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MAILING This week's Courier, in its ONE LIE efforts to further besmirch the county court, announces as nearly as its "pled" type will permit it that the "county owed \$60,642.88 on Friday, August 1."

All of which is pretty good for The Courier. It is about as near the truth as The Courier has found itself in many, many months.

It seems The Courier wants the county to be out of debt all the time. The Courier does not take into consideration the fact that such a happy state is only enjoyed by tramps, who haven't any credit, and who therefore can't get into debt.

However, taking The Courier's figures at their face value, they don't amount to so much after all. The months of April, May, June, July, August and September of each year are the months when most of the road and bridge work is done in this county.

Now then, The Courier having found out that the county is \$60,000 "in debt," or that it has outstanding, maybe, bills to that amount, it seems to be a pretty good showing that this county could get through the first four months of this usually expensive period and not get any further "in debt," as The Courier puts it.

The only things that The Courier's outburst show are that The Courier isn't familiar with the usual system of business credit, that The Courier is trying to manufacture some charge against the county court that will have at least a semblance of truth, that The Courier doesn't tell the truth when it says the county is "\$60,000 in debt," because striking a balance today, as a clerk would in any business, shows that actual liabilities are only about half that sum, and that The Courier is pretty hard pressed for "dope" when it tries to make a sensation out of such things.

YOUR DUTY—Every citizen of Clackamas county has a public duty to perform next Saturday, and should plan to perform that duty. Nothing should be permitted to stand in the way.

Saturday is the day when the people will decide whether faithful county officials are to be recalled because of the pique and jealousy of a few disgruntled folk who seek to run this county for selfish purposes, and who want to garner to themselves "plums" which shall be paid for by the public money.

Some citizens entitled to the ballot may not have registered. The law provides for such contingencies, and if there are any who have failed to observe the preliminary formalities, they should take six freeholders to the polls with them and swear their ballot in.

The main hope of those who are trying to besmirch the records of County Judge R. B. Beattie and County Commissioner N. Blair is that their supporters will be over-confident, and will not think it necessary to go to the polls to support these men.

Charges have been preferred, but not supported, which concern every citizen of the county. These charges are not generally believed. People who do not believe them should not stop at mere denial, however; they should rebuke Oids and Brown and Hagemann and Castro and Schuebel and the others of their camp by expressing their opinion at the polls.

The most important thing to do next Saturday is to VOTE. This means you!

BIG CROPS The banner crop year EVERYWHERE in the history of the county was 1912. It is too much to expect that such a year will be followed by another to equal or surpass it, but the annual crop report of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago indicates that 1913 crops will closely approximate those of 1912 and even surpass them in some products.

The aggregate indicated wheat yield of the year is 739,000,000 bushels against 730,000,000 bushels last year. Our exports are likely to be 170,000,000 bushels this year, against 143,000,000 bushels last year, largely because there still remain 30,000,000 bushels of last year's crop in stock.

The largest domestic crop is corn. This year the crop, while considerably above the average, does not equal that of 1912. The general average for the past ten years is 2,670,000,000 bushels. The yield this year is estimated at 2,800,000,000 bushels, against the 1912 yield of \$3,125,000,000.

The barley and hay crops promise to be at least equal those of 1912. The oat and rye crops, while they will fall somewhat short of last year's figures, are still well above the average.

AS ONE MAN The Molalla Pioneer, VIEWS IT a newspaper which has kept entirely out of the recall discussion, and which heretofore has taken no side in the fight, now announces itself as opposed to the movement. Editor Taylor has suspended judgment in the matter until he could hear all sides of the argument, and having digested the information obtainable, expresses himself as follows:

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THE CRUX OF When the attempt to THE MATTER oust County Judge Beattie and County Commissioner Blair first was put under way in its present form, there was much to do over a report embracing a series of charges. This report was duly investigated and reported upon by the biased "committee of three" appointed at a "mass meeting," and the valiant trio gave forth the announcement that they had found the charges true in every particular.

However, such has not been the case. The original charges have not only been denied, but have been repudiated by some of the men who put the official "O. K." of the recallers upon them. The Courier has time after time printed inconspicuous apologies for "errors" and "misapprehensions" that found their way into their report, and Robert Schuebel, one of the investigators, has issued a statement declaring that Judge Beattie, in his reply and refutation of these original charges, has been telling the truth.

The whole fight has been made upon new charges, trumped up from week to week, and flaunted in the face of the public until they were disapproved and then forgotten and cast aside for other charges no more trustworthy.

In a desperate effort to throw some slimy mud at the county officials that would stick the recallers have stopped at nothing, but to date they have made no charges which even their prejudiced witnesses have been able to substantiate. Prominent leaders of the recall have had the lie passed to them in person at various public meetings, and have sunk to their seats abashed.

Yet they ask that two men, against whose public record there has been no valid complaint made, be dragged down from their office and disgraced, so that a few selfish and disappointed genies can sail plums at the expense of the public. Their campaign, futile and aimless save for the purpose of slandering and besmirching the county judge and one of the commissioners, has fallen flat in the last analysis.

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The people who have been most active in urging the necessity of the bridge at this point had been urged long before the present court were elected. The whole community both of the Colton and Molalla sections have urged the building of this bridge. Citizens have subscribed over a thousand dollars for gravel and open roads to the bridge if built. The court has made no promises on condition of support or in any way has used this as a leverage to get support.

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the previous county judge was elected he had promised to get the county out of debt before the expiration of his term, but his courage was not equal to the necessary increase in taxation he gave up the job. Shall we show by our actions and votes that we do not appreciate it when we get a court that has the courage of its convictions and does the necessary and proper thing?

I suggest that if the Courier is sincere in desiring to publish a defense of Judge Beattie, that it publish the complete statement by him, published in The Telegram of 1 I think July 6th, as the clipping is headed the 16th. I would ask all candid voters to read it carefully and ask themselves if it is not a complete and satisfactory reply to the charges of the Pomona Grange resolutions, which head the article. I presume the article was published in The Enterprise also.

As to the bridge contracts, if anything wrong was proven it was a technical violation of law not necessarily showing the county was wronged, as the other part of the charge depended, as I understand it, on the evidence of one expert, as did the court often differ and make mistakes in such cases.

And the timber cruising, who knows it would have been cheaper to do it by day's work and have there anyone in the county with sufficient experience to warrant them in bidding less? I believe in the recall law, but I do not believe in using it as a boy might use a new jack-knife on any furniture that comes in his way or as the obstreperous Irishman said: "Just to show my authority over ye."

I have the highest respect for the recall candidates, especially the nominee for judge, whom I well know and under other circumstances I should be pleased to have a chance to vote for them.

DEAR IT Some people failed to register in mind later in time for the recall election. If they are qualified voters, they may yet cast a ballot on August 16. All that they will have to do is to have six freeholders escort them to the polling place, and there have them swear in the vote.

Requirements for voting in this state are very simple. The voter must be an American citizen, and must have resided in the state for the six months preceding the election. That is all.

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TAXES USELESS IN WILLAMETTE

RULING OF JUDGE CAMPBELL IN DOWNEY CASE HITS CITY "BELOW BELT"

NO CHARTER POWER TO LEVY HAD Neighboring Municipality Incorporated, But Lacks Right to Assess Property to Pay Its Civic Expenses

Circuit Judge J. V. Campbell has handed down a very important decision in the case of James Downey vs. E. T. Mass as sheriff of Clackamas county. Mr. Downey who was the first mayor of Willamette, and who is the present owner of the waterworks of that town, brought suit against the sheriff, restraining him from collecting a special ten-mill tax levied by authority of an ordinance of Willamette passed in December 1912.

Mr. Downey in his complaint alleged that Sections 2067 of Lord's Oregon laws are unconstitutional and void holding that there was no provision of law authorizing the town of Willamette to levy a municipal tax, following the decision of the supreme court of Oregon, in the case of Corbett vs. City of Portland, 31 Oregon, page 407 (515). It follows from this decision that Willamette finds herself in legal predicament; she cannot levy a local tax upon property within her limits to pay the current expenses of Willamette.

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The voters in the house immediately moved into tents and established a legal residence in time to vote. There were rumors current to the effect that at the election the crews of the river boats, "N. R. Lang" and "Ruth" voted this. Upon investigation was found not to be the exact fact. Six men, who make their home, sleep and work on the Lang, which is every night tied up in the district desired to be annexed, did vote. But they acted upon the advice and counsel of the Hon. A. M. Crawford, attorney-general of Oregon. They had no other domicile, and for years had considered the Lang their home.

MOLALLA PLANNING 2-DAY CELEBRATION MOLALLA, Aug. 9.—The preparations for the big celebration on September 19 and 20 are making excellent progress. Already application are being made for concessions for the two days of the fair.

A letter to hand from Governor West, while not binding himself to a date so far in advance, assures us that if it is at all possible he will be here. The last of the month he will be able to tell us definitely.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY BOOSTERS GATHER VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 11.—The fourth annual convention of the Pacific Highway association met in this city today for a three days session. Delegates from Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and a number of other cities are in attendance. The association aims to secure the construction of a first class road along the Pacific slope from as far north as possible. Except for two short breaks in British Columbia, the highway stretches continuously from Hazelton, B. C. to Yuma, Ariz.

During the winter large sections of the road are impassable and the association is working to secure the cooperation of the different communities toward an early improvement of the conditions.

BIG BATCH OF FIRE WARDENS NAMED

Fifty-nine fire wardens, all of the road supervisors of the county, have been appointed to protect the forests and other exposed parts of their districts from fires that spring up over night and that have been responsible for a large loss of timber and property in the last few years.

Under a new system, the wardens will be paid for the time that they are actually at work and will have the expenses that they incur in the protection of the forests paid by the county funds. The duties of the new officials will include the warning of hunters and campers to extinguish all fires before leaving their camps and grounds and to patrol those sections of the county where fires are liable to rage for sometime without discovery.

Many fires started by campers and others traveling through the woods have been put out by the wardens before they had done any damage and large tracts of timber saved by the discovery of the fires while they were small enough to be extinguished by one man.

GLENMORRIE RANCH HOMESTEAD BURNED

Fire Wednesday evening completely destroyed what is known as the Glenmorrie ranch home, situated just outside of Oswego, in the real estate tracts known as Glenmorrie. The dwelling was the early home of the Morley family, but recently had been used only as the selling office of the firm that is handling the tracts. Fred Morley, local agent for the company, also made his home in the building.

The fire broke out shortly after six in the evening, apparently from the large fire-place on the ground floor. The flames spread rapidly, and early in their progress burned off wires which furnished power for a pumping plant on the property, thus making it impossible to fight the fire. With no water with which to combat the flames, attention was turned to saving the furnishings of the home, many of which are of great historic value. Practically everything of intrinsic worth was removed from the building, which was burned to the ground.

Estimates of the loss vary from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The house was large in size, and was of massive construction.

ADVICE TO HUNTERS IS GIVEN BY STATE

The state board of fish and game commissioners have recommended the following suggestions to be used by sportsmen in the field in order to prevent accidental shooting and to relieve persons who are injured or lost in the forests and mountains.

To prevent accidental shooting, every hunter should wear a red cap, shirt or sweater, or some other article of clothing that can easily be identified from game birds and animals, especially when hunting deer in the forests.

Hunters should never shoot at moving brush, leaves or grass with the expectation of killing game. It is dangerous, for the moving object is likely to be a man. Never shoot at any object until you are absolutely positive of identification.

To prepare for an emergency, every hunter and angler should carry in his pocket a piece of candle and matches in a water-tight match safe. In case of becoming lost or injured, on can readily start a camp fire.

When a man is lost or injured and needs help, a signal by shooting should be given. This signal will be the firing of a gun once, with an intermission of ten seconds before the second shot, then an intermission of sixty seconds, then a third shot. If no answer is received, this signal should be repeated after an intermission of five minutes.

The person who is lost should, after hearing an answer to his signal, remain at the place where he gave the signal until the rescuing party arrives, otherwise he may take the opposite direction and not be found at all.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank of Oregon City

Table with 2 columns: Resources and Liabilities. Resources include Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, etc.

Total Resources \$377,131.54

Total Liabilities \$377,131.54

State of Oregon, County of Clackamas.—I, F. J. Meyer, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. J. MEYER, Cashier (SEAL) J. F. CLARK, Notary Public. CORRECT—Attest: D. C. LATOURETTE, C. D. LATOURETTE, M. D. LATOURETTE, Directors