

ASSESSOR'S PAY ROLL TAKES ENORMOUS LEAP

Increase Within the Last Five Years Is Nearly Two Hundred Per Cent—Other Multnomah County Offices Show Far Less Proportionate Increase in Burden on the Taxpayers.

Expenses of County Offices Since 1903.			
	Assessor.	Sheriff.	Co. Clerk.
First half 1903.....	5,603.48	\$6,348.50	\$11,812.62
Second half 1903.....	5,673.47	7,132.93	8,309.26
First half 1904.....	7,717.46	7,046.00	13,766.77
Second half 1904.....	9,710.43	7,817.86	12,877.54
First half 1905.....	8,702.03	7,963.73	12,758.47
Second half 1905.....	9,102.80	7,330.07	13,163.26
First half 1906.....	8,971.20	7,176.63	14,316.25
Second half 1906.....	11,045.75	7,828.12	14,538.82
First half 1907.....	11,547.60	8,137.25	16,250.83
Second half 1907.....	11,746.13	8,544.21	16,587.93
First half 1908.....	16,474.22	9,350.22	17,161.50

In the last five years the expense of running the office of County Assessor B. D. Sigler has increased 193 per cent. An inspection of the county auditor's semi-annual report, recently filed, shows that during the first six months of the present year it has cost the taxpayers of Multnomah county \$16,474 to carry on the business of the county assessor, the highest previous expense in a similar period of time being \$11,746, and that was for the last six months of 1907.

This generous outlay of the taxpayers' money shows in a still more striking light when a comparison is made with the cost of other county offices. It is a noticeable fact that in the last five years the increased expense for the assessor's office is given separate and distinct consideration by the collector runs about 50 per cent for each of these offices. The cost has therefore grown about four times as fast for the assessor as for the other offices named. The basis of comparison of 1903 and 1908.

Nearly all of the big expense that is beginning to attract attention to the assessor's office comes from salaries. For the first six months of 1908 \$11,864.10 is charged up for salaries. There is a \$412 item for furniture and the rest is for stationery. The cost of the furniture, a little over \$400, is the only unusual expense out of the routine, but it must be borne in mind that other offices have also bought furniture from time to time, so even that should not be deducted in making comparison.

New Duties for Assessor.
The new law has imposed upon the assessor the duty of writing the tax roll, the county clerk, who has heretofore done this work in the past has rarely been more than a rubber stamp. This expense is distributed through the year, and the greater part of it would normally appear in the last six months of each year. The assessor's office is completely told in the accompanying

MAZAMA ASCENT OF MOUNT ST. HELENS

For dramatic episodes and daring feats of mountaineering the Mazama outing to Mount St. Helens, which terminated with the return of the triumphant party last night, probably eclipses any previous outing enjoyed by this well-known club of mountain climbers.

The two weeks of forest life on the shores of Spirit Lake at the base of that beautiful snow peak, was notable for its mingling of pleasant merrymaking and peril. The hazardous climbs over crevassed ice slopes and steep rock hurling lava fields, alternated with picturesque scenes of the evening camp fires, where some open a bit of a highly original nature. In the evening, the day and interspersed with witty stories, verses, and banquets, made the forest gloom resound with sounds of laughter and merriment.

Firm among the thrilling adventures of that memorable outing was the heroic rescue of the county auditor, figures are given by six-month periods for the reason that only the figures for the first six months of 1908 are available, and the comparison with other offices is thus made as far as possible. The figures given are the ones in which the largest expenditure of public money was made, where the deputies are numerous and the growth of business has been approximately on a par with the growth of work in the assessor's office. It will be seen that while the other offices have shown a steady increase in cost, the assessor's office has come in normal fashion, while the assessor's office shows large leaps that are not apparently accounted for by ordinary arithmetic.

In the accompanying table the expense of the tax collection department of the sheriff's office is given separately from the sheriff's office proper, which is shown in another column. The tax collection department is the largest of the year is materially larger than for the other half, this difference being due to the fact that the assessor's office is now being paid, from January to April.

Slightly Lower This Month.
The July expense of the assessor's office was \$2,450.36, the figures for the month having just become available. This shows an average slightly below that for the previous six months. As for this year, it maintained the cost for the last six months of the year will be nearly \$18,000, making a total for the year of \$110,000. In 1907, the last year before the election of Sigler, the cost for the year was a little over \$11,000. In the first year of Sigler's administration it rose to \$17,400.

Next January the salary of the assessor will be increased from \$2,000 to \$2,400, and the beginning of his new term. The adoption of the amendment changing the date of the general election from June to November extended the term of the assessor, as well as most of the other county officers, and the increase in the cost of the office will not show until next year.

August 7, with the ascent to timber line, where camp was pitched for the night. The next morning saw 26 ambitious climbers in line for the summit of the mountain. Of this number 24 succeeded in reaching the top after a most thrilling and perilous climb occupying fully 18 hours from timber line at 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

The north side had been selected by E. P. Sheldon, chairman of the outing committee, because it presented more interest than the south side, a high-garden climb, taken by the Mazamas 10 years ago. But as the north side of all our snow peaks, the mountain side, and as the snow was very steep and without any support for the climber, it was decided to take the north side. The party of 26, including the Mazamas, started at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Moreover, the danger from falling rocks from the steep mountain of lava above a constant peril to the climbers during the ascent. The Mazamas, however, were not much troubled by this. A good strike of lightning, snow-water, and a good strength, and it was decided that the party should go ahead to camp for another relief party to meet them low down, after making the descent. Like a shot the party disappeared over the summit and was down the side and to the glacier that stretched below. In what seemed the twinkling of an eye, the party was at the base of the mountain. The rescue party was organized for the work of rescue. There was no time to lose, and the rescue party was organized for the work of rescue.

Perilous Climbing.
This was so perilous that those at the upper end of the line could not see those ahead of them at the lower end of the line. The party was in a line, and the determination to do the climb was made. The party was in a line, and the determination to do the climb was made. The party was in a line, and the determination to do the climb was made.

Participants in Ascent.
Those who made the official ascent of the mountain were: Dr. Otto Akln, Dr. W. C. Adams, M. A. Gillingham, Miss Lizzie David, E. Friedle, Miss Margaret Fleming, Nelson Gammans, Miss Martha Gillingham, Miss Eleanor Gardner, Miss Gill, Harold Gilbert, J. A. Hughes, Miss Emma Harding, John A. Lee, R. W. Montague, Jack Montague, Miss Frances Montague, Miss Eleanor M. Donald, Miss Agnes Plummer, Mrs. E. T. Parsons, Miss Margaret Robin, Frank R. Baker, E. P. Sheldon, Rev. D. A. Walters, and Otto Wehler.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ENGLAND

(Closest News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Boston, Aug. 15.—A distinct earthquake was noticed in a number of towns south of Boston at 8:30 tonight. While the shock did no damage, it raked several buildings at Brockton, Hingham and other nearby places. At Boston, Medford, Hyde Park, Hingham, Stoughton and other places the shaking was distinct, as was the rocking of the buildings. It was also felt in the Forechester and West Roxbury districts.



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The following valuable scholarships and good cash awards should prompt students to put all their energy into The Journal's third annual scholarship contest. This contest will close in September. No ambitious student should miss this grand opportunity to win a scholarship. All between the ages of 10 and 30 are eligible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- As far as they are at present listed are herewith submitted. More schools will be added from day to day during the contest as the choice of new contestants is learned.
- ALBANY COLLEGE, ALBANY, OR.**
One year's tuition in any department, except conservatory. Value of scholarship \$50.
 - BAKER CITY BUSINESS COLLEGE, BAKER, OR.**
One year's tuition in shorthand and typewriting, English, bookkeeping and penmanship. Value of scholarship \$100.
 - BENKE-WALKER BUSINESS COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.**
One year's tuition in combined business and shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
 - CAPITAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, SALEM, OR.**
Ten months' tuition in business or shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
 - DALLAS COLLEGE, DALLAS, OR.**
One year's tuition in any department. Value of scholarship \$50.
 - ECCLESIC BUSINESS UNIVERSITY, PORTLAND, OR.**
One year's tuition in combined business and shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
 - HILL MILITARY ACADEMY, PORTLAND, OR.**
One year's tuition in all branches without board. Value of scholarship \$120.
 - HOLMES BUSINESS COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.**
One year's tuition in combined business and shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
 - INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS OF HANANTON, PA.**
Combined course in architecture, chemistry and chemical technology, electrical engineering, steam, electric, mechanical engineering and mining engineering. Value of scholarship \$125.
 - R. MAX MYER SCHOOL OF ART, PORTLAND, OR.**
Six months' evening course. Value of scholarship \$50.
 - MINNIEVILLE COLLEGE, MINNIEVILLE, OR.**
One year's tuition in any department of the college. Value of scholarship \$50.
 - OREGON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, PORTLAND, OR.**
One year's course in piano department. Value of scholarship \$175.
 - OREGON EXPERT COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.**
Combined course in telegraphy and stenography. Value of scholarship \$125.
 - OREGON LAW COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.**
One year's tuition. Value of scholarship \$150.
 - PACIFIC COLLEGE, HEWLETT, OR.**
One year's tuition. Value of scholarship \$50.
 - PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, FOREST GROVE, OR.**
One year's tuition in college department. Value of scholarship \$50.
 - PENDLETON ACADEMY, PENDLETON, OR.**
Two years' instruction in classical, scientific or commercial courses. Value of scholarship \$100.
 - PORTLAND ACADEMY, PORTLAND, OR.**
One year's tuition in any of the four academy classes. Value of scholarship \$120.
 - MRS. WALTER REED, PORTLAND, OR.**
Vocal lessons. Value of scholarship, \$100.
 - ROSE CITY BUSINESS COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.**
One year's tuition in combined business and shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
 - ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, THE DALLES, OR.**
One year's tuition in music department. Value of scholarship \$100.
 - WESTERN ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND ELOCUTION, PORTLAND, OR.**
Course in elocution, oratory or dramatic art. Value of scholarship \$150.
 - WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, SALEM, OR.**
One year's tuition in college department. Value of scholarship \$50.

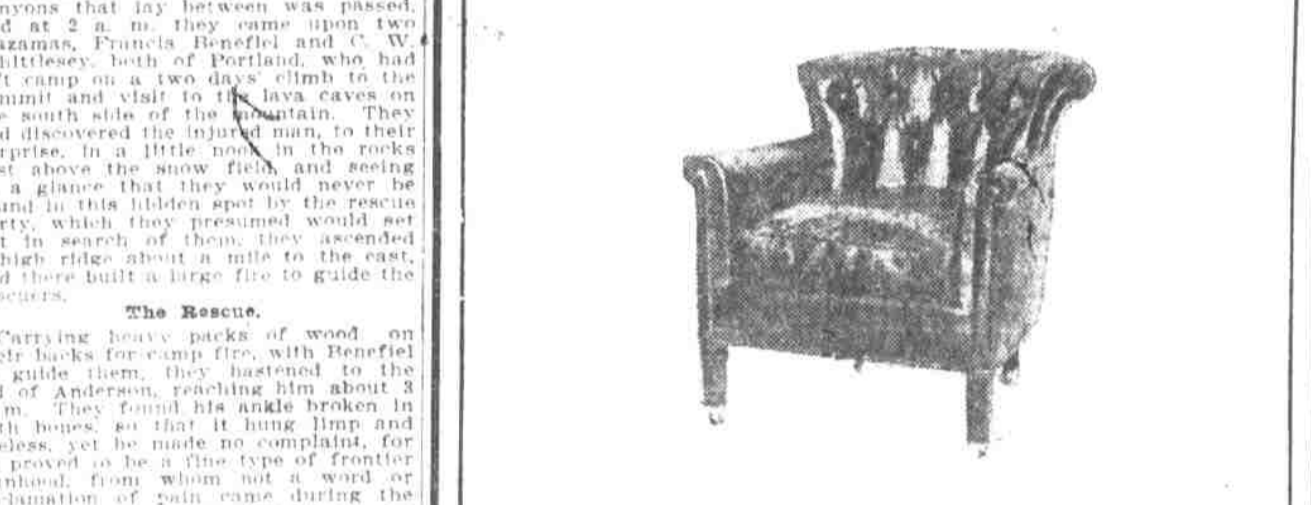
CASH AWARDS

In addition to the scholarship awards The Journal will make the following cash awards to help defray expenses of the students who may poll the largest vote:

- Cash with first choice of scholarship \$150
- Cash with second choice of scholarship \$125
- Cash with third choice of scholarship \$100
- Cash with fourth choice of scholarship \$75
- Cash with fifth choice of scholarship \$50
- Cash with sixth choice of scholarship \$25

The above sums in cash will be paid contestants immediately after the close of the contest, in the order of their standing. Cash commissions will be allowed on all new subscribers, in addition to the cash awards, so that a contestant may earn money every day during the contest.

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RABBIT SHINNED UP A TREE AND COYOTE STARVED TO DEATH

There is seldom a day passes that N. K. Clarke, manager of the Cornelius hotel, does not spring some news, how coyotes hunt a rabbit, how the rabbit shinned up a tree.

"Shinned up a tree?" yelled several of the sportsmen who were present. "Yes, sir, just shinned up a tree," replied Clarke. "You ever heard of a rabbit being shinned up a tree?" "Well, this rabbit shinned up a tree, and the coyote just stood and looked foolish. Yes, sir, that coyote looked plumb done up. His game hadn't panned out the way he expected and there he was a good long distance from his company who was waiting at the hole for the rabbit to return when he could spring upon him."

"What happened next?" asked the listeners, anxious to hear the story. "Why the rabbit just waited until the coyote crawled to death and then went and dug another hole. You see he didn't want to take chances with the other coyote."

The crowd adjourned to a place where the man in white serves anything but nature taking donations.

BAKER THEATRE OPENS THIS MONTH WITH LIGHT OPERA

The Baker theatre will open its season on Sunday evening, August 30, with the Cameron opera company in one of the latest musical hits, "Little Dilly Dimples." There will be matinees each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Saturdays. The companies which come from the north will not arrive in time to open the week with Sunday matinees.

Among the other attractions booked for the season are "A Royal Chef," "The Isle of Sodor," "Richard Jones, Hero and Nin," "The Honey-mooners," "The Volunteer Organist," "The Cat and the Fiddle," "A Good fellow," James J. Corbett, "Johnnie Jones," "Six Hopkins," "Just Out of College," "The Land of Nod," Murray & Mack, "The Girl Over There," "Habs in Toyland," "The Giverbread Man," "The Devil's Auction," "In Gay New York," Paul Hillman, "The Boy of Company B," the San Francisco Opera Company, Florence Gear in Marie Cahier's "Marrying Mary," "Susan's Dream City," "The American Girl," and many other recent musical and dramatic successes that have never been seen here before at less than \$1.50 for top seats.

The box office will open for the sale of tickets for the first time on Thursday, August 27, and every attraction will play one week.

DEMOCRATS GIVEN CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE

Chairman George H. Thomas has been calling the members of the Democratic precinct committee together the past week by wards for the purpose of discussing plans for the presidential campaign and to raise a campaign fund.

The committee invariably reports the outlook as being very bright and say that Republicans by the score will vote for Bryan and Kern.

Mr. Thomas has provided each committeeman with the necessary blanks and they will at once begin to solicit funds in small sums from individual Democrats.

Will Use Electricity.
St. Petersburg has begun to equip its street railroads with electricity, but it is expected that it will be about six years before the present motive power is replaced on all lines.

A Tip For Fat Women

In a few years that excess fat of yours will become a bad habit—impossible to break. Better take time by the forelock and reduce your fat in a natural way if you would keep fit and the youthful symmetry of 20 through the trying years of middle age. Go to the drugist and ask him for 4 ounce Marmola, 1/2 ounce Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic, and 1/4 ounce Syrup Simplex. Take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime. Mix them at home if you wish, but see that the Marmola comes to you in a sealed package.

This mixture makes firm fleshed, well-formed women out of flabby shapeless ones. It animates their stomachs, burns up the food fats instead of allowing them to gather at the waist line. Without disturbing the diet or requiring exercise to help it out it dissolves the fat just where needed the most. It has been known to melt away harmless as much as 16 ounces a day without causing a single wrinkle.