EXPERTS REPORT.

ENTIRE YEAR OF 1905.

Sufficient fees have been collected according to the Receiving Book to cover all Instruments filed for record and the same has been duly turned over to County Treasurer, except as follows:

Turnover of	Amt. Rc'd	Amt. Turned Over
Jan. 31,	$223 85	$214.85
March 9,	284 50	282 00
June 1,	248 70	249.70
Nov. 2	369.35	356.60
Bal. not turned over		23 25
	$1126.40	$1126 40
Bal.	23 25	
To Mtg. Book P. p. 220, not collected	1.00	
By 2 Dup. Receipts		75
By Bal.		23.50
	$24 25	$24 25

January 1st, to July 1st, 1906

Sufficient fees have been collected according to the Receiving Book to cover all Instruments filed for record and the same has been turned over to the County Treasurer, except as follows:

Turnover of	Amt. Rc'd	Amt. Turned Over
June 30,	$1988 60	$1747.80
By Bal. not turned over		240.80
	$1988.60	$1988 60

To Bal.	240.80	
By 5 Mtgs $5.50		
1 Chat. Mtg. 1.00		
Petition 5.00		
Complaint 5.00		16.50
To Record, plat, Fuller's Add. to Lexington 8.50		
Bal.		232.80
	$249.30	$249.30
To Bal.	232.80	

County warrants were issued as follows:

Date	Order in Com. Jour.		Stu	
July 5, 1900	No. 245	E. J. Merrill	$14.00	$10.00
Sep. 7,	444	Glass & Prudhome		25.00
Jan. 11, 1901	707	J. P. Williams	12.50	12.00
Mch. 23,	766	W. O. Allison		4.00
July 5,	936	E. G. Noble	4.[illegible]	2.20
Jan. 4, 1902	1137	H. Wells	1.70	2.30
Mch. 5,	1256	B. F. Vaughn	[illegible]	12.56
July 10,	1616	Alex Reid	6.[illegible]	5.00
July 28,	1621	J. K. Carr	28.25	28 00
Dec. 18,	1763	W. W. Smead		6 00
Jan. 7, 1903	1787	W. Lord	1.25	5.00
July 6, 1904	765	C. M. Speak	6.00	7.[illegible]
July 7,	895	City of Heppner	12.00	12.20
Sept. 8,	1089	Wilmot	4.70	4.80
To Bal.				29 66
			$136.26	$136.26

Cases in Circuit Court in which fees were collectible.

EQUITY.

Term,

Nov. 1900 Mary Brosnan vs Jerry Brosnan, Phelps $2.00

Nov. 1900 Minnie M. Lake vs John R. Lake, Phelps 2,00.

Nov. 1900 Bertha Gardner, vs Wm Gardner, Rea & M. 2.00

Nov. 1900 Mollie Kern vs John W. Kern, Phelps 2.00

Nov. 1900 Sarah Walker vs S. H. Walker, Phelps 2 00

Nov. 1900 H. W. Bartholomew vs John Edwards, C. E. Redfield 2.00

Nov. 1900 D. W. Anderson vs Ida Anderson, Redfield 2 00

Nov. 1900 Annie Bradley vs Harry Bradley, Redfield 2.00

Nov. 1900 O. S. Hodson vs Linnia A. Hodson, Redfield 2.00

May 1901 Ida Bordwell vs Jack Bordwell, Redfield 2.00.

May 1901 Delia Hallock vs Fred J. Hallock, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Coke Ewing vs Jennie Ewing, S. A. Gurley 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Polly Hale vs N. J. Hale, Redfield 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Mary Blahm vs Phillip Balhm, Redfield 2 00.

Nov. 1901 Etta Ross vs Wm Ross, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Elizabeth Morrison vs Thon. J. Morrison, Redfield 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Wm Hendrix vs Bessie Hendrix, Redfield 2 00.

Nov. 1901 Lizzie Kelly vs Andrew Kelly, Redfield 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Katie Paul vs Wm Paul, G. W. Rea 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Maria Adams vs Foster Adams 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Almira Shaw vs James M. Shaw, Rea & Morrow 2.00.

May 1902 G. R. Jones vs E. J. and O J. Cox, Redfield 2.00.

May 1902 Willow Lodge No 69 vs Fred Hawker, Phelps 2,00.

May 1902 Jessie Bowman vs Ed Bowman, Welch 2.00.

May 1902 Mary Kunce vs John Kunce, Redfield 2 00.

Nov. 1902 Add Weir vs Ida A. Weir, Rea 2 00.

Nov. 1902 J. S. Abott vs Katie Abott. Rea 2.00.

Nov. 1902 E. R, Beach vs Emma Beach, Notson 2 00

Nov. 1902 J. W. Vaughn vs Mary Vaughn, Phelps 2 00.

Nov. 1902 Moses Ashbaugh vs Kimsey, Phelps 2 00.

May 1903 A. A. Willis vs F. H, Benge, Phelps 2.00.

May 1903 Ella Frakes vs A, A. Frakes, Phelps 2.00.

May 1903 W. B. Barratt vs Mowat, Phelps 2 00.

May 1903 Susie Sersinger vs Ed Sersinger, Redfield 2 00.

May 1903 Minnie McDowell vs Chas McDowell, Redfield 2 00.

May 1903 Bessie Mathison vs Add Mathison, Rea 2,00.

Nov. 1903 Martha Robinson vs Geo Robinson, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1903 Telitha Dykstra vs Geo Dykstera, Redfield & Van Vactor 2.00.

Nov. 1903 Ed Rood vs Oscar Mitchell, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1903 Lucy H. Young vs Edward E. Young, Rea 2.00.

Nov. 1903 W. H. and H. A. Moore vs R. W. Beardon, Woodson 2.00.

Nov. 1903 S. W. Meadows vs T. R. Sherman et ux, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1903 Jennie Martin vs James Martin, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1903 A. J. Hicks vs Mary Hicks, Phelps 2.00.

May 1904 Alphia Geinger vs Geo Geinger, Redfield 2.00.

May 1904 Pat McDaid vs C. Reaney, Phelps 2.00.

May 1904 Dale Rea vs Preston Campbell, Dobyns 2.00.

May 1904 G. W. Dykstra vs T. Dystra, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1904 Minnie Mulligan vs Metis Mulligan, Notson 2.00.

Nov. 1904 Willie Laurance vs Claude Laurance, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1904 Louis Putnam vs Mabel Putnam, Notson 2.00.

Nov. 1904 Leona Robertson vs Alby Robertson, Redfield & Van Vactor 2.00.

Nov. 1904 Lucy Long vs Guy Long, Redfield & Van Vactor 2.00.

Nov. 1904 F. C. McCarter vs Clara McCarter, Redfield & Van Vactor 2.00.

May 1905 Lottie E. Penman vs D. J. Penman, Redfield & Van Vactor 2 00.

May 1905 Mary A. Miller vs Frank Miller, C. E. Woodson 2 00.

Nov. 1905 Martha Leffler vs Sherman Leffler, 2 00.

Nov. 1905 Elizabeth Allstott vs S. W. Allstott, Woodson 2 00.

Nov. 1905 C. N. Horn vs Maude Horn, 2.00.

Jas Mason vs J. P. Rea, Notson 2.00.

Nov 1905 Dixie McBee vs S. E. McBee, Redfield & Van Vactor 2.00.

Nov. 1905 Belle Mathiason vs Chas Mathiason, Woodson 2.00.

Nov. 1905 Mary Bode vs J. W. Bode, Redfield & Van Vactor 2.00.

May 1906 Fronia Blahm vs A. Wall, Notson 2.00.

May 1906 Thos Brown vs Sophia Brown, Woodson 2.00.

May 1906 Elsie Cecil vs Wilford Cecil. Woodson 2.00.

LAW

Nov. 1900 Matt Hughes vs Claude Herren, Rea 2.00.

Nov. 1900 Belle Lalande vs R. M. Hart, Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1900 D. E. Gilman vs J. Bordwell, Redfield 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Taylor Thompson vs J. H. Bellenbrock. Phelps 2.00.

Nov. 1901 Hugh Fields vs Jane Penland 2.00.

May 1902 A. J. Clem vs S. P. Fiorence, Phelps 2.00

Nov 1902 Galloway vs Bartholomew, Rea 2 00

May 1903 W H Goitra Ex vs Jane Penland, Redfield 2 00

May 1903 W H Wilmot vs B F Timm, Dobyns 2 00

Nov 1903 Chestnut vs J A Harbke, Phelps 2 00

Nov 1904 D E Gilman vs Emmett Cochran (Redfield)............	2 00
Nov 1904 Chas T Fuller vs Jas M Hayes (C E Woodson)......	2 00
May 1905 Morrow vs R G Robinson (Woodson)..............	2 00
May 1905 T R Monroe vs Frank Akers (Burdett)..............	2 00
May 1905 W H Goltra vs Jane Penland (Redfield)............	2 00
May 1905 City of Ione vs Ed Cluff (Phelps & Notson).......	2 00
Nov 1905 Sarah Jennings vs O L & W Co (Woodson)...........	2 00
Nov 1905 C A Morey vs John Gray (Notson)................	2 00
Nov 1905 D E Gilman vs E Cochran (Redfield)................	2 00
Nov 1905 C T Walker vs Allinger (Dobyns)....................	2 00
	$174 00

TRIAL FEES PAID.

Nov 19, 1902......................	$ 2 00
Nov 7, 1903........................	2 00
May 22, 1905......................	10 00
May 24, 1905......................	2 00
Nov 27, 1905......................	10 00
May 22, 1906......................	4 00
May 28, 1906......................	2 00
	$34 00

FILING FEES.

	Fees not turned over	Excessive Credit
Registar fees of Cases No. 4.		
Page 160, Redfield......	$5 00	
Page 189, Notson & Phelps	5 00	
Page 249, W H Dobyns..	4 00	
Page 267, S Van Vactor.		50
Page 285, Redfield......		5 00
Page 285, Redfield......		2 50
Page 314, Hewitt & Sox.	5 00	
4, 16, 06, no 5 T & M....	5 00	
Balance.............		16 00
	24 00	24 00

RECAPITULATION.

1900	Shortage........	$ 1 75	
1901	Shortage........	2 25	
1902	Shortage........	2 25	
1903	Credit..........		$2 65
1904	Credit..........		1 40
1905	Shortage........	23 50	
1906	Shortage........	232 80	
	Warrants........	29 66	
	Trial fees.......	142 00	
	Filing fees......	16 00	
	Balance*...........		446 16
		450 21	450 21

*Total shortage of Vawter Crawford, County Clerk.

In commenting upon the conditions of the office of County Clerk we would say that we found it impossible to check all the instruments filed for record with the fee book from July 1st, 1900 to Jan. 1st. 1903. The fee book was not fully or sufficiently kept to guide us in identifying instruments filed with those recorded. No space was allowed for the named of the parties to a convevance, or other instrument, and the columns for 'Book.' 'Vol.,' 'Page,' were left entirely unfilled. It was only possible to ascertain the amount of fees due the County during that period by computing the amounts due on each instrument or other matter of record and comparing the total with that of the Receiving Book. We found a balance of about $40 in the County's favor, which might easily have resulted from difference in estimates on the length of instruments.

Beginning with the year 1903, each instrument was numbered and by that means as well as the names of the parties we were able to check quite clearly all matters filed for record.

We did not recite in the report the entire amounts collected, inasmuch as it was unnecessary and rendered the report unnecessarily cumbersome, but we have referred to turnovers only where there occurred any shortage or excess.

Treasurer receipted for such money on the Receiving Book until 1903 and after that by separate receipt. Turnovers were made regularly until about Oct. 1905, when they were allowed to accumulate to a sum a little less than $2000. At that turnover, which occurred on June 30th, 1906, we find the amount to be short $240.80.

There is practically no system of accounts kept in office of County Clerk. One Journal and one General Ledger are kept, but never checked up or balanced. Accounts have been opened with the Sheriff and Treasurer and numerous entries made, but no balances were made from year to year and no comparisons with records that should appear in other offices. So far as the value of those accounts go, they are worthless, except as mere memoranda. The County Clerk has fallen far short of his duty, failing to exercise the principal functions of his office. Merely to keep an office open, receive and record such matter as comes in, and turned over the fees earned to the Treasurer, together with other minor duties, does not constitute the important part of the duties of the Clerk of a County. In fact, recording, corresponding and such work about the office is generally made the duty of a Deputy. The Clerk should keep the record of the County's business above all. All financial transactions of the various offices should appear in that office. Regular accounts of all the functions of the County should be diligently kept, by which the interests of the County could be vigilantly guarded.

Tax-payer, officer and County, all alike need that same protection. Without it the County Court is at sea. It cannot enter upon its various duties intelligently, not promote the best interests of the County without being in full possession of its financial standing, a knowledge of its resources, and the data pertaining to its previous undertakings. Without it the officer cannot feel certain that the functions of his office are properly exercised, or that his obligation to the County has been properly fulfilled.

It should stand as a witness to all financial transactions and act as a check, revealing error and disclosing fraud.

The tax-payer needs it to protect him against excessive assessments and to afford him positive proof that his contribution has been economically appropriated for Roads, Schools and public institutions.

A striking illustration of this occurs where on the 20th day of April 1905, the Treasurer turned over redeemed warrants and received credit on the books of the Clerk to the amount of $5399.49. And again turned over redeemed warrants and received credit to the amount of $5078 28 and $399.17.

Of the latter amounts $1909 88 were included in the former turnover, and no actual warrants accompanied the last turnover, but only a list, which the Clerk accepted and receipted for in regular form. This transactions alone bespeaks culpable negligence on the part of the Clerk, first because he employed no means to discover his error, and second, it created a loop hole where by the Treasurer could have appropriated that amount of the County's funds undetected.

Too much importance cannot be attached to that function of the office of County Clerk. We wish to emphasize the importance of having a complete set of books in that office which should at all times show the financial standing of the County, and all other important transactions of the various offices as heretofore suggested.

CERTIFICATE.

We do hereby certify that we have carefully examined the books records and accounts of the offices of County Treasurer, Clerk, Sheriff Assessor and School Superintendent of Morrow County, Oregon so far as the same pertains to financial matters of the said County, and that the report herewith, consisting of 32 pages contain memoranda of all the important errors and irregularities, occurring in the said books, records and accounts, between the 1st day of July 1900, and the 1st day of July, 1906, except the office of County Treasurer, which we did not examine prior to July 1st, 1904. (M. Lichtenthal's terms.)

E. L. FREELAND,
G. B. Alley.

To the Editor of the Gazette:—

It coming to my knowledge that my enemies are already very busy trying to make political capital out of the showing that "Sheriff Shutt has been found short in his accounts with the county," I desire to say that I personally am not to blame for any shortage found in the sheriff's accounts during my administration, and that I knew absolutely nothing about such shortage until after the sheriff's books had been experted.

In support of this assertion I refer you to both the men who experted the books; to the checks, receipts and other data on file; to the county records themselves; to the grand jury. who carefully examined the records, report and all witnesses connected therewith; to the district attorney; to the office deputy at the time and to all others concerned.

The entire shortage made in the sheriff's office during my four years' administration has been made good to the county treasurer by the office deputy who was in charge of the books and finances of the sheriff's office during those four years, while I attended personally to making arrests and doing all the field work generally.

This brief statement is made not to do an injustice to others but to do justice to myself, to set myself aright before the people, in accordance with absolute facts and figures, and to offset the malicious misrepresentations being made by my political enemies, who are keenly awaiting an opportnity to accomplish my downfall.

E. M. Shutt.

4—357.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Ore. October 24th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Margaret D. Justus, of Heppner, county of Morrow State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 4567, for the purchase of the SW¼ of Section No. 35 in Township No. 3 S, Range No. 28 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon on Tuesday, the 24th day of January, 1907.

She names as witnesses: William T. McRoberts, John N. Beeler, Harry Hayes and Gideon B. Hatt all of Heppner, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24th day of January, 1907.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

Nov8-Jan10.

4—357.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land office, La Grande, Oregon. October, 24th 1906.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

William T. McRoberts, of Heppner, county of Morrow, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No 4568 for the purchase of the E½NE¼ and S½NW¼ of Section No. 33 in Township No. 3 S Range No. 28, E. W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon on Thursday, the 24th day of January, 1907.

He names as witnesses: David O. Justus, John N. Beeler, Harry Hayes and Gideon B. Hatt all of Heppner, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24th day of January, 1907.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

Nov8-Jan10.

Administrators Sale.

In the county court of the state of Oregon for Morrow county.

In the matter of the estate of Jay Johnson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, sitting in probate, made on the 5th day of November, A D. 1906, the undersigned administrator of the said estate will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, gold coin of the United States, and subject to confirmation by said county court, on Saturday, the 8th day of December, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, all the right, title and interest of the said Jay Johnson at the time of his death; and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law or otherwise, acquired other than or in addition to that of the said Jay Johnson at the time of his death, and in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the county of Morrow, State of Oregon, and described as follows, to-wit: The East half of the South-east quarter and the South-west quarter of the South-east quarter of Section 29, and the North-east quarter of the North-east quarter of Section 32, Township 6 S Range 26 E. W. M. Terms: Cash in hand, gold coin of the United States.

W. H. French,
Administrator of the Estate of Jay Johnson, deceased.

Nov3-Dec6.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. (Isolated Tract)

Public Land Sale.
United States Land Office,
The Dalles, Oregon, November 7, 1906.

Notice is hereby given, that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public No. 303, we will offer at Public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 10th day of December next, at this office, the following tracts of land, to wit:

The NW¼SE¼, NE¼NE¼ of Section 14, SE¼NE¼ of Section 10, SW¼NW¼, NW¼SW¼ and SE¼SE¼ of Section 11 and W½SW¼ of Section 23, Tp. 5 S., R. 25 E., W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.
ANN M. LANG, Receiver.

Nov8-Dec6.

4—283 a.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. (Public Land Sale.)

(Isolated Tract.)

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon. October, 27, 1906.

Notice is hereby given, that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 12th day of December, next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: NW¼SW¼, Section 22, SE¼SE¼, Section 24, NE¼NE¼, SW¼NE¼, Section 25 T. 3 S. R. 27 E., W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

No. 5531.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

Nov1-Dec6.

Administrator's Sale.

In the County Court of Morrow County State of Oregon.

In the matter of the estate of Martin Anderson deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon, made and entered on the 3rd day of December, 1906, I, the undersigned administrator of the estate of Martin Anderson, deceased, will on the 5th day of January 1907, at ten o'clock a. m., of said day at the law offices of Redfield & Van Vactor, in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon offer for sale at private sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand the following described real property belonging to the estate of Martin Anderson, deceased, to-wit: Lots Four and Five in Block Two of Jones' Addition to the town, now city, of Heppner, and will apply the proceeds of said sale to the payment of the debts against said estate, and the costs and expenses of the administration of the said estate.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1906

J. P. WILLIAMS,
Administrator of the estate of Martin Anderson, deceased.

Dec6-Jan3.

Notice.

In the County Court of Morrow County State of Oregon.

In the matter of the estate of John Jenkins, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of John Jenkins, deceased, has filed his final account, in the County Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon, and that Monday the seventh day of January 1907, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and the County Court room of said court, has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Dated December fifth 1906.

JOHN L. JENKINS,
Administrator of the estate of John Jenkins, deceased.

Dec6-Jan3.

4—283 a.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. (Public Land Sale.)

(Isolated Tract.)

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon. October 27, 1906.

Notice is hereby given, that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 11th day of December, next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: SW¼SE¼, NE¼SW¼, Section 1, W½NE¼, Section 12, T. 4., R. 27 E., and Lot 2, Section 6, T. 5 S. R. 27 E., W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for the sale.

No 5530.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

Nov1-Dec6.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. (Public Land Sale.)

[Isolated Tract.]

U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, November 15th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given, that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 17th day of December, next, at this office, the following tracts of land, to-wit:

The NE¼SW¼ of Section 5, NE¼NE¼ of Section 8, Tp. 4 S., R. 21 East SE¼NE¼ of Section 34, SW¼SW¼, NE¼NE¼ of Section 35, Tp. 2. S., Range 25 East, SW¼NW¼ of Section 23, SW¼NW¼ of Section 24, NW¼SE¼ of Section 30, Township 2 South, Range 26 East of Willamette Meridian.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.
ANNE M. LANG, Receiver.

Nov15-Dec13.