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ADVERTISING RATES

Professional Cards.....per month \$.50
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BUSINESS METHODS FOR COUNTY BUSINESS

For a long time it has been the belief of many citizens of the state that it should be compulsory that the state and county officials' books be audited by an expert accountant at least once during the incumbency of office, or whenever it was deemed necessary, or demanded by the taxpayers. It is but natural that the people should want to keep in touch with their own public affairs--where the public money comes from, where it goes and for what purpose, and it is no reflection whatever on an honest official that his books be examined occasionally. In fact, he should welcome an investigation at any time. Public business should be conducted just as conscientiously and accurately according to business methods as private affairs--more so, in fact, because slack methods in private business generally affects but a few, while state or county affairs, conducted in a haphazard, unbusinesslike manner, is likely to very seriously affect a large number of people.

How often it happens that a person, no matter what his avocation, gets tired of the monotonous daily grind of routine duty and seeks for an easier and a shorter way to get his work done. If it is necessary, he will slight his work in order to finish sooner, and this often leads to serious errors. All this would be avoided--would be impossible, especially in regard to those who have charge of the public business and money, if the bill which recently passed the house survives the senate. The Portland Journal says of it:

"Taxpayers of Multnomah county will be interested in a measure that passed the house yesterday, designed to abolish the present haphazard, go-as-you-please manner of keeping accounts in many counties.

"This measure requires that a uniform system of bookkeeping be prepared under the direction of the state tax commission and installed in every county and state office by January 1, 1914. It also requires that the books of every state and county official and county court shall be audited once a year by an expert responsible to the tax commission. This expert may drop down on the books at unexpected moments, and they must at once be turned over to him for auditing.

"This was one of the reforms advocated by Governor West in his message to the legislature, though the present bill differs in some respects to the draft prepared by the governor. The governor's bill provided a special commission to prepare the uniform accounting system and have charge of auditing of books, while the measure passed today, which was prepared by Smith of Klamath, places these duties on the tax commission.

"Despite decided opposition from Schuebel of Clackamas, it carried by one vote after Smith had spoken warmly in its behalf. He said, 'I believe all the members of the house realize the necessity of a more modern and businesslike system of bookkeeping in state and county offices.' 'We hear daily complaints from taxpayers in the various counties about the waste of money, the graft and unbusinesslike methods generally of our state and county governments. The fact is, taxpayers have no way of knowing how their money is spent. It is all wrong.

"Nearly every county and every county court now has a different method of keeping its accounts. In very few instances is there anything like scientific supervision of expenditures. The waste of money from slack business methods is appalling, and the worst of it is the accounts are so mixed up that the public cannot

get at the waste. "This bill is designed to put all this on a business basis, to make the system throughout the state uniform, and to have frequent experting and publicity. I tell you, it will be a wholesome check on county courts to know that an expert accountant is likely to come down and demand to see their books at any time. Oregon at present is one of the few states in the Union where no provision is made for businesslike supervision of expenses."

"In Multnomah county especially, it is said, lack of business method by the county court has cost the taxpayers much money. One reason for the governor's original recommendation of a measure of this kind is said to have been charges growing out of the last of the infrequent expending of the county's books.

"The bill carries an appropriation of \$17,500, and provides for an increase in the salaries of the tax commission of \$500 for the additional work that will fall on the commission. This was one point on which Schuebel fought the measure. He declared he did not think this extra pay justified. The measure carried by 32 votes to 20, one more than the necessary majority of 31."

POISON IN SOIL MAY CAUSE DRY ROT

Poison in the soil may have something to do with dry rot, according to an experiment made on a piece of East Side silt loam soil by Prof. W. H. Lawrence, says the Hood River News.

A block of about 100 Newtown trees in this orchard did not produce more than 50 per cent marketable fruit, while neighboring trees were free from dry rot. Prof. Lawrence took samples of the soil and sent them to the Department of Agriculture for analysis, believing that it might resemble the so-called "wheat sick soils." He has just received a report from Washington. This states that the analysis did not show any one of the 40 known toxic substances known to be injurious to plant growth. The soil did show large quantities of oxalic acid. At some times during the season this is very poisonous to plant life. The calcium salt of oxalic acid was found to run four tons to the acre foot. This large amount, Prof. Lawrence is quoted as saying, would seriously interfere with the lime content of the soil, rendering it unavailable, and it may be in part responsible for some of the difficulties now occurring.

OPENING INDIAN RESERVE LANDS

Lewiston, Idaho, Feb 18--(Special.)--Delegates from commercial bodies of Nez Perce and Lewiston counties, Indian Department officials and representatives of the Nez Perce Indians, met with the governing board of the Lewiston Commercial Club and citizens of Lewiston this week to discuss the proposition to open the Indian reserve lands in the vicinity of Reubens and Winchester for the sale of timber and the opening of the same to settlement under an arrangement agreeable to the Indians. The conference developed a great difference of opinion among the redmen as to the advisability of the proposed opening, their principal contention being that sales should be confined to the matured and fallen timber and the payment of the proceeds in full pro rata among the members of the tribe. The following resolution was adopted after considerable speech-making: "Resolved, in view of the fact of these matters being new to some of us, that these representatives be instructed by the chair to return to their homes and confer with their people, ascertaining what arrangement can be made

which will be satisfactory to the Indians; later to give notice to the Lewiston Commercial Club to call a meeting for further consideration of this question." A council of the Indians to determine their action will be held at Lapwai February 25th.

HOW TO MAKE GOOD COYOTES

Lewiston, Idaho, Feb. 18--(Special.)--If all counties in the Northwest would follow the precedent set by the commissioners of Clearwater county, Idaho, in offering a bounty of \$4 each on coyotes killed within the boundaries of the county, there might soon be a dearth of that pestiferous animal.

W. E. King brought to town this week the carcass of a coyote which he had poisoned in a novel way. Mr. King says it is next to impossible to trap coyotes, so wary are they of traps. Mr. King's method, if not original, is at least novel that it has not become known among the coyotes of this section, and it is so fatal that not one, so far as known, has lived to spread the alarm among his fellows. Mr. King said: "I take a fresh egg, make a small hole in the shell with a nail or other pointed instrument, insert the poison thru the opening, and then glue a piece of paper over the hole. I then bury the egg in the snow, after first scattering a few pieces of raw meat on the snow near the egg for a scent. The coyote grabs the egg out of its snowy hiding place and swallows it with a relish, as coyotes like eggs that are worth 40 cents a dozen, as well as people do. The poison in the egg soon makes a good coyote of him."

LARGE ORDERS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

HARRIMAN LINES BREAK THE YEAR'S RECORD BUYING LOCOMOTIVES, CARS AND RAILS

Orders were placed in New York City December 30, 1912, by the Harriman System, for 246 locomotives and 12,500 freight cars, totaling for a total expenditure of \$20,000,000. Another order for 200,000 tons of rails made since means an additional outlay of \$6,000,000. The rail orders for the year aggregate 538,000 tons, and stand out as the largest year's purchase by any railroad.

Of the locomotives ordered 132 are designed to burn coal and 114 will be oil burners. The order includes 99 Mikado type passenger engines, eight 10-wheel passenger engines and 49 Pacific type passenger engines; 40 Mikado type freight engines, five Mallet consolidation and 55 switch engines.

The weight of the Mikado passenger engine on the drivers is 214,000 pounds; the weight of the Mikado freight engine on drivers is 220,000 pounds; Mallet engines, 398,000 pounds; Pacific engines, 280,000 pounds. The weight on drivers of switch engines is 145,000 pounds.

The order was placed with different concerns, the American Locomotive Company and the Baldwin Locomotive Works securing the bulk of the contracts which is to be filled at the earliest date possible.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company will share generously in the distribution of the engines and cars, as the needs of the growing business of the line demand not only the most approved types of locomotives but the additional cars it will receive in order to meet the wants of the rapidly increasing trade in its territory.

Roy Duvall, of Independence, arrived here the first of the week and is visiting friends.

What's the matter with dropping in and renewing your subscription to the Bulletin? It would be appreciated.

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