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## CITIZEN BACKS UP HIS FIGURES

By the same method the Daly organ has carried on the present local campaign since the day of conventions—deceit and wilful misrepresentation—that paper attempted last week to weld its unsubstantiated and hypocritical statement that the Daly campaign music, "Lake county is growing deeper and deeper in debt," is true. B. Daly (for he is the Rustler) attempts to make light of the statement of a citizen published in The Examiner of May 15, and calls him "this wonderful citizen," thinking the public might conclude that the citizen of Lake County who by personal investigation found that the public debt was decreased under the administration of the present county court in the 3 3/4 years from July 1, 1898 to April 1, 1902, in the sum of \$38,635.64, is a myth conceived in the imagination of a campaign liar. Daly, in his pen picture of this "Wonderful Citizen," did not believe that the citizen who investigated the records to satisfy himself on the point in question would show up to be one of the most reliable, conscientious and able men in Lake County. He did not know that this citizen only came interested in the mooted question of Lake County's financial standing for the weal of the people of the county and to satisfy himself on a point that has long been in doubt in his own mind. He did not know that this citizen would turn out to be DANIEL BOONE, a man respected for his honesty and conscientiousness by all who have personal acquaintance with him—a man who, after investigating the matter, knows WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT!

This citizen found in the county records the following:  
"I find that there was issued during the period of three and three quarters (3 3/4) years from July 1, 1898 to April 1, 1902, in warrants, \$70,487.17. This sum represents the TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME. There can be no charge against Lake County for this period not included in the warrants. There was paid out by the Treasurer for redemption of warrants and interest thereon during the same period, \$93,975.28, and on April 3, 1902, for the same purpose, there was paid out by the Treasurer the further sum of \$15,148.53, making a total of \$109,122.81 paid out for the three and three quarters (3 3/4) years in the discharge of old debts and interest. I deduct from this sum the total current expenses for that period of time and I have \$109,122.81 less \$70,487.17, leaving \$38,635.64, which sum is the amount of ACTUAL REDUCTION OF COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS for the period in question.

Lake County owed on April 3, 1902, \$38,635.64 less than it did on July 1, 1898. This is highly gratifying.

The total current expenses for that period of three and three quarters (3 3/4) years is \$70,487.17. The sum divided by 3 3/4 gives \$18,976.00 as the ANNUAL CURRENT EXPENSES OF LAKE COUNTY. This is the sum that Lake County has expended annually for that period."

To prove to the people of Lake County that he has the courage of his convictions and does not care to hide behind the name of "a citizen," Mr. Boone comes manfully to the front with the following statement:

PLUSH, Oregon, May 23, 1902.  
EDITOR EXAMINER:—Not for political purposes, but for my own guidance, I went to the records of Lake County to find out the TRUTH regarding Lake County finances. I thought there could be no wrong in handing you the result of that examination, which was nothing more than any person may, any day, find to be true by referring to the records which are ever open to the public. Some one wants to know the author of the statement, as it appeared in your issue of May 15. I avow the authorship of that statement, and re-affirm the absolute truth of every item in it.  
DANIEL BOONE.

### NOTES FROM PLUSH.

Plush, Oregon, May 26, 1902.—(To the

Editor:—Plush is dull at present, but there will be exciting times on the 2d of June.

The social given on Friday was a grand success. We were greeted with the smiling face of a Republican candidate. Most of the ladies not knowing until the day after that he was a married man, regretted very much that Woman's Suffrage is not in vogue. [This must have been Johnson, the next County Treasurer. Ed.]

Mrs. Thos. Flook returned from Lakeview on Friday and is spending a few days with friends here before returning to her home on Rock Creek.

Miss Fleming left Sunday for her home at New Line Creek, after teaching a successful term of school here. Her many friends regretted to see her go.

E. E. Bond passed through Plush Sunday enroute to New Pine Creek where he expects to buy a farm. So says Dame Rumor, at least.

Steve Young of Rock Creek was a visitor in Plush Friday, and attended the grand social.

AN OBSERVER.

The legal mind of the Daly organ has had time to pause and consider the matter of what law in existence authorizes the county court to "pay back to the taxpayers the \$1,115.16 wrongfully collected on account of the old scalp bounty law." The next session of the Oregon Legislature may make some provision for that, but until then, the court must not order it paid back.

## THE SITUATION IS QUITE APPALLING!

B. Daly has repeatedly during this campaign kept before the people in his organ an article headed "Defining Duties of County Courts," giving the impression that if he is elected County Judge he will personally attend to the expediting of the books of the county officers, and save the county the expense. Under the statute mentioned the practice of having books of county officers experty by expert accountants is recognized and upheld in every county in this state. The members of the county courts are not supposed to be expert accountants, and probably no one will accuse B. Daly of being one. The people can see Daly now pouring over the books of the county officers and bothering his brain with stubs, receipts, journals and what not for days at a time. Yes, they see him in a dream doing this to save the poor taxpayers a paltry sum. He could find a much better way of assisting in decreasing the county debt and saving money to the taxpayers by paying a just proportion of taxes on his personal property. That row of brick and stone buildings in Lakeview which he values at \$6,800 and from which he receives an annual income in rentals of \$4,368 stands as a monument to his greatness as a taxpayer and a county debt reducer. Let us see what the taxpayers have lost by this expediting of the county books by experts:

May, 1900, experty books Batchelder, clerk, Neilon Sheriff.....	\$465.00
More experty by McCallen and Bieber.....	15.00
Oct., 1901, term Circuit Court, experty Neilon case.....	500.00
1901, experty books sheriff, clerk, treasurer.....	330.00
1901, more experty Neilon case.....	59.15
Total.....	\$1369.15

The following amounts were turned into the county treasury by officials on account of clerical errors as per statement of experts:

April 11, 1900.....	\$250.00
April 21, 1900.....	343.00
May 2, 1900.....	5.00
May 10, 1900.....	414.77
June 30, 1900.....	57.00
Jan. 2, 1902.....	81.25
Total.....	\$1151.02

More than three-quarters of this amount for experty was paid out as expense incurred by circuit court cases, and all but \$218.13 for expert hire. Joe Moore, editor of the Daly organ, who howls so lustily about "grafts" was paid \$166 of the amount for his work as an expert.

The actual cost of experty the affairs of Lake county, \$218.13, is simply appalling!

## FURNISH HAS CLAIMS ON ALL OF US

W. J. Furnish is the Eastern Oregon candidate for Governor. It is not the custom to honor Eastern Oregon with such an important nomination, and now is the time for Eastern Oregon to accept the opportunity to elect a man from our own distinct territory. Eastern Oregon has today a prominence she never had before. Let the people of this section hold that prominence by voting for and electing the Governor of Oregon from among her citizens. W. J. Furnish is the man to make all eyes turn toward Eastern Oregon. The Republicans and a large number of Democrats in Lake County are in hearty accord and sympathy with the wise administration of President Roosevelt. The Republicans here are in favor of the retention of the Philippines. When they cast their ballots next Monday let them show that they believe in the expansion and progress of the United States, and that they desire the benefits the retention of the Philippines will bring to the people of Oregon. Let them show their desire to protect the American flag wherever it is raised. They will do this by voting for W. J. Furnish and against the Democratic nominee whose policy and principle is that the flag should be hauled down in the Philippines.

### Schminck at His Old Home.

The Adin Argus of last week has the following reference to a Lakeview citizen: H. Schminck, a hardware dealer of Lakeview, accompanied by his wife, passed through Adin the first of the week enroute to the lower country. Mr. Schminck at one time conducted a hardware business in Adin, but this is his first visit here in many years. The gentleman stated that while the place had a familiar look generally, yet he noted many changes, and remarked particularly the fact that the residence properties had been much improved. It was about seventeen years ago since he was a business man of our town, yet he and his wife found several old time friends who were glad to meet them. After remaining in Adin over night, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Clark, they on Saturday morning continued on their journey."

### Letter From Tonopah.

George Wingfield has written a letter to G. Grimes in which the following information is given regarding Tonopah: Daly wages from \$4 to \$6.

Freighters get 1 cent for hauling in 60 miles and \$10 per ton for hauling out ores.

Chickens are worth \$1 each. Vegetables hard to get. Water \$1 50 per barrel.

Good business opportunities are open. Water, electric and reduction works are soon to be built.

The ore in sight in Tonopah mining district is worth \$50,000,000.

The camp will be permanent.

Tonopah stock is selling at \$7, formerly \$11; it will probably reach \$20 soon.

### Watch for Denials.

As today will be the last issue of the Daly organ prior to the election the public will be assured of several DENIALS, and probably renewed PROMISES by B. Daly. In last week's Examiner we challenged Daly to deny certain statements. He may accept the challenge and deny them. He is "tricky," but his political tricks are so old that everybody is "on to" them.

If you have not read the great speech of Hon. Thos. H. Tongue in the House of Representatives, April 24th, on Good Roads, you have missed a good thing.

The Daly organ has been howling like a coyote about the "graft." The Examiner has on county printing. The records of the county show that from May 1, 1901 to May 1, 1902, the total cost of all printing and publishing done by The Examiner for every office from County Judge to Road Overseer of the various precincts for the entire year, amounted to the sum of \$377.95. This is indeed a "frightful extravagance with public

funds." Just think of the great printing "graft" that the Daly organ has made such a fuss about all these years. Pooh! It would scarcely pay for the paper, and stationery stock The Examiner uses in one year. For all printing for Lake County for one year \$877.95! Lake county will certainly go into bankruptcy if it keeps up this awful expenditure! Let those who are interested in finding out the truth about this great "printing graft" go to the records and see for themselves.

It is to be hoped that the people of Lake County will weigh the two men in the balance next Monday, and elect Charles Tonningson County Judge and rebuke the candidacy of B. Daly, the banker and landlord, whose only object in desiring the position is to further his own interests and interests of men in his financial class. Will the voters of Lake County whom B. Daly looks upon as the "common people" bend the knee and bow the head to Mammon? We do not think so. One thing is certain, if by chance the people of Lake County should elect Daly to the position of County Judge they will regret it exceedingly long before the four years of his term expires. He has the Town of Lakeview fast in his grip, and his ambition is to get Lake County in the other hand. He has been held up as a great taxpayer, but look at his record as a tax dodger in this issue. With all his wealth he pays only \$465.86 into the treasury of Lake County.

## THE COLONEL AND DOCTOR AS EDITORS

It is understood that the issue of the Rustler today will be sent out to its readers filled with campaign editorial matter written and inspired by B. Daly and his partner in business Chas. A. Cogswell. It is also understood that a most bitter and vituperative attack will be made in that organ on the County Court—the last shot before the day of election—which displays a spirit of unfairness and a desire to indulge in dirty politics that would shame a professional ward heeler. The people of Lake County will understand that these attacks are made at this time, to make it impossible of denial before the day of election. Let them consider the matter fairly and vote according to the dictation of their own consciences and in accord with their own good judgment, without prejudice. In this campaign The Examiner has been compelled to charge the Democratic nominee for County Judge with many things that it would rather have left unsaid, but in no accusation made are we willing to "cave down the bank" and admit that we are wrong. The Examiner can prove every assertion it has made. If we were not prepared to do this, we could not rest easily for fear that we would be brought before the courts upon a charge of libeling B. Daly, the rich banker and landlord, whose money would be his power to prosecute us to the end. Charges have been made by The Examiner in this campaign that are either LIES OR THE TRUTH. We stand or fall upon these charges. If our accusations are untrue we challenge B. Daly to bring suit against us for libel.

B. Daly is personally responsible for the bitterness of this campaign.

### A Correction.

The Examiner regrets very much to be compelled to make correction of a matter that seems so ridiculous as to need no explanation. But we must apologize for a most silly and seemingly inexcusable error in a small item in our last issue. In mentioning the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hironymous of Cedarville had removed to Warner, and to remind our readers that Mrs. Hironymous was formerly Miss Hattie Penland, a highly respected and estimable young woman who is well known in Lakeview, The Examiner intended to say (nee Hattie Penland). The types and the "intelligent" compositor made us say "one" instead of "nee." The error was overlooked in the final proof-reading, and we hope that all intelligent persons will consider the matter only as an error, though an extremely silly one. Those who understand the difficulties under which a country newspaper is conducted can easily appreciate the manner in which such errors occur.

## TRUTH IS MIGHTY AND MUST PREVAIL

To the Citizens of Lake County:

The claim of the Lakeview Rustler that \$205,009.06 is the aggregate amount "received and disbursed" by Lake County officials from July 1, 1898 to April 1, 1902, is misleading. The totals received by both Treasurers make that sum. But, in the middle of that same period, Mr. Bell received \$7,508.11 from Mr. Ahlstrom. This sum is twice charged in the Rustler's total. To get the true amount, \$7,508.11 must be deducted, leaving to be accounted for, \$197,501.95.

There was paid out:  
For state taxes.....\$37,829.76  
For school funds.....35,943.64  
For schools, school districts, and institutes.....4,470.59  
In payment of old county indebtedness.....109,122.81  
Left on hand after payment of April 3.....10,094.15  
Total paid out.....\$197,501.95

A sum so nearly the total received, as to be practically exact, and the great and startling question so often asked, "What has become of all that money?" is clearly answered. I have given much study to this matter, and can find no defect in Mr. Gunther's showing.

Solemnly, loudly, and repeatedly, it has been asked, "What has been done with all this money?" or "What have we to show for all this money?" as if to indicate there was no answer to be given, though a plain and invasive answer has always been easily obtained from the records, and has been printed by Mr. Gunther for more than a month. Again, that it could be believed by that very capable questioner, that, to subtract from the assumed aggregate receipts, the assumed "net reduction of old debts" would show the current expenses of the county, seems incredible. Yet, that is what he did, and has been crying every since the 1st of May that the official board of the county has expended \$189,436.42 in the last 3 3/4 years, or, annually \$48,116.32. The records show \$109,122.81 to be the sum spent in payment of old debts. If he had used this sum instead of \$24,632—his assumed "net reduction"—he would have shown a little more regard for his reputation as a correct and reliable manipulator of figures.

But, there is no relation whatever between the current expenses of Lake County and the "net reduction of indebtedness" for that period of time; because state taxes and scalp taxes, and such other taxes as the official board have no option about but to levy, collect and pay out, are in the nature of fixed charges that the board could not make smaller or larger if they would.

Every dollar of Lake County current expenses is included in the warrants issued by order of the board for services rendered, or supplies furnished, for indigent poor, for road improvement, bridges, etc. The cost of all these things for the period of time under consideration was \$70,487.15. This is the sum of Lake County's current expenses for the time in question. Subtract this sum from \$109,122.81 and we have \$38,635.66 which is the amount Lake County has paid of old debts for the period of 3 3/4 years, in excess of the total current expenses for that time; and LAKE COUNTY'S DEBT HAS BEEN REDUCED THAT MUCH.

Divide \$70,487.15 by 3 3/4 and your quotient is \$18,796.15. This is the sum of Lake County's annual expenses for the time we are considering.

As clear as this proof is, of a prosperous condition of Lake County's finances, there are those who deny the people the pleasure of contemplating it with that confidence which the facts warrant, by shouting with terror-stricken countenances, "What has been done with all that money?"—"What have we to show for it?"

The answer is simple:  
An indebtedness actually reduced in the sum of \$38,635.66, and our promises to pay—or warrants selling at par.

DANIEL BOONE.