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The recent decision of the Oregon Supreme Court in regard to the rate of interest chargeable on county warrants issued prior to the taking effect of the 6 per cent interest law passed at the special session of the legislature, and approved by the governor October 14, 1898, has called forth from the Oregonian considerable comment and interesting information touching the relative financial status of the various counties of the state.

It is especially gratifying to note that in a recent published statement concerning the standing of the different counties with reference to outstanding warrants remaining unpaid for want of funds, Sherman county stands out in favorable comparison with the others.

Some of the counties have warrants outstanding against them ever since 1889, and under the court decision in question, they will be compelled to pay \$1.80 for every dollar of indebtedness due since '89. A large majority of the counties are behind with their warrants as much as five or six years; but we are pleased to see that little Sherman, under the careful and economical administration of the county court, so ably presided over for many years by Hon. John Fulton as judge, has no outstanding warrants that date back further than 1897, and even those few that now remain unpaid will, according to official estimates, be fully paid off early this year.

This is a creditable showing for our county, and reflects great credit on the county board which has charge of the fiscal affairs of the county. With our treasury in such a healthy condition, we see no valid reason why the building of a court house should be further postponed. The leading taxpayers of the county are in favor of it, and the necessities of the county demand it.

Bills introduced on January 17th in the senate by the Hon. E. B. Dufur: To regulate proceedings in justice court, amending the present law so as to remove ambiguity in many cases; to reduce salaries of judge and treasurer of Wasco county; to extend the application of the law empowering justices of the peace to tax against complainants costs for malicious prosecution; to prevent swine running at large in Sherman county.

A letter from Manila to the People's Journal, says: "The native kids wear a necklace of shells, and—that's all." A very inexpensive costume indeed, and most convenient for parents of large families.

Kissing of heroes has got to be such a nuisance that the Oregonian suggests a wire mask be worn by the ladies to keep Admiral Schley from temptation.

There is much controversy going on just now with regard to the text books used in our public schools. It is a matter which comes home to us very forcibly, as a large portion of the community have children to educate. It is clearly defined that the present price of our school books is much higher than it ought to be, and we naturally suppose the cause of such a high price is the monopoly of the sale of these text books to the state by one corporation of publishers. Is there no remedy for this evil. Is this one corporation to cause the parents of the country to pay an extortionate price for school books, which could be sold at a more reasonable rate and a good profit realized at that. In speaking of the cost we do not want to advocate the use of an inferior book, but all things being equal the least expensive should be provided. The state should not buy all its books from any one firm or corporation. Let there be competition; and let any firm of booksellers with a good reliable text book of sound educational merit be allowed to dispose of the same to the state for use in our public schools.

On Jan. 7th Reed introduced a bill in the senate to protect hotel and boarding-house keepers, by making it a misdemeanor to obtain meals and lodging with intent to defraud. This is a move in the right direction. Why should the hard-working hotel-keeper be a prey for every impostor who comes along.

The outlook for the stock trade of Eastern Oregon is good. Edward Riddle, of Island City, says that as soon as spring opens he will begin scouring the country for cattle, sheep and hogs. Hundreds of other buyers will be in the field—Oregonian.

In the way of entertainments, last week was quite a gala one in the annals of Moro. To commence with we had the firemen's social, next in order came Capt. Lewis' lecture, and last the amusing comedy, "Diamonds and Hearts."

All these festivities indicate that our town is very much alive. A prosperous active business community will always find time for amusement of some kind; and a very good gauge of the activity of a town may be had from the different social gatherings which take place from time to time. There is no lack of innocent amusement in Moro, every branch in that line being well sustained, and the individual who cannot find some sort of recreation to suit is hard to please indeed.

An amusing feature of the forenoon session in the house on Jan. 17th was the defeat of Young's bill for protection of imported opossums in the counties of Marion and Linn. Whally, who was in a measure accountable for sending the bill "up a tree" with the opossum, declared that animal to be of no more value to an Oregonian than the animal commonly known as the skunk, while Stump declared that if the opossum were given protection for five years the state would be called upon at the expiration of that time to offer a bounty for the extermination of the beast.

A exchange says a great many society ladies won't touch currency that is not absolutely crisp and new. One wealthy lady has all her money laundered before she uses it. We wish a little more of the root of all evil would find its way to this office. We wouldn't growl about its being a little soiled.

A bill was passed in the senate on Jan. 16th authorizing the town of Antelope to borrow \$5000 to build waterworks.

The White Star Line steamer Oceanic, the largest ship ever built, was launched at Belfast, Ireland, on January 14th.

HOUSE BILL NO. 103. Introduced by Mr. Williamson, and Read First Time Jan. 12, 1899. A BILL for an Act entitled an Act empowering county courts to levy taxes on sheep, and also on real and personal property to create a fund for a bounty on coyotes, mountain lion or cougar and wolf scalps; also providing for the necessary affidavit to be taken before a notary public or magistrate of the precinct in which the animal or animals are killed; and providing also for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act; and providing an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon: Section 1. That the county courts of the several counties of the

State of Oregon shall levy a tax upon the assessed number of sheep in their respective counties which are owned by residents of the counties, or are being pastured in the counties, that may appear on the assessment rolls as if made on the first day of March of each year; thereby creating a fund to be placed in the state treasurer's hands to be known as "The State Scalp Bounty Fund."

Section 2. The tax shall be as follows: One and one-half cent per head on all sheep appearing on the assessment rolls as aforesaid. The county courts of the several counties of this state shall levy a tax of one-fourth mill on all personal and real property that may be returned on the assessment rolls of their respective counties, to be used and placed in the above fund, in the possession of the state treasurer, to be used in conjunction and in connection with the aforesaid tax on sheep; provided, however, that personal property, as stated in this section, shall not include sheep as enumerated in the previous section.

Section 3. There shall be paid, as hereinafter provided, the sum of two dollars (\$2) apiece for each coyote, mountain lion, or cougar, and grey or timber wolf scalp.

Section 4. Every person or persons having in his or their possession any scalp or scalps of the animal or animals named, shall take the same to the nearest notary public or magistrate in the county in which the animal or animals were killed, and shall make an affidavit that the animal or animals from which the scalp or scalps were taken were killed in said county, and said affidavit shall be in the following form:

SHERIFF'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that an execution and order of sale was issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county on the 19th day of January, 1899, upon a judgment rendered in favor of J. H. Moore and H. A. Moore, co-partners, doing business under the firm name and style of Moore Brothers, plaintiffs, and against The Moro Hall Company, a corporation, defendants, to sell the real estate hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment of the plaintiff in said case for the sum of \$1226.25, and the further sum of \$15 taxes and for costs and accruing costs. Therefore in compliance with said execution and order of sale, I will sell on

Saturday, March 4th, 1899, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the court house door in Moro, in Sherman county, Oregon, for the highest bidder, for cash in hand, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment and decree above mentioned, the following described land and premises of the said defendants, to-wit: Lot 2 in Block 1, in the town of Moro, Sherman county, State of Oregon, together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Witness my hand at Moro, Oregon, this 20th day of January, 1899.

Wm. Holder, Sheriff Sherman County.

SHERIFF'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that an execution and order of sale was issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county on the 15th day of December, 1898, upon a decree rendered therein on the 14th day of March, 1898, in favor of Louis Schalewicz as administrator of the estate of John Kinifiek, deceased plaintiff, and against Phillip Ruggles, Lucy S. Ruggles, his wife; the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company, a corporation, and S. A. Staver, order of sale is to be directed and commanding me to sell the real estate hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment of the plaintiff in said case for the sum of \$2222.90, with interest thereon at 10 per cent. per annum from the 14th day of March, 1898, and the further sum of \$150 attorney's fees; and the further sum of \$76.47 taxes paid by said plaintiff on the hereinafter described land, and the costs and disbursements of said suit, taxed at \$17, and for costs and accruing costs. Therefore in compliance with said execution and order of sale, I will sell on

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Witness my hand at Moro, Oregon, this 9th day of January, 1899.

Wm. Holder, Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon.

NOTICE. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County. In the matter of the estate of Michael King deceased. To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Michael King, deceased, will apply to the Hon. County Court in and for the county of Sherman and State of Oregon, and to the judge thereof, on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1899, the same being the regular April 1899 term of said court, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the county court room in Moro, said county and state, for leave to resign her trust as such executrix; that the undersigned has filed with the clerk of said county court her final report and account of her administration of said estate, and that by an order of said court, duly made and entered on the 4th day of January, 1899, it was directed that Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1899, the same being the regular April term of said court, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the county court room in Moro, said county and state, be and is appointed as the time and place for the hearing and determination of objections thereto, if any there be, and for the hearing of objections, if any there be, to the allowance of the application of said executrix to resign her trust. Dated at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, this 9th day of January, 1899.

Emma Wilson, formerly Emma King, Executrix of the estate of Michael King, deceased.

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ties, and compare them with the statements sent in by the said notaries and magistrates. After the scalps have been so canvassed, as provided above, the county clerk of said county where such scalps are taken shall attest the validity of such certificate by attaching his official seal.

The secretary of state shall forthwith, upon presentation of such certificate duly signed by the notary public or magistrate before whom such scalps were taken, and signed and sealed by the county clerk of said county, shall issue or cause to be issued a warrant on the state treasury for a like amount from the above fund to the party thereto entitled.

Section 9. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than six months nor more than two years, or both.

Section 10. Inasmuch as the depredations of wild animals are a great menace to one of the leading industries of the state, thousands of dollars' worth of property being destroyed annually, an emergency is hereby declared, and this Act shall take effect on and after its approval by the governor.

Mr. Downtown (irritably)—"Bridget, I must insist that you cease singing that song. My wife has a nervous headache, and it annoys her."

Bridget (the cook)—"O! will stop, sorr. O! didn't know that the mishtress disliked that song. P!awat song do you want me to sing?"—Judge.

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