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THE COUNTY DEBT.

What the Semi-Annual Statement Actually Shows.

IT IS ALARMING.

On March 31, 1890, County Clerk Lee prepared the following official semi-annual statement:

LIABILITIES.	
To warrants drawn on the County Treasurer and outstanding and unpaid.....	\$109,695 98
To estimated amount of interest accrued thereon.....	5,000 00
Total liabilities.....	\$114,695 98
RESOURCES.	
By funds in hands of County Treasurer applicable to payment of county warrants.....	\$ 3,300 00
By estimated unpaid current taxes applicable to payment county warrants.....	60,939 33
By value tax sale certificates applicable to payment county warrants.....	2,500 00
Total resources.....	\$ 66,739 33
RECAPITULATION.	
Total liabilities.....	\$114,695 98
Total resources.....	66,739 33
Net indebtedness of Lane county.....	\$ 47,956 65

It will be seen at a glance that the debt of Lane county is alarming in the extreme. County Clerk Lee by twisting figures makes the debt \$47,956 65. This is false and misleading. In the first place he appropriates all the taxes levied and calls them "resources," when he is fully aware that a delinquent tax list is always returned. Even under the excellent collections of Sheriff Withers, he reported last year delinquent \$1,437 18, only \$356 94 of this being on real property, the balance being on corrections to the roll and personal property that had left the county. This is certainly poor "resources"; and again, generally the average delinquent tax list is from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

And again, he has found a new "resource," tax sale certificates applicable to payment of county warrants, estimated at \$2,500. He is the first man to find this. In fact, this is already labeled as a "resource" under tax collections. Again, the property bid in by the county is generally that which other buyers are afraid of, hence must be quite poor "resources." Again, the county has been in the habit of appropriating all this "resources," when in fact one half of it belongs to the school fund, school districts and cities.

The outstanding warrants at this time amount to:

Up to March 31, 1900.....	\$109,695 98
For the month of April, 1900 (estimated).....	3,000 00
Estimated interest.....	6,000 00
Total.....	\$118,695 98

Not a single warrant has been paid issued since November 10, 1898. Lack of funds is the cause.

Lane county has no resources on hand applicable to payment of county warrants excepting \$3,300, and in fact this sum, by law provided, will be used in paying state taxes, and will not be used in reducing our interest-bearing debt. We will state further: That the county owes state taxes yet over \$16,000 which must be paid first, and then after this the school fund is entitled to five mills on all collections. It is not at all likely that a call for county warrants can be made by Treasurer Patterson before the latter part of May or first of June. And our county debt still increases.

Last year the delinquent tax list was not made up until December. Taxes will probably not be paid more promptly this year. By that time the taxes months should be added, which amounted from April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900, to..... 74,685 59

Estimated interest to accrue between March 31, 1900, and March 31, 1901, on warrants..... 7,000 00

\$197,381 57

Taxes to be collected..... \$ 59,439 33
Tax certificates (estimated collection)..... 500 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer Patterson..... 3,300 00

\$63,239 33

Total liabilities..... \$197,381 57
Total resources..... 63,239 33

Total debt March 31, 1901 (estimated)..... \$134,142 24

In the year from April 1, 1899, to March 31, 1900, \$10,231 were paid for court house.

PRESENT DEBT.

The present debt of Lane county today is in excess of

\$118,000.00.

Citizens and Taxpayers of Lane county, study these figures.

The Register, the official republican paper, virtually pledges the republican candidates to follow in the footsteps of the present board of commissioners.

For comparison, we give Linn county's statement, recently issued:

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT.

Of the financial condition of the County of Linn, in the State of Oregon, on the 31st day of March, A. D., 1900.

LIABILITIES.	
To warrants drawn on county treasurer, outstanding, unpaid.....	None
To estimated amount of interest accrued thereon.....	\$ 42,574 43
State tax.....	42,574 43
Total liabilities.....	\$ 85,148 86
RESOURCES.	
By funds in hands of county treasurer applicable to payment of county warrants.....	\$ 2,347 57
By funds in hands of county sheriff applicable to payment of county warrants.....	458 70
By estimated unpaid current taxes applicable to payment of county warrants.....	81,192 82
Total resources.....	\$ 83,999 09

County Judge Easton says the county will have on hand March 31, 1901, at least \$5,000.

FRUIT CROP.

The Season Gives Indications of Being Unprofitable and Light.

As the season develops the fruit prospects of Lane county do not appear flattering, whereas ten days ago all crops seemed to promise to be average. The reason of what is now generally conceded to be a light crop is ascribed to various causes. Some growers think that the rains have blighted the crop, while others assert that it is due to the weakening effect of the heavy freezes of two years ago, from which the trees have not yet recovered their vitality.

The GUARD has interviewed a number of prominent growers of the county, and from the composite statements of these men deduces the following statement of conditions:

Italian prunes—Will be an entire failure.

Petite prunes—Will be an average crop.

Silver prunes—The result still in doubt, with chances against a large or even average yield.

Pears—All are badly injured and the yield will be small, with the exception of the Bartlett's, which promise a full crop.

Early apples—Nearly a failure.

Late apples—Too early to make a prediction as to result.

Strawberries—Indications favorable for a fair crop.

Other small fruit—A fair crop seems assured.

A Plain Answer.

EUGENE, Oregon, April 21, 1900.
HON. W. H. SPAUGH, Hecla, Oregon.

DEAR SIR: Your esteemed favor of the 16th, inst. is before me and contents noted. I am very much obliged to you for the high terms in which you speak of me as a man and a citizen. Praise, such as you bestow upon me makes one feel, indeed like it was worth while for a man to live an honorable and upright life. To have the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens is an honor any man feels proud to possess.

Now answering your question, will say that the Citizens' platform, upon which I was nominated, pledges the candidates for representatives, if elected to vote for the submission of the constitutional amendment known as the initiative and referendum to the people. I accepted the nomination on that platform, and if elected, shall vote to submit the said amendment to the voters of the state. The State Democratic platform also declares for the submission of that amendment. I voted in the convention for that platform.

Very truly yours,
E. R. SKIPWORTH.

Some Questions.

COTTAGE GROVE, April 21.
EDITOR GUARD: Will you please publish the amount of taxes assessed against the respective candidates for county judge and commissioner?

Yours truly,
A READER.

The tax rolls in the sheriff's office show:

FOR JUDGE.	Tax
H. R. Kincaid, Citizens'.....	\$197 84
O. F. Knox, Rep.....	123 22

COMMISSIONER.

J. R. Hill, Citizens'.....	\$113 32
J. L. Taylor, Rep.....	36

Mr. Taylor's tax is for 36 head of sheep and is the bounty of 1 cent per head, as fixed by the state bounty law passed by the last legislature.

First India Famine Meeting.

Yesterday the first meeting for the relief of the India famine sufferers was held at mount Vernon school house. Although only a few persons were present, \$15 was pledged and a committee appointed to secure more funds. The first offerings to be sent in were from Natron.

The DAILY GUARD has kindly granted space to publish the list of contributors each week.

RECEIVED APRIL 22.

Wm Smith.....	\$1 00
Miss Belle Keeney.....	25
Total.....	\$1 25

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J. R. Ellison.

J. R. Ellison, the well known pioneer, died this afternoon at his home in the eastern part of the city, from the results of old age and its attendant weaknesses. At the time the GUARD goes to press it is not known what time the funeral will be held. This will be announced tomorrow.

CHURCH DELEGATES.—The eight delegates from Oregon to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church at St. Louis, Missouri, May 17, have been chosen. Among them are Rev. I. P. Knotts, of Florence, and Elder Robert Glass, of Crawfordville.

NEWS FROM AFRICA

General Rundle Ran Into Strong Boer Nest at Dewetsdrop.

Slight Boer Success.

Special to the Guard.

PRETORIA, April 24.—The federated forces continue to hold their several positions, and skirmishing is reported along the line.

Young General Cronje attacked the British near Boshop and chased them in the direction of Boshop. They would not stand and fight.

Special to the Guard.

LEEUWKOP, April 24.—The Boers are puzzled by General Carew's tactics. In his hurried retreat he left guns and ammunition.

General Dewet holds the water works.

Special to the Guard.

LONDON, April 24.—General Rundle found the Boers in greater force than was expected at Dewetsdrop, and awaits the arrival of reinforcements before venturing to attack the Boer lines.

A hard fight is expected at Thabanchau. The Boers are strongly entrenched at that point.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN.

Republican candidates have arranged to canvass the county and will address the voters of the several precincts on the following dates:

Florence, Saturday, May 11, 2 p. m.
Mapleton, Monday, May 14, 2 p. m.
Chesher, Tuesday, May 15, 2 p. m.
Elmira, Wednesday, May 16, 2 p. m.
Long Tom, Thursday, May 17, 2 p. m.
Junetion, Friday, May 18, 2 p. m.
Smithfield, Saturday, May 19, 2 p. m.
Irving, Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p. m.
Hadleyville, Monday, May 21, 2 p. m.
Lorane, Tuesday, May 22, 2 p. m.
Cot. Grove, Wednesday, May 23, 2 p. m.
Creswell, Thursday, May 24, 2 p. m.
Pleasant Hill, Friday, May 25, 2 p. m.
Fall Creek, Saturday, May 26, 2 p. m.
Springfield, Saturday, May 26, 7:30 p. m.
Thurston, Monday, May 28, 2 p. m.
Walterville, Tuesday, May 29, 2 p. m.
Mohawk, Thursday, May 31, 2 p. m.
Wedding, Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p. m.
Coburg, Friday, June 1, 2 p. m.
Eugene, Saturday, June 2, 1:30 p. m.

The citizens' party candidates are invited to join the republican candidates in a joint canvass of the county on the above named dates. Any dates not satisfactory to both political parties can be adjusted.

G. R. CHRISMAN,
Chairman Republican County Central Committee.

By L. H. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

Truth.

To THE EDITOR:—Recently I noticed an item in the Register copied from the Nugget, eulogizing L. Gilstrap as a soldier and a cripple, leaving the inference that his disability was the result of service in the army. Such is not the truth. Mr. Gilstrap, like Mr. Patterson, received his injuries from accident; not from any service. Mr. Gilstrap did serve his country some three or four months, and we don't believe that he wishes to secure votes by false representation of his friends.

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The Champion Fool.

Albany Democrat: "The Nugget of Cottage Grove continues to be the worst fool sheet in Oregon. It says Mr. Kincaid has made a big jump down from secretary of state to county judge. This is not true. Washington jumped down from president of the United States to justice of the peace, but it was to his credit. The county judge's office of Lane county needs him badly, and it will be to his credit if he is elected."

SUGAR MEETING.

Will Be Held in Eugene, Saturday, April 28, at 1:30 p. m.

SHOULD BE LARGELY ATTENDED.

Next Saturday the mass meeting will be held at the court house to consider the sugar beet question. It is of the utmost importance, and no class of citizens is exempt from active interest in the matter.

The producer should consider it well, for the factory established here means a new commodity to be raised, at a price which guarantees a profit for toll.

The laborer is interested for it means work at remunerative employment—beets will have to be weeded and tended to; immense quantities of wood will have to be cut, hauled and burned; the factory will employ several hundred hands directly.

The business man is interested, because it means a large and stable increase of population in this vicinity, assuring a larger trade and patronage from the best of people, the laborer and producer.

The meeting should show that enthusiasm which precedes a successful termination of the efforts made to secure this great enterprise. It must be remembered that a few people cannot bring this about. It will require the united work of the farmer, laborer and business man. If they act together systematically, harmoniously and earnestly Eugene will have this factory, which will mean more to the southern end of the Willamette valley than any other thing which has come to us.

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