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LINN COUNTY IN GOOD CONDITION

Report of Treasurer Francis Exhibits Balance on Hand of \$38,186.55.

DEBITS AND CREDITS OF OFFICE CLEARLY SHOWN

Report Well Arranged and It Shows Business of County in Intelligible Style.

County Treasurer W. W. Francis has again compiled another valuable report of the moneys handled by his office during the past year, and it is herewith presented to the readers of the Democrat.

Last year Mr. Francis received wide commendation for a similar report which he compiled for the Democrat, and it attracted wide attention all over the county. This report gives every item handled and is intelligible to the average person, whether familiar with the intricacies of bookkeeping or not.

The report shows a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916 of \$29,401.12. The balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917, was \$38,186.55. The actual working balance on hand, which is available and not a part of any special or trust funds, is \$17,928.94. Linn county, while one of the most progressive in the state, is one of the most conservatively managed, and is one of the few counties not grunting under the heavy load of bonds and debts.

The total amount of money received by County Treasurer of Linn County, Oregon, for 1916 and for what received:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916	\$29,401.12
Assessor, 1916 taxes	94.90
Sheriff, 1915 taxes, including penalty	541,887.89
Sheriff delinquent taxes, including penalty	35,514.50
Redemption taxes	7.33
For support of R. A. Robinson	120.00
Marion county joint work	242.55
Benton county joint ferry	292.40
Lane county joint ferry	113.39
Forest reserve rental	1,633.02
Motor vehicles tax	2,319.32
Five per cent U. S. land sales	107.85
Sec. State, county fair	1,641.74
Mail money	300.00
Costs, sundry cases	53.75
State Treas. school funds	14,561.79
Fines	10.00
School Dist. No. 16	275.00
School Dist. No. 42	1,117.00
Donation	4.00
County farm	210.08
J. D. Irvine, state fair premium	68.60
Willamette Valley Expo. refund	40.36
Albany Sand & Gravel Co. refund	30.00
S. P. R. R. Co. refund	74.05
Road districts, refund	137.79
School districts, refund	96.54
Library fund, refund	16.17
Teachers' permits, etc.	206.00
Sale of oil barrels	13.37
Interest	17,335.63
Trust funds	4,853.57
Fees, sheriff	219.90
Fees, county clerk	4,228.20
Fees, county recorder	3,247.95
Total	\$646,330.83

The total amount of money paid out by the County Treasurer of Linn County, Oregon, for 1916, and for what paid out:

By State Taxes	\$82,301.25
State fire warden	778.42
Trust funds	2,929.49
Bail, Harry Moore	150.00
General warrants	97,594.54
Road and bridge warrants	36,724.67
Road district warrants	76,844.08
Special road district warrants	22,014.82
County high school warrants	23,445.58
School districts	30,410.39
Union high schools	4,340.04
Common school warrants	81,376.63
Cities	73,028.28
Union high school No. 3 refund	11.72
Institute warrants	298.40
County fair warrants	1,618.00
Albany, Lebanon and Harrisburg school fairs	487.47
Brownsville pioneer picnic	99.550
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917	38,186.55
Total	\$646,330.83

JEFFERSON'S RACKET

Culver, Jan. 4.—(By United Press) The county court of Jefferson county drafted orders for the removal of the balance of the county property from here to Madras, and ratified the actions and methods used to remove the records from here.

1916 YEAR OF UNPRECEDENTED ACHIEVEMENT IN FINANCE

Bank Clearings Increased 38 Per Cent and Mercantile Profits Unprecedented.

Results during 1916 surpassed the most sanguine expectations, evidence of the unexampled business being found in every statement that appears. It has been a period of unprecedented achievements in finance, trade and industry, with the maintenance of consumptive demands in record volume, notwithstanding the highest prices of modern times, the outstanding feature. The year closed, however, with rather general abatement of purchasing, and with the question of future readjustments entering more largely into calculations. Yet a certain hesitancy and slowing down is natural at this season, in view of the interruption caused by inventorying and general settlements, and the fact that in most cases requirements were covered far ahead on the previous extensive buying movement. Producers still are less concerned about securing additional contracts than in making deliveries on old orders, and the difficulties of reducing the great accumulation of business are intensified by the transportation breakdown, which has been aggravated by storms in some sections. Freight embargoes further complicate the situation and manufacturing operations are seriously hampered, with more blast furnaces and other plants stopping because of lack of fuel. With outputs and shipments restricted, industrial earnings have naturally diminished, though the year's results in this respect have never been equalled. Mercantile profits also reach unparalleled figures and the generally increased promptness in the settlement of financial obligations is reflected in a marked contraction in commercial failures, preliminary statistics for 1916 indicating a numerical decrease of over 20 per cent from the high mortality of the previous year. Retail holiday trade fulfilled the most optimistic predictions, and bank clearings at centers outside New York this week are 28.5 per cent larger than in 1915, while the gain at all points for the past year is approximately 38 per cent. It is noteworthy, however, that commodity prices are reactionary, the list of 321 wholesale quotations regularly compiled by Dun's Review showing more declines than advances this week, for the first time in months.

BIG CITIES

The population of some of the leading cities, as estimated today, is: New York, 5,602,841; Chicago, 2,497,722; Philadelphia, 1,709,518; St. Louis, 757,309; Boston, 756,456; Cleveland, 674,073; Baltimore, 589,621; Pittsburgh, 579,090; Detroit, 571,784; Buffalo, 468,558; San Francisco, 463,516; Milwaukee, 436,535; Cincinnati, 410,476; Newark, 408,894; New Orleans, 371,747; Washington, 363,980; Minneapolis, 363,454; Kansas City, 297,847; Seattle, 348,639; Jersey City, 306,345; Portland, Oregon, 295,463; Indianapolis, 271,708; Denver, 263,800; Rochester, 256,417; Providence, 254,930; St. Paul, 247,232; Louisville, 238,910; Columbus, 214,878; Oakland, 191,604; Toledo, 191,554; Atlanta, 190,558; Birmingham, 181,762; Omaha, 165,470; Worcester, 163,314; Richmond, 156,687.

PROBATE COURT MATTERS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK

Inventory and appraisal in the matter of the estate of Frances M. McCoy was filed today, showing real property valued at \$750.

The inventory of the estate of Bertha Temple was filed today in the probate court. The real property was placed at \$2,000.

Inventory and appraisal was also filed in the estate of Thomas Ewing. Real property was placed at \$9,000 and personal property at \$256.46; total, \$9,256.46.

The inventory of the estate of Margaret E. Nichols shows real and personal property valued at \$2,600.

FIREMEN HOLD ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Forty-one members of the Albany Fire Department gathered around the banquet tables last night for their annual feed and installation of officers. The affair was greatly enjoyed.

Chief Engineer W. A. Eastburn and Asst. Chief Conrad Meyer were installed in their offices, and three members of the board of control took their new positions.

At the close of the evening, some of the boys, evidently thinking that something ought to be done, turned in a fire alarm and sent the rest of the members scurrying out to some imaginary blaze. The joke was well taken. However, such jokes are not recommended for the general public, for there is a heavy penalty for tampering with fire alarm boxes or sending in false alarms.

ROOSEVELT GETS LOOSE AGAIN

Opposes Endorsement of the Wilson Note in Monstrous Language.

HE SAYS IT IS PROFOUNDLY MISCHIEVOUS

Also Immoral and Preposterous Absurdity, and Wickedly False.

(By United Press) New York, Jan. 4.—The Republican of the Senate have Roosevelt's support in the fight against the endorsement of President Wilson's note. A vigorous statement attacking the Wilson note and its handling was issued by him. He declared there is a fog of obscurity, profoundly mischievous, profoundly immoral, wickedly false; a callous, immoral falsehood, preposterous absurdity, nervously blocking the way,—are some of the phraseological bombshells which embellished Roosevelt's attack on President Wilson, in the support of Lodge.

17,810 BOOKS TAKEN FROM LIBRARY IN YEAR

With Only 4020 in It, Each Book Circulating an Average of Over Four.

The annual report of the librarian of the public library shows 4020 books in the library. Seventy-seven newspapers and other periodicals are received. During the year 17,810 books were taken out, an average of over four for each book. The daily average of books taken was 57, the highest being 149, the lowest 6. During the year 481 borrowers' cards were issued. Cards are held by 205 persons from the country, who have the advantages of the library. Three hundred eighty-three books were purchased during 1916 and 300 donated to the library. Fifty-one magazines were bound into volumes. A big need of the library is several thousand more volumes. The present catalog shows a remarkably fine collection of books; but not enough.

PROFESSOR RESIGNS

Willamette University, Salem, Jan. 4.—(By United Press)—Prof. MacMurray, head of the rhetoric department, resigned last night. The cause was a severe nervous collapse, due to overwork. President Doney left for Seattle to secure his successor.

LAWYER'S SON WANTED

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—(By United Press)—The police today issued a flyer calling for the arrest of Bernard Lewis, son of a Pittsburgh lawyer, in connection with the murder of Marie Colbart. It is claimed only that he is accused of defrauding a chauffeur of a taxi bill, however.

RUSSIANS MAKE CAPTURE

(By United Press) Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The capture of 600 prisoners, three cannon, mine throwers and bombing mortars from the Teutons on the heights near Botochu, Roumania, is announced by the war office.



Close Highway in 'The House of the Golden Windows' (Lobby) at the Globe Theatre tonight.

W. A. HOOVER WILL BE BURIED HERE SATURDAY

Was a Native of Pennsylvania, Prominent in Timber Business.

Particulars of the death of W. A. Hoover at his home at Detroit yesterday morning are that he was afflicted with a paralytic stroke. Mr. Hoover was born in Clearfield county, Pa., about 65 years ago. He came to Oregon more than 20 years ago and entered the lumber business in eastern Linn county. Hoover station, the eastern terminus of the C. & E. railroad, was named after him. He was actively in the lumber business until 1907, when he sold out to his brother. At the time of his death he was the owner of a large tract of timber near Hoover as well as considerable Portland property and had other holdings. Although retired from the business he continued to make his home in the mountain town of Detroit, where he had spent most of his residence in this state. Mr. Hoover is survived by his widow, four brothers and three sisters, three of whom live in Dubois, Pa. Those in the west are Mrs. Sue McCauley and W. R. Hoover of Portland, Edward Hoover of Tacoma and R. M. Hoover of Salem. The remains will be brought to this city Friday and the funeral will probably take place Saturday, interment being in Riverside cemetery.

PEACE MOVEMENT

Washington, Jan. 4.—(By United Press)—President Wilson and Colonel House are working on the details of the President's next move for peace. It is expected to come shortly after the Government receives the official text of the entire reply to the President's first communication to the belligerents.

FATAL CYCLONE

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 4.—(By United Press)—A cyclone destroyed a school near Blocher at noon today. It is reported that several children were killed or injured.

DIG IRRIGATION CONGRESS BEGINS AT PORTLAND

Senators E. D. Cusick and S. M. Garland, of this county, are attending the big irrigation congress in Portland today, an important one, which may have quite a bearing on the legislative enactments of the state legislature, beginning next week. The following senators are in attendance: George T. Baldwin, Klamath Falls; C. A. Barrett, Athena; C. P. Bishop, Salem; E. D. Cusick, Albany; Robert S. Farrell, Portland; Samuel L. Garland, Lebanon; John Gill, Portland; C. L. Hawley, McCoy; S. B. Huston, Hermion; A. Lewis, Gus C. Moser, Conrad P. Olsoy, A. W. Orton, Portland; M. D. Shanks, Condon; I. S. Smith, Marshfield; Frederick Steiner, Pendleton; W. T. Vinton, McMinnville; George R. Wilbur, Hood River; J. E. Anderson, The Dalles; Ira C. Barber, Willamina; Louis E. Bean, Eugene; George C. Brownell, Oregon City; A. C. Callan, Hamilton; F. Corbett, Portland; Vernon A. Forbes, Bend; W. V. Fuller, Dallas; E. J. Goode, Herbert Gordon, Portland; Seymour Jones, Salem; K. K. Kubli, O. Loughgarr, D. C. Lewis, Portland; William W. Lunger, Lafayette; Lionel C. Mackay, Stephen A. Matthieu, Portland; Arthur K. Pock, Marshfield; C. O. Portwood, Fossil; Roy Ritner, Pendleton; Benjamin C. Shelton, Medford; Charles Albert Small, LaGrande; R. N. Stanfield, Stanfield; Harold C. Stephens, George; Charles T. Sweeney, Murphy; Mrs. Alexander Thompson, The Dalles.

LODGE LEADS FIGHT ON WILSON

Opened Senate Debate Against Endorsement of President's Note.

LONG STEP IN ABANDONMENT SEPARATION POLICY

Declares That People Fighting Should Make Their Own Peace.

(By John P. Yoder, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, Jan. 4.—Declaring that the people fighting the war ought to make their own peace, correcting slight remarks about the Bernstorff speech yesterday, Senator Lodge opened the fight against the passage of the Hitchcock resolution endorsing President Wilson's note this afternoon. He said: "The endorsement of the note, with the idea of a world guarantee, would involve such an entanglement and contravention to the tradition of the American policy of aloofness. When we abandon the traditional policy of separation, we are taking a long step, and ought to know where we are going. I think the people fighting ought to make their own peace. Neutrals are specifically excluded in Germany's reply."

FURNITURE FACTORY BUYING MAPLE FOR USE HERE

Wants 200,000 Feet Now Will Use 40,000 Feet Per Month in Future.

C. A. Bevier, of this city, is buying maple timber for the use of the Alb-Furniture Factory. Mr. Bevier has been commissioned to buy 200,000 feet at once, and will furnish the factory 40,000 feet per month in the future. Oregon maple has been found satisfactory for the manufacture of furniture and is used extensively. Mr. Bevier is buying the timber along the Santiam, from Dever and Talbot to Crabtree and in the neighborhood of Sanderson's bridge. The species grows profusely along the damp banks of the river, and some fine logs are gotten out. Mr. Bevier states that he may put up a portable saw mill for the purpose of handling the timber. Prospects at the factory grow brighter every day, and Albany, whose factory is now ably managed, will be one of the main furniture producing centers of the northwest.

THERE ARE OTHERS

South America Anxiously Awaits our Answer to British Blacklist Note

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15.—(By mail) —In view of the fact that the British blacklist hits some of the South American republics even more severely than it does the United States, the governments on this continent are waiting with keen anxiety for Washington's reply to Britain's latest note on the subject.

The Argentine view is that outside interference in the republic's domestic trade ought not to be tolerated, regardless of British views. The consensus of opinion concerning the message sent in answer to the United States' protest against the blacklist is fairly summed up by Editor Jorge Mitre of the influential paper, La Nacion, in the succinct comment: "Words!"

TRANSPORT SUNK

London, Jan. 4.—(By United Press) —The transport Hibernia was submerged in the Mediterranean, and 150 are missing.

H. R. Fogarty, former manager of the Globe Theatre, is in the city on business from Portland.

J. H. O'Neill, popular traveling agent of the O. W. R. & N. Co., is looking after business in this city.

Mrs. Geo. Dorr, of Crabtree, is in the city.

Earl Hubbard, of Corvallis, arrived in the city over night.

COUNTY COURT TAKES 82 MILE TRIP WEDNESDAY

Roads of Eastern Linn County Found in Fine Condition All Along Route.

Yesterday County Judge D. B. McKnight and Commissioners J. D. Irvine and T. J. Butler made a trip to Foster to examine the bridge near that place and look into other matters in connection with the roads and other things. They were taken in Frank Herdman's Studebaker. The distance covered was 82 miles and the very fast time of four hours and 25 minutes of actual running time was made, testifying to the excellence of the roads. They left here at 9 o'clock and were back by 4, a trip which, a few years ago, would have taken two or three days by team and in the condition the roads were then in.

The members of the court were greatly pleased with what they saw. They went out by way of Lebanon and Sweet Home and returned over the Sweet Home, Holley, Crawfordville and Brownsville road, coming in from Halsey on the Pacific Highway.

Frank Herdman, who drove the commission over the route in his car, states that the roads are in fine condition most of the way and show the result of careful building. Especially good are the roads in the neighborhood of Sweet Home and Foster, where one of the finest stretches in the state has been built. Nothing had been encountered any place which speaks well for the supervisors along the line.

Mr. Herdman speaks especially well of the stretch of the Pacific Highway between here and Harrisburg. This stretch has all been graded and gravelled with the exception of two little stretches of a mile or two each, which are being graveled as fast as possible.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

(By United Press) Rome, Jan. 4.—The newspaper Corriere di Italia announced that the foreign ministers of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are assembling at Berlin for an important conference.

INTERBED BY ROUMANIANS

(By United Press) Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 4.—Charges that a German Mother Superior and home deaconesses at Becharest for more than 60 years, have been only delivered by German occupation of the capital, were made by the press bureau.

THE BOOTH TRIAL

(By United Press) Dallas, Jan. 4.—Upon agreement of counsel for the state and defense, Judge Bell set February 10 for the beginning of the trial of William Booth.

GED. GIBBONS DIED AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

After an illness of some time, Geo. Gibbons of Shelburn, died yesterday at Oakland, Calif., the immediate cause being a paralytic stroke. The remains will arrive this evening and be taken to Shelburn, where the funeral service will be held tomorrow. Father Lane preaching the sermon and conducting the service. He was born in Ontario, Canada, 69 years ago, moved from Eastern Oregon to Shelburn nine years ago. He was an excellent citizen, beloved by his family. He had been a member of the Catholic church most of his life. He leaves a wife and six children: Mrs. Geo. Miller, of Iowa; Mrs. W. Miller, of Shelburn, and Geo. John, Talbert and Leonard Gibbons, of Shelburn.

WILSON AND HUGHES SPENT NIGHT IN HUB CITY

Two distinguished guests were at the city hotel over night, at least according to the names they gave. One said he was Woodrow Wilson, a fifteenth cousin of the president, and the other, Chas. Hughes, and that the recent candidate was his grandniece. They were traveling together in much greater harmony than the candidates did during the campaign. These flat broke craft that sail by, stopping in this port for the night, often resort to fiction. The pious said they were traveling together because misery loves company, and they were getting the company. Strange, but like many other tourists they have important business in San Francisco and must reach there by the 25th, just three weeks from today, which they ought to make easily, if the Southern Pacific keeps up its schedule and freight trains continue to run.

MEXICAN BANDIT VERY AMBITIOUS

Proposes to Establish Provisional Government and Issues Proclamation.

PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF MEXICAN SITUATION

General Funston Will Go to Nogales on An Inspection Trip.

(By Robert L. Miller, United Press Staff Correspondent) El Paso, Jan. 4.—Adherents of Villa already are arranging details for a provisional government to be set up by the bandit chief. Officials have been appointed to write laws. A tentative seat of government has been chosen, and according to information in the hands of the United States' authorities, copies of a proclamation by Villa has been secured. Federal agents are translating it now.

(By Carl D. Groat, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Jan. 4.—The administration today added Mexican affairs to its last diplomatic moves shrouded in secrecy. President Wilson himself is now in full charge of the Mexican situation, the American commissioners having informed him that their work for troop withdrawal and border protection protocol is fruitless. The Americans plan a meeting with the Mexicans. It is understood it will be merely a formal farewell.

San Antonio, Jan. 4.—Gen. Funston will leave tomorrow for Nogales and Yuma on a ten-day inspection trip, and may cross the border at Nogales. The hospital train leaves tomorrow for Nogales to pick up National Guardsmen with chronic cases of diseases along the border, and remove them to Hot Springs, Ark.

LEAKAGE CASE

(By United Press) Washington, Jan. 4.—Investigation by the House of the note leak charges will start tomorrow. Congressman Wood, of Indiana, will be the first witness. The committee announced this today following a two-hour session. Tom Lawson will be subpoenaed by wire.

STOLE POTATOES

A large Zeppelin alighted on the roof of S. E. Olmstead's up-to-date straw shed, north of Albany, recently during their absence, and carried away 17 sacks of potatoes. It must have been some kind of an aircraft, as there were no tracks left behind. Mr. Olmstead is watching for the monster to return. ANON.

RURAL CREDIT AMENDMENT

(By United Press) Salem, Jan. 4.—The state land board at a special meeting decided not to proceed to put the rural credit amendment in operation until after the legislature meets and enacts a law prescribing the details for procedure. It will not become effective till February 5, not January 7, as some supposed, Attorney Van Winkle said. So there is time for the legislature to act.

MANY CANADIANS GO

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—During the year just closed 178,537 men were recruited in Canada, or nearly half the total of 385,955 since the outbreak of the war, according to figures announced today. In the last fortnight 2517 enrolled, a decrease of 700 in comparison with the preceding two weeks.

CALM IN FRANCE

(By United Press) Paris, Jan. 4.—It is calm tonight along the entire western front, reported today's official bulletin.

CRIME RECORD

- When the successor to Chief of Police Healey began his duties Jan. 1 he faced the problem of combating a record of crime which may not be equalled in any city. Figures published by Thomas M. Kilbride, secretary of the state board of pardons, show this crime record for Chicago:
 - A hold-up every six hours.
 - A murder every other day.
 - Two suicides a day.
 - An arrest every seven and one-half minutes.
 - Liquor just, gambling and bad company are the most frequent causes of crime, Kilbride says.