

CONTRACT SIGNED

County Court Signs Contract for New Court House.

THE NEW TAX LEVIES MADE

Estimated Expense of Running the County Fixed at \$52,000, Requiring a Tax Levy of 29 Mills—County Poor Cost \$5000.

The county court met yesterday to make the tax levy and consider the question of awarding the contract for completing the new court house. The county was represented by Harrison Allen and G. C. Fulton and Contractor Dugan by Charles H. Carey of Portland. A new contract was drawn up under the provisions of the law passed at the legislature authorizing the county court to levy an annual tax for court house purposes. The following estimate of expenses of the county for 1905 was made:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes County court, Circuit court, Justice court, Court house, County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Assessor, School superintendent, Coroner, Jail, Collecting taxes, Charity, Roads, Bridges, Insane, Current expenses, Interest.

Whereupon the following tax levy was made: State, 15 mills; county school, 5 1/2; road No. 77, 2; Youngs Bay bridge, 1 1/2; court house, 5; total, 29 mills. The city assessment is 10 1/2 mills and city school, 8 mills, making the total tax levy in the city 47 1/2 mills. This is about the same as it was last year. Property is assessed at about one-third of true cash value. If it were assessed at its full cash value the levy would only be 16 mills. Notwithstanding Astoria is building a new city hall, to cost about \$50,000, and the county a new court house, to cost about \$130,000, taxes are no higher than in many other cities and taking assessed valuation of property in consideration, compares favorably with eastern cities.

CONTEST IS OVER.

Goose Problem Too Much For Mathematicians of the City.

The Astorian incautiously printed a problem last week asking what distance a goose would fly to unwind a half-inch rope from a round cone 20 feet high, and most of the figure sharps have had bats in their belfries ever since. The answers received run from 1256 feet, by August Nelson, to 4325.701 miles by J. P. McCrea. Mr. McCrea's was the closest, but was not quite correct as he took the slant instead of the perpendicular height of the cone. Another poor soul in the throes of mental anguish wrestled with it a week, someone gave him foolish drops, or his mind gave way. He sent in the following plea for more information:

The Editor of the Fast Flying Duck Contest: Sir—Please give detailed answers to the following: Why is a duck? What is the reason? Is it a question? What are the dimensions of the duck? Did the duck drink Lee Herring's beer, or Otto's imported? What is the color of the cone? Is the duck in favor of the Burns' charter? Has Ed Hallock played seven-up with the duck? Is the duck a Jap or Russian? Is her name Maud? Has Percy met the duck? Is the rope made up plain or cut on the bias? Has Charlie Cooper taught her Black Queen? Does the duck know the year of the big wind? Bill Madison wants to know if prunes are good for the duck. Has the duck read "Frenzied Finance"? When did Bill Cook tell her about Nehalem coal? Did Jack Mayo give her a pass? When will the duck appear at Hedrick's?

ONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW.

MARINE NEWS.

Light House Tender Columbia Starts On Her Supply Trip Up Coast. The steamer F. A. Kilburn is expected to arrive in from San Francisco today, and will start her rate cutting expedition against the Alliance at once. The Kilburn will make a round trip from Bureka once in six days, according to the proposed schedule. The steamer Redondo is expected in from San Francisco this morning. On her last trip the Costa Rica, the new

steamer on the Elder's run, was compelled to leave considerable freight in Frisco and the Redondo is cleaning it up.

The Steamer Sue Elmore will leave out on her regular trip to Nehalem and Tillamook tomorrow.

The lighthouse tender Columbia left out yesterday for the stations on the northern coast with supplies. She will be gone for some weeks.

The Italian ship S. Celeste was towed to sea yesterday. She has a cargo of grain for Europe.

The French bark Ville de Mulhouse left out yesterday in ballast for Sydney.

The power schooner Gerald S started for Alsea, Yaquina and Nenalem yesterday on her last trip for a while. On her return she will be laid up awaiting better weather.

The steamer Costa Rica arrived in Sunday for San Francisco. She takes the place of the wracked steamer, the Geo. W. Elder.

The steam schooners Aurelia and Aberdeen arrived in Sunday from California and the Prentiss left out with lumber for San Pedro.

Captain Bailey of the bar tug Tatoosh injured his ankle, and Captain Staples is temporarily in command.

The big China liner Aragonia, which has been bar bound for some days, left out yesterday for oriental ports.

The British ship Fairport was towed down the river Sunday afternoon, and will probably leave out this morning. She has a cargo for Valparaiso.

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Table with 2 columns: Resource, Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds, Premiums on U. S. bonds, Stocks, securities, Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Other real estate owned, Due from national banks, Due from state banks and bankers, Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other cash items, Notes of other national banks, Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Specie, Legal-tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer, Total.

LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Liability, Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, National bank notes outstanding, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Time certificates of deposit, Total.

State of Oregon, county of Clatsop,

I, J. E. Higgins, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, 1905.

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