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NO RECORD OF COUNTY WEALTH

Discounts on Bills Paid Not Taken and
no Check on Road Material—Bridges
Built Without Bids.

As a result of the employment of Wm. Whitfield & Co., Portland expert accountants, Clackamas county is learning some interesting facts regarding the methods of doing business at the county seat.

Terming such methods, "loose and unbusinesslike" the expert goes on to state in his report on file that practically every county employee is in the position where he can be dishonest, if he desires, and with slight chance of detection.

For instance 15 ways are pointed out in the clerk's office and from 6 to 10 in the recorder's, treasurer's and sheriff's offices where the officials can profit, if they choose, by defects of the present system of doing business.

These Are the Conditions.

This is the condition says the expert:

It is impossible to ascertain, from the records, what the financial condition of the county is; no accurate record can be found of the existence or present value of the county property, both real and personal; records can be either lost or appropriated for private use, as a checking system is little used. To some extent it is impossible to locate past errors on account of a lack of data. The sheriff's office has collected fees which were not entered in the fee book or turned over to the county.

One example, declare the experts, is the almost entire lack of records as to disposition of road material. Road warrants read payable to "bearer" which makes it possible to turn in a fictitious name and personally cash the warrant without endorsement. It is customary to deposit in a bank the full amount due for road work to the credit of the supervisor's account entrusting him to pay the proper parties. Practically no record is kept of tools although some of the supervisors include in their monthly reports a list of tools and materials on hand, but the practice is optional, say the experts.

Bridges Without Bids.

Four steel bridges costing \$17,965, which was the subject of a set of resolutions considered by the Milwaukie grange not long ago, were built without competition, apparently, says the report. The same is true as to other contracts. The court did not advertise for bids, as required by Article 6268 Lord's Oregon Laws.

The report continues: "By inquiry of the Washington Portland Cement Co. we find 3,312 empty cement sacks have been received by them from the county, but as a claim has not been sent to the above company, they have not issued credit for same. Apparently the county has overlooked the important part of making claim to the company for these sacks. The sacks (most brands) are worth 10 cents each. For cement for which the county must pay \$2.05 a barrel, by returning the sacks, the cost can be reduced to \$1.65 a barrel. It is customary in ordinary business to deduct a 2 per cent cash discount for lumber invoices if paid before the 10th of the following month. We do not find where the court has deducted any discount for payment of claims."

Judge Beattie Talks.

The day after election County Judge Beattie explained that sheriff's fees not turned in are in case of mileage for deputies and where the mileage amounts to more than the law allows, lawyers make it up.

He denied it is impossible to ascertain the financial condition of the county or that there is no record relative to disposal of road material.

He says supervisors keep a record of tools.

He also denies that the records show a bill paid twice, admits that bridges are built without competition, but says the court can do it without advertising.

As to the cement sacks he denies that 3,312 cement sacks have not been returned to the company for rebate, claiming he returned them himself. This charge, however, doesn't exist. On the contrary the company says the sacks were returned, but no discount has been claimed.

Estacada Goes Dry

14, Out of Vote of 127

In the midst of the election excitement, the wet and dry contest attracted little concern in Estacada although there was a good vote. The town voted separately, rolling up 127, of which the dries had the best of it by 14. This decision stands for two years.

Estacada Holds Mutes

To Tie Game 7 to 7

In a pouring rain and on a soggy field, Estacada, Saturday held the hard smashing Deaf Mutes of Vancouver 7 to 7 at football. The locals showed much improvement in form, but were tagged at times. The ball was in the enemy's territory most of the time. In the second half the locals braced up, worked effectively down to within striking distance of the goal and then by working a fake placement kick, a forward pass Morton to Evans, sent Evans across for a touchdown. Morton kicked goal.

Fellows and Graham were out of the game because of injuries, but will be in harness again this week. There was a shift in the lineup, which was as follows: Havens, c; Morgan, r; Keith, r; Evans, r; Harriman l; Bartlett, l; Newman, r; Morton, q; Womer, r; Woodie, l; Dale, f; b. Sub—Sutterfield and Gard.

Spence Denies Article.

To the Editor of The Progress:

While in Oregon City today I was informed that the members of the Grange in the eastern part of the county were after my scalp and that The Progress had handed me a "rare roast well done" because of an article on the county division question which was published in the October Grange Bulletin. I hunted up a copy of The Progress and found that in the issue of October 17, under the heading of "Starting Hoax No. One," I am accused of "making untruthful charges," "having launched this canard for the purpose of prejudicing those who are not familiar with the facts" and I am informed that "To begin now by misrepresentation, not to call it by the 'shorter and uglier word,' will not avail."

After reading the article I felt like the Swede boy who was punished at school for a prank that was played by another youngster. During the operation "Ole" could not restrain his mirth and when the teacher paused for breath "Ole" said "This bane a good yoke on you, you whipped the wrong feller."

I knew nothing of the article referred to in the Bulletin until I received my copy. While I would rather not see the county divided, I have not written a word to any one in the state for or against the division proposition. Above all, I have not taken advantage of my position to influence any one in the matter. I will use my own judgment when I go to the polls, vote as I please and express my personal opinion just as any member of the Grange has a right to do on any subject of public interest.

In justice to myself I want the members of the Grange who are interested in the matter to know that I am not guilty of any of the crimes charged by The Progress. If the editor will publish this explanation and give me a square deal we will call it even. Yours Respectfully,
C. E. SPENCE.
Oregon City, Oct. 31, 1912.

CASCADE MAY NOT WIN

Multnomah Returns, Incomplete, Majority Against

NO RETURNS IN FROM STATE

Big Ballot Makes Counting Slow Everywhere—Estacada and Springwater Were Strong for Division.

With scattered returns and having reference especially to the vote of Multnomah county, which is about half counted, it is pretty evident, as The Progress goes to press, that Cascade county is defeated. There is a bare possibility that the state outside Multnomah may overcome the lead the opponents of the new county have, but it is hardly probable.

According to the count at Portland with 100 complete precincts out of 135, the record stands:

For Cascade county,	6,112
Against Cascade county,	15,177
Negative lead,	9,065

It may be that the bill for creating new counties, which appears on the ballot as 348-349 may squeeze through, but if the voters do, as they have in past years, Oregon will be left as it is now—forcing its people, if they attempt to get relief from intolerable conditions, to appeal to a population which tells them, it has no interest in local affairs.

Local Returns Are Slow.

Estacada precinct incomplete at 9 o'clock today, out of a total of 345 votes gives about 300 for Cascade county and 40 against. Springwater complete gave 56 for and 28 against the county Eagle Creek incomplete, went 3 to 1 against and George precinct with 30 votes votes had about the same ratio. That is as far as Clackamas county returns are known.

In Estacada the judges and clerks in two shifts have worked night and day and will finish this afternoon. They were composed of W. R. F. Browne, Henry Epperson, John Ely, C. Krigbaum, Linn Kimmel, Luther Henthorn, J. P. Woodie, W. A. Heylman, B. F. Ford, "Has" Tracy, W. A. Jones. This precinct gave Wilson a plurality, women suffrage ran even. On the county ticket no figures were obtainable at 9 o'clock, but it was stated that Hively democratic candidate for county commissioner, lead W. H. Mattoon, present incumbent.

As stated elsewhere the town went dry by 14 votes.

Basketball at Springwater.

The Springwater basketball team will open its season Saturday night, Nov. 9th, with the "High School Students" team of Portland. Springwater has been drilling hard for some time and is in good shape. The H. S. S. boys are the pick of the prep. school talent as shown by the following lineup. Geer, captain, St. Paul, Minn. H. S. team, and on the St. Paul All-Star team for two years; Irle, captain Washington H. S. 1912; Lewis, captain of Lincoln H. S. 1912; Cudlipp, Lincoln H. S.; Gage, Lincoln; Pfander, capt. Portland V. M. C. A. team. The Portland boys are all experienced players and the game probably will be one of the best ever seen in Clackamas county. Remember the date, Saturday, Nov. 9th, 1912, at Dodge hall. Admission 25 cents. Everybody come and "holler" for Springwater.

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