

LOOK AFTER PROPERTY

Expert Examining County Books Files Report With Recommendation of Improved System—Jail Is More Expensive.

Recommending the employment of a county purchasing agent to stop leakages and waste in the purchase of county supplies, the keeping of an account of the county real estate and all the property it owns and a more rigid voucher system which will show the history of every transaction involving the payment of money, J. W. Ferguson, expert examining county books, filed his final report with the county court.

The report is the result of an exhaustive examination of the accounts kept by the county auditor. It contains no specific criticism of any report, but makes a detailed showing of the receipts and disbursements of each office for the last seven years, as well as the account of county real estate and property. Unlike some of his former reports, notably those dealing with the office of the county clerk and sheriff, the expert makes no quotations of law to show apparent failure to comply with provisions of the law.

Big Bills for Board.

One of the interesting things in the report is the cost of the county jail for 1908-09, since Sheriff Stevens has been in full charge, and the year 1907-08, when the county court fed the prisoners. The total jail expense mounted from \$6834 to \$14,711, and \$11,717 for the year, with the increased cost in feeding the prisoners. The charge on this account jumped from \$3719 in 1907-08 to \$8846 in 1908-09.

At the same time the cost of feeding prisoners and guards at Kelly Butte during the last six months, during which time the sheriff was in charge, has grown to \$4533, as compared with \$2669 during the preceding six months, when the county court fed the prisoners.

In the sheriff's office proper the receipts have grown from \$2728 in 1902-03 to \$13,571 in 1908-09. The disbursements for salaries and expense have increased from \$13,550 to \$20,771.

Courts Now Expensive.

The cost of the circuit court, on the other hand, has grown from \$15,369 seven years ago to \$39,731. It grew only a few thousand each year until last year, when it sprang from \$24,832 to the present figures, an increase of nearly \$15,000. This is largely accounted for by the change in the legislature in increasing the pay of judges and witnesses from \$2 per day to \$3. The jury cost rose last year from \$12,282 to \$22,217, and witness fees from \$1867 to \$3438.

A statement of the liabilities and assets of the county shows a surplus of \$13,001, the liabilities being placed at \$113,244 and the assets, including all property, \$1,317,136. These figures were prepared by the county assessor. The list of county property attached and the valuations placed by the assessor forms an interesting inventory of what the county owns in the way of real estate. It shows the following:

- New county hospital, real estate, \$25,000, improvements \$15,000.
- Armory block, \$100,000; improvements, \$50,000.
- Lot in North Mount Tabor, \$500.
- County house, \$250,000.
- Gravel pit on Patton road, \$5800.
- Gravel pit in section 31, \$7100.
- Five acres in section 25, \$7100.
- Linton rock quarry, \$4000.
- Poor farm, \$150,000.
- Rock quarry, two and one half acres, \$1000.
- Section 8, \$5000.
- Rock quarry, 4.80 acres, in section 28, \$2000.
- Gravel pit, five acres in section 2, \$1000.
- Gravel pit, eight acres, in section 2, \$1000.
- Gravel pit, two and one half acres, in section 8, \$2000.
- Kelly Butte, \$6000.
- Gravel pit, 2.85 acres, in section 13, \$2000.
- Gravel pit, six acres, in section 16, \$5000.
- Gravel pit, 4 acres in section 2, \$4500.
- Gravel pit, five acres in section 4, \$750.
- Half John Barr D. L. C., 53.72 acres, \$8000.
- Gravel pit, two acres in section 6, \$300.
- Gravel pit, one and one half acres, section 3, \$1500.
- Gravel pit, two acres, in section 1, \$800.
- Gravel pit, two and one half acres, in section 8, \$2500.
- Cemetery, 1.40 acres, no value.

Expert's Comments.

The comments of the expert on the conduct of county business, and his recommendations, which he would bring about a better system of book-keeping, keep strict accountability on county officers and reduce the affairs of the county to the basis on which private corporations are conducted, reads as follows:

"I beg to suggest that no complete statement of the county's financial condition can be had without a full and detailed showing of the property. I am informed that it is the practice in other counties to keep entries not only of the county's real estate, but of such matters as the county roads.

Roads Enhance Values.

"It appears that in this county there are scattered like 100 miles of first class macadamized roads, and over 100 miles of gravel roads. They are undoubtedly a great asset, and much more than the cost of their maintenance and the value of adjacent property to a still

greater degree. The county's books give it no credit on account of these fine thoroughfares, which are frequently said to be the best in any county on the Pacific coast.

"I beg to submit that a complete statement of the county's financial condition should be installed in the auditor's office, which would exhibit all the facts with respect to roads, bridges, rock crushing plants, etc.

"For example, the account with the Kelly Butte rock crushing plant shows a debit of \$30,000, with nothing on the credit side of the ledger to show that it has ever produced anything, while a statement which I have compiled from various sources shows the distribution from Kelly Butte to be \$4,778 cubic yards, which at the estimated price of \$1.50 per cubic yard would amount to \$7167.25. A detailed statement, showing distribution to the different roads, would be a part of this report. My attention is also called to the fact that the account is as necessary as revenue and disbursement account, further that the system of accounting for supplies furnished by the county is very inadequate, and should be reformed. I recommend to a private corporation which had even a small fraction of the county's business in this particular, to employ a purchasing agent, who should devote his whole time to the business of ascertaining the needed supplies, seeing that the purchases were kept down to strict necessity, that all purchases should be made in the largest quantity actually required, and should publicize the fact, and should make the distribution of supplies was made economically, and so as to hold each office to strict responsibility for the amount used.

Need Voucher System.

"In addition to this there should be a voucher system installed whereby every bill should go through a systematic course from receipt to payment, and the voucher on return serve as a receipt, making a complete history of the transaction and holding accountable every individual who is in any way responsible for purchase or payment.

"I respectfully submit that these changes in the methods of public business tend to both economy and efficiency in the conduct of the county's extensive and growing business.

"I find nothing to criticize and much to commend as to the clerical work in the auditor's office, and I gratefully acknowledge the courtesies extended by the auditor and his chief deputy."

The report shows \$603,111 in cash in the treasury, of which \$140,732 belongs to the road fund. County real estate is valued at \$665,023 and road machinery and equipment at \$50,000. There are \$12,000 outstanding in county warrants, the greater number of recent date, but some reaching back to 1902. Several hundred dollars worth of old warrants have never been called for, evidently forgotten by those entitled to claim them. One of these warrants, for instance, is a railroad bond for \$1000, in favor of S. A. D. Peters for \$2.

Book Grasher Recollected.

Valuing the rock crushed at Kelly Butte at \$1.75 per cubic yard, the crusher has produced over \$96,000 worth of material in the last seven years. Road district No. 1 received \$1,298,833 cubic yards, No. 16, 17, 33, 34 cubic yards, and No. 3, 7, 755,250 cubic yards.

The army has cost the county \$27,406 in the last seven years. The bicycle path account, which was practically closed in 1906, shows a credit of \$6,215 and an expenditure of \$7412. Charity has cost the county \$18,019, with \$946 derived from refunds and incidental gains.

During the time covered in the report the Burnside bridge has cost \$147,731 and \$23,750 has been received from it. \$11,048 of this revenue coming from streetcar tolls and \$1800 from the pipe privilege of the East Portland Gas Light company.

The Madison bridge cost \$94,747 and brought in \$9077. The bridge tolls amounted to \$8111. The Morrison bridge cost \$66,347 for the same time and brought in \$4368. There has been no income from toll on this bridge since 1904-05.

The Steel bridge during the same time cost \$79,879 and the income insignificant, being less than \$200 from a claim.

The roads of the county cost nearly \$800,000 in seven years, the exact figures being \$756,667. Unearned money during and other credits amount to \$20,428.

Stationery and stamps cost the county \$5523 in the seven year period. The cost of the county clerk's office for the year amounted to \$4563 and elections cost \$7378. Special accountants have cost \$5901, the expense for the Ferguson accounting being \$1377 of this sum.

The juvenile court, established in 1905, has cost \$20,511 to date. Last year and the year before the cost was a little more than \$6000 per year, and the most of this goes for salaries, the salary of the judge last year amounting to \$5820.

District Attorney's Office.

The district attorney's office shows a cost last year of \$4425, a decrease from the year previous, when the expense was \$5015. Nearly \$2000 went to special detectives in the last year of Manning's incumbency, only \$816 being expended on that account in the last year.

The ferry John P. Caples cost \$36,718 since 1905, the Mason \$105,157, and the L. R. Webster \$70,774.

The county hospital cost \$46,068. Last year the expense was \$8870, compared with \$10,193 the year before, and \$4305 in 1905. The poor farm cost \$121,762 and brought in \$1065. The cost of the county farm and hospital combined increased from \$16,556 in 1902-03 to \$30,000 in 1908-09. For support, transportation and burial of old soldiers \$19,471 has been paid.

The cost of the insane was less last year than it was seven years ago. Then it was \$1486 and last year \$1296. This includes cost of examination, conveying to asylum and the support of the insane. The justice court of the East Portland district prior to consolidation last year cost for six years a period \$28,000. The Portland district court in the same time cost \$35,702. Last year the consolidated court cost \$13,385.

Tax collection cost the county \$120,741 in the seven years, growing slowly from \$16,624 in 1902-3 to \$21,891 last year. From licenses the county has derived \$36,826. The county coroner cost \$65,811, the coroner \$28,771, the assessor \$146,563, the auditor \$32,455, the treasurer \$15,939, the county school superintendent \$29,005, the surveyor \$10,870, the district attorney \$14,443, the fruit inspector \$2126 and the county board of health \$5325. Current county house expenses have amounted to \$96,314 and the detention home has cost \$23,864.

TOURIST TO THE PACIFIC COAST INCREASES

Visitors to California Invariably See Pacific Northwest.

Floyd S. Judah of San Francisco, head of the Peck-Judah company which maintains free information bureaus and publishes railroad and hotel bluebooks of the Pacific coast, is in Portland on his first inspection of the new branches of the Peck-Judah company in the Pacific north coast cities.

The future of tourists travel to the Pacific coast lies in four cities, said Mr. Judah this morning. "Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. We established a branch in Portland on January 1 in the lobby of the Commercial Club building, and we hope to enlarge this in the near future into a bureau of the same size as those we maintain in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Portland and Seattle are steadily coming to the front in tourist business."

"Another feature of this business is that it is now the exception for any tourist to come to the Pacific coast without seeing Oregon, Washington and California. In San Francisco, just before I left, we had 57,000 summer excursions tickets in the Peck-Judah office, which is double the number of those who visited San Francisco during the year of the Lewis and Clark trail to the business."

Mr. Judah's company owns the Pacific Coast Hotel Cabinet system, which maintains railroad and hotel holder cabinets at every important hotel, many public offices on the Pacific coast.

FEELING OF THE COURT

John Gilchrist for Illegal Fencing.

John Gilchrist, manager of the Pacific Livestock company, disagreed with the old adage that silence is golden when his ready tongue paled \$100 off his fine in the federal court this morning. He fined \$400 for having maintained an illegal fence on government land, having been indicted on four counts and having pleaded guilty to two of these counts when brought to trial. District Attorney McCourt suggested to Judge Wolverton that a fine of \$800 added to the costs of the action would be about all that the ends of justice would need to square the account.

When Judge Wolverton asked Gilchrist if he had any statement to make and the defendant said he had. For half an hour he pleaded guilty to before the court in a quiet and with such force that when the judge pronounced sentence he lopped \$100 off the fine mentioned by the district attorney and made the penalty for violating the law \$400 and costs instead of \$500 and costs.

Gilchrist is the manager of the Pacific Livestock company, which has large holdings in central Oregon, with headquarters at Burns. Recently he was indicted for having obtained government land which shut up some 18,000 acres of public land from the use of the people.

When the indictment was returned Gilchrist pleaded guilty to one of them, contending that on the other he had removed the fences except such as were entitled to keep up. His case came up for sentence this morning.

In presenting the case of the government, District Attorney McCourt said that at the time of entering the plea it had been decided between the plaintiff and the defendant that, owing to the circumstances of the case, the plea of imprisonment would be sufficient punishment. Mr. McCourt said that Gilchrist had been taken down. The object of the government was to get the fences down. This had been done except where it was a question of civil and not of criminal remedy. He suggested a fine of \$500 and costs, with an imprisonment for 30 days.

Mr. Gilchrist, in answering the question of Judge Wolverton, made a statement of his case. He said that when the government first gave notice in 1907 for the fences to be removed that he was notified by the officials of his company to take all fences down. He tried to do this, but had with the exception of the one fence around what was known as Tioga meadows.

This section of land was a desert and had not been used for the past six years. Mr. Gilchrist said, while the fence had been put there some 14 years ago. After the fence had been removed the bookkeeper at Burns had called attention to the Tioga meadows tract and Gilchrist had given orders to remove it at once. In the meantime, however, the indictment had been returned through a report made by Special Agent Stevens.

Mr. Gilchrist contended that at no time had he any criminal intent, but on the other hand was trying his best to observe the law. He said that he had been in the act of removing the fences at the time the indictment was returned. He contended that the ends of justice would be served with a slight punishment and the payment of the cost of the court proceedings. He therefore fixed the fine at \$400.

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SHE FEARED PARALYSIS

So Did the Physician Who Attended This Case of Nervous Breakdown.

Nervous breakdown may be the first sign of paralysis or some other severe nervous disorder. A tonic for the nerves is the one remedy for neurasthenic conditions and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a nerve tonic as well as a specific for conditions that lead to several forms of paralysis.

They are, therefore, of unusual value in cases of extreme nervousness in which there is reason to believe that the trouble may progress until a disease develops that is generally regarded as incurable. Such a case was that of Mrs. W. H. Gerlach, of University Place, Station No. 5, Tacoma, Wash. She says: "About two months before the birth of my youngest son, I became greatly run down through worry and overwork in caring for my husband, who had been seriously injured in an accident. After the birth of the child I was completely broken down in health. My bread and back ached all of the time. I had no appetite and, whenever I ate, my stomach distressed me so that food didn't seem to do me any good. I left no time that I wanted to sleep all of the time. I had been sick only a few weeks when I noticed a numb, creeping-like sensation in my hands and feet. These spells lasted for about five minutes or so at first but gradually lasted longer until I was unable to get up for a whole day. My hands and feet became colorless and dead like. There was no feeling in them and I could hardly write or do any work with them. The numbness was worse during damp weather or when I was extra tired.

"I was under a doctor's care for over a year and, when the numbness began, he said I was in danger of paralysis. He treated me with electricity for several weeks but he did not help me. Then I determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as I happened to read of a case, like mine, which they had cured. I gave them a thorough trial and found they were helping me for a few days in every way. The numbness finally left me and I was entirely cured. I have been strong and well since."

The remedy which gave Mrs. Gerlach complete health can be obtained at any drug store or direct from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 66 cents per box; six boxes for \$3.50.

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SAYS HUSBAND IS TO BLAME

Mrs. Hallock Files Several Counter Charges in Divorce Case.

Counter charge upon counter charge was filed this morning in the circuit court in the case of Manual Hallock and Mrs. Hallock. Mrs. Hallock's turn to do the charging and her instrument is filed with charges of cruelty, inflicted both upon herself and her two children. She absolutely denies having wilfully poisoned her two children, Chester and Violet.

Hallock's charges of denigration are denied by his wife, who asserts that it was he who deserted her and that she was always willing to take him back to a place where it was his duty to her. She alleges that even after the present divorce proceedings had been filed he returned to her and upon his promise to do better by her and to discontinue the divorce proceedings, she allowed him to remain with her for four days. She claims, in ample proof of her sincerity.

Mrs. Hallock's charges of cruelty were most extensive. She asserts that she was beaten and bruised till she has become a chronic sufferer from headaches.

Mrs. Hallock asks that she be allowed \$100 and attorneys fees and that Hallock be commanded to give her \$25 a month towards her support.

FAST TRAIN IN SERVICE SOON

Harriman Flyer Between Portland and Chicago Starts Friday.

The new Chicago-Portland 60 hour mail train that the Harriman lines are to place in service will begin running on next Friday, October 10. The train will make the run from Chicago to Portland in about 10 hours and will bring mail in Portland 42 hours ahead of the present schedule—that is 7:45 a. m. instead of p. m.

According to the schedule that has been arranged by the operating department of the O. R. & N. and the Oregon Short Line, working in conjunction with the Union Pacific, the new train will leave Pocatello, Idaho, at 1:28 a. m., Huntington at 9:02 p. m., and will arrive in Portland at 7:45 the next morning.

This train will carry no passengers but will consist of express and baggage cars only. It will, however, amount to a saving of about one whole day in the mail between the east and Portland. Under the present arrangement Pacific coast mail does not reach here until too late in the evening for distribution. Under the new system the same mail will arrive in Portland morning and be distributed by 10 o'clock or earlier.

BAD BLOOD FROM HAZING EPISODE

Guy Bakeman of Snohomish Alleged to Have Shot Claud Stretch.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Snohomish, Oct. 5.—The high school of this city is in a furor today over the shooting affray that occurred on the campus here, in which Guy Bakeman, son of Corcoran Bakeman of this county, did the shooting. The affair is said to be the outcome of a hazing episode which place a crowd of freshmen took Bakeman from the ballroom and cut his hair in a very artistic fashion.

Bakeman and a number of other students were on the school grounds last evening, when one of the students lifted Bakeman's hat and made some facetious remark about his hair. This angered Bakeman and it is alleged he drew a revolver from his pocket and fired, the bullet striking Stretch.

All the students in the affair are sons of prominent families of this city. Several expulsions and suspensions will follow, it is said. The school authorities declare the hazing must stop, if every boy in the school has to be expelled.

Go Before Circuit Court.

Fred Cobb and Bert Labarge, who have been held in connection with a number of robberies, were held to the circuit court this morning. Four \$1000 bonds were against them, which \$1000 bonds was placed in each case.

Arrested eggs. Creswell woman brought two several hard boiled eggs, violates the Chronicle.

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