

The Gold Hill News

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REFORM IN COUNTY EXPENDITURE

PUBLIC OPINION in the county will sustain Judge Tou Velle in his efforts to cut down needless waste in county expenditures, of which the superintendent of schools' department affords a glaring instance, says the Medford Mail-Tribune.

There is a great discrepancy between the amounts fixed by the state laws for the administration of the various departments, and the actual cost of the same department to the taxpayers.

No matter how often the legislature raises the salaries and the number of deputies, every department has opened the throttle and hired as many as it chose. Perhaps they were needed—perhaps not.

The sheriff is given \$4000 a year for himself and deputy, but last year \$3306.70 additional was paid deputies, so that the office cost the county \$7306.

The county clerk is given \$3000 a year, but drew \$1339 extra for deputies, so the office cost \$4339. It really cost more, because some of the work, properly charged here, was charged to other departments.

The recorder had his salary raised to \$1800 a year by the last legislature and was given \$600 additional for a deputy—supposed to be ample, but the office cost \$3550 last year for salaries.

The treasurer is given \$1200 a year and hasn't much to do, yet he paid \$108 for deputies, and was on the county pay-roll himself frequently a second time as a deputy in other departments.

The assessor draws \$1500 a year, and paid out \$6450 additional for deputies—at total of 7850. for this one office.

While the salaries actually stipulated under the existing laws are only about 15000. a year, including the school graft, over 41,335. was paid out in court house salaries in 1912, which offers a fine field for investigation.

County officials should be given a fixed amount to conduct the business upon, dependent upon population, valuation and area of counties, as in the governor's bill, and made to live within the amount. It is farcial to stipulate amounts and then take the lid off of the limit.

THE PANAMA APPROPRIATION

THE JOSEPH BILL proposes that the Oregon appropriation for the Panama exposition shall be half a million dollars, observes the Portland Journal.

The amount is too large. There would be no legitimate way to spend so much money. The very extravagance of the amount would be temptation to be extravagant in its expenditure.

An appropriation of half a million dollars would produce boomtown ideas. It would result in launching Oregon at the exposition on a boomtown program with typical boomtown methods and effects. It is not a desirable or a discreet way in private business. It is a distinctly indiscreet and calamitous way of conducting public business on public funds collected by taxation from the public.

There should, of course, be a generous appropriation. The exposition is to celebrate the realization of the premier physical achievement in the history of the world. It will be a time and event when Oregon should be fully and effectively displayed.

But no half million dollars is required for the purpose. The sum should be much smaller, and there should be a fit commission to spend it. The manner in which the money is to be applied is almost as consequential as is the appropriation itself, a fact that makes the personnel of the body a very important matter.

People in the News

President Taft has renominated Charles P. Neill to be commissioner of labor.

Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, arrived at New York for an extended visit to this country.

Captain Hjalmar Johansen, who had achieved much success in polar research, committed suicide at Christiana, Norway.

Anton Johnnson of San Francisco a labor leader, appeared in the United States district court at Los Angeles to be tried on a charge of aiding in a conspiracy to transport dynamite.

Guy Eddie, good government leader and suspended city prosecutor of Los Angeles, was found not guilty of having contributed to the delinquency of Mrs. Alice Phelps, a minor.

Brief News of the week

Bradstreet's reports 322 business failures in the United States during the past week, as compared with 281 during the previous week.

In view of the unsatisfactory position of the opium question, the Chinese government has issued a manifesto reiterating its desire to suppress the evil.

A remarkable record has been established by French submarines, which despite storms traveled 800 miles, submerged all the time, without a single stop.

The Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, beginning January 1, established a minimum wage scale of \$9 a week for women and girls in its employ.

School Notes

By Richard Morelock

Miss Norton, the primary teacher, spent part of the forenoon in Mrs. Patrick's room Thursday.

The Literary Society in the Seventh and Eighth grades' room gave a program on January 17, 1913.

The Seventh and Eighth grades of the Gold Hill schools are having some difficulty in securing a teacher.

Clarence Van Houten and Elmer Dungey, who were conditioned in some studies last year, took the Eighth grade examination in Mrs. Patrick's room on Thursday morning.

The Honor Roll for the first semester is as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL

Alton Dungey, Elmer Dungey, William Foley, Pearl Collins, Mary Truax, Harriet Hodges.

ELEMENTARY GRADES

Donald Avery, Will Herron, Frank Reidel, Pearl Nowels, Lily Starns, Cleo Gilchrist, Vineta Fleming, Dolores Kelsey, Gerald Owens, Willard Britt, John McClendon, Bertha Coy, Lottie Fleming, Cleon Caldwell, Creed Haymond, Chas. Reidel, Eltha Lawrence, Ida Starns, Maudie Coy, Kenneth Davidson, Leda Harvey, Joe Lewis, Vernon Fleming, Nestor Anderson, Ina Gardner, Gladys Darling, Clarence Shaver, Nellie Deitrich, Hollis Davidson, Harold Gardner, Alton Morris.

At two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon January 22, Dr. Calvin S. White, of Portland, will give a free lecture to the school children and citizens of Gold Hill on the subject, "Ghosts." This is the first number of a series of lectures to be given here which good fortune is made possible by the mutual efforts of the state and local school authorities. Everybody come and give Dr. White a large audience and the good work a boost. The lecture will be given in the church.

Near Neighbors

Debenger Gap

By Norman Gage.

Jack Vaughn and family, of Prospect, visited with relatives at Beagle last week.

C. P. Dennis, of Debenger Gap, left last week for Los Angeles where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. Mary F. Gage, of Debenger Gap, has been suffering from an attack of stomach trouble for the past week but is somewhat improved.

Miss Alberta Stacy, (?) of Beagle, went to Medford last week to attend high school long enough to obtain a teacher's life certificate.

Galls Creek

Sam Lawrence has a very bad cold.

Thomas Dungey lost one of his horses.

P. W. Blackert has lost his dog from being poisoned.

Thomas Dungey made a business trip to Gold Hill Saturday.

P. W. Blackert cut up O. C. Blackington's fine hog, Sunday.

George Garrett has started his hydraulic mine on Galls creek.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blackington visited the Gold Hill lodge Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Blackert made a business trip to Gold Hill Monday.

Miss Ella Jamison is taking music lessons from Mrs. O. C. Blackington.

R. M. Cook and wife, and Mrs. Nellie Eaton made a business trip to Gold Hill Tuesday.

Gus Blackert, Carson Garrett and Dave Eaton made a business trip to Gold Hill Saturday.

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* GOLD HILL OPERA HOUSE *
* Seating Capacity 600. *
* Stage 50x22. *
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It is the object of the management to book only first class attractions and about two performances a month. The stage has been enlarged and new dressing rooms added to the building with new scenery and the present stage, we can stage any kind of a production.

The House in the future will be booked through the Northwestern Theatrical association having signed a contract to this effect, and they have assured us that they will use their best endeavors to only book good companies.

W. H. STICKEL,
Manager

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A Reminder

Obstetrical work is cash. No exceptions to this rule can be made.

Clement H. Smith, M. D.

REMEMBER

The BIG SALE

at Lance & Co.'s, and don't forget the date

Beginning Monday the 20th
Ending - Saturday the 25th

Get a \$1.00 Shirt for 25c, a \$3.00 pair of Shoes for \$1.00 and dress up ∴ Discounts will be given on all dry goods during the week

17 pounds Sugar - - \$1.00

25 pounds Beans - - 1.00

Lance & Company

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The coming spring will see considerable activity in the building line in Marshfield.

John E. Beesely has been appointed postmaster at Falls City and William M. Brown at Lebanon.

Pao, chief of the Umatilla Indians, died Friday at his home on the Umatilla reservation, a few miles from Pendleton.

Governor West has appointed Chas. Harding to be county judge of Lincoln county, to succeed C. H. Gardner, who recently resigned.

Representative Hawley has recommended for appointment John F. Miller as postmaster at Jacksonville, to succeed Mrs. Miller, deceased.

The seventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware & Implement Dealers' association will be held in Portland on January 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Timber Cruiser McCarthy, who has just completed cruising the timber of Coos county, reports 14,605,069,000 feet of merchantable timber in that county.

The seventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association takes place at Albany January 22 and 23 and promises to be the largest in their history.

Secretary of War Stimson has approved General Bixby's recommendation for a bridge across Coos bay, at Marshfield. The railroad has promised to begin work immediately.

The automobile bureau of the Secretary of State's department is swamped with the task of outfitting for the new year the 10,000 or more motor vehicles of the state with the new 1913 license tags.

L. W. Wright, a janitor at Hood River, craving cocaine, to which drug he is a slave, entered the drug store of C. A. Plath and holding up the clerk, Herman Kresse, secured a large quantity of the drug.

The state board of tax commissioners announced for 1913 the lowest state tax levy in the history of Oregon, 1.2 mills. This levy will produce \$1,086,014 on an assessed valuation placed at \$905,011,679.

Representative Hawley has secured an increase in the appropriation for the Chemawa Indian school from \$9000 to \$12,000, with the understanding that \$6000 of this amount shall be applied to improving the water supply.

To celebrate securing the \$250,000 endowment fund for Albany college, the Albany Commercial club will give a big banquet in honor of H. M. Crooks, president of the college, who directed the successful campaign.

For the establishment of the Oregon Caves National Park, to include the Oregon caves, Senator Bourne has introduced a bill setting aside township 40 south, range 6 west, Josephine county. This tract, which includes the caves, is a national monument.

Seven delegates to the National prohibition party convention, which met in Atlantic City last summer, will receive no expense vouchers from the

D. H. MILLER

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state. The state already has paid the expenses of 10 delegates and that is the restriction which is placed by law. Secretary of State Olcott visited Pendleton and on behalf of the state board accepted the new Eastern Oregon State Mental hospital. The big \$1,000,000 institution is now ready for occupancy, some 30 or more patients already being housed and cared for in it.

State Printer Dunlavy is preparing an elaborate statement which he intends to submit to the members of the legislature showing in detail the questions involved in the work of state printing and also urging that the law passed by the 1911 session be repealed.

An immense gas plant, covering 10 acres, with concrete buildings, offices and tall iron tanks, which will supply Portland with gas until 1920, is being built by the Portland Gas & Coke company at the government moorings, on the Linnton road, at a cost of \$2,000,000.

The American Red Cross has cabled \$1000 each to the Bulgarian and Serbian Red Cross societies and a similar amount to Ambassador Rockhill, at Constantinople, as well as \$500 to the Greek Red Cross. These contributions bring the American total up to \$58,855.

Charles S. Whitthill, of Portland, has written to Secretary Olcott demanding that an investigation be made of the counting of votes in Portland at the last general election. Whitthill declares that 50 per cent of the votes were counted illegally. Olcott has notified him that the question is not coming under his jurisdiction.

Three hundred citizens of Redmond and the surrounding country participated Friday in the opening of the Redmond Union Warehouse company, one of the largest and most substantial buildings of the kind in the northwest. Ex-Congressman Williamson was orator of the day. The warehouse was built of stone, cost \$10,000, and will store 200,000 bushels of potatoes.