

26,000 CLAIMS ON THE GENERAL AND 10,000 ROAD FUND AUDITED

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COUNTY AUDITOR EXACT

Separate Ledger Accounts Are Carried by the Auditor With Every Concern Having Business.

During the year 1916 more than 26,000 claims have been audited, checked and approved from the general fund of the county, representing \$969,985.64; and from the road fund more than 10,000 claims have been checked, audited and approved, representing expenditure of \$647,514.34, according to records in the office of County Auditor Martin.

Every claim presented to the auditor's office is carefully checked as to price, extension and footing.

Evidence With Claims. All demands, accounts, or claims against the county must be presented to the county auditor with the necessary evidence in support thereof, who audits and examines same and if found correct, lawful, just and valid, he issues thereon audit and approved with date thereon.

The auditor carries a separate ledger account with every firm doing business with the county. This ledger has been installed by the present auditor and it has been found a great help in many instances duplicate claims are filed for payment and by referring to the ledger account it will show at a glance when the claim was paid and the number of the warrant by which it was paid.

Receipts in Triplicate. The county auditor has prepared receipts for the various offices in triplicate and upon delivery are receipted for by the various officers, who are authorized by law to charge any fee, commission, percentage allowed, or compensation.

The triplicate receipt is filed with the auditor daily from the sheriff's office, county clerk, county treasurer, clerk and county treasurer's office, which are checked daily in the auditor's office. By the end of the month the grand total of receipts is presented to the auditor and the sums collected in each department to be turned over to the county treasury.

Jurors Are Promptly Paid. Jurors and witnesses are paid on the day their service ceases by filing with the county auditor verified statement showing the amount due him for mileage and the number of days he has served as juror or witness certified by a certificate attached thereto by the county clerk, and if found correct it is audited and allowed and warrant is drawn upon the treasurer for the amount due the juror or witness and it is immediately paid by the treasurer.

The per diem due laborers, teamsters and supervisors employed on county road work are paid in the same manner as the jurors and witnesses. A requisition is issued by the county auditor to the treasurer for the amount due the laborers, teamsters and supervisors, which is paid by the county clerk, signed by the board of county commissioners, who make the price on the requisition. The requisition is then delivered to the purchaser the amount called for in the requisition.

LEASE CASE COMPROMISED

Gatens Settles Dispute Over Purchase of Building by Site Owner.

Circuit Judge Gatens today brought about a settlement in a disputed lease case which had proved a stumbling block to all parties concerned, as well as arbitrators who had failed to unite on a financial adjustment. The case was that of William Strahlman vs. Anna Wilhelm Schultz and her husband, Frank Schultz.

The defendants had leased property in Sellwood for a 10-year period at \$150 a month. A building, said to have cost \$15,000, was erected. According to the terms of the lease, at the expiration of the same, the lessee was either to take over the building or the lessee was to buy the property. They were unable to agree on prices and suit was brought.

The court fixed the amount that the defendants was to pay for the land, at \$1500. Plaintiff had asked \$600. Otto J. Kramer appeared for the defendants and Sol Bloom and Leroy Lomax, were for the plaintiff. The defendants are allowed 20 days in which to pay the money to plaintiff.

EX-SENATOR SIMON PROTESTS

Assessed for Improvements Which, He Claims, Was No Benefit.

Former United States Senator Joseph Simon appeared before President Judge C. C. Gantenbein today in protest to the sale of certain land owned by him which the city claims is delinquent in the matter of street assessments. The land is situated on the east side of the city, between the intersection of the street and Stark streets. The assessments had been levied as a result of improvement of the street and that his property is not subdivided and that street dedication has never been made. The city describes the land as "lot 2 of Paradise Springs Farm." Mr. Simon holds that the description should be "parcel of the Perry Prettyman land." Judge Gantenbein will assign the case to trial next week.

SCOTT ESTATE CASE REVIVED

Administrator Sues Attorney to Recover Certain Alleged Funds.

Is John Scott, who is said to have disappeared from Portland some 14 years ago, dead or alive? Litigation now before the circuit court of Multnomah county has revived interest in the case, which gained considerable publicity nearly two years ago. Father James H. Black, the administrator of the estate, has brought suit in the circuit court against Attorney F. D. Chamberlain, to enforce collection of \$1012, which is declared to belong to the Scott estate.

The petition of Mr. Chamberlain, filed with the probate court in 1912, attacked the jurisdiction of the court to handle the administration of the estate of the group that has not been shown whether or not Scott is dead or alive. The burden of proof is shifted upon the petitioner to prove any contention he might make. The administrator demurred and Judge Tawell sustained the demurrer. Chamberlain then asked that the administrator be removed and the matter be brought back to the probate court. The action against Chamberlain for the alleged costs of the proceedings, has not yet been tried out.

According to evidence in the case, John Scott was a single man and died intestate, leaving his only heirs, his two cousins, Katherine A. Wood and Mary Ellen Danman of St. Louis. At the former hearing in the probate court the publicity given the matter drew inquiries from many parts of the country from persons claiming to be the legal heirs of John Scott.

According to Father Black, Scott had inherited by will, some \$25,000. Following Scott's disappearance an unsuccessful attempt was made to find if he was dead or alive. Finally the two cousins came forward and claimed the \$25,000 as the next direct heirs. This action was administered upon and the money divided. Judge Strong had been named trustee. Father Black succeeded him, and subsequently Father Black resigned and Katherine Wood was named in his place. F. D. Williams had acted as attorney for Black.

The money now sought by the administrator is declared to be the "personal estate" of John Scott, some being in no way related to the inheritance of \$25,000.

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Bulletins late last night indicated that Mrs. Byrne's condition was rapidly becoming critical. She was extremely weak. At 1 o'clock this morning she apparently lapsed into unconsciousness and hurriedly summoned physician inserted a tube into her throat and forced liquid concentrates into her stomach. She was then put to bed.

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