

# NO GRAFTING IN COUNTY OFFICES

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been taken to ascertain the collectible taxes due the county but not paid. This contract was annulled ostensibly because the cost of obtaining this information would cost more than the receipts and that under the present part and parcel method of assessing property from 1911 all property would be taxed. We recommend however that in the interest of the taxpayers of this county such information should be obtained and posted in the 1912 tax sheets under the heading of delinquent taxes.

### Expenditure of Money.

7. Although the grand jury has investigated many criminal cases we have also given time to the examination of witnesses and records appertaining to the expenditure of money through the county court for road and bridge purposes directly and through ex-Roadmaster Harmon. We have also investigated the reasons for the depreciation of the value of county warrants with its consequent reflection on the credit of the county.

We have had as evidence plans and specifications of public works, questionable bills which were allowed and paid by the county court and other exhibits produced by complaining witnesses and produced by order of this grand jury.

We find that as the county court has expended much money for public roads and bridges and is now heavily in debt it might be open to criticism but in no moral sense. Such expenditures were in response to widespread public demands for improved highways.

We have investigated charges that the Central Point highway and the steel work in the county jail are not in accord with specifications, but as neither one of these works have been accepted they are not now open to investigation by this body.

### County Jail Building.

Upon investigation we find that the county court allowed \$1000 more than the total of the contract price for the construction of the jail building. We find that this was an error in totalling the sundries making up the total estimate and the figures all accompanying the bid the county court justly allowed the contractors the benefit of this technical error. With this allowance the bid was \$2000 below the next highest bidder.

We can find no evidence of dishonesty and we have given all matters due consideration. We have found mistakes due to clerical errors, mistakes and carelessness and neglect of inspectors and other subordinates and carelessness in the purchase of supplies especially by supervisors and foremen.

We have not been able to have Mr. Harmon's accounts audited and we would recommend that the honorable court have this performed immediately for the best interests of all concerned and the county at large.

We would say however, in conclusion that the county court has violated certain technicalities of the law which requires that there be filed with the county clerk plans and specifications of public works constructed by the county along with detailed statements of expenditures. We cannot approve of the methods used by the county court in the transaction of the business of the county nor of their administration as businesslike.

Respectfully submitted,  
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The grand jury investigated county affairs in full subpoenaing many witnesses and going thoroughly into the matter.

### Unassessed Property.

The grand jury recommends that the unassessed property of Jackson county be ascertained, even at considerable expense, that the same may be extended on the sheriff's assessment roll. It has been found that for the year 1906 some 15,000 acres of land in this county and some 210 town lots went unassessed. These properties have probably escaped taxation for a dozen years. If these were extended on the roll for the last five years as the law permits it would add approximately \$450,000 to the basis of taxation for this year.

### Want Reports Made.

It was also found that the law requires county officers to make semi-annual reports of all moneys received by them, and the grand jury urges that this law be strictly adhered to. It also urges that semi-annual statement of the general condition of the county be made by the county clerk. The grand jury finds that the plans and specifications with detailed statements of all expenses made for roads or bridges should be filed with the county records and that this requirement has not been followed by

county courts in recent years. The grand jury found that in this and other regards there has been technical violations of the law; it finds the vast amount of business transacted by the several offices, and the enormous pressure brought to bear by sections of the county demanding large improvements and expenditures have prevented the adoption at all times of those accurate businesslike methods that prudent business men would employ in the conduct of their own affairs.

### Facts Brought Out.

Some curious facts were brought to light in the grand jury investigation of the county court's transactions for the last two years. It was claimed that certain claimants had been paid larger sums than their bills called for to cover the discounts on county warrants. For instance, an electric light company is supposed to have submitted a bill for say \$75, and that a covert notation on the bill, "add 10 per cent," had brought the bill to \$82.50, pursuant to that policy. The fact is that the fixtures bought had not been in stock, and the local firm had sent to San Francisco for the articles and had added 10 per cent to the cost of the same in San Francisco, making the price only what the retail price would have been had the fixtures been in stock. This was in accordance with an agreement had with the light company.

### Another Charge Blows Up.

Another instance is that a man who received \$99 for a month's wages as road builder, when his bill for the month should have been \$55. Now it transpired that when his bill for the previous month's claim lacked \$14.50 of having been paid, that this amount was added to the bill in question to correct the error and not to cover loss on the value of warrants as the public had been led to believe.

Another popular fallacy is that \$17.25 was paid for three canthooks. The bill was found receipted and showed that \$5.25 was paid for the three canthooks, and no greater sum. No other canthooks had been bought.

### Jail Bid Explained.

It was alleged that \$1000 more than the lowest bid and contract price for building the new jail was paid therefor. This statement had caused the hair of many honest citizens to stand erect. The investigation showed that the several items of the detailed bid for the construction of the jail, when carefully footed, aggregated \$1000 more than the sum originally asked for building the jail. The county court found that with this error corrected the bid was still \$3000 lower than any other offered. This explains the whole affair and will no doubt bring relief to many.

Still another popular fallacy is that the Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' bank had bought warrants at a discount, and had profited by speculation on the same. The testimony before the grand jury showed that neither the Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' bank nor any person connected with it has ever purchased warrants at a discount.

### Ray's Contribution.

Much complaint was made in certain quarters because the \$6300 Colonel Ray contributed to the building of the Prospect road was not put into the general county fund, whereas the money was contributed, it transpires, for the building of this road, and for no other purpose. If the court had put this in the general road fund one half of the amount would have gone to the road supervisors for general use, which would have fallen outside the purposes for which the money was contributed. Colonel Ray gave this money with the understanding that the road would be completed by June 15 as a condition. On June 14 Colonel Ray gave his check for \$6300, which was used directly for construction work on this road. Any other disposition of this money would have been poor business and would have run counter to the rules of common honesty, in the grand jury's opinion.

### Bridge Work.

There was clamor against the condition of the Gold Hill bridge. Criticism of the character of the bridge was not borne out by facts. It had been claimed that \$110 had been spent for extra concrete work, over and above the contract price of the bridge. It seems that the surveyor reported that the north pier of the bridge was twenty feet high, when it was thirty feet. It then became necessary to add to the agreed cost of construction the cost of additional concrete, which amounted to \$110.

As to the cost of the Gold Hill bridge, it was found that the same was let to the lowest bidder under bona fide competitive bids. It was also found that in the building of the three new bridges the past year in Jackson county the builders lost \$4000, according to the testimony, and it may be added that the parties who did the concrete work on the new jail lost \$175.

It was found that the discount on warrants issued to Roadmaster Harmon for the purpose of enabling him

## LULU GLASER WHO APPEARS AT THE MEDFORD IN "MISS DUDEL-SACK" NEXT FRIDAY EVENING.



## TEDDY CLAIMS NEW YORK STATE

NEW YORK, March 25.—Suppressed excitement prevails in political circles here today, on the eve of statewide primaries which will determine whether Theodore Roosevelt or President Taft is the choice of the republicans of New York state as the standard bearer of their party in the presidential race this fall. Both the Roosevelt and Taft supporters are claiming the victory.

The Taft emissaries declare that they will carry every state district except the first, which is Colonel Roosevelt's home and where he will be unopposed in tomorrow's election, and the two districts which are controlled by National Committeeman William Ward.

The Roosevelt campaign ends here tonight. Roosevelt followers claim nine districts for sure and a righting chance in all the others.

## SENATE CONSIDERS CASE AGAINST STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Contest over the seat of Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Milwaukee, Wis., where he is alleged to have purchased through illicitly distributed campaign funds, occupied the session of the United States senate today. It is expected that the debate over the questions raised by the recent investigations of Stephenson's campaign methods will last until Wednesday, when a vote will be taken to determine whether the Milwaukee senator is entitled to his seat.

## FREE SUGAR BILL WILL BE UP WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Hearings on the free sugar bill of Congressman Oscar W. Underwood will begin before the senate finance committee on Wednesday, according to announcement made here today. The republican majority of the committee is expected to report the measure adversely.

### Stand By Bob

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—In answer to reports that he had deserted Senator Robert M. La Follette Congressman Lenroot announced that he and Congressman Morse would leave for Wisconsin late today to stump the state in behalf of La Follette's candidacy for the republican presidential nomination. Both Lenroot and Morse are from Wisconsin.

to check out for supplies and labor, as bills were contracted, was about \$2000. This was more than made up by the \$6300 given for road construction by Colonel Ray.

# S.S.S. PURIFIES BAD BLOOD

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## PIERCE SALE IS MAKING GOOD

The Pierce sale of land is proving to be one of the greatest auction sales of the kind ever held in southern Oregon, crowds of buyers taking the opportunity to get good bargains. The attendance today was very large, and indications that the 105 acres which remained to be sold at close of the sale Saturday will be gone by the final day, tomorrow. When a piece of land is put up at this sale it is sold to the highest bidder, there being absolutely no reserve bids, and this fact alone has done much to make for success.

The list of buyers are as follows: George Eades, 2 1-2 acres, \$640; C. E. Gates, 2 1-2 acres, \$350; Campbell of Ashland, 2 1-2 acres, \$370; Campbell, 2 1-2 acres, \$450; F. Zann, 2 1-2 acres, \$440; J. E. Olson, 5 acres, \$1225; Campbell, 20 acres, \$3900; D. D. Boyle, 15 acres, \$1375.

Five of the buyers are planning to improve these places and make their homes very soon. Join the band of happy settlers in the Pierce subdivision. C. H. PIERCE.

### Constable Breaks Leg

MONTESANO, Wash., March 25.—Constable Cy Fenwick, faithful to duty, took a short cut down a log chute to serve papers and struck an obstruction, breaking his leg. He hobbled on and served the papers.

### CARD OF THANKS.

To the many kind friends whose expressions of sympathy and floral tributes did so much to comfort us in our recent bereavement we extend our heartfelt thanks.

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## MONDAY

In the verses we've written, we've tried many ways  
To tell you of NEW things but not of the days,  
But we'll now make an effort absolutely sincere,  
To make you remember each day of the year.

MONDAY—brings memories of the first day of school,  
With our books in our laps, on an old fashioned stool,  
But the old fashioned METHODS and the school days of yore  
Are blotted from memory this MONDAY'S no more.

MONDAY—why do you so quickly flee?  
Each year you grow shorter and vanish from me,  
Before I've awakened to the things that are NEW,  
They've taken my place and I've nothing to do.

MONDAY—of olden times seemed to be longer,  
I'll have to admit though 'twas 'cause I was stronger,  
Old age has stepped in and made youth disappear,  
Younger men, NEWER METHODS, succeed all the year.

MONDAY—when Mother always washed clothes,  
Is quite replaced today as everyone knows,  
By newfangled machinery, and the newfangled girl,  
And the day is much shorter with all this NEW whirl.

MONDAY—dear friends is the same old day,  
With the same old people, but a Brand NEW way,  
The progress of Time demands your attention,  
The day runs more smoothly due to modern invention.

MONDAY—dear people, is the time to do  
NEW things and NEW WORK and by METHODS NEW,  
Make old Father Time stand back in despair,  
And bring joy and happiness to this world of care.

MONDAY—with US is the day that is here,  
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