

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

Of the County Clerk of Clatsop County, Oregon, showing the number and amount of claims allowed by the County Court, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the 1st day of January, 1900, to the 30th day of June, 1900.

GENERAL FUND.

COUNTY COURT.
 Salary County Judge.....\$450.00
 Per diem and mileage, commissioners.....249.40
 Conveying boys to reform school.....22.10

CIRCUIT COURT.

Jurors' fees and mileage.....\$665.40
 Witness fees and mileage.....77.30
 Reporter's fees.....70.00
 Bailiff's services.....35.00
 Fulton Bros., legal services (Hill vs. County).....100.00
 Expense, serving papers.....11.55
 Printing.....20.90

JUSTICE COURT.

Justice fees.....\$66.55
 Constable's fees.....70.30
 Jurors' fees.....6.00
 Witness fees.....1.80
 Miscellaneous.....11.30

COURT HOUSE EXPENSE.

Salary Janitor.....\$120.00
 Water.....42.00
 Gas.....54.40
 Fuel.....27.50
 Supplies.....24.90
 Repairs.....10.25
 Miscellaneous.....3.00

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Salary County Clerk.....\$1,000.00
 Salary deputies.....1,140.00

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Salary Sheriff.....\$1,000.00
 Salary deputy.....600.00

RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Salary Recorder.....\$1,000.00

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Salary Treasurer.....\$450.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

Salary Assessor.....\$612.00
 Salary deputy.....212.00

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Salary School Superintendent.....\$300.00
 Teacher's examinations.....24.00

CORONER'S OFFICE.

Coroner's fees.....\$119.65
 Physicians' services.....35.00
 Jurors' fees.....35.00
 Burial.....138.00
 Bringing remains to morgue.....30.00
 Miscellaneous.....5.00

JAIL.

Salary Jailor.....\$480.00
 Board of prisoners.....55.38
 Medical attendance (prisoners).....2.40
 Miscellaneous.....2.40

ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Clerical assistants collecting taxes.....\$127.50
 Clerical assistance collecting road taxes.....257.00
 Copying and extending tax rolls.....540.00
 Miscellaneous.....67.50

CHARITY.

Board and attendance at hospital.....\$578.60
 Paupers boarded.....386.00
 Provisions furnished.....225.50
 Salary Overseer poor.....60.00
 Monthly allowances.....182.00
 Indigent soldiers.....145.30
 Rent of house for J. Greber and wife (six months).....24.00
 Miscellaneous.....56.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Salary Keepers of draw bridges.....\$363.00
 Labor, repairs and supplies.....326.82
 Bridges built by contract.....188.50
 Viewing and surveying.....44.00
 Inspection and damages.....16.00
 Miscellaneous.....78.10

INSANE.

Examinations.....\$50.00
 Miscellaneous.....42.30

ELECTIONS.

Posting notices.....\$12.00
 Drayage.....5.00
 Supplies.....556.14

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Books and stationery.....\$209.50
 Printing and advertising.....214.75
 Telephone.....19.30
 Miscellaneous.....157.69

PUBLIC ROAD FUND.

Total amount of warrants drawn on general fund.....\$14,461.11
 Labor and material.....67.45

SPECIAL ROAD FUND.

Labor and material expended from apportionments to road districts by supervisors.....\$210.61
 Total amount of warrants drawn on all funds.....\$14,738.57

WARRANT ACCOUNT.

Year	Outstanding Jan. 1st, 1900.	Paid Jan. 1 to June 30, 1900.	Outstanding June 30, 1900.
1899-90	2.50		2.50
1899-91	4.01		4.01
1899-92	5.29		5.29
1899-93	31.22		31.22
1899-94	38.90	2.50	36.40
1899-95	328.68	288.38	40.30
1899-96	342.37	14.00	328.37
1899-97	6,474.18	5,239.55	1,234.63
1899-98	94,178.63	56,519.55	37,659.08
1899-99	61,977.39	6,592.58	55,384.81
1899-1900	14,597.50		14,597.50
	\$106,630.92		
Warrants issued Jan. 1 to June 30, 1900.	\$14,738.57	\$512.95	\$14,225.62
	\$121,902.45	\$147,867.77	\$138,451.24

SUMMARY.
 Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1900.....\$106,630.92
 Warrants issued Jan. 1 to June 30, 1900.....14,738.57
 Warrants paid Jan. 1 to June 30, 1900.....14,225.62
 Warrants outstanding June 30, 1900.....138,451.24

CASH ON HAND APPLICABLE TO THE REDEMPTION OF WARRANTS.
 General fund.....\$11,922.50
 Bridge fund No. 1.....504.43
 Special road fund.....210.62

Total amount of warrants outstanding less cash in the treasury applicable to the redemption of same.....\$70,690.27
 Deduct warrants (non-interest bearing) outstanding on bridge fund No. 1, for which a special tax has been levied.....\$10,311.68
 Total amount of warrants outstanding general and special road funds June 30, 1900.....\$60,378.61

STATE OF OREGON.
 COUNTY OF CLATSOP.
 I, H. J. Wheritty, County Clerk of Clatsop County, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amount

of claims allowed by the County Court, for the six months ending on the 30th day of June, 1900, and of the amounts of warrants issued, outstanding and unpaid on the 30th day of June, 1900, as per papers from the records in my office and custody.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Court, this 24 day of July, A. D. 1900.
 H. J. WHERITTY,
 County Clerk.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Of the County Treasurer of Clatsop County, State of Oregon, for the six months ending on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1900, of money received and paid out, from whom received and on what source and on what account paid.

GENERAL FUND.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 8,842.87
 To amount received from county clerk.....215.55
 Fees of office six months.....1,133.30
 Tax purchase redemptions.....1,828.64
 Fees circuit court reporter.....20.00
 To amount received from sheriff:
 Taxes, 1899.....\$6,842.31
 Fees of office six months.....556.29
 To amount received from other sources:
 Fees of Recorder six months.....1,174.90
 Receipts from justice court, fines.....22.70

STATE FUND.
 To amount received from:
 Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$15,369.67
 Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....5,648.05
 Transferred from general fund.....584.62

SCHOOL FUND.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 647.55
 To amount received from:
 Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$12,301.59
 Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....288.45

PUBLIC ROAD FUND.
 To balance as per last report.....\$82.27
 To amount transferred from special road fund.....7.78
 To amount received from Secretary of State, 5 per cent sale U. S. land.....37.82

SPECIAL ROAD FUND.
 To balance as per last report.....\$720.78
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....67.27
 By amount transferred to public road fund.....7.78

CITY OF ASTORIA.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 115.63
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....14,701.29
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....235.24

INSTITUTE FUND.
 To amount received from school superintendent.....\$412.50
 By warrants paid.....1.85

TOWN OF CLATSOP.
 To balance as per last report.....\$3.43
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....10

NEW ASTORIA.
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$50.61
 By amount paid Auditor and Police Judge.....74.35

WARRENTON.
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$714.94
 To balance as per last report.....\$46.75

ASTORIA ROAD.
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....\$21.67
 By amount paid City Treasurer.....90.69

BRIDGE FUND NO. 1.
 To balance as per last report.....\$1,957.80
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....3,662.74
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....29.72

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.
 To balance as per last report.....1899.....14,701.29
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....167.91
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....219.05

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2.
 To balance as per last report.....\$0.50
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$ 29
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....33

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3.
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$197.88
 By amount paid to District Clerk.....155.29

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 4.30
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....737.32
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....3.64

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 1.18
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$24.83
 By amount paid to District Clerk.....539.17

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 4.58
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....35.69
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....3.78

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7.
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$197.88
 By amount paid to District Clerk.....155.29

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 2.69
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$ 4.30
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....737.32

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 1.18
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$24.83
 By amount paid to District Clerk.....539.17

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 4.58
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....35.69
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....3.78

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 1.18
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$24.83
 By amount paid to District Clerk.....539.17

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 2.99
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....128.05
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....4.25

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 1.31
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....33.94

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 4.25
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....128.05
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....4.25

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 3.72
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$ 1.31
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....33.94

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 4.25
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....128.05
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....4.25

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 3.18
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions......37

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 8.59
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....87.97

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 1.70
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions......23

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 66
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....228.19
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....2.81

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 41.32
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....4.34

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22.
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$ 23.54
 By amount paid to District Clerk.....23.54

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 4.41
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....44.56

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 1.05
 To amount received from Clerk, tax purchase redemptions.....11.24

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 50
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....86.01

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26.
 To amount received from Sheriff, taxes, 1899.....\$ 41.54
 By amount paid to District Clerk.....54.83

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27.
 To balance as per last report.....\$ 7.01

STATEMENT
 showing the total receipts and disbursements of H. C. Thompson, County Treasurer, from the 1st day of January, 1900, to the 30th day of June, 1900.

To balance as per last report.....\$12,304.36
 Cash received from all other sources.....108,584.91
 Cash paid for warrants, interest and school clerks.....101,231.91

SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN SEVERAL FUNDS.
 General fund.....\$11,922.50
 School fund.....1,625.14
 Public road fund.....63.32
 Special road fund.....210.62
 City of Astoria.....1,231.29
 Institute fund.....40.35
 Town of Clatsop.....8.43
 Scalp fund.....62.05
 New Astoria.....4.38
 Warrenton.....714.94
 Astoria road.....34.25
 Bridge fund No. 1.....504.43
 School district No. 1.....1,214.31
 School district No. 2.....1.36
 School district No. 3.....412.50
 School district No. 4.....14.26
 School district No. 5.....144.61
 School district No. 6.....22.25
 School district No. 7.....2.68
 School district No. 8.....211.89
 School district No. 9.....43.20
 School district No. 10.....8.42
 School district No. 11.....102.00
 School district No. 12.....1.18
 School district No. 13.....33.27
 School district No. 14.....27.32
 School district No. 15.....34.25
 School district No. 16.....3.85
 School district No. 17.....1.70
 School district No. 18.....8.15
 School district No. 19.....38.19
 School district No. 20.....45.66
 School district No. 21.....1.05
 School district No. 22.....14.04
 School district No. 23.....4.06
 School district No. 24.....7.01

STATE OF OREGON.
 COUNTY OF CLATSOP.
 I, H. C. Thompson, County Treasurer of Clatsop County, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amount of money received, paid out and remaining on hand in the county treasury of said county, for the six months ending on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1900.

STATE OF OREGON.
 COUNTY OF CLATSOP.
 I, H. J. Wheritty, County Clerk of Clatsop County, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of H. C. Thompson, County Treasurer of the amount of money received and paid out, and of the amount remaining on hand, agrees with the records and files of my office, and in my custody.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the county court this 30 day of July, A. D. 1900.
 H. J. WHERITTY,
 County Clerk.

STATEMENT SHOWING CALLED WARRANTS OUTSTANDING JUNE 30TH, 1900.
 Called warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1900.....\$10,351.23
 Warrants called during the six months ending June 30, 1900.....33,663.40

Called warrants and interest paid and turned into clerk's office during six months ending June 30, 1900.....37,782.99
 Called warrants outstanding July 1, 1900.....\$ 6,121.74

Respectfully submitted,
 H. C. THOMPSON,
 County Treasurer.

STATEMENT
 showing the financial condition of Clatsop County State of Oregon, on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1900.

LIABILITIES.
 County warrants outstanding as per report of Jan. 1, 1900.....\$106,630.92
 Warrants drawn since.....14,733.57

Deduct warrants and interest paid.....\$ 37,869.77
 Add estimated accrued interest.....6,000.00
 Amount claimed by state, taxes, 1899.....7,000.00

CASH RESOURCES.
 Cash in general fund.....\$11,922.50
 Cash in bridge fund No. 1.....504.43
 Cash in special road fund.....210.62

Total amount county debt less cash on hand.....\$53,692.27

DELINQUENT TAX RESOURCES.
 Tax purchases (being balance of taxes and costs bid in by County Judge at tax sale, and taxes paid unused same.)

Year 1899.....\$ 236.63
 Year 1890.....864.20
 Year 1891.....6,043.90
 Year 1892.....2,095.18
 Year 1893.....4,251.02
 Year 1894.....10,435.41
 Year 1895.....6,690.95
 Year 1896.....11,260.81
 Year 1897.....17,731.25
 Year 1898.....6,889.59

Deduct 50 per cent for county school, roads, school districts and city taxes included above, and erroneous assessments.....\$48,142.18

Excess of liabilities.....\$49,650.09
 Respectfully submitted,
 H. J. WHERITTY,
 County Clerk.

WU AND LI, DIPLOMATS.

Li Hung Chang is making haste slowly on the road to Peking—Omaha News.

Minister Wu is the champion optimist of the century or the champion liar with the odds on the latter alternative.—San Jose Mercury.

Minister Wu begs to be excused from expressing any opinion and then proceeds to give advice in a most candid and practical spirit.—Washington Star.

Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister at Washington, is said to be under severe nervous tension because of the trouble in the Orient.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The pretense that Li is wanted only to restore order in Chi Li is probably a cover for the real design, which is that he shall negotiate with the powers and avert the lightning of their wrath.—Oakland Enquirer.

Li is the wisest man in the Orient today, and his wisdom is too penetrating to allow any such foolishness as open alliance with the Boxers. Li is also intensely selfish and keenly awake to his own personal interests.—Chicago News.

This trained guessing will be encouraged by the report that Li Hung Chang has been ordered to Peking to restore order and to act as an intermediary between the demoralized imperial government and the enraged foreigners.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

There are reasons to believe, however, that Li has far less influence in the politics of his country than has been popularly ascribed to him. No other theory will explain his course except the assumption that he is dissembling.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Every step of the way will be stubbornly contested, not by the rabble of peasants, armed with clubs and knives, pictured by Minister Wu, but drilled troops armed with Mausers and serving Krupp guns with the skill of European artillerymen, and perhaps with their aid.—Philadelphia North American.

Li Hung Chang has been mixed up in anti-foreign movements before. He is the real if not the nominal chief of the "Black Flags." He is a subtle old Mongol, in whom it is not wise to place confidence. He is suspected of secretly egging on the Boxers in the hope of profiting by the smash-up which will result when civilization fairly gets to work in China.—Chicago Chronicle.

SEWERAGE DISPOSAL ABROAD.
 W. J. Hunt, of Newark, president of the New Jersey Sewerage Commission, has just returned home after three months' travel in Europe, where he studied various methods of disposing of sewage. He found little of interest in Germany in this field, but the sewage disposal farms of Paris were highly interesting. The so-called farms are established on land which is owned by the government. The sewage is conducted to them in great trunk sewers and spread upon a soil thoroughly adapted for such purposes. The matter of sewage disposal is agitating all the cities of the British Isles, while in London a special commission has been appointed to consider ways and means for preventing the further pollution of the Thames. The great increase in the population of cities and the consequent increasing danger of pollution of water supplies are bringing the sewage problem to the front everywhere. As filters for water supplies will soon be established in all large cities, so will scientific means of disposing of sewage be everywhere adopted. The method of dumping sewage into streams answered very well when the communities were few and far between, but with the settlement of the country this has become an abominable practice.

PROTECTION IS AT STAKE.
 American Economist.

"There is not a state in the Union today," said Senator Lodge in his speech before the republican national convention, "which could be carried for free-trade against protection." There is not a free-trader in the country who possesses a degree of discernment worth consideration who does not know that this statement is absolutely true. As Senator Lodge said, further on in his speech, "never was a policy more fully justified by its works," than our tariff policy. And it has been justified in every state in the Union and in every section of every state. The more wily of the free-traders are, by raising side issues, attempting to make the people of the country forget or overlook the fact that the tariff issue is involved in the coming presidential election. With a rampant free-trader like Bryan, however, pitted against President McKinley, who is and for long has been the very head and front of American protectionists, the continuance of our protective policy is just as much at stake as if there were no other issue before the country. As the people of the country value their comfort and prosperity, they must make no mistake about the fact.