

CLATSOP COUNTY IS NOW ALMOST FREE FROM DEBT

County Treasurer Heilborn's Statement Shows That Indebtedness Will Be Wiped Out Within Year.

Obligation Now Is Less Than \$40,000 and Next Tax Levy Will Entirely Obliterate It--Saving in Interest Will Be Great Enough to Pay Salaries of Four of County's Officials.

- ◆ County Treasurer Heilborn says—
- ◆ That Clatsop county is now
- ◆ nearer out of debt than at any
- ◆ other time in its history;
- ◆ That the new tax levy will liqui-
- ◆ date all of its liabilities and place
- ◆ it on a cash basis;
- ◆ That the saving in interest,
- ◆ when the county goes to a cash
- ◆ basis, will be \$4500, or enough to
- ◆ pay the salaries of the county
- ◆ clerk, sheriff, treasurer and school
- ◆ superintendent.

Never before in the history of Clatsop county has it been as nearly free from debt as at the present time. The debt today is less than \$40,000, and the next tax levy will bring in enough money to clear up the entire indebtedness. At present the county is but seven months behind with its obligations, and within a year, if the expectations of Treasurer Heilborn and County Clerk Clinton are realized, Clatsop will pay for everything that it buys.

Since March 1 Mr. Heilborn has made two calls for general fund warrants. The first, made March 18, called in approximately \$35,000 in warrants; the second, issued this week, calls for the redemption of warrants aggregating \$32,611.25. The interest on the warrants called in by this last notice amounts to \$1489.43.

The Present Indebtedness.
The present indebtedness of the county, according to a statement given

out last evening by County Clerk Clinton, is less than \$40,000. The statement makes the following showing: General fund warrants outstanding \$35,382 77
Cash in general fund 45,894 59
Indebtedness \$39,488 18
The last call issued by Mr. Heilborn will reduce the amount now on hand, \$45,894.59, by the amount involved in the call—\$34,100.68, including interest. Because of the fact that warrants have heretofore been called, but not presented, the treasurer must keep a certain amount in the treasury. This showing is bona fide and deals entirely with the cash status of the county, having no consideration for realty and other assets. There are several special funds, but these funds are provided for by special levies and can not be calculated as forming part of the debt.

Soon Be on Cash Basis.
"We are now nearer out of debt than ever before in the history of the county—at least, since the county has had any material debt," said Mr. Heilborn yesterday. "The last call for warrants which I issued was for all paper indorsed prior to October 26, 1903. It will be seen that we are only seven months behind with our payments. In another year, unless our calculations are entirely upset, we shall be doing business on a cash basis. "The next tax levy out is sufficient

to liquidate our indebtedness. We will then have no interest account to pay, effecting a saving in this respect of about \$4500. That sum will pay the salaries of the county clerk, sheriff, county treasurer and county school superintendent—quite an item. It will also save considerable bookkeeping and prove more satisfactory in many other respects.

"Since March 1 I have made two calls for warrants, the combined calls aggregating about \$70,000. With a debt of less than \$40,000 hanging over us, we will soon be able to stop our interest account and transact our affairs on a cash basis.

Officials Are Careful.
"Several reasons may be assigned for the present satisfactory condition of affairs. The county court has not been at all extravagant, but has sought to minimize expenditures as much as possible, although displaying marked enterprise in such public undertakings as the court house and the Lewis and Clark bridge. But there has been nothing of a loose character in the conduct of the business of the county. The court is entitled to much credit for its businesslike administration, and the other county officials are likewise to be commended for the assistance which they have rendered.

"The assessed valuation of property this year was very much greater than that of last year and our receipts were therefore much larger. Last year we received about \$135,000 from taxes, while this year we will receive almost \$175,000. This amount includes, of course, the city taxes which are collected by the sheriff. I have called in warrants promptly and effected a considerable saving in interest, and generally the county has benefited by a close administration of its affairs. It is a source of much satisfaction to all of the officials to know that we have made so good a showing, and within a year Clatsop will undoubtedly be doing business on a cash basis."

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Order of Exercises in Memory of Dead Soldiers and Sailors of the Republic,

EXERCISES AT THE WATER

Public Program at Fisher's Opera House in the Evening—Children Will Aid.

The program for the observance of Memorial day has been issued by Adjutant Shaw of Cushing post. On Sunday a committee from the post will go to Greenwood cemetery to decorate the graves of comrades who are buried there, which will be done without any formality other than the ritual prescribed by the by-laws of the G. A. R. On Sunday evening the crops will march in a body to Grace Episcopal church to listen to the Memorial day sermon by Rev. William Seymour Short, who will speak on a subject appropriate to the occasion.

On Monday, Memorial day, the members of the post will gather at the post headquarters at 10 o'clock in the morning and march to Flavel wharf, where, in connection with the Woman's Relief Corps, they will participate in the beautiful services commemorative of the dead sailors and marines. After these exercises the train will be taken to Ocean View cemetery, a stop being made at Fort Stevens to take on a firing squad of regular soldiers, who will fire the salute over the graves of the dead veterans. The members of the post will return to Astoria on the afternoon train.

The memorial exercises proper will be held in the evening in Fisher's opera house, where the principal feature will be an address on patriotic subjects by Hon. John H. Smith. These exercises will also be participated in by the children of the public schools who have been selected for that purpose by a committee of Cushing post. The opera house will be appropriately decorated.

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Sale of the Famous KING COLLAR BUTTONS

Closes To-night! Don't Get Left!

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Fish Traps Are Not in Evidence

Piling Driven in Baker's Bay Disappears, Probably From a Dynamite Blast.

Just what happened the fish trap piling driven a short time ago in Baker's bay by Contractor Lebeck is a question which may carry an interesting answer. It was stated yesterday by a gentleman who came over on the Nahcotta that the piling was in evidence on Thursday, but that when he looked for it yesterday afternoon it was gone. The appearance of the piling which remained indicated, according to The Astorian's informant, that giant powder or dynamite had been employed to get it out of the way. The piling was driven for parties living at South Bend, Wash., and it was evident that the South Bend people intended "corking" the old-time trappers by so locating their traps as to shut out the old gear from the fish that came in from the ocean. When the piling was driven it was predicted there would be difficulty, and it is now quite evident that the old-timers have blown out the piling of the encroachers with giant powder or dynamite. Doubtless the encroachers will soon learn of the matter and there is an excellent prospect of trouble. The names of the men who sought to cut out the old-timers have not been learned. The presumption is that the old-timers have taken the best means at their disposal to get the traps of the encroachers out of the way, al-

though the statement that giant powder was used is merely conjecture on the part of the gentleman who saw the stumps of the piling.

PORTLAND GETS CONVENTION.

Good Roads Association Will Meet There During Exposition.
St. Louis, May 27.—The next convention of the national and international good roads association will be held in Portland, it was decided today. The date has not been fixed, but it will be during the Lewis and Clark exposition.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Hattie Louis, who has been visiting friends in this city, has returned to her home in Seattle.
C. O. Anderson, representing the well known shoe house of Utz & Dunn of Rochester, is in the city, replenishing the stock of Wherity, Ralston & Co.
Will F. Ullman, Lang & Co.'s hired man, is down from Portland in the interests of the firm. Mr. Ullman is pushing the Integridad cigar, which he has made quite popular in this city.
Dick Madison arrived in the city last evening on a visit to his brother, Will. Mr. Madison hails from Independence and is a well known capitalist. He will assist his brother in management of the campaign of the socialist candidate for county clerk.
A salesman may fail, now and then, to present your goods in the proper light to your customers; but your advertisement is sure to say just what you want it to.
"Neglected colds make lat graveyards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup helps men and women to a happy, vigorous old age.

She Left Her Happy Home

Husband Deserted Because She Wouldn't Live in the City But Preferred Suburban Life.

Brooklyn, May 27.—Mrs. James Van Tassel, the woman who mysteriously disappeared from the Long Island railroad station in Jamaica, Monday, taking with her her two boys, James and Bertram, 12 and 14 years old, respectively, spent from Monday evening until yesterday morning with a friend, Mrs. Charles Scheidefer, at 360 Litten street. Suspecting that her husband was on her track, she left there with her two sons at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. When seen by a reporter last night Mrs. Scheidefer said:

"I have known Mrs. Van Tassel for several years, having once spent five weeks with her at her home in Kings Park. Immediately after she left her husband she came to my house. The boys were crying and in deadly fear that their father would get them. I do not believe he has any objections to his wife leaving him. He did not treat her well and they quarreled a great deal. He wants the boys, but they want to go with their mother.

Mrs. Van Tassel told me that she did not want to move to Brooklyn. She said they were doing well in the country, where she made some money cooking for the carpenters who were working on new houses in their neighborhood. Much against her will her husband got a position in the subway and rented an apartment at 475 Fifty-second street. They quarreled all the way on the train, she said, from Kings Park to Jamaica. Her husband abused her and called her many bad names, she declared. At Jamaica she determined to leave him. When the boys found it out, they pleaded with her to take them, too. She was unable to resist their tears and, while Mr. Van Tassel went out of the station for a few minutes, she disappeared with them. Knowing no other place to go she came to me.

"I can't tell where Mrs. Van Tassel went from here. She has no other friends in Brooklyn that I know of, and I am sure she has left the city. She

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had very little money, and I have no idea how she and the boys will live. Mrs. Van Tassel was a hard-working woman, and always did the best she could for her family. Her husband would not give her money, and nearly all she got she had to make herself." A detective called at the Scheidefer house yesterday looking for Mrs. Van Tassel, but she had gone. Mr. Van Tassel says he will keep up the search for his boys until he finds them.

Some people patronize your store from habit; some from friendship; but the great mass of your customers fluctuate from day to day as your newspaper advertising attracts or fails to attract them.

Satoli Coming.

Rome, May 27.—Cardinal Satoli left here this morning for Naples on his journey to the United States. At Naples he will take the steamer Princess Irene for New York.

SERIOUS FOREST FIRES.

Conflagration Raging in Washington, Near Monroe.

Everett, Wash., May 27.—Serious forest fires are raging in the old works of the Cherry Valley Logging Company eight miles from Monroe. Today as one of the company's locomotives was saving the cars from the burning district, a tree fell upon the engine, crush-

Carpets

A Profusion of Carpet Elegance
More patterns than the most exacting taste could wish to inspect. All new and fresh and at the fairest prices. Home furnishers with a love for the beautiful and artistic are fairly reveling in the elegant display here. Bigelow's Body Brussels at \$1.65 a yd. Saxony Axminster at \$1.35 a yd. Wilton Velvets at \$1.25 and \$1.35 a yd. Deep Pile Velvet at \$1.25 a yd. All Wool Tapestry at 60c, 90c, \$1 and \$1.10 a yd.

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ing it like an eggshell. The engineer fireman and brakeman escaped.


Joe Gans Wins.
Baltimore, May 27.—Joe Gans tonight defeated Jewey Cook, reputed to be the lightweight champion of England and welterweight champion of South Africa in the 8th round of a 15-round contest.

JAP STUDENT HONORED.

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is due to the careful and diligent work which Fukukita has done while he has been a student in the Stanford English department. Fukukita hails from Tau

Democratic Ticket.

- For Congressman, J. E. SIMMONS. Of Multnomah County.
- STATE
- For Supreme Court Justice, THOMAS O'DAY. Of Multnomah County.
- State Dairy and Food Commissioner, S. M. DOUGLAS. Of Lane County.
- COUNTY.
- For Representatives, J. V. BURNS. J. N. LAWS.
- For County-Commissioner, B. F. ALLEN.
- For Sheriff, GEORGE W. MORTON.
- For Treasurer, ISAAC BERGMAN.
- For School Superintendent, H. S. LYMAN.
- For Coroner, W. C. A. POHL.
- ASTORIA PRECINCT.
- For Justice of the Peace, A. R. CYRUS.
- For Constable, C. C. UTZINGER.



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