

# The Times-Herald.

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## Benton County's Books.

Corvallis, Oct. 9.—The report of James H. Wilson, appointed to examine the books of Benton county has caused much comment on the streets. The report shows an apparent shortage in the sheriff's office of more than \$9300, \$8600 of this amount during the incumbency of ex-Sheriff Osburn, who retired last June, after serving two terms. The remainder is in the accounts of ex-Sheriff Mackey, who preceded Mr. Osburn. Mr. Mackey is in British Columbia and Mr. Osburn left for Montana a few days ago, so no explanation is offered for the alleged shortage.

In the county court yesterday Mr. Osburn was given until the next session of the court to explain or make good the apparent deficiency. Mr. Osburn is expected home in a short time, and his friends in the meantime have an expert on the books to discover flaws in Mr. Wilson's report.

Mr. Osburn made a very efficient sheriff, is a man of means and stands high in the estimation of the people. The general feeling seems to be that the apparent shortage is only an error in bookkeeping.

## A Well-Laid Plan.

La Grande, Or., Oct. 9.—Two more arrests have been made of persons alleged to have been engaged in the robbery of the bank in Joseph, Wallowa county, October 1. Today John Martin and Ben Owenby were examined before a justice in Enterprise and held in \$2000 bonds to appear before the next grand jury. James Tucker, the robber that was wounded at the time of the robbery, has turned state's evidence and it was through him that the arrests were made.

It appears that the plan to rob the bank was hatched in a saloon in Joseph, of which saloon John Martin is proprietor, and that Martin was the prime mover in the robbery. It was planned to rob the bank during Cashier Miller's absence in La Grande. J. D. McCul-

ly, who acted as cashier in Miller's place, also worked in a store, and only went to the bank at odd times. It was arranged for Martin to take McCully to the bank while Brown, Fitzhugh and Tucker should watch, and at the proper time they would hold McCully up and rob the bank. Owenby was to give the signal by walking back and forth in front of the bank. Tucker's story was corroborated by the testimony of a number of witnesses, and Martin and Owenby were accordingly held.

## Forty Chinese Struck.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—Forty Chinese employed at the Palace hotel quit work today, and their places were filled by white men. The grievance of the Chinese was peculiar. They had been engaged by the hotel management through a Chinese foreman, who paid them their wages. Some of the Chinese claimed that this foreman was retaining part of the wages of each Chinese as commission. The management discharged the Chinese agent, whereupon all the others struck.

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