaining a lot of sleek vagabonds from across the briney, while the citizen of this great democratic republic is eating out of garbage cans? Never mind the dramatic or Bryanatic stunt of pruned juice. I object to the whole swinish business. It is none of my business whether W. Wilson goes to high mass or to a game or "draw" but I do object to the toadying to title, as was instanced when president Wilson and some of his cabinet attended requiem services (not the funeral) over the death of a Central American political grafter. We are told the whole congregation rose and remained standing while the presidential party and a lot of foreign diplomats left the church. We have heard a great deal about how Wilson had upset all precedent in regard to aristocratic show in Washington but here we may say: "thou art after all just what thou art; put on thy head a wig; with countless books raise to a cubit height thy learned noose; thou art still thyself." A newspaper report has it that Helen Keller, the noted blind girl, turned down a life pension of \$5,000 per year, offered by Carnegie. Quite a contrast to the pension petitioning professor from Princeton at present located at the White House. There is a doubt in my mind that the land law of California was put forth in good faith. It may have been prompted by the army and navy contractors for a larger hold-up of the nation. At any rate the soil belongs to American people and it is our right to establish proper titles. The only fault I find with the proposed law is its weakness in not confiscating all private titles to the land. I observe that ex-governor Hay, of Washington, holds title to 177,000 acres of land in Old Mexico. What right has this American to own Mexican soil? The Mexican government

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA