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Clackamas county has about decided not to appeal the Levings case, which recently resulted in the county having to pay \$2,000. to the detective for services rendered, on a contract signed by two of the three members of the county court.

Detective Levings states that he has evidence, which if corroborated, would amount to a confession in the Hill murder case. It is to be hoped that the county will get something for its money.

In the past two weeks, not less than a dozen crimes, ranging from boot-legging to assault and robbery, have been chronicled in the county seat papers. Each case shows the officers of the law as being hot on the trail, or narrates the details of the expensive trials.

It is a safe bet that not 10% of the crime in this county emanates from the eastern part, but it is an equally safe bet that this part of the county helps pay a mighty big proportion of the expense incident to the investigation and punishing of county crime.

A rural county or the rural part of a county never has to spend much money for law enforcement for itself, but where a rural county maintains a manufacturing city for its county seat and adjacent to a metropolis, it can expect to have to pay dearly for the luxury.

If a man had the time and the inclination, he could probably get together a collection of facts regarding the waste of money in county management, that would prove a starter. This county is probably no different than any other, but Clackamas is not practicing business efficiency and economy.

The office of county coroner must be an expensive one, owing to the length of time consumed in the handling of the average inquest.

It takes two officers and a jury to handle an inquest, the coroner apparently takes a back seat, while the clerk handles the details, largely amounting to the labored process of writing out the testimony. In a couple of recent cases, fully 90% of the time consumed, was taken by having to write in long hand this testimony. If the coroner was, or hired a stenographer, it would mean a big saving of time and money.

Why could not eastern Clackamas have a deputy coroner, who could handle inquests in this section, and consequently effect further economy?

Nearly every rural paper in Oregon is today printing columns on the question of Union High Schools being formed in their respective localities. Many cities have already formed the Union High Schools and others are working for it. Is anything being done about the formation of the Estacada Union High School?

The new town site of Powers, Coos County, has included 30 acres for industrial locations. Estacada has about ten acres, which they will trade for one industry.

It is to be hoped that the promised Estacada "hitching-racks" will materialize soon, or just as soon as the road work is done.

No one seems very much interested in the coming Estacada city election, at least not sufficient to talk politics in public. There may be some dark horses planning to run, but to date no candidates seem to be in sight, for mayor or councilmen.

The Portland Railway Light & Power Co., will sell \$1,250,000 of preferred stock to make some necessary improvements.

It will be another case of Oregon and especially this part of the state, profiting by the workings of a "grabbing" corporation.

The county health officer recently closed the schools in one district, owing to a mild epidemic of small pox. There seems to be little health regulation as regards these mild diseases in schools in this community and at present nearly all sections report an epidemic of whooping cough, which was preceded by a skin disease called impetigo. If the parents of the pupils don't kick, maybe the Progress should not either.

There were only about a dozen new automobiles purchased in Estacada and vicinity during April. This doesn't look much like hard times.

By June 1st, our neighbors will hardly recognize Estacada, with its new stores, cement sidewalks and rocked roads.

Canby is boasting of 31 new houses built last winter and five more under construction, but report does not state what proportion were hen houses.

While Estacada has this new road grader, it would greatly add to the city's beauty, if the sides of all of the streets could be run over and smoothed.

Oregon City's council finally adopted bitulithic paving for its main street. Is Estacada going to continue its present combination of planks and manure for its Broadway paving?

April 26th, was the formal transfer date of the Oregon City locks and canal to the U. S. Government. The P. R. L. & P. Co., received a check for \$375,000, in payment of same, which is more money than an editor makes in a year.

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We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance during our late bereavement, in the loss of our beloved husband and father.

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