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## Clark as a Mathematician.

Some of our county contemporaries are very much disturbed because some people are audacious enough to question the exact correctness of the semi-annual report of the county clerk. Now there are none who believe that Mr. Wade would willfully certify a falsehood. But there are ways of presenting statements and figures that are misleading; and while there may be no false entries, there may be omissions that amount to the withholding of the whole truth.

Our attention has been called to some portions of the report where it appears that the same rule does not apply to both liabilities and resources. The total indebtedness on outstanding warrants is given at \$53,396.63; against this report claim as a resource the cash on hand, \$11,325; uncollected taxes, \$5000; which taken from the total liabilities leaves \$42,071.63. In finding the total of liabilities the estimated interest on warrants was placed at \$4880.

We will next examine this item of interest. The average time limit on our warrants is 3 years. If this is a correct assumption, and we think it is, then we are owing on accrued interest \$4779, instead of \$4889. Again, all the resources of the full year are taken into account, including the unpaid taxes.

If that is admissible, then all the expenses of the year should be reckoned as liabilities. On the basis of the first half of the year our expense account for the year will amount to \$7200. To this should be added the expense account of March and April, \$1669; and one-half of the state tax which is unpaid, \$3368; and the interest on warrants for the next six months, \$5180; then, when all our resources and expenses for the full year are accounted for, the balance will stand as follows:

Outstanding warrants, \$53,396.63; interest, \$11,325; state taxes unpaid, \$3368; estimate of county expenses for the balance of the year, not enumerated in the report, \$8869; making a total of \$77,520; less cash on hand, \$11,325; uncollected taxes, \$5000; leaving a balance of indebtedness, \$61,195.—Clark's Vim.

The above article appeared in last week's issue of Vim and stamps the editor as a very able mathematician and calculator, and the superior of any of the 35 clerks who issue semi-annual reports in their respective counties.

THE LEADER is loth to refer to any article emanating from one who is repeatedly throwing slurs at our county officials and insinuating that they are dishonest, but who himself is not honest enough to examine the records. However, in order to show up the childish and ridiculous statement made by Mr. Clark and re-echoed by the Newport What-Is-It, we present the records as they are and challenge any doubting taxpayer to call at the Clerk's office and investigate for himself.

We first take up the subject of interest, which is handled in such a fair and impartial manner by Mr. Clark that it becomes more of a mathematical puzzle than "How Old is Ann?" He takes the amount of outstanding warrants and estimates the interest on the entire amount for a period of 3 years at 6 per cent, making the total interest \$8,779, instead of \$4,389, as given by County Clerk Wade, thus making in this one item a difference in the indebtedness of the county of \$4,389. The amount of outstanding warrants, as given by the County Clerk in the semi-annual report of March 31, 1904, was \$48,772.44. The time limit on Lincoln county warrants is 3 years, with a range of from 3 years to 5 weeks, and the average limit is 18 months. This is the method used by all clerks and auditors in estimating the interest on county indebtedness, and if Mr. Clark will call at the Clerk's office and examine the expert report of Messrs. Wilson and Jones, filed September 16, 1901, he will find that these gentlemen used the average time limit of 1 1/2 years. If Mr. Clark thinks he can estimate interest on warrants for 3 years that are not yet 5 weeks old and deceive anyone, he is deceiving himself, and would better place Vim under new management and take a course at a mental culture school.

Mr. Clark then proceeds in his fair and impartial manner with the subject of resources, and finds fault because the report estimates as a resource \$5000 uncollected taxes on the 1903 roll. Now, as a matter of fact, there was at the time a little over \$8000 remaining uncollected that would belong to the county fund and be applicable to the payment of principal and interest on county warrants, but the County Clerk estimated that \$5000 of this amount would certainly be collected by the sheriff, for the reason that a great many taxpayers have paid one-half of their taxes for the purpose of stopping penalty and interest, the other half to be paid by the first Monday in October. Therefore it is only fair to call the \$5000 a resource. In this connection we desire to call Mr. Clark's attention to a copy of the semi-annual report of the County Clerk of Linn county, now on

file in the office of County Clerk Wade. He will find that ALL back taxes are included in said report as a resource.

The next subject dealt with by Mr. Clark is the county expense for the next six months—which has not yet been incurred. He evidently forgot to add thereto the expense of the Lewis and Clark Fair to be held in Portland in 1905. It certainly would have been in keeping with his peculiar logic. He figures the expense of the next six months at \$8,869 and the interest at \$3,368, and after giving credit for the funds in the hands of the Treasurer and the \$5000 uncollected taxes, he finds, after consultation with Brother Matthews of the Newsance, that the indebtedness is \$31,267. Of course, he did not certify that this was correct.

Now we desire to say a word in regard to this report being a "campaign statement." Had County Clerk Wade desired to issue such a document he would have enumerated among the resources the total amount of all property bid in by the county at tax sales, as well as the county farm, courthouse and grounds, as did his predecessor, Mr. Lutz, in his last report of March 31, 1892, which was never published, as required by law, but it is on file in the Clerk's office. This report, after giving the amount of money in the Treasurer's hands applicable to the payment of county warrants, estimates the resources as follows:

Uncollected taxes	\$ 9,960 65
Value of property bought in by the county at tax sale of 1900	5,000 00
All prior tax sales	5,000 00
County farm	400 00
Courthouse and grounds	4,000 00
Total	\$27,360 65

Here is a total of \$27,360.65 estimated as resources by Mr. Lutz which was not cash. County Clerk Wade, in his last report, cut out all of these resources. As a matter of fact, this property bid in by the county is worth something as a resource, as anyone can learn by examining the redemption records in the office of the Sheriff and Clerk.

We will now take Clark's mathematical calculations and compare them with the report of Clerk Wade, which is recorded in Book 1 of Semi-Annual reports.

We first take the \$5000 uncollected taxes, which Mr. Clark balks at, and to emphasize the gentleman's logic, cut it out entirely and not consider it a resource. Now we have an indebtedness as given in the report of \$53,396.63. This includes all outstanding warrants and interest. From this we take the amount in the hands of the Treasurer on March 31, which is \$11,325. About \$2000 of this will be deducted as interest, leaving the indebtedness \$44,071.63—and not \$60,000 or \$70,000, as stated by Clark and his echo at Newport.

Any taxpayer who will call for the warrant books and check up the stubs, commencing with the first warrant issued after the expert's report, taking the number and amount of each warrant drawn up to March 31, 1904, the date of the report, then call on the Treasurer and get the amount of warrants canceled since the report of Messrs. Wilson and Jones, can easily ascertain the amount of indebtedness, regardless of Clark's mathematical calculations.

The record speaks for itself. THE LEADER will close the chapter, and shall hereafter refuse to notice any statements not taken from the records. We desire also to call the attention of the voters to one other fact in this connection, namely: If this report has been juggled for the purpose of misleading the taxpayers, then Ira Wade is an official who is unworthy of the support of the voters of Lincoln county. Again THE LEADER challenges the doubters to examine the records.

Mrs. H. R. Sturdevant has been very ill since last Friday night. Dr. Cathey arrived from Corvallis Tuesday evening and assisted Dr. J. D. Wetmore in performing a very successful surgical operation. Since that time Mrs. Sturdevant has improved rapidly.

George Hodges of Salado has been engaged to repair the steamer Richardson, which is to be placed in Oliver Altree's "dry dock."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leese came in from Corvallis last Saturday for an agreeable change of climate.

Landlord Pete Abbey of Newport was a passenger for Salem Monday.

## Inherited Indian Land for Sale At Siletz Agency, Oregon

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That bids will be received for the sale of the following described inherited Indian lands, situated and being in Lincoln County, Oregon, as per schedule herein set forth, to-wit:

HEIRS	SUB-DIVISIONS	Sec	Tp.	R.	Acres	Date Listed	Date Bid Opened
Katherine Evans	Lot 13 ne 1/4	33	9	20	20	Feb. 8	May 7
	Lot 5 nw 1/4	33	9	20	20	"	"
	Lot 6 nw 1/4	33	9	20	20	"	"
	Lot 12 nw 1/4	33	9	20	20	"	"
Katherine Evans	Sw 1/4 sw 1/4	27	9	10	40	"	"
	Sw 1/4 sw 1/4	27	9	10	40	"	"
Katherine Evans	Lot 16 ne 1/4	33	9	20	20	"	"
	Lot 15 ne 1/4	33	9	20	20	"	"
Abe Logan	Lot 14 ne 1/4	33	9	20	20	"	"
	W 1/2 sw 1/4 nw 1/4	34	9	20	20	"	"
Larkey Logan	Se 1/4 se 1/4	20	9	20	20	"	"
	E 1/2 sw 1/4 se 1/4	20	9	20	20	"	"
Annie Winkler	Lot 24 ne 1/4	28	9	20	20	"	"
	Lot 25 ne 1/4	28	9	20	20	"	"
H. C. Calahan	S 1/2 se 1/4 sw 1/4	22	9	20	20	Mar. 7	June 4
	S 1/2 sw 1/4 se 1/4	22	9	20	20	"	"
Moses Lane	E 1/2 ne 1/4 ne 1/4	27	9	20	20	"	"
	W 1/2 ne 1/4 nw 1/4	19	9	20	20	"	"
Jacob Johnson	Lot 1 nw 1/4	19	9	20	19.36	"	"
	W 1/2 se 1/4 nw 1/4	19	9	20	20	"	"
Jacob Johnson	Lot 2 nw 1/4	19	9	20	19.29	"	"
	Lot 3 sw 1/4	25	7	11	32.96	April 18	July 16
Jacob Johnson	Lot 4 sw 1/4	25	7	11	18.18	"	"
	Lot 5 sw 1/4	25	7	11	19.54	"	"

Said bids will be received up to 12 o'clock, noon, of the various days upon which they are listed to be opened in above schedule, and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes directed to John J. McKoin, Superintendent, Siletz, Oregon. Envelopes containing such bids should not have noted thereon the description of the lands to which the bids relate, but there shall be noted on such envelopes the date upon which the bid is to be opened. JOHN J. MCKOIN, Supt. and Special Disbursing Agent, in Charge of Siletz Agency, Oregon.

## Poison.

Can it be possible that F. A. Thompson is to be used as a figurehead? He may be the best material you have got to trade with. But we hesitate in giving our verdict.—Clark's Vim.

Here is some more of Mr. Clark's clean politics. Trade? For what? For whom? The Republicans have no one to trade off this year. Why should they think of such a thing, when every man on the ticket will be elected? The above insinuation from Vim is just a little poison dropped in the hope of making Mr. Thompson believe he is to be the victim of a knifing conspiracy. Mr. Thompson will be loyally supported, and will be elected, and he is certainly too wise to swallow the dose which Vim has prepared for him.

The editor of Vim has become very much excited. THE LEADER had no intention of saying anything which would offend him, and if we have erred it was in believing him to be a genial gentleman who could indulge in commonplace newspaper pleasantries without becoming serious. In notifying the public that he was about to launch the paper, the editor said: "Vim will not indulge in personal abuse nor mud-slinging." He has a novel method of making his performances square with his promises. We regret that it becomes necessary to engage in controversy with him, but in so doing we shall deal only in facts, leaving misrepresentations, insinuations and abuse to the editor of Vim, whose superiority in that line we cheerfully acknowledge.

The people are standing by Sheriff Ross because he is a competent and faithful official, and this also is the reason for the vigorous opposition of a few soreheads. Mr. Ross stands in the way of some of the gentlemen who have aspirations out of proportion to their ability. The people are not to be deceived by the silly howl of "fourth-termer" and "Boss." Ability counts.

Gottlieb Elksnat of Waldport, the Democratic nominee for county surveyor, has declined to accept the honor, for the very good reason that he is a Republican. While party lines are drawn in county conventions, just so long must politics figure largely in a man's candidacy, and Mr. Elksnat recognizes the fact. His honesty as well as his wisdom is commendable.

Al Taylor of Winant was in the city Tuesday.

Thomas Ferr was a visitor from Winant yesterday.

Charlie Overlander of Salado had business in the city Tuesday.

Ladies you are invited to call and inspect the new stock of spring hats at Mrs. Wiggant's.

Rev. Handsaker of Corvallis will be in Toledo next Wednesday evening and conduct a "local option rally" at the M. E. church. Everybody invited.

Captain and Mrs. Branson, the evangelists, closed the meetings at the M. E. church Sunday night and departed next morning for Yamhill county, where they will continue the good work. Rev. Branson is one of the most earnest, hardworking and successful Christian workers in the country, and his efforts in Toledo were not in vain. He departed with the respect and hearty good-will of our people who formed his acquaintance. The Captain and his estimable wife will probably return in July and enjoy a vacation at the beach.

The Ladies' Aid Society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Stewart. There was a good attendance and the refreshments served by the hostess were appreciated. It was decided to meet one week from next Tuesday, May 24, with Mrs. H. E. Collins. All members and friends are requested to come. Leave needles and thimbles at home and bring your fishing tackle and a nickel. The Society will serve ice cream at the Parrish school picnic on the 21st inst.

Grandma Rosebrook celebrated her 82d birthday Tuesday, a few friends being invited in honor of the occasion. "Grandma" Rosebrook is probably the youngest person of her age in Lincoln county.

Commissioner George King of Winant went up to Elk City Tuesday to visit the hatchery. No, there is no per diem and mileage attached to this trip, it having nothing to do with county affairs.

W. E. Wann of Waldport passed through Wednesday morning en route to Teague on a business mission. He expects to be absent about two months and will take in the St. Louis Exposition.

George Chambers went up to his farm near Chitwood yesterday to prepare for permanent residence. His family will follow in a few days.

J. I. Butterfield, one of Kernville's stalwart Republicans, came in Tuesday morning via the beach route and went to Siletz on a business mission.

Mrs. T. P. Fish wishes to inform the ladies that she has just received a new line of street hats and trimmed hats. Call and see them.

Miss Pearl Hall of Siletz was in the city from Saturday evening until Monday morning, the guest of Mrs. Samuel Center.

Call on Mrs. Wiggant for ladies' and children's underwear, hose and magic hose supporters. They are the best.

John Lucas of Polk county, an old-time resident of the bay, was greeting old neighbors in Toledo Tuesday.

James McDonald and son Lon were down from Chitwood Monday night mixing with the Masons.

Ira Miller and daughter, Miss Lulu, were up from their home near Newport yesterday.

Charlie Depoe of Siletz was a passenger Tuesday morning for Portland.

## Real Estate Transfers.

May 12—James Anderson and Lulu Dell Anderson to Mrs. J. D. Wetmore, lots 1 and 2 in block 17, Graham's 5th addition to Toledo. \$500.

May 12—John R. Vant and Josephine M. Vant to Thomas Vant, lot 11 in block 2, Toledo. \$500.

May 4—Ananias L. Bagstad to Chas. H. Gardner, 1/2 of ne 1/4 of se 1/4, section 31, township 10 south, range 10 west; 1/2 of sw 1/4, section 32, township 10 south, range 10 west. \$1000.

May 7—John A. Olson and Anna Olson to May Louden, lots 3, 4, 8 and 12, section 2, township 11 south, range 10 west. \$1770.

May 9—Samuel E. Butler to Ira Wade, 1/2 of se 1/4, 1/4 of ne 1/4 and lot 1 of section 22, township 10 south, range 10 west. \$500.

May 12—L. E. Dole and Ella Dole to Henry Potter, lot 1 in block 14, Waldport. \$1.

May 12—Elmer E. White and Retta White to Henry Potter. Lot 1 in block 14, Waldport. \$25.

May 12—A. A. McCleary to J. H. Conrad, lot 7 in block 19, Waldport. \$25.

May 12—David Ruble and Orleans Ruble to J. H. Conrad, lot 8 in block 19, Waldport. \$1.

May 12—J. A. Peterson and Nettie A. Peterson to A. A. McCleary, lot 7 in block 19, Waldport. \$30.

## For Sale.

I own and offer for sale the James Anderson blacksmith property in Toledo. Cheap for cash. J. D. WETMORE.

## Till Monday Night.

Following the example of the Clerk of Multnomah county, County Clerk Wade announces that he will keep the registration books open until 5 o'clock Monday evening, May 16.

Mr. Barber wants to know THE LEADER's reasons, other than political, for advocating the re-election of Superintendent Bethers. That's easy. Tossing politics aside, we do not believe any man is worthy to hold that office who gets mad and goes off at the half because he was beaten in the convention. Mr. Barber says: "My contention is again that there is and should be no politics in the office of county school superintendent." Good! Mr. Barber proves this by announcing himself as an "Independent REPUBLICAN" candidate. Of course, he doesn't use the word "Republican" as a bait for Republican votes! He probably uses it—just for fun. We support Mr. Bethers because he is in every way worthy of the office. We should have supported Mr. Barber had he secured the nomination which he sought in a Republican convention—but of course there would not be any politics in it—not a bit!

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Young of Newport were passengers this morning for Astoria, as delegates to the grand lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Mr. Young represents the lodge of his former home, Gold Hill, and Mrs. Young is a delegate from the Newport Rebekah lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Dalaba, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ramsdell and E. M. Mays, all of Elk City, were in Toledo last night attending a session of the Artisans. The local lodge now has a membership of 39.

J. S. Cooper of Polk county, our next joint representative by a big majority, went through to Newport last night.

Ernest Vant departed Monday morning for Corvallis, threatening to be absent until next Christmas.

H. D. Barber of Newport, Democratic endorsee for school superintendent, was in the city Monday.

Charlie Montgomery of Siletz returned Tuesday evening from a visit in southern Oregon.

Miss Mamie Wakefield of Eddyville visited in the city Tuesday night.

Mayor Roddy, Winant's genial postmaster, was in the city Monday.

M. M. Davis of various places had business in the city Monday.

Charlie Winant of Newport went valleyward Monday morning.

Lee Wade made a business trip to Albany yesterday.

W. E. Hanlon was up from Yaquina Wednesday.

Ed Clark of Nashville was in the city Wednesday.

Wool sacks at Stewart & Vant's.