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## COUNTY WILL SOON BE OUT OF DEBT

### The 1904 Taxes Will Leave Money in the Treasury For County Improvements In Roads and Other Things.

## SPEAKS WELL FOR CITIZENS.

There can be no clearer indication of good citizenship in a community than the promptness and cheerfulness with which obligations to the public are met and discharged.

Judged by this rule, Lake county has every reason to be proud of its reputation, from facts exhibited in the delinquent tax list of the county published in this issue. We don't see any county in the state can make a better showing.

The total tax levy for the year 1904 is nearly \$45,000. Of this amount there remains unpaid as shown by Sheriff Rinehart's published delinquent list, taxes and penalties amounting to \$224, nearly all of which is due from persons not citizens of Lake county, only four of whom are delinquent being charged against resident taxpayers.

Lake county is clearly prosperous, from this showing, and its people prompt in the performance of public duties, and had we no other cause for self-congratulation, this insignificant delinquency of taxes is sufficient to justify our pride in the splendid effort made by both tax payers, and the officer whose duty it is to collect. They have worked with zeal, and have placed our county at the very head of the column for promptness in the performance of this important public duty.

But this is not all. During the four years last passed, Lake county has reduced its indebtedness nearly forty thousand dollars, after paying current expenses, and there now remains outstanding and unpaid not exceeding twenty two thousand dollars, every dollar of which is certain to be paid by the 19th of April, 1905.

What an honorable record this is for those who have directed the county's affairs during this period.

We give praise without reservation, to every one who has contributed to the success of this achievement.

Public business has been conducted with the same care as if it were a private enterprise. The same business methods, so successfully applied by the members of the county board to the management and conduct of successful individual interests have availed to bring the results.

"Well done good and faithful servants." When the last dollar shall be paid, then we hope to see a rational start in needed public improvements. Better roads especially, are demanded. Enterprising communities everywhere are agitating this question.

A number of counties in our own state have begun to act in this direction. Freights, whether incoming or outgoing, are a heavy tax to business men and consumers in Lake county. If we can have such roads as may be used for freighting at all seasons, and so improved as to add from 400 pounds to 800 pounds, to the drawing capacity of each horse, the effect will be at once seen in lower cost of all heavy goods, and in increased profits to freighters.

The commendable business economy that has distinguished the past administration of the board will find the way to place the people under further obligations to them, in the future by completing the good work of freeing the county from debt, and then in starting those improvements which the convenience of the people and the needs of business require.

## LODGES INSTALL THEIR OFFICERS

Last Saturday evening the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs met at the Odd Fellows' hall, after the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows, for the purpose of installing their officers for the ensuing term.

Odd Fellows and their wives and Rebekahs and their husbands were present to the number of about 100. The ceremonies were performed in a pleasing manner, and after all officers were duly installed and assumed the respective stations, District Deputy Grand Master F. P. Light announced that the ladies would pass around the room and draw tickets from a box at the Noble Grand's chair, each ticket being numbered. When this was over with, the gentlemen present did likewise, drawing tickets on which were duplicate numbers and the lady holding the number corresponding to a gentleman's number was to eat supper with that gentleman.

Two tables the full length of the store building under the I. O. O. F. hall was loaded down with all the good things to eat that a Rebekah can think of. The relish with which these dainty viands were disposed of could not have been mistaken by an onlooker for mere make believe.

The Rebekahs installed the following officers:

Mrs. G. S. Easter, N. G.; Mrs. L. Vanderpool, V. G.; Mrs. W. Z. Moss, Sec.; Lottie Ahlstrom, Treas.; Mrs. F. M. Green, Warden; Mrs. Wm. Dykeman, O. G.; Mrs. S. F. Ahlstrom; I. G.; Mrs. D. J. Wilcox, Con.; Mrs. Jackson, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. J. Aviragnete, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. T. J. Magilton, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. C. U. Snider, L. S. V. G.

The Odd Fellows installed the following officers:

J. Q. Willits, N. G.; F. O. Ahlstrom, V. G.; A. W. Manning, Sec.; H. Bailey, Treas.; Lee Beall, Warden; F. O. Bunting, O. G.; J. Aviragnete, I. G.; F. P. Lane, Con.; F. P. Light, R. S. N. G.; Wm. Dykeman, L. S. N. G.; D. P. Malloy, R. S. V. G.; S. F. Ahlstrom, L. S. V. G.

## Address on Lodges.

Last Sunday night the M. E. Church was filled to standing room only. Many left because they could not find seats, and those who did find seats were packed in the pews as closely as was convenient. Rev. Snyder delivered a short lecture on the Lodges, a subject most difficult to handle. A man who does not belong to Lodges cannot apprise himself of sufficient knowledge to enable him to speak upon the subject at any length or with any degree of intelligence, and the man who does belong to Lodges cannot go far enough into the workings of the order to enlighten his hearers to any great extent without placing himself in an unfaithful light before the Lodges to which he belongs.

Therefore, it might not be out of place to say that the place to lecture Lodge members who do not live up to the teachings of the order, and no doubt there are some, is in the Lodge room. Then roast them good and hard.

## Married.

On the 29th ultimo, at the Lovelless Ranch, by W. Bailey, A. M. Hardisty to Miss Lena Lovelless, sister of Chas. Lovelless. May they ever be glad, they have been made one.

## TRANSACTIONS OF THE WEEK IN WOOL

Bailey & Massingill bought 130,000  
Previous purchases..... 400,000  
Total purchases..... 530,000  
F. M. Mader bought this week... 420,000  
Previous purchases..... 455,000  
Total purchases..... 875,000

Aggregate sales to date, in the county..... 1,305,000

Bailey & Massingill have been buying under instructions from the Caverly firm, dealers in wool in Boston, and have received notice to discontinue purchasing in their behalf.

Why Caverly has ceased buying is not known. Mr. Miller continues in the market, and gives no notice of change in the price.

There remains an estimated half million pounds of wool unsold, of Lake county's prospective clip for the year 1905. Should the remainder be marketed at the price realized for that part of the clip already sold, there will be disbursed in the county, about \$311,000.

The woolgrowers of Lake county who have sold their wool are now at ease.

The clip must be a heavy one, the losses so far have been nothing more than a summer loss, the price is the best received for several years, and it really makes one glad to look into the face of a Lake county woolgrower.

## No Steer in It.

Our sporting editor was called to the phone Monday morning and put in communication with a gentleman at Bidwell who offered to bet one thousand dollars that the wild steer story published in The Examiner was not so. However, said sporting editor did not have on his sporting trousers, it being Monday morning he could not "call the bet" with his immediate resources. Neither would the Bidwell gentleman disclose his name. Mr. Deck Smith, the gentleman at the phone, ventured to assure us that the story had been enlarged upon. But he was not so vicious as the editor of the Record who covered the whole ground by saying The Examiner had lied about it. Mr. Smith was more of a gentleman, and could see how the story could have come out in natural channels. The boys had been having some fun; they had rode calves—nothing wrong about that—and had pulled a buggy on the hotel porch, and had even made the statement the next day that a steer was hitched to the buggy, but this he said, was told to annoy the owner of the steer in question, and as a fact the steer was not hitched to the buggy. Mr. Smith could see that a stranger who had heard the racket and then heard the boys telling of it the next day, could very easily be led to believe the story true.

The whole thing didn't amount to as much as the ink the Record used in making a mess of it, as it does of everything else it sticks its nose into.

## Shooting at Silver Lake.

Some notice of this affair was given in our issue last week, and the matter has not yet been made very clear. First, a warrant was issued for Bert McKune on complaint of B. F. Late, which was revoked by order of the District Attorney, and a warrant for the arrest of McKune was issued, and an officer has been sent to take him in custody.

What this trouble grew out of has not yet been ascertained by the public. There is, however, no known reason for a general belief that it has any connection with so-called range troubles.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

House bill No. 77, abolishing the office of District Attorney and creating the office of County Attorneys in lieu thereof was made special order for 10 o'clock last Friday. A motion to indefinitely postpone the measure was defeated.

Kay's bill, establishing flat salaries for state officers was recommended for passage by the committee of the House on salaries. It provides a salary of \$5,000 for the Governor, and for Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and Judges of the Supreme Court, \$4,500 each, and for Attorney General, \$3,600.

Representative Stelner's bill making Counties liable for 50 per centum of the assessed value of stock killed unlawfully, on the range, was introduced in the House last week.

The proposed new County of Cascade, seems to be a possibility. It takes off the Northwest part of Wasco county. There seems little prospect of any other new counties.

House bill 171 to provide \$50,000 for expenses of the legislative session and \$83,000 for claims and deficiencies passed the House the 24th.

A bill to create 8th Judicial District has passed the House, to consist of Baker county, and to create the tenth Judicial District, to consist of Union and Wallowa Counties.

The State Senate has voted 26 to 3, against making train robbing a capital offense in this state. A bill making the maximum penalty for this crime a term of 40 years in prison has a good prospect of becoming a law.

A good bill, by the House Committee on Revision of Laws has been introduced providing that voters once registered need not register again while he remains in the precinct where he registered, this applies to counties of less than 75,000 population.

A. H. McMahon, a local attorney of Salem has handed to the members of the State Senate a paper charging Superintendent James, of the State penitentiary with using public funds for his own benefit in the purchase of family supplies.

In the House at Salem, Speaker Mills' resolution that the legislature adjourn finally, on the 10th of February, was voted down. Mr. Mills, however, yet believes the work can be completed by that time, and expects to labor to that end.

No doubt the legislature will pass the bill allowing County School Superintendents to suspend county institutes for the year, in the interest of the Educational Congress at Portland during the Lewis and Clark fair.

A bill has passed the State Senate allowing County Courts to authorize the construction of experimental roads. It is hoped this will lead to activity in all the counties in the work of building good roads.

The legislature is endeavoring to formulate a law that will enable the counties to collect taxes on foreign sheep brought into the state. It is difficult to frame a law for such taxation that will be constitutional. If it imposes a tax not assessed against sheep of resident owners as well.

## Died at Dairy.

J. I. Donnell died at his home near Dairy on the 11th inst, of pneumonia, after a brief illness. Mr. Donnell was aged about 62 years; he was the father of four children, Mrs. Loren Bayley of Lakeview, Mrs. C. H. Pool of Bonanza, Miss Myrtle and John Donnell, the latter lives at home and Miss Myrtle has lived in Lakeview for the past couple of years. Mr. Donnell's wife died about two years ago. Myrtle was notified of her father's illness and left here at once, but he died before she reached home. The friends of the surviving children sympathize with them in their bereavement.

## The Appropriations for Columbia.

Senator Falcon has proven himself an indistinct worker when he has a worthy cause to work for, and the development of Oregon's commerce is a worthy cause. Despite the determined opposition of Chairman Burton of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, Oregon has secured for the Cello Canal \$200,000, and for the mouth of the Columbia River \$200,000.

## Steiner in the Legislature.

In a letter from Chas. Moore, State Treasurer to Hon. W. A. Massingill is the following very complimentary reference to our Representative Dr. R. E. L. Steiner:

"He is proving himself one of the most active and useful members in the House, his not happening to be on the winning side in the Organization fight in no wise impairing his usefulness, as he is recognized as one of the wide awake fellows who keeps track of things, and has ideas about them.

You made no mistake in sending him, nor has he made any mistake since he has been here."

Such is the impression made by Dr. Steiner upon men who have full opportunity to observe his work. To us who know his character and worth, this characterization by Mr. Moore is fully justified, and our pride in him grows with every test to which he is put.

A convention of assessors of the State recently held at Salem recommends to the legislature the repeal of the law requiring county assessors to take census.