

## Eastern Clackamas News

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Hear ye — Hear ye:- Let it always be remembered and never forgotten by the taxpayers, residents and voters of Eastern Clackamas County, that the Cascade County cause, with its promise of happiness and prosperity for thousands of local people, was defeated by and sacrificed for the political ambition of one man — Walter A. Dimick of Oregon City.

And hear ye further:- And may the grass always be kept green on his political grave, until such time as our people may have another opportunity to exercise our right of the ballot, when we trust the grave may be opened to receive the political remains of the one man, who defeated the development and hindered the happiness of the good people of the proposed Cascade County.

The figures and statistics relative to the expenditures of the Clackamas County road funds in the past seven years, which were obtained for the Cascade County movement, consisted of no guesswork compilation of estimates, but were the outcome of the expert labor of the firm of Whitfield, Whitcomb & Company of Portland, which firm is recognized as second to none in the Northwest in that line of work.

The reputation of this well known firm is behind those figures and they will willingly defend their findings before any court in the country and in the face of any officials who may desire to question them.

Furthermore, these figures only covered road expenditures for the past seven years, but more may be forthcoming, covering many years prior to 1909 and they may make interesting reading to the county's taxpayers.

Incidentally, there may be forthcoming some facts and figures relating to the expenditures and incomes of other county offices, which may end by enlightening every taxpayer in Clackamas County on matters of past and forgotten history.

The firm of Whitfield, Whitcomb & Company, it will be remembered in 1912 made a preliminary audit of the books of this county, but for some reason or other were paid off in full after presenting their preliminary findings.

Clackamas County does not seem to welcome auditors and at this time in the Legislature is a

bill submitted by certain recognized auditors, asking for payment from Clackamas County for services rendered in making an audit a year or so ago, said audit having been ordered by the State Insurance Commissioner's Office, as in the case of other counties in the state—but Clackamas County has refused to pay its bill.

Despite the mass of figures presented to the Senate Committee on Counties by the Cascade opposition, relative to the expenditures for bridges in Eastern Clackamas in recent years—no explanation nor contradiction was offered of the Eagle Creek Falls bridge, which cost the taxpayers \$2200.00 but for the building of which the contractors received but \$340. The same applies to the big difference between the cost to the taxpayers and the amount paid the builder, for the Estacada bridge over the Clackamas.

The voters of this county can be truly thankful that Councilman Jack Albright of Oregon City, was defeated in the recent primaries and that his ambitions to become a county official were nipped in the bud.

Jack has since and very recently broken into the nuisance class, along similar lines made famous by Fritz Boysen and Julius Wilbur, only Jack has carried his stock of booze in his own system and with his automobile has gotten to be some law-breaking cut-up.

We will have to hand it to Boysen and Wilbur though, that they never had the audacity to run for county office.

And still Oregon City wonders why the rural voters don't always approve of some of the candidates from the county seat, who want to hold office and expend the taxpayers' money.

The report of the expert accountants, showing the expenditures of the road moneys in the past seven years in Clackamas County, as presented in the arguments for Cascade County, were taken by County Judge Anderson as a direct insinuation against him and his Court.

If Judge Anderson had carefully considered the figures, he would have seen that same largely covered a period of years prior to his assuming office and that the majority of the discrepancies noted were previous to the O. & C. Land Grant troubles.

We are especially sorry if the Judge feels any special implication towards him or his office, for it is doubtful if any taxpayer in this community considers Judge Anderson as other than an honest and conscientious official. In fact the amount of conscience in evidence in the present judge, is in much larger proportion than in any former head of the County Court.

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