

To the Voters and Tax Payers of Coos County

In reply to the circular which my opponent for the office of Sheriff, Mr. O. O. Lund, is having printed and distributed about the County which reads as follows:

"You will soon have a chance to vote for your choice of two candidates for Sheriff of Coos County."

"My opponent has held office for 13 years. I am asking your votes for the first time."

"My opponent has many friends working for him who have received favors in the past, and who believe they will receive them in the future if he is elected. I am making my own fight, and am appealing to the plain people who ask no favors."

"The present incumbent says he believes in economy on the part of officials, and yet his office is the source of more complaint with regard to expenses than any other in the County. I believe in economy and will enforce it, if elected. I shall be careful of expenses with regard to the people's money as I am of my own expenses in my private business. I shall not make the office a family feed-trough."

"If I am elected it will not be necessary for any other official to step in and enforce the laws that I am sworn to enforce. I will do my own house-cleaning."

"The present Sheriff is scattering statements to the effect that he does not believe in unjust prosecution, but will if elected, do unto others as he would like to have them do unto him. If this means anything, it can only mean that he sets himself above the law, and will be lenient with law-breakers because, if he were a law-breaker, he would like to have whoever were sheriff be lenient to him. I do not set my own idea of what is right or wrong above the law, but will enforce the law as I am sworn to do."

"I believe one of the principal duties of the Sheriff is to prevent law-breaking, not simply to arrest law-breakers."

"If elected, I shall appoint American-born citizens for Deputies."

"Many misstatements are being made about me, in my absence, about the County. I defy any man to publish and sign any statement reflecting on my standing as an honest, law-abiding American citizen."

(Signed) "O. O. Lund, Republican Candidate for Sheriff of Coos County."

To begin with, I will say that I was in hopes that Mr. Lund would refrain from the mud-slinging business during this campaign and thereby save us of the unpleasant duty of calling the people's attention to some of his tactics, both private and political, besides "Paid Advertisements" are expensive and we don't believe in buying one's self into office. If the people want a man in office they will elect him without such strenuous effort as has characterized my opponent's campaign. Suppose that I have held the Sheriff's office ten years. Is that any thing against a man? The great majority of people think it an honor and I am sure that I do. If you have had a man in your employ for ten years are you going to kick him off the job simply because he has worked for you a long time? I say No! You will keep him just as long as he fills the position honestly and faithfully. It is the same with your county officials.

As to me having many friends who are working for my re-election that have received favors in the past. I will say that my friends and enemies have all received good and courteous treatment at all times and I assure you they will receive the same again if I am re-elected. No special favors have been shown to any one.

This talk that Mr. Lund and some of his henchmen are making about the expense of the sheriff's office is only one of his baits to catch votes. I assure you that this work will never be done a cent cheaper than it has been in the past year but will keep on increasing from year to year in proportion to the growth of the county. We have been going ahead very rapidly for the past few years and I sincerely hope and believe we will continue to do so in years to come. Just to show the increase in the volume of business in the office, I will say that the total sum of all the tax rolls for the years of 1871 to 1906, both inclusive, being 36 years, is \$1,918,791.40, and that the total sum of the tax rolls for the years of 1907 to 1911, both inclusive, being eight years, is \$2,055,565.03, which in five years amounts to \$137,773.53 more than the total of the 36 years preceding. From October 1st, 1911, to October 1st, 1912, we collected and paid to the County Treasurer the sum of \$521,579.17, which is more than it was for the years of 1871 to 1890, inclusive—19 years.

The total sum of the 1911 tax rolls is \$544,588.78, which is almost as much as the total sum of all tax rolls from 1871 to 1891, inclusive—21 years. In 1911, we had 73 funds to distribute the money to while in the 21 years there was only two funds each year, or a total of 42 different funds for the entire 21 years.

In the first 36 years mentioned there was a total of 44 volumes containing the assessments, which were all under the alphabetical system of assessment; and the entire first 30 years could easily be put into five of the present volumes. And in the last five years, 1907 to 1911, inclusive, there is a total of 16 volumes containing the assessments, which are all made under what is termed the "lot and block" system of assessment. In other words, according to the geographical location of the property.

The 1911 tax rolls are as follows: Volume 1, personal property, containing 221 pages used with an average of 15 tax accounts to the volume in all. Volumes 2 and 3, average, containing 401 pages used

with an average of 25 tax accounts to the page, aggregating 10,025 tax accounts in the acreage volumes.

Volumes 4 to 10, inclusive, town lots, containing 1633 pages, used with 35 tax accounts to the page, aggregating 57,155 tax accounts in the town lot books, which make a total of 70,495 tax accounts for the year of 1911. Under the "lot and block" system every parcel of land and each town lot is a separate account, while under the alphabetical system of assessment each owner is a separate account; and all property owned by an individual is listed in one place under their name. If the 1911 tax rolls were made up in the alphabetical order there would not be to exceed 7000 accounts, instead of 70,495.

Even under the old system of assessment, the tax collector did not try to describe the property on the tax receipt. The usual description being "as per roll." Look over your old receipts and see. Ever since and including 1907 there has been a complete memo of the property on each receipt, showing the valuation and tax on every item.

In 1907 the County Court adopted the lot and block system of assessment and it was up to the tax collector to adopt a system of receipting and accounting to correspond, the old style being absolutely out of the question.

In so doing we adopted exactly the same system that has been used by Multnomah county for the last 15 years, and it is claimed by expert accountants to be the very best. At any rate we will give any man \$100 and pay him wages besides for showing us a system that will beat it, or save the county any money.

At any time the County Court wants to change the system of assessment back to the alphabetical, we will of course adopt a system of receipting and accounting to correspond. Whoever is tax collector would have to do that. You understand that the tax collector has to account to correspond to the system of assessment and that he has nothing to do whatever with making up the assessments. The assessor does the assessing and placing the property on the rolls, the county clerk makes the levies and the county clerk extends the taxes and delivers the rolls to the tax collector about February 1st of each year. Then the tax collector has to have a force large enough to copy off on tax receipts by the 15th of March (six weeks) and at the same time receive and receipt for a large amount of money. We closed the books last March 15th with \$341,416.77 collected. And in road district number 6 we had to figure nearly all of the tax over, as most of the taxpayers refused to pay the special tax levied by said district. The same is true of the special tax levied for the Port of Coos Bay—many refused to pay the tax—thus causing a great deal of extra work on the part of the sheriff's office in refiguring the tax. The total cost for extra help for the months of January, February, March and April, 1912, was \$1825.00 and the largest number of extra clerks was nine. In the spring of 1910 the largest number of clerks was nine and in 1911 the largest number was 10 for a few days and the rest of the time nine.

In the spring of the year about tax time the abstract companies always have some of their employees looking up tax matters, and the tax association keeps their secretary checking up their members' property a good share of the time. It is nothing uncommon to see 12 or 15 people working in the office during the rush, but they are not all working for Coos county, by any means.

The total cost of labor for collecting taxes for a given year does not exceed 3-4 of one per cent and I defy any man to show anything to the contrary. It has been said by some unscrupulous Blatherskites, who would rather find fault with an officer than eat their dinner, that I have as many clerks in my office as they have in the sheriff's office in Portland. The facts are that the sheriff in Portland has two departments in his office. In the legal department there is one chief deputy at \$150.00 per month, one second deputy at \$112.50, five at \$100.00 each, two jailors at \$90 each and one matron at \$70.00, aggregating a total of 10 regular deputies in the legal department that are on the pay roll every month in the year.

In the tax department there is a chief deputy at \$125.00 per month, two at \$112.50 each and eight at \$90.00, aggregating a total of 11 deputies in the tax department that are on the pay roll every month in the year.

This makes a total of twenty-one deputies for the sheriff of Multnomah county that are on the pay roll every month in the year.

These are not all as the sheriff uses from 40 to 50 clerks in addition to his regular deputies during the spring rush.

Now these are facts that anyone may possess by simply writing to the sheriff or the county auditor at Portland, and I defy any one to disprove the same.

The legal business of the county has increased enormously as you will see by the fact that from June 14, 1854, to October 28, 1912, 57 1-3 years, there has been a total of 3453 civil cases brought in the circuit court and out of that number 1105 cases in the last 6 1-3 years, which is almost 1-3 of all the legal business of the county from its beginning. This is quite an increase when you stop to think that the first 51 years of the county there was only 2348 civil cases brought in the circuit court and in the last 6 1-3 years, 1105.

The criminal business has also increased in proportion to other business of the county, as you will

note that from January 1st, 1892 to July 1st, 1907, 140 prisoners were registered in the county jail, while from July 1st, 1907, to October 28th, 1912, there has been 139 registered, which shows that the criminal work for the last 5 1-3 years equals all of the criminal business of the county for the 15 1/2 years preceding.

The sheriff's office has handled the truancy business of the entire county for the past four years, instead of having a truancy officer for each school district, which was the previous custom. Thereby making a great saving to the county and at the same time producing an average attendance of 96 to 98 per cent, against the highest average attendance of 94 per cent for any year prior. This has taken a lot of time for correspondence, etc., but even so it has been a great saving to the county considering the results.

Mr. Lund says that he will be as careful of expenses with the people's money as he has been with his own private expenses. The holy smoke! What does he mean? Does he mean that he will collect 100 cents on the dollar and pay over to the county treasurer 30 cents on the dollar and spend the other 70 cents campaigning?

He also says that he will not make the office a family feed trough. From that one would naturally infer that he intends to board at a hotel and let his family rustle for themselves. A nice man to be sheriff! He also says that he believes that one of the principal duties of the sheriff is to prevent law breaking. Gee, what a mighty man. No doubt that he thinks he is greater than the "Great Jehovah."

Civilization has been trying for 7000 years to prevent law-breaking and hasn't succeeded yet. Do you think Ole can do it?

Mr. Lund says that he will appoint American-born deputies. Why should a son of Norway be all right for sheriff and not good enough for his deputies? This is one of his many baits to catch voters.

Mr. Lund says that many misstatements are being made about him in his absence about the county. This is a statement wherein he tries to convey the idea that he has been absent from the county. Ha! Ha! What fools some people are. Every man, woman and child knows he has been on the job every hour of the day since the beginning of this campaign. Some people wonder how he gets along without sleep.

Now, Mr. Voter and Mr. Taxpayer, my opponent, Mr. Lund has been an old thing for the office. For instance he was before the assembly in 1910 and was defeated by Mr. John Yoakam the Republican nomination for sheriff. Then he came before the primaries last spring as the Republican primary candidate for sheriff of Coos county and received the nomination. Then he proceeded to get a lot of cards out advertising himself to be the "Progressive Republican candidate," then another lot stating that he was the "Progressive and regular Republican nominee," then he finally dropped all handles and says he is the "Republican" candidate for sheriff. A good many people are of the opinion that he would be a Democrat, Socialist, Prohibitionist or any old thing to be sheriff of this county.

You will note his criticism of what he terms my being lenient with prisoners. Do you think it fair? Do you want a sheriff to treat his prisoners like they are treated in Russia? If so, elect Mr. Lund. Otherwise, I expect your support.

I will state that after Mr. Lund got out the first lot of the aforementioned circulars that he changed his mind about the deputy business and cut that part of the circular out where he referred to American-born deputies or else he got out enough to hand to the American-born voters with it in and then another brew, where it is left out to hand to voters of foreign birth. At any rate, both kinds are being circulated. In conclusion I will state that I am not responsible for the tax laws that are upon our statutes. We are obliged to follow them in order to protect the county's rights and not jeopardize the collection of any tax. And that I have always done my best to expedite the business of the sheriff's office and at the least possible expense to the county, and will, if elected, do so in the future and at all times do my very best to sustain law and order and at the same time give you a good business administration.

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| Loans and Discounts | \$305,414.72 |
| Overdrafts | 163.12 |
| Bonds, warrants and securities | 63,689.90 |
| U. S. Bonds to secure circulation | 25,000.00 |
| Real estate, furniture and fixtures | 80,000.00 |
| Cash and sight exchange | 149,298.65 |
| Total | \$623,476.39 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital stock paid in | \$100,000.00 |
| Surplus and undivided profits | 11,419.78 |
| Circulation, outstanding | 24,000.00 |
| Deposits | 488,056.61 |
| Total | \$623,476.39 |

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| RESOURCES. | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans and discounts | \$455,211.87 |
| Banking house | 50,000.00 |
| Cash and exchanges | 307,835.46 |
| Total | \$813,047.33 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital stock paid in | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Surplus and undivided profits | 59,553.67 |
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