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COUNTY COURT.

Judge Gray Makes His Semi-Annual Report to Clatsop County Tax-Payers.

The following interesting report has just been filed by County Judge J. F. D. Gray for the last six months of 1926: To the Tax-payers of Clatsop County:— The county commissioners and myself have travelled over most of the roads in the county during the past year.

We have approximately about one hundred and seventy miles of wagon road, and ninety additional miles of surveyed road upon which work is being done and is payable in the county. We have expended \$5,316.78 during the past year outside the city limits, being an average of \$26 per mile for the whole distance, or \$125 per mile for wagon roads. It is impossible to make roads more than passable during the summer and fall, with such a small amount of money, and the farmers and tax-payers should not expect good roads to be built with a tax of 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 mills for road purposes.

There is a difference of opinion between members of the Common Council of Astoria and the county court as to which party has the right to expend the money collected for road purposes in the city. The case of Oregon City vs. the treasurer of Clatsop county, recently decided by the supreme court, was supposed to cover the point in controversy, but we find the charters differ very materially, and the decision does not apply to our case.

We have paid for county bridges, built by contract, during the past year \$4,234.42; other items of lumber for small bridges and supplies, keepers of roads and bridges, \$1,602.22, making a total of \$5,836.64. The principal part of this money has been expended to connect settlements and large tracts of property that have been paying taxes for years, but the owners have been unable to utilize it properly for want of bridges to get to it.

In order to connect the city of Astoria by wagon road with that part of the county lying west of Young's River, which includes the Lewis and Clarke, Clatsop Plains, Seaside, Necanicum, and Lower Nehalem country, it will be necessary to construct a pile trestle 2,000 or 2,500 feet long, and a draw bridge from 200 to 250 feet long.

Many persons are applying to the county court for the position of road supervisor who are not able to do a day's work, and others expecting to draw pay as supervisor without doing any manual labor. Formerly when the supervisor collected the road poll tax and expended it in the district he was held responsible by the people of whom he received such tax. Under the present law and manner of collecting and apportioning the road tax, the county court hold that the money having been collected by the tax collector of the county and turned into the county treasury, it should be paid out only upon the approval of the county court, and the certificate of the supervisor, who must render full service for money received by him.

being unusual items. Taxes paid on property formerly bought by the county, \$1,729.46; state and national elections, \$1,967.70; bridge, by contract, \$4,900.00; about; strike expense—by the sheriff \$300.00; militia \$504.64; coroner \$236.00; justice court (about) \$300.00—making a total of \$11,337.24.

The county officers will endeavor to enforce the law against aliens and non-residents residing in the Columbia river for the year 1927, who are the principal cause of the difficulty during the past year, and it is earnestly hoped that the present legislature will pass the "license law," permitting only residents and American citizens to engage in the fishing business, which will protect life and property and our great industry for the benefit of our own citizens.

There are a large amount of claims for delinquent taxes, costs, penalty and interest due the county, many of them prior to 1924, through errors of assessors and assessors and to the operation of the "mortgage tax law," are of questionable value. The county court intends to enforce the collection of all delinquents as soon as property will sell for the value of the county's claim, provided that it does not cost more than the claim is worth to get it.

The county is to be congratulated on the justice of the work of the State Board of Equalization in reducing the valuation of Clatsop, making it equal to other counties of the state, and mainly to the earnest work and ability of our member on the board, Hon. T. L. Wingate. When the assessment rolls were placed before the County Board of Equalization by the assessor, the footings were several thousand dollars more than the State Board had placed our valuation in 1925.

The credit of this county is better than it has been for ten years. Road warrants are cashed by the county treasurer and general fund warrants are sought after by investors, who are paying 98 and 99 cents on the dollar for them. This is a great saving heretofore charged in the cost of supplies or contracts for county work.

The steamer Signal arrived yesterday from Vancouver, B. C., with 402 tons of coal for the Oregon Improvement Co., and a large consignment of liquors and merchandise for Foard & Stokes.

Quite a fleet of sailing craft has sailed during the past few days for the Hawaiian and South Sea Islands, and nearly all have gone richly laden. The barkentine Tropic Bird, Captain Jackson, left for Tahiti yesterday morning with the mails and a valuable cargo for trading purposes. She will not only visit Tahiti, but also Taitobal, Rotatorona and other islands of the Marquesas group.

The government forecast of north Pacific ocean weather for January 18, in part, as follows: "The trade wind limit will be found a little farther south than in the previous month. Between the parallels of 25 north and 50 north, and from the American to the Asiatic coast, frequent squalls and gales, accompanied by rain or snow, may be expected. Occasional squalls may be expected in the vicinity of the Philippines and Hawaiian Islands, and in the region of the doldrums. Occasional fog will be found along the American coast during January, though not sufficient to warrant its probable limits being shown on the chart. The northeast monsoon on the coast of Asia will continue to blow steadily during January. Typhoons are infrequent during January."



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"Right on our new carpet!" chimed Maria. "Oh, John, how could you?" "How could I?" I replied, in no very gentle tone, shaking the water from my face and the glass from my hair. "Don't you know I am killed, woman, or disfigured for life?"

"I had cut my lips in the fall and was bleeding profusely." "O John, do let me get down and climb to you," whimpered Maria. "Come ahead," I answered, heartlessly. "John, dear, haven't you a match?" "A match? No, madam. As you do not like the odor of smoke I find it unnecessary to carry matches about my person," I replied, with as much dignity as my torn lip and dripping countenance would permit.

An Italian named Corsetto has invented an apparatus which enables him to remain under water eighteen hours. Owing to an accident to the apparatus, however, he came near being asphyxiated.

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