

GUTTING DOWN DEBT

Multnomah County in Good Financial Condition.

BETTER THAN FOR MANY YEARS

Liabilities Are Only \$226,882—This Will Be Much Reduced by Money Realized From Sale of Property Seized for Taxes.

Multnomah is in better financial condition than at any time for many years past. The 1902 liabilities on June 30, 1903, amounted to \$226,882, a decrease since June 30, 1902, of \$101,218.

"We are going to try and pay off this \$226,882 indebtedness within the next two years. The outstanding road warrants will all be paid off next summer, and after that time there will be no road warrants drawing interest. They will be cashed by the Treasurer when presented.

Contractor Peter Hobbirk is pushing work on the Stephens and Highland Schoolhouses. On the Stephens annex the outstanding order warrants Multnomah County is in good financial condition. It owes these warrants, but has no other indebtedness.

During the past six months the decrease in the amount of warrants drawn has amounted to \$45,646.90 as compared with the same months in 1902. This is shown in a comparative statement prepared by Auditor Brandes, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: 1902, 1903, and 1904. Rows include items like Armory, Rhina Ferry, Circuit Court, County Clerk, County Auditor, County Sheriff, County School, County Surveyor, Charity, Elections, Jail expense, Justice, Municipal Court, Madison bridge, Poor Farm, Roads and bridges, Steel bridge, Section corners, Road districts, A. and C. revenue, Bounties, Burnside bridge, County Assessor, County Coroner, County Surveyor, County Treasurer, District Attorney, Hospital, Indigent soldiers, Justice, Municipal Court, Rebate taxes, Registration, Stationary, Expert accountant, County Board of Health, Total amount of warrants drawn, and Decrease in amount of warrants drawn.

MORE EXAMINATIONS YET

Civil Service Commission Has Two Months' Work Ahead.

M. E. Thompson, agent for the house on the corner of East Market and East Eleventh streets, which was burned Saturday night, was not informed of the fire until yesterday. He visited the ruins yesterday at noon and Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Thompson said, in speaking of the result of his investigations: "I carried an insurance of \$1000 on the furniture and \$400 on the house. The house was occupied by a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wolf. I placed \$1000 on the furniture, and while at the time I thought it a pretty high figure, the furniture exceeded the policy by a considerable amount."

To Build Church at Highland. The Congregationalists have purchased two lots, centrally located at Highland, in this city, and are maturing plans for the erection of a neat and commodious church building, to cost about \$4000.

Cataract of the bladder and urethra are cured by Oregon Kidney Tea.

WHY WOOLEN MILLS FAIL

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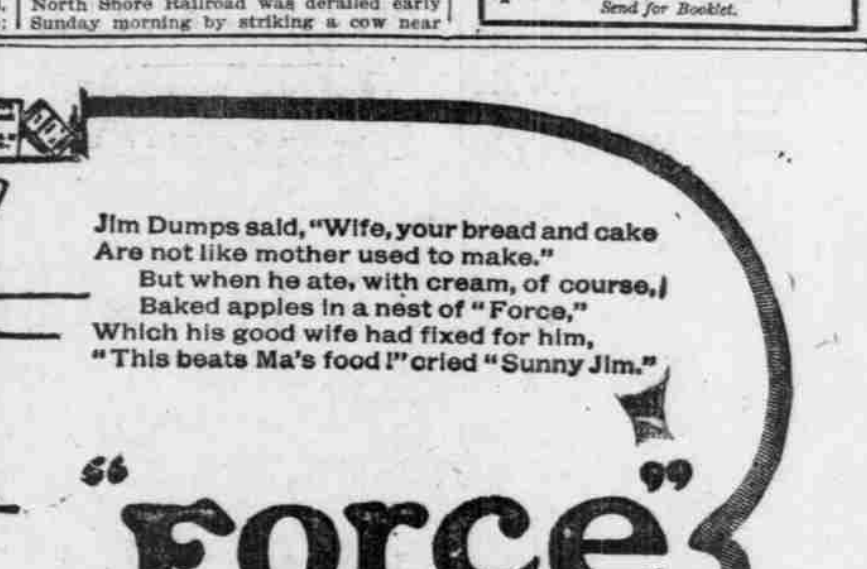
ASTORIA, July 6.—Condition of the bar at 4 P. M.: smooth; wind, south; weather clear.

Brief Pacific Coast News.

Forest fires are blazing between Monte Rio and Tyrona, in Sonoma County, Cal., and trainloads of men are being sent out to fight them.

Jim Dumps said, "Wife, your bread and cake are not like mother used to make."

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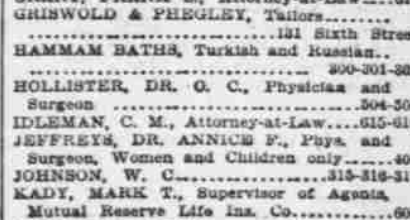


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