

THE RECORD COLLECTION

Sheriff's Office Has Taken in More Than \$125,000 on the Tax Roll for 1903.

TIMBER MEN HAVE PAID UP

Balance to Be Collected Is Almost \$49,000—Property Will Be Delinquent After First Monday in April.

Tax collections on the 1903 roll have exceeded those made for any like period in the history of the county. The roll this year was a large one—about \$40,000 greater than the 1902 roll—but up to the time that rebates ceased, March 15, collections were \$20,000 greater than a year ago. The showing is an excellent one for the sheriff's office, especially in view of the fact that the books have all along balanced to a penny.

All taxpayers who have not yet settled with the county should see to it that their taxes are paid by April 4. On this date taxes become delinquent, and there after a penalty of 10 per cent will be charged against the total amount of the tax, together with interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month. The law allows property owners to pay taxes in two installments, and it will be possible for taxpayers to make first payments until April 4. Those taking advantage of the installment plan will have until October 3 to pay the remaining installment,

but after this last-named date all taxes will become delinquent and the books will be closed.

With the exception of three or four concerns, all of the large timber land holders have settled. For a time it seemed the timber men were not going to make prompt settlement, but toward the middle of March their remittances began coming in. As a consequence the roll is pretty thoroughly collected so far as timber land is concerned.

March 14 was the biggest day in the matter of tax collections in the history of Clatsop county. On that day Deputy Sheriff Binder and R. G. Prael, who had offered his services when Deputy Anderson was taken ill, collected more than \$21,000—a record which had never before been equaled.

After April 4 penalty and interest will be assessed against taxpayers making settlement, and these items will in a measure make up for the 3 per cent rebates allowed to property holders.

The following statement was furnished last evening at the sheriff's office:

Total amount on roll.....\$173,447 91
Collections, including rebate 125,403 94

Balance to be collected...\$ 47,843 97

The amount of rebates on the 1903 roll was \$3717.53; the amount on the 1902 roll was \$3120.36. The total collections to March 15 on the 1903 roll, including rebates, was \$104,601.81, or \$21,002.13 less than was collected this year to that date. Last year's roll was more than \$134,000.

Mayor Has Grippe.

New York, March 22.—Mayor McClellan is confined to his home by a severe attack of grippe. His physicians expect, however, that he will be able to transact business as usual in a few days.

HELD TO THE UPPER COURT

Willie Cook Arraigned on Charge of Manslaughter Before Justice of the Peace Goodman.

RELEASED ON \$2000 BONDS

If Found Guilty in Higher Court Lad May Be Sentenced to Reform School, but Not to Prison.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the investigation of the death of Miss Santra Vilen served the same purpose as an indictment by the district attorney's office, and, in accordance with the verdict, 14-year-old Willie Cook was yesterday arraigned before Justice Goodman on a charge of manslaughter. The lad's attorney, John H. Smith, waived examination, and Justice Goodman fixed the bonds of the boy at \$2000. Street Superintendent Kearney and Archie A. Cook furnished the necessary bail, and the boy was immediately released from custody. For several days he had virtually been in custody, but Sheriff Lihville declined to lock him up. The sheriff has formed a warm attachment for the lad, whom he regards as manly in every sense of the word, and while the boy was in his custody arranged matters so the two would be constantly together, day and night.

Deputy District Attorney Eakin stated yesterday that he had not indicted the boy, as the verdict of the jury was sufficient to hold him, being equivalent to an information filed by the district attorney. Mr. Eakin explained that the verdict of the jury was in effect a charge of manslaughter against the lad, and upon that charge he will be tried in the circuit court. The trial will proceed in regular manner, such as would be observed in the case of an adult, and the jury will find him guilty or not guilty. It will be up to Circuit Judge McBride, if the jury's verdict is that of guilty, to sentence the lad. Under the Oregon law a boy between the ages of 10 and 16 can not be sentenced to the penitentiary. In the present case, if the Cook boy is found guilty of manslaughter—for conviction of which crime an adult would be sent to the penitentiary—he will be liable to a term in the reform school. The law provides a big jump in penalties for children between 10 and 16, who may be confined in the county jail for a few offenses or in the reform school for offenses which would cause an adult to be sent to the state's prison, or who may be hanged for capital crime. But a boy under 16 can not be sentenced to the penitentiary.

The statement has been made repeatedly during the past few days that the Finnish people of the city have raised a large fund for the purpose of carrying on this case, and estimates of the amount vary from \$1000 to \$3000. Judge Winton, special prosecutor, said yesterday that he believed these stories had been greatly exaggerated, and that the sum was sufficient only to insure proper handling of the case.

A delegation of Finns called at the office of The Astorian last evening to ask that an alleged misstatement appearing in these columns yesterday be corrected. The error was alleged to have occurred in the testimony of John Jokela. The Astorian stated yesterday that Jokela quoted his sweetheart, Miss Christine Lehto, as having said that Willie Cook took undue liberties with her. The delegation which called last evening at this office made the statement that Jokela really testified Miss Vilen told him the lad had improperly molested her at times. The writer was in the court room at the time Jokela was on the stand and understood the man to have testified that Miss Lehto made the statement. The testimony was secured through the medium of an interpreter, and it is just possible an error was made. It was very difficult to understand what was said because of the noise in the court room and the mixture of Finnish and English incident to the taking of testimony. Jokela states that he quoted Miss Vilen, the dead girl, and not Miss Lehto, and the man's statement is cheerfully published.

QUIET DAY IN HOUSE.

Most of the Time Devoted to Post-office Bill—Bitterness Shown. Washington, March 22.—Outside of a few routine matters the house devoted the entire day to further discussion of the postoffice appropriation bill, but disposed of only one page.

Butler, of Pennsylvania, endeavored, unsuccessfully, to have passed an amendment designed to transfer back to the office of the first assistant postmaster-general the jurisdiction of the free delivery and rural delivery service, which caused Moon, of Tennessee, ranking as the minority member of the committee, to administer a rebuke to those members who are trying to take from the fourth assistant postmaster-general's duties given to him under the law. He said there was motive behind it all, and certain members, chafing under the recent report of the postoffice department, are seeking to punish Bristow for discovering frauds in another bureau of the department. The amendment by Tawney, republican, of Minnesota, which was agreed to, prohibits the postmaster-general from ordering out of the postoffices telephone companies other than the Bell Telephone Company.

MAY BE INCREASED.

Devotees to Lewis and Clark Appropriation Hope for Big Things.

Washington, March 22.—By unanimous vote to a voice the committee on expositions today ordered a favorable report on a substitute for the senate Lewis and Clark exposition bill, carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$475,000. The bill as reported provides \$200,000 for a government exhibit, including a forestry and irrigation exhibit, \$25,000 for an Alaskan exhibit, and \$250,000 for government buildings to accommodate the government, Alaskan, Philippine, Hawaiian and oriental exhibits, as well as a separate building for forestry and irrigation.

Plans for the government buildings are to be prepared by the supervising architect of the treasury department, the buildings to be erected under contract.

The appropriation for the buildings includes the cost of preparing the grounds and light. The coining of 250,000 souvenir gold dollars is also authorized. Chairman Tawney will report the bill.

The Tawney bill makes no reference to Sunday closing.

When the house passes the substitute bill the senate will refuse to accept it, and the measure will be sent to conference. All the conferees are favorable, and it is hoped to have the appropriation increased to \$750,000. The conference committee will consist of Senators Burnham, Hansborough and Daniel and Representatives Tawney, Sherman and Bartlett.

High Revolver Score.

New York, March 22.—Sufficient returns have been received by the officials of the United States Revolver Association to show that the winner of the revolver cup in the recent match is E. Sears, and of the pistol cup, Dr. E. H. Kessler, both of St. Louis, they having entered the shot under the rules of the association at that place. The highest scores made at San Francisco, Chicago, Springfield, Mass., and Boston have been sent in, but none of them approaches the phenomenally high score made by Sears—a total of 477 out of a possible 500 in 30 minutes.

Wade Estate Valued.

Pendleton, March 22.—Appraisers of the C. B. Wade estate today filed estimates of their valuation at \$354,438 with liabilities at \$331,000. Of this \$12,000 is mining stock of practically no value.

Rumored Ameer Is Poisoned.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A dispatch received from Ashkabad, the capital of the Russian Trans-Caspian territory, says rumors are current there that the ameer of Afghanistan has been poisoned.

Sure Lamorna Is Wrecked.

San Francisco, March 22.—So firm has become the belief that the ship Lamorna has been wrecked, that today she was posted for re-insurance and offered at 45 per cent.

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