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EDITOR YOUNG OF COQUILLE ANSWERS OREGON VOTER

Declares That Figures on Coos County's Expenses are Misleading — His Version of the Matter

Declaring that the Oregon Voter's figures on the cost of conducting Coos County affairs are wrong, Editor H. W. Young, of the Coquille Sentinel, makes a lengthy statement concerning the matter. In part he says:

"The basis of the attack upon Coos County seems here to be shifted from the question of the comparative cost of running the county offices to the 'County expenditures,' and for these the \$181,696.07 above given does not include all the items as this county levied in 1914 for roads, bridges and ferries alone, \$196,000.

"The Voter moralizes and generalizes on the 'Miscellaneous' item of \$113,696.07 in the state accountant's statement of Coos County 'expenditures' with a cock-sureness that is amusing to one who knows the facts.

"Just how the accountants in the office of State Insurance Commissioner at Salem could have made such a horrible muddle as they did in tabulating and classifying the disbursements of Coos County for the year 1914, probably they themselves would find it hard to explain. But a careful and thorough comparison of the figures and reports from the county clerk's office here with the results published by the Salem office shows into what confusion they have thrown everything.

"In the first place the blanks for these reports were furnished by the State Insurance Department. In filling them out the County Clerk obeyed instructions and placed all disbursements for which no other head had been provided under the 'miscellaneous' heading. This gave a 'miscellaneous' total, not of the amount stated in Mr. Chapman's article, but of more than double that amount, or \$373,487.

"If the department had published that as sent, everything would have been clear and that amazing total would have been easily explained by pointing to the items which went to make it up. But instead of doing so the expert accountants there proceeded to classify \$261,648 of it as 'Treasurer's disbursements' for state taxes and other purposes, and still left a residue of \$113,882 under a head 'miscellaneous' which covered only payments by warrant. And one strange thing about this was that the entire amount of general warrants issued in the county last year was less than this \$113,882, to say nothing of all the other items.

"The first item under 'Treasurer's Disbursements' is \$30,098 for state taxes. The county's payments for state taxes were \$90,080, so that \$59,981 of state taxes makes the first item in this miscellaneous account.

"The total payments from the county treasury on account of county and special district school taxes were \$164,200. Of this the state accountants report \$131,410 under the correct head and leave the remaining \$32,790 as 'miscellaneous.'

"Disbursements for port taxes, reported by the County Clerk at \$37,800 shrink to \$29,800 in the expert auditing, the remaining \$8000 being left as 'miscellaneous.'

"Trust funds amounting to \$7,034 all go into the 'miscellaneous' heap. "Of the \$4,844 reported as interest on warrants, all but \$100 was correctly listed and that balance goes into 'miscellaneous.'

"For interest on bonds \$5180 was reported, but only \$2660 got under that head, the remaining \$2520 going to swell the 'miscellaneous' account.

"On the other hand miscellaneous disbursements of the treasurer which were reported at \$4476, have grown in this report to \$5257, making an error on the other side of the account amounting to \$781. These disbursements consist of cash paid out for surveyor's cost, filing fees, road orders, licenses, fire patrol, tax refunds, game fees, school libraries and farm demonstration fund, and were all paid out in cash, and not in warrants by the treasurer.

"Then, to make the full total of the big 'miscellaneous' item of \$113,882, we have miscellaneous payments by warrant, which are really all that should have gone under this head, to the amount of \$4235. These cover payments for timber cruising, conveying prisoners, farm demonstration fund, telephone bills, fire protection, filing fees, tax notices and erroneous taxes.

"The total of these sums make the amount of the tremendous 'miscellaneous' total, in which The Voter sees so much shulduggery hidden. Cost of Clerk's Office

"A misrepresentation in many cases is worse than an absolute falsehood. It is easy to brand the

Banker Trap Shooter Wins Western Handicap

IT WOULD be interesting to know just how many bankers in the United States are trapshooters.

A man who handles a great bulk of correspondence from trap enthusiasts says that a considerable percentage of his correspondents are connected with financial institutions in some way or other.

No, it isn't necessary that a man should be a banker to enable him to shoot at the traps; the overwhelming majority of trap shooters are undoubtedly men who get their daily bread in less remunerative occupations. It is easily possible for a man to enjoy a lively afternoon's sport at the traps for the price of

birds, shooting a Remington pump gun and the speed wheels. Then came the severest test that can come to any shooter—the shoot-off before a big gallery of spectators. In this event forty targets were thrown. Raup stood up like the dependable veteran that he is and broke 37 out of the 40. His competitors broke but 36, which gave the verdict to the man from Wisconsin on two counts.

The Western Handicap, one of the Interstate Association's largest tournaments, was only one of a long line of winners registered by Mr. Raup during his career at the traps. In 1910 he won the prelim-



WM. J. RAUP, PORTAGE, WIS., BANKER AND TRAPSHOOTER.

a seat at the theater or baseball game. It is a sport within the reach of every man's pocketbook.

Here is the point: Bankers have to keep brain, nerves and eyes keen and muscles active. They must be in prime condition at all times—with all faculties alert—to consider big propositions. They must be able to readily size up men, values, plans and policies and to make sound decisions quickly. So they naturally favor a sport that is a bulwark of the aforesaid qualities and conditions.

From the ranks of the bankers came the winner of the Western Handicap, Mr. Wm. J. Raup, assistant cashier of the City Bank of Portage, Portage, Wis. Mr. Raup is a fine type of the clean, progressive American business man who is becoming more and more prominent in trap-shooting circles.

"Billy Raup's win was one of the most popular that I have known about in the recent history of the sport," says a well-known sporting editor, who saw the banker trap-shooter triumph over a field of 239 shooters at the big St. Louis meet, June 17. "There never has been any better shooting than Raup did in that gruelling race for the Western Handicap event," continues the sport writer. "He banged through to a tie with two other splendid shooters, breaking 97 of the 100

line, but more difficult to make it clear that facts have been made to convey a wrong impression. In the statement that Coos County stands third in Oregon in the amount of expenses of the County Clerk's office lurks one of these insidious falsehoods. In the first place the recording for this county is done in the County Clerk's office, while in ten counties of the state the recording is done in a recorder's office. To compare County Clerk's expenses in which the recording is done with the expenses of the same offices in counties where the county clerk does not do the recording, means nothing but misrepresentation. No comparison is possible except between the aggregate expenses of the two offices.

"For instance Jackson County ranks very low in County Clerk's expenses with a total of \$5247, but when you add the \$4455 the Recorder's office there costs, you get a total of \$9702, which is larger than the amount Coos County is credited with. Again Marion County has a County Clerk's office costing \$7147 and a Recorder's office costing \$4045, a total of \$11,192, and yet she is ranked lower in those combined expenses than Coos with \$9467, which is manifestly absurd.

inary handicap of the Grand American at Chicago, breaking 99 out of 100, and coming out of a shoot-off with flying colors, breaking 20 straight against his competitor's 17. In 1913 Mr. Raup won the championship of his home state, breaking 95 out of 100 for the honor. Another one of his winnings this year was accomplished as a member of the Badger Gun Club of Milwaukee, which won the Inter-State Team Shoot at Chicago, May 9.

Consistent shooting has probably been the most conspicuous feature of Mr. Raup's trap record. He keeps on making good scores year after year, and in the process continues an important part of his training for the activities of business.

NO FREE TOBACCO FOR COUNTY PRISONERS

Douglas County Court Refuses to Allow B.B. for Luxuries for Men Confined in Jail

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 8.—Hereafter prisoners confined in the county jail will be deprived of tobacco unless the same is purchased by the sheriff, according to an ultimatum issued by the members of the County Court. The ultimatum followed consideration of a bill of \$3.19 which covered tobacco purchased for the prisoners during the past three months. The bill was disallowed, and it will now be up to the sheriff to liquidate the account which was contracted by his authority. It has been the custom for years here to give the prisoners in jail a certain amount of tobacco each month, and today was the first time that a bill for the same has been turned down according to the officers. Many of the prisoners are habitual tobacco users, and it is not the intention of the sheriff to deprive them of the weed, even though the County Court refuses to audit and allow the bill. Sheriff Quine believes that they should be treated with ordinary kindness. He says he will continue the purchase of tobacco for them and pay the same out of his wages.

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Total	\$901,182.33
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