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COUNTY OFFICERS DEEMED EFFICIENT

Accountant Reports All Books in
Excellent Condition; Declares
Jackson County a
Model

Following is a report rendered by J. W. Wilson, certified accountant, who was appointed by the county court to make an official examination of the books of the county offices. The report is for the year 1916 and is reproduced in full:

County Assessor

The assessor made personal property assessments which he collected during the year 1916 to the amount of \$8931.72, and this amount he deposited in the treasury in December, 1916. This is the largest assessor's collection I have found this year in the twelve counties which I audit, and the assessor is to be highly commended for his diligence in this matter. It is beyond question that a large amount of this money would be lost to the county if the assessor had not been thus diligent.

The County Recorder

The recorder has earned and collected the sum of \$3851.80 during the year 1916, which has been deposited in the treasury, in monthly deposits as earned. His fee book shows every transaction in the records with the correct amount, and the totals in the fee book agree with the amounts deposited in the treasury. The recorder has a perfect record, every cent is properly accounted for, and his record exhibits perfect work. He is having the indexes of his deeds corrected, and the number of corrections being made therein confirm the necessity for this work. The value of the record is determined by the correctness of the indexes. And where, as in one case, forty omissions found on one record book, it is readily seen that such a set of indexes were wholly inadequate. The system in vogue is the same as is being generally adopted within the state, but in making the indexes, when this system was installed, the old indexes were simply copied, and therefore the new system was as imperfect as the old system. And no man could go to the indexes, and determine whether he owned a tract of land or not, but must rely upon the abstractors, of which, Jackson County fortunately, has a good set. That is to say, there is a good set of Abstracts in the county, but not owned by the county.

The County Clerk

The County Clerk has earned and collected during the year the sum of \$5007.80, which amount he has deposited in the treasury, in monthly installments as collected. His warrant register or claim record from which warrants are drawn, correspond with the bills filed and passed upon by the county court. His game license issue has all been submitted to the State Game Warden, and the report shows a claim of \$3.80 overpaid. His scalp bounty record agrees with the warrants issued for scalps, and the state's half has all been refunded, the last two

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TRAINED ANIMALS SHIPPED FROM HERE TO NEW YORK

Arthur Aitchley, the professional animal trainer, residing on Millionaire Row, was in Central Point Monday, shipping a number of trained animals to Jamestown, N. Y. Included in the shipment were a valuable trained dog, one Angora cat, eleven white rats and a number of doves.

Mr. Aitchley is expecting to receive a small pony in a few days from the east, which he will train here. The pony will be a regular vest-pocket edition, standing only thirty-two inches high.

THOMAS BOOMED CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

The boom of C. M. Thomas as candidate for congressman from the first congressional district was launched at the Appreciation banquet tendered the Jackson county delegation to the last legislative session, at the Hotel Medford Saturday night. Of great importance to southern Oregon also was the discussion of action to be taken in the furthering of the good roads movement in southern Oregon that this section may secure a just share of the \$6,000,000 bond issue to be voted upon by the people of Oregon next June.

The Thomas boom was officially launched by George T. Collins, who said that Thomas and southern Oregon are better and more favorably known in the minds of the people of Oregon than at any time in the history of the state.

The candidacy of Thomas is to be fostered, according to plans laid at the banquet, through a series of Thomas clubs, the parent club to be organized in Medford and branch-clubs throughout southern Oregon and the state at large, which Mr. Collins declared, will be only too glad to consider the candidacy of and to support the candidacy of "Fighting Charlie"

HERALD WILL ISSUE ANNIVERSARY NUMBER

During the past two weeks the Herald has been undergoing a thorough overhauling, machinery being put into first-class shape and much new material added, and with the next issue the paper will again resume its six-column size.

About April 19 the Herald will celebrate the twelfth anniversary of its existence by publishing a special anniversary edition, which will contain much matter of interest to the people of this vicinity. The edition will be profusely illustrated and will make one of the finest editions ever published in southern Oregon. Further details regarding the special number will appear in next week's Herald.

Rev. Harry E. Tucker and Professor Forrest Edmeades of Medford, Or., are conducting revival meetings in the Central Point Christian church.

Mr. Tucker is preaching some practical sermons, something out of the usual revival order, causing people to stop in this mad rush with more or less of hysteria, and think earnestly upon eternal truths from the Word of God.

Mr. Edmeades is a splendid chorus leader and soloist and will be very helpful to all vocalists who will come into the choir and sing.

The program will be varied from time to time. They extend a cordial invitation to all to attend these services. Every evening, 7:30.

Thomas

A committee was appointed by Gus Newbury, who presided at the banquet to organize the Medford and outside clubs, the committee to be headed by Mr. Collins.

C. M. Thomas in reply to the presenting of his name for congress stated that he will enter the race only under certain conditions.

"Now is the proper time, if any," stated Mr. Thomas, "for a man from this section to be sent to congress."

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GOOD ROADS CAM- PAIGN LAUNCHED

W. C. Leever Elected as Director
and Chairman of Advisory
Board of Reor-
ganization

In view and in anticipation of highway and road legislation in Oregon, which finally terminated for future activity, and the necessity of a strong campaign for the successful carrying of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue, the Tri-State Good Roads association, which accomplished such good work in California, was reorganized last week and has elected four of its six tri-state directors from the State of Oregon, as follows:

John A. Westerlund, Medford, Or., president; C. C. Chapman, Portland, Or., vice-president; George E. Boos, Medford, Or., executive secretary; W. C. Leever, ex-county commissioner, Central Point, director and chairman advisory board; J. Edgar Allen, San Francisco, Cal., treasurer; A. Warren Gould, Seattle, Wash.; C. Y. Tengwald, assistant secretary.

The purpose and object of the association for the year 1917 is to devote its best efforts for the betterment of good roads in the state of Oregon and especially the construction and completion of the Pacific highway, connecting the states of Washington and California and such other roads and highways as provided for in the legislative act passed as amended under bill No. 550.

Secretary George E. Boos is already in receipt of letters from members of the association of the three states offering their assistance in the campaign.

An advisory board consisting of good roads advocates of every city and town in Oregon will be selected shortly to assist the association in spreading the gospel and organizing a strong campaign for better roads. The states of Washington and California who are vitally interested in roads will also be called upon to help.

The tri-state organization is one with interested members in the sister states who will be called upon to assist Oregon in perfecting the interstate thoroughfares throughout its state.

The association is already in correspondence with all the automobile and good road clubs of the three states to ascertain their advice and support in holding a good roads convention some time prior to the date of the bond election, to be held at Medford, Or., the most centrally located city on the Pacific highway, inviting the governors, highway commissioners, county engineers and automobile clubs of the three states, and the public in general to participate.

Details are now being worked out by the directors to launch their campaign, and who will keep the public advised of their progress.

Charles Duggan is here from Klamath Falls, spending a few days with his father, Dennis Duggan, who is still quite ill at the Dow hospital.

Merchants of Central Point State That an Era of Prosperity Is Here

The merchants of Central Point report business in all lines picking up, and the belief is general that this spring will see business conditions here much better than the past few years.

Cowley's Emporium, Cranfill & Rebnett, Ollson & Son and Faber the Grocer state that the mercantile business has increased on a large scale the past month, and the sunny weather of the past week has given business in their line a big boost.

Ralph Waldo Eiden, the popular feed and seed man, reports that he has been kept busy the past few weeks filling mail orders from many points in Oregon, Nevada, California and Washington, business this year being far ahead of the same period of last year.

Paxson, the druggist, states his business has increased at least 20 per cent since the first of the year, and feels that the time is here to bury all feeling of pessimism and take on an air of optimism.

Runyon, the jeweler, is wearing a big smile of satisfaction, too, and says "business is fine and no room to kick."

The farmers and orchardists are busy preparing for the spring rush, and Leever's hardware store and the Wiley-Freeman Co. are moving large quantities of hardware and farm implements.

With the advent of spring "cleaning up" is also getting a good start. Harrison & Betts, the energetic junk dealers, are as busy as the proverbial "cranberry merchant." They are in the market for all kinds of rags, bottles, old iron, metals of all kinds, etc. Now is the time to get rid of all such junk while the price for same is high, and Harrison & Betts will relieve you of all you can dig up.

R. F. Muskopf of Prospect came down to Central Point Tuesday with a load of "spuds" which he disposed of here. He remained in town for a day or two purchasing supplies and looking after other matters.