

COMPLEMENT TO OFFICERS

Experts Say the Books of Clatsop County Are Not Excelled in Entire Country.

DEBT IS GREATLY LESSENED

Report of Clerk Shows That It Is Almost \$24,000 Less Than on the First Day of January, 1904.

The officials of Clatsop county were yesterday paid a flattering tribute by Messrs. Clark and Buchanan, the experts who have been engaged in comparing the books of the various officers.

"We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the books and accounts of your sheriff and tax collector, clerk and treasurer, covering the transactions of their respective offices occurring between January 1, 1904, and July 1, 1904, and that same are substantially correct in every particular.

County Clerk Clinton, Sheriff Linville and Treasurer Heilborn all have adopted excellent methods of account keeping, and the efficiency of their work is amply attested by the report of the experts, whose work familiarizes them with the methods in vogue in nearly every principal county in the northwest.

Finances of the County.

The semi-annual report of County Clerk Clinton was filed yesterday with the county court. It shows that the present indebtedness of the county is only little more than \$32,000, which is the lowest it has ever been in years.

Liabilities—
Outstanding warrants\$62,520 16
Accrued interest 1,200 00

Total\$63,720 16
Resources—
Cash on hand\$16,899 95
Taxes due 14,779 44

Total\$31,679 39
The excess of liabilities is thus shown to be \$32,017.77. The warrant account of the county is shown to be as follows:

Outstanding January 1.....\$ 86,233 27
Issued since 39,824 67

Total\$126,057 94
Paid by treasurer 63,537 78

Outstanding June 30.....\$ 62,520 16
During the first six months of 1904 the amount of outstanding warrants was reduced by \$23,713.11, and at the present time the county is but seven months behind with its obligations.

The clerk's report shows that the receipts of his office for the six months ending June 30 were \$2309.15.

That Throbbing Headache

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DISLIKES FOUL STRIKE RULE.

Pitcher Says It Gives Man With Slow Ball the Worst of It.
Portland Telegram: Charlie Baum, the Los Angelen, is one of the pitchers who does not approve of the foul strike rule. It has generally been understood that the foul-strike rule favors the slab artist, but Baum is one of the men who would like to go back to the old regime.

"Before the foul-strike rule was in use," says Baum, "you could always get the first one over the plate as a strike on a batter. The men were always told to wait for the first one, and you could put it square across the rubber. Now you have got to sneak it across, for the men go up with the intention of smashing the first one. Often I waste a ball because they are so apt to strike at it. Maybe that foul-strike rule is all right for the man who has speed, but with a slow ball, such as I use, it is a handicap to a pitcher."

Baum also tells some good stories of his work last year in the brush league off the Oregon coast. The young fellow was with Bandon, and that team was winning all of the games. "You talk about crazy people," he said, "they beat anything I ever saw down in that country. They want to bet on every game. For a time they bet on our club, but when we got so we were winning our games by 10 to 1 scores, they wouldn't bet on the game, but on each batter. For instance, they would bet that a man would get a hit, that he would reach first base or that he would strike out. Anything, it didn't make much difference to them, just so they got some action on their money. They had a long table where they stood around and bet on the games. They always had a warm time when there was a ball game."

"That's not a comparison to the bunchgrass league," remarked a fan, who was listening to the gossip. "I guess we had them beat to a whispur up in Walla Walla. The visiting team liked to make connections to get away of an evening, and it was always a hard run. So, we established the rule that when the home team or, for that matter, the other team, was well ahead toward the close of the game, the high side would drop its half of one of the innings. For instance, suppose Walla Walla was playing Pendleton and at the end of the seventh was 10 to 2 in the lead. Pendleton would play its half of the eighth and then Walla Walla would forfeit its half of that same inning and let the other fellows go ahead with the ninth. I guess that was going some. You see, if the team that took double turns at the bat chanced to forge ahead, then the other one would go back and play its half, so there would be an equal number of innings. It may not have been according to Hoyle, but it sure was fair."

A Seattle dispatch mentions the fractured skull and broken arm of a liquor-crazed individual who leaped from the fifth story of a hotel. Information that his injuries are regarded as serious is thoughtfully added. But for this one might imagine that the possessor of a broken head had leaped back into his room and methodically retired.—Aberdeen Bulletin.

The Grotto handles nothing but straight liquors; no blended goods in the house.

NOTICE.

The Fourth of July committee desire in this way to express their thanks and appreciation to the sub-committees and all others who assisted the committee for their efforts in making the Fourth of July celebration the success that it was. The committee is unable to see each one personally, and take this method of reaching all.

J. H. O'CONNELL,
Chairman.
C. H. ABERCROMBIE,
Secretary.

CONTRACT TO SPOKANE MEN

Hastie and Dougan Will Build Clatsop's New Court House at Cost of \$97,351.

ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE WORK

Building Will Cost in All About \$135,000 and Cornerstone Will Be Laid About First of August.

Hastie & Dougan, Spokane contractors, were yesterday awarded the contract for the construction of the new court house. Their bid, \$97,351, was lowest, being \$1949 less than the offer of Langford & Walker of Portland, and \$2649 below the estimate of Architect Lazarus. The contract was awarded at yesterday morning's session of the county court, and just as soon as matters can be arranged work on the building will be begun. J. A. Montgomery was awarded the heating contract, his bid, \$3100, having been lowest.

Langford & Walker had submitted a lower tender for a stone building, and the court took this offer under consideration. It was found, however, that a stone structure could not be contracted for unless bids were again advertised for, so, as time is a valuable consideration, the best bid received on the original plans was accepted. The successful firm will give the county a bond of \$50,000 in a surety company for the faithful performance of their contract.

Work Soon to Be Started.

Judge Trenchard said yesterday that work on the structure would be commenced within a short time. At present the foundation is being built, but this part of the big undertaking will be finished before August 1, unless the expectations of the court fall to materialize. On August 1 the cornerstone of the new court house will be laid, and yesterday the court sent an invitation to the Astoria lodge of Masons to arrange for the laying of the stone. The Masonic order is the oldest of the local secret societies, and for this reason the invitation was extended to it. The event will be a memorable one and it is the intention to make the occasion the more interesting with appropriate ceremonies.

Court Effects Big Saving.

Members of the court are highly gratified with the success which has attended their efforts to build a court house at the smallest possible expense to the taxpayers. When the offers for the foundation were submitted it was found the lowest was approximately \$21,000. Thereupon the court determined to have the work done by day labor, and Judge Trenchard states that a saving of at least \$6000 will be effected in the foundation alone. The work will cost not to exceed \$15,000—perhaps less. The main building will be constructed for \$2650 less than the estimate, so that the saving will be more than \$8000.

Total Cost, \$135,000.

It is now estimated that the new building will stand the taxpayers about \$135,000. The various items of expense are estimated by Judge Trenchard as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Cost. Building \$97,51; Foundation 15,000; Plumbing 4,500; Heating 3,100; Dome 1,500; Wiring 1,200; Furniture 11,500.

Total\$135,151
The plumbing work can be done for \$1500, but the court feels that this department should not be slighted, and therefore is inclined to spend the amount named above, \$5500. If the building is properly provided so far as plumbing is concerned, much later expense and annoyance will be saved.

Material to Be Used.

The court house will be one of the finest public buildings in the northwest. The basement is to be built of Tenino sandstone, while the first and second stories will be constructed of pressed brick, with terra cotta finishings. The floors will be of hemlock, the most durable of native woods, and the rooms will be finished in oak.

Messrs. Hastie & Dougan asked 17 months in which to complete their contract, but have now agreed to complete the work in one year, with the understanding that work be commenced August 1. Judge Trenchard is particularly gratified with this cut in time, as the officials of the county are greatly handicapped in the makeshift offices where they are at present trying to carry on the business of the

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county, and which are an eyesore to the community and everyone who visits it.

Foundation is Substantial.

George Langford, a member of the Portland firm which bid on the court house, expressed to the court yesterday his opinion that the blanket foundation which is being put in will fully meet requirements, and he seemed pleased that the court had decided upon this method of construction. He related an experience which he recently had in Portland on ground quite similar to that at the court house block, and said the blanket foundation would be found satisfactory in every respect. He was so confident of this that he said he would agree to erect the building and guarantee that it would not settle. Mr. Langford was the next best bidder to the Spokane firm. He is impressed with the generally prosperous condition of affairs in Astoria and says the city ought soon to become much more populous.

JUDGE PARKER IS NOMINATED

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speaker in J. W. Orr, who seconded the nomination of Parker.

Congressman Ball of Texas then seconded the nomination of Judge Parker.

Clark Nominates Cockrell.
Louisiana seconded Parker's nomination. Maine gave way to Missouri, and Champ Clark of that state took the platform to place in nomination Senator Francis M. Cockrell of Missouri for the presidency.

It was after 1 o'clock when Clark began to speak, and the audience had sat for more than five hours in the sweltering heat, but he had not spoken 100 words before attention was renewed. The crowd cheered him to the echo. Clark's first mention of his candidate as "Old Cockrell" threw the convention into convulsions of laughter. The band played "Dixie," and the tribute grew into a demonstration.

The tribute to Senator Cockrell, that was one of the handsomest things of the kind ever seen in any convention, lasted more than a quarter of an hour. When there was an end to the demonstration Maryland seconded the nomination of Parker through Benjamin Schley.

Olney's Name Presented.

Massachusetts placed Richard Olney in nomination; North Dakota nominated John Sharp Williams, and Wisconsin named Edward C. Wall. The seconding speeches continued. Before they were completed, however, Williams withdrew his name. Immediately after the closing of the seconds the roll call proceeded, with the result announced in the opening paragraph.

It was 4:30 when the result of the convention's work was received in Astoria. The Associated Press notified northwest editors that they could expect the result, and for this reason "The Astorian" did not go to press until 5:30.

POLITICIAN GOES TO JAIL.

J. N. Blair of Portland Arrested by Swede Police Officer.

Portland Journal: J. N. Blair, member of the republican central committee, president of the strongest republican club in Portland, and who presided at the meeting at which Mayor Williams was nominated, is very wroth at "Pete" Anderson, known as the "Terrible Swede" of the police force, and incidentally at everything

else political collected with the city administration. Mr. Blair was arrested July 4 by the "Terrible Swede," who, in spite of the republican leader's protests, maintained a hold on his collar and dragged him all the way from the corner of Third and Yamhill streets to the police station. Mr. Blair is on the warpath, and swears by the beard of the prophet that he will have "Pete's" scalp dangling at his belt as soon as he can bring the case before the commissioners.

The way it all happened is told by Mr. Blair. On the afternoon of the Fourth, as he was coming down Third street, near the corner of Yamhill he observed some boys placing giant powder on the streetcar rails. A nearby storekeeper named Labowitch, being driven well-nigh crazy by the noise, was out with a broom in pursuit of the boys trying to sweep the powder off the track. Labowitch at length attracted the attention of Policeman Pete Anderson, who bore down upon the lads shortly after Mr. Blair arrived.

When Anderson proceeded to arrest the boys Blair intervened, placing his hand on the policeman's shoulder and telling him the boys were doing no harm, but that Labowitch was trying to interfere with their lawful celebration of the day instead of closing up his store and celebrating the glorious Fourth. The "Terrible Swede" promptly dropped the case of the boys and arrested Mr. Blair, and despite his protests took him to the police station and lodged a charge of drunkenness and resisting an officer.

"I was as sober as I am now," declared Blair today, relating the circumstances.

Would Make Sahara a Sea.

French engineers have declared it is perfectly feasible to convert the desert of Sahara into a vast lake, thus opening to commerce great regions of the interior of Africa, which can now only be reached by long, tedious and dangerous caravan journeys. They say that large portion of the desert lies below the level of the Atlantic, and that by digging a canal to let in the waters

of the ocean the great change could be effected easily and at a cost which would be small compared to the benefits which would accrue.

Must Not Talk.

The Seattle health board has prohibited too much talking to the local reporters, and they are not unwise. The board desires simply to know what is given to the reporter, and then it can judge as to the difference when it appears in print. So the board will issue its official bulletins, and the individual members must give the reporter the marble slab.—Kent Journal.

Eighty-five per cent of the children of Japan are in school.

The dollar you have to pay back is twice as big as the one you borrow.

In the United States the distance of the average journey is 29 miles.

BASEBALL SCORES.

- Pacific Coast.
At Portland-Los Angeles, 0; Portland, 1.
At Tacoma-San Francisco, 3; Tacoma, 14.
At Seattle-Oakland, 5; Seattle, 10.
Pacific National.
At Salt Lake-Spokane, 6; Salt Lake, 3.
At Butte-Boise, 3; Butte, 4.
American.
At Cleveland-First game: Detroit, 0; Cleveland, 3. Second game: Detroit, 0; Cleveland, 2.
At Philadelphia-Washington, 1; Philadelphia, 2.
At New York-Boston, 12; New York, 3.
National.
At Pittsburg-Boston, 10; Pittsburg, 5.
At Cincinnati-Philadelphia, 1; Cincinnati, 3.
Mayor Will Not Permit Fight.
Philadelphia, July 8.—Mayor Weaver this afternoon announced that under no conditions would he allow a fight between Fitzsimmons and O'Brien.

LADIES' SUITS, SKIRTS and COATS
That are stylish and not High Priced. Ladies' Suits from \$7.50 to \$15.00. Ladies' skirts from \$1.75 to \$10.00. Ladies' coat, in wool or silk, \$4.50 to \$17.50.
Boys' Suits, Stylish.
Good materials at all prices. Men's Suits, latest styles, best materials, excellent values, from \$7.50 to \$12.50.
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