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## COUNTY CLERK SUBMITS FINANCIAL REPORT OF EXPENSE

Total County Expenditures for the Year 1916 Are \$281,181.35.

### ROADS BIG ITEM OF COST

Amount Received from Various Sources Was \$370,361.35, According to Figures.

Together with the semiannual report of the county officers, now being published, the county clerk yesterday submitted an annual report of his office, showing the entire amount of warrants drawn on the county treasurer during the year 1916 and the amounts received.

The report shows that a total of \$281,181.35 was expended by the county during the year and the sum of \$370,361.35, which includes over \$35,000 cash on hand at the first of the year and over \$10,000 transferred from state tax fund and armory fund, was received.

The expenditures of the county from January 1 to December 31, 1916, are as follows:

Roads and highways	\$116,186.47
Registration and election	13,740.02
Sheriff's office	12,588.07
Clerk's office	12,711.53
County attorney	1,591.47
Treasurer's office	2,554.38
Surveyor's office	5,481.67
Assessor's office	10,078.97
Courthouse	6,033.43
Circuit court	9,035.40
County court and commrs.	3,458.34
Justice court	1,294.35
Coroner	304.43
Inmate	535.91
School superintendent	5,730.66
Health officer	155.59
Fruit inspector	1,627.28
Indigent soldiers	1,434.34
Widow's pensions	8,256.50
Care of poor	11,313.54
County veterinarian	26.00
Juvenile court	522.94
Bridges	31,212.01
Tax rebate	1,393.31
Scalp bounty	1,432.50
Sealer of weights and meas.	468.00
County fair	2,500.00
Road supervisors	13,777.79
County agriculturist	1,945.00
Advertising	2,307.31
Emergency	1,049.55
Auditing	307.00
Panama-Pacific exposition	124.10

Total \$281,181.35

Year's Receipts Given Receipts of the county during the same period of time are given as follows:

Cash on hand	\$36,700.33
Received from tax	294,770.79
Received from clerk's fees	12,707.25
Received from sheriff's fees	603.40
Received from fines	2,145.60
Interest on county money	1,671.29
Court reporter's fees	340.15
Motor and vehicle fund	3,249.45
Forest reserve rentals	2,549.81
5 per cent U. S. land sales	221.74
Bounties from state	708.00
Transf. from armory fund	643.79
Miscellaneous	582.05
Transf. from state tax fund	10,000.00
Transf. special road funds	3,467.15

Total \$370,361.35

Contra.

Paid county warrants	\$341,605.44
Transf. to state tax	13,015.38
Transf. to special roads	281.13
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1916	15,459.50

Total \$370,361.35

**Mother of Former Teacher Dies.**  
Word was received by friends a short time ago of the sad bereavement of Miss Anne Rutledge, in the loss of her mother who passed away in Spokane, Washington, having contracted pneumonia. Miss Rutledge was formerly a teacher in the Springfield high school and is teaching this winter at Whashtleane.

**Will Speak at Methodist Church.**  
Reverend E. C. Richards of Salem formerly pastor of the First M. E. church of Klamath Falls will arrive here with Mrs. Richards tomorrow. Mr. Richards, who is field secretary of Willamette University will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church at this place next Sunday both morning and evening.

## M. E. BROTHEHOOD ELECTS

R. W. Smith Re-elected President; Eugene Members Invited Here.

A most enjoyable and profitable meeting was that of the Methodist Brotherhood held Monday night, January 29, at the M. E. church. The first part of the evening was taken up by the social hour which was enjoyed by all present.

President R. W. Smith then called the meeting to order, and election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The new officers are as follows: president, R. W. Smith; vice president, W. S. Wright; second vice president, Dr. N. W. Emery; third vice president, Dr. W. H. Pollard; fourth vice president, Oswald Olson; secretary, M. W. Weber; and treasurer, Robert L. Drury.

The Eugene Brotherhood members and their wives were invited to meet with the local Brotherhood on the third Monday in February, the 19th. A program and banquet will be arranged for that date.

After the business session was over last Monday evening, delicious refreshments were served.

## Orchestra Gives Good Concert

Albany Musicians Entertain Audience at High School Tuesday Evening.

The Albany high school orchestra gave a very good concert Tuesday evening at the assembly room of the local high school. The splendid program was given under the direction of professor E. A. Moses who has given his musicians some very good training.

One of the most popular selections were the whistling solos given by Miss Lena Tobey. Miss Tobey was called back the second time by an enthusiastic audience. John Bedyneck displayed a mastery of the technique of violin in his solos, "Traumerel" and a selection played from Shumann.

Ralph Hecker, the real "Scop," added the laughs to the well balanced program. As "Chung Lo," Mr. Hecker went through many antics of a Chinese laundry man while the orchestra played selections from the "Mikado."

The whole concert in its efforts to "get by" were handicapped by the size of the high school assembly room. The orchestra did not have room to do its work properly and the ceiling was so low that there was little chance to display the finer touches of music. Sitting in the small school desks seemed to have a tendency to make the audience restless. A group of high school girls added to the natural handicaps of the room by keeping up a continual buzz of gossip and giggling.

The following is the program rendered.

1. "Co-Ed" March..... Zamecnik
2. "Golden Sceptre" Overture..... Schlegel
- "Arrah! Go On, I'm Gonna Go Back to Oregon"..... Bert Grant
3. Vocal Solos, (a) "Somewhere a Voice is Calling"..... Tate
- (b) "Pretty Baby"..... Van Alstyne
- Miss Velma Antony, Lyric Soprano
4. "Barcarolle" from Tales of Hoffmann..... Offenbach
5. Intermzzo, "Shades of Night"..... Friedland
6. Whistling Solos, (a) "La Sorella"..... Dalbret
- (b) "Pearls of Foam"..... Lange
- Miss Lena Tobey, whistler
7. The "King Pin" Selection of Popular Hits..... arr. by Taylor

### INTERMISSION

8. Piano Duets by Misses Janet Dawson and Velma Laurensen
- (a) "William Tell" Overture..... Rossini
- (b) "Humoresque"..... Drorak
9. "Frat" March..... Barth
10. Grand Opera Selection, Bohemian Girl..... Balfe
- "You're a Dangerous Girl"—One Step..... Clarke
11. Violin Solos, (a) "Traumerel"..... Schumann
- (b) Selected.....
- Played by John Bedyneck
12. "Chung Lo," Descriptive Oriental Intermzzo..... Moret
- Ralph Hecker, as "Chung Lo"
13. Cornet Solos, (a) "La Vota"..... Clarke
- (b) "Those Endearing Young Charms"..... Irish
- Played by E. A. Moses
14. "Battlehig Connecticut" March..... Fulton
- Star Spangled Banner

The little daughter of C. O. Farmer is ill with pneumonia.

## MRS. SKEFFINGTON HERE TO LECTURE



Photo by American Press Association.  
Mrs. F. Sheehy Skeffington, whose husband was executed during the Dublin riots, came here with her son, Owen, to lecture on her husband's death.

## SCHOOL ON WHEELS OPERATED BY S. P.

Section Gang Children Taught Daily in an Abandoned Passenger Car.

"That the 'School on Wheels' operated by the Southern Pacific company may mark a new era in education," is the interesting comment of "Life" on this latest railroad innovation, "Life" under the caption, "Our Monotonous Schools," says:

"Does the school on wheels now operated by the Southern Pacific company mark a new era in education? Twenty-five children are taught daily in an abandoned passenger car. This is for the benefit of the children belonging to the section gang on the railroad. To our own mind, the rigid extent of our own public school buildings has long been a matter of doubtful value. We do not mean to state that public school buildings are not at present necessary. But when one considers the enormous expense of these plants, and in contrast with it the wonderful adaptability of the human mind, at least it is fair to raise the question whether we are not making a mistake by unduly encouraging our school buildings to take up such a large proportion of the expense of education.

"Consider the course of a pupil in one of our public schools. For years he occupies the same building, of which the class rooms are all precisely alike. Even the pictures on the walls are likely to remain there without change. When he moves from the lower grades into high school he is transferred, possibly into another of these buildings, but which is essentially uniform with the one he has just left. At the most formative period of his life he is subjected to a deadly uniformity extending over years. Even the book covers all look alike. He must feel that all the text books are baked for him in the same oven. Each one of us knows by experience how our environment affects us, and how, when it becomes too monotonous, it reacts upon our entire organism. Outside of the cut-and-dried school building is the utmost variety as far as the eye and mind can reach nature and man vying with each other to procure the contrasts needed to stimulate the whole being. No wonder the prisoned pupil whoops as he tears loose from this deadly monotony. Then consider also the affect upon the teachers. Watch them, talk to them, and see what they say about it. What a wonderful interesting experiment it would be not to have any school at all, but just teachers and pupils. We have a feeling that something really big would come out of this experiment.

The little daughter of A. L. Johnson is very ill with pneumonia.

## LUMBER COMPANY SUES

Fischer-Boutin Brings Suit for Damages Against Logger.

The Fischer-Boutin Lumber company yesterday began suit in circuit court against S. Elmer Russell, a well-known piling contractor, for damages in the sum of \$2000 for the alleged non-performance of a contract to furnish the company with logs.

It is alleged in the complaint that the defendant represented to the plaintiff that there were 2,000,000 feet of timber on a certain tract of 68 acres in section 23, township 18 south of range 8, west and that the defendant was to deliver to the company's mill at Springfield from this tract not less than three car loads of logs a day until all of the timber was taken, the price to be \$6.50 per 1000 feet, board measure. It is alleged that Russell has wholly failed to perform his part of the contract and that the lumber company is damaged hereby in the sum mentioned.

## Farmers Would Have Hearing

Petition Legislature to Be Heard on Measure in Which They Are Interested.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 31.—Organized farmers and organized labor of the state today petitioned the legislature for a hearing on the measures in which they are especially interested.

They went on record in opposition to the plan of consolidating the industrial accident commission with the offices of labor commissioner and other commissions as forced upon the joint consolidations committee by the senate committee.

"We are in favor of making the recall apply to school directors and removal of property qualifications of voters at school elections," they assert, in another recommendation.

A bill to apply the recall to school directors has already passed the senate and is pending in the house while in the house is also a bill introduced by Representative Willett providing that all citizens may vote at school elections the same as at all other elections.

### Measures Given Support.

The indorsements are made by the state grange, the Oregon State Federation of Labor and the Farmers' union and are addressed to the legislature as follows:

"We, the organized farmers and laborers of Oregon, are unanimously asking your support of the following:

"House bill 213, which is a good roads bill drawn by our organizations, with the aid of our friends.

"We favor the amendment of our land registration law, so that titles may be perfected more quickly.

"Senate bill 124, providing cheaper lime for the farmers of Oregon.

"A bill to have the state aid us in our marketing problem and a grain grading and inspection law, similar to that of the state of Washington.

"We favor the retention of the labor commissioner's office as an elective one, including factory inspection as under the existing law; and the placing of the board of child labor and the industrial welfare commission under this office.

### State Aid Wanted.

"We favor the elimination of the one industrial accident commission representing the state, and the substitution of the commissioners' physician to act as a member of the board of awards, the salaries of commissioners and physician to be \$3000 each; and we favor state aid to the accident insurance being retained till state insurance is made compulsory.

"We oppose house bill 227, known as the anti-picketing bill.

"We are opposed to any change in the state eight hour law.

"We favor the principle of one day rest in seven.

"We are in favor of making the recall apply to school directors and removal of property qualifications of voters at school elections.

"We oppose any change in our initiative and referendum laws.

"We favor a prison labor plan which will cause the least possible competition with free labor."

### May Have Finger Amputated.

Mrs. Blanch Smith of Fall Creek is suffering from infection of the mid-finger on the right hand. A local physician states that the case is serious and hopes to save the finger from amputation.

## LAWMAKERS WILL BE ASKED TO LOOK INTO CAR SHORTAGE

Ninety Million Feet of Lumber Is Piled in Yards Ready for Shipment.

### HEAVY LOSS TO MILLMEN

Memorialize Congress to Compel the Furnishing of Rolling Stock by Commerce Commission.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—The directors of the Chamber of Commerce here were urged yesterday by a special committee of the members' council, Monday, to lay before the Oregon legislature the facts and conditions relative to car shortage in Oregon, particularly on the line of the Southern Pacific. The idea is that the legislature can memorialize congress to authorize the Interstate Commerce commission to compel railroads to furnish adequate rolling stock and motive power, also that the legislature can empower the Oregon public service commission to furnish adequate cars within the state. The committee, consisting of George B. McLeod, George M. Cornwall and Jay S. Hamilton, was appointed following the presentation of facts compiled by the lumber bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Action at Once Required.**  
"Action on this request should be immediate," said W. F. Woodward, acting president of the Chamber of Commerce. The directors will be called in special session to consider the matter.

Ninety million feet of lumber is piled ready for shipment in yards of Willamette valley mills. It is worth \$1,460,000. There is a demand for it. The prices are satisfactory. The money for the lumber would come into the state entirely from outside. But cars cannot be secured from the Southern Pacific to move it, and this car shortage has existed for three years without any promise to relieve it being kept, declared S. B. Cobb, speaking for the lumber bureau of the Chamber of Commerce before the members' council Monday.

**Will Ruin Mills.**  
"Under present conditions of car shortage," he added, "one half of these mills will be ruined financially, and only because of the failure of the first ones."

Mr. Cobb's indictment of the Southern Pacific was severe. He charged the company with having no regard for the success of industries in its territory.

### Railroad Indifference.

"What can we expect from the railroad company?" he asked. "If we can judge the future by the past, we will get no relief from them. They have not sufficient motive power. They are not meeting the progress of the state. They seem to be indifferent to our success. Repeated assurances of relief have failed to materialize. They show large profits to the company and poor service to the public. No satisfaction can be secured from the officials. Procrastination seems to be their stock in trade. They are now delivering about 100 cars a day to supply a demand for twice that number. They have not the motive power or car equipment to give us adequate service. They have taken over and built new lines of roads and taken from the shippers of the state of Oregon the needed equipment to take care of the traffic on those lines. Their machine shops have not been operated even to normal capacity. They will tell you that they have orders in now for both motive power and cars. This is probably true, but their orders were placed so late that no relief from this source can be depended upon for this year. The railroad company may dispute these statements, but they cannot disprove them. We have waited patiently for the railroad company to give us relief, but there is none in sight. We all are interested in the growth and prosperity of this state. We cannot, however, induce investment of capital here unless conditions like these are remedied."

### Need 160 Cars Per Day.

Again: "The average cut of the sawmills tributary to the Southern Pacific lines for 10 years, including the mills in the city of Portland, is 1,200,000,000 feet per year, and on a basis of load-

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