

Report of C. L. Parrish on County Records

June 6, 1913

(Concluded from last week)

All Hunting and Fishing License receipts are, and have been remitted directly to the State Treasurer, account of Game Protection Fund, and the County has no interest in same.

TRIAL BALANCE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, APRIL 1, 1913

Claude H. Daggett Treasurer	\$111,171.98	
General Fund		\$ 9,571.37
New Court House Fund		24,118.13
School Fund, County and State		11,821.62
High School	2,146.00	
Road Fund		23,184.24
School Library Fund		103.04
County Library Fund		4,082.71
Klamath Falls		8,726.94
Bonanza		103.57
Merrill		193.30
High School Emergency Fund		32.62
Institute Fund		72.50
Game Protection Fund		190.00
Master Fish Warden		33.34
Excess Land Fund		177.59
Estray Fund		15.50
School District No. 1, Bond		1,237.55
School District No. 2, Bond		778.55
School District No. 3, Bond		51.00
School District No. 4, Bond		149.48
School District No. 5, Bond		174.86
School District No. 6, Bond		7.96
School District No. 7, Bond		85.18
School District No. 8, Bond		182.04
School District No. 9, Bond		12.36
School District No. 10, Bond		45.80
School District No. 11, Bond		25.85
School District No. 12, Bond		252.13
School District No. 13, Bond		23.00
School District No. 14, Bond		30.21
School District No. 15, Bond		187.12
School District No. 16, Bond		1,120.94
School District No. 17, Bond		38.72
School District No. 18, Bond		102.58
School District No. 19, Bond		11.21
School District No. 20, Bond		31.55
School District No. 21, Bond		20.91
School District No. 22, Special		7,252.56
School District No. 23, Special		567.22
School District No. 24, Special		792.23
School District No. 25, Special		30.21
School District No. 26, Special		51.81
School District No. 27, Special		14.41
School District No. 28, Special		267.27
School District No. 29, Special		104.11
School District No. 30, Special		48.76
School District No. 31, Special		219.94
School District No. 32, Special		130.88
School District No. 33, Special		121.67
School District No. 34, Special		53.66
School District No. 35, Special		19.39
School District No. 36, Special		26.08
School District No. 37, Special		79.59
School District No. 38, Special		1,864.65
School District No. 39, Special		9.62
School District No. 40, Special		64.46
School District No. 41, Special		169.44
School District No. 42, Special		85.59
School District No. 43, Special		661.59
School District No. 44, Special		90.51
School District No. 45, Special		510.75
School District No. 46, Special		9,980.34
School District No. 47, Special		179.79
School District No. 48, Special		218.59
School District No. 49, Special		740.98
School District No. 50, Special		40.98
School District No. 51, Special		63.90
School District No. 52, Special		45.51
School District No. 53, Special		40.91
School District No. 54, Special		776.55
School District No. 55, Special		496.52
School District No. 56, Special		219.17
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School District No. 100, Special		

Totals \$113,384.41 \$113,384.41

Note—This Balance was prepared by the County Clerk, and has been checked with the Treasurer's balance and found correct. It will be found that \$12,770.96, reported in General Fund in Treasurer's statement has been placed in New Court House Fund, in Clerk's balance, for the reason that the decision of the Circuit Court has been rendered since the preparation of the Treasurer's statement.

The following claims have been overpaid; error by Clerk's force in drawing the warrant, or by the Court or claimant in estimating the amount, or by double payment on account of claims having been twice presented and passed, viz:—

January 19, 1911		
Warrant No. 21687, S. L. Walker, constable fees, State vs. Jack		
Should have been for \$22.00 only.		
Collect S. L. Walker \$4.00.		
January 16, 1911		
Warrant No. 21604, Star Drug Company	6.50	
Should have been \$6.05		
Collect Star Drug Company 45		
March 4, 1911		
Warrant No. 22077, Geo. R. Myers, witness fees, Circuit Court..	17.20	
Should have been for \$16.20 only, 8 days and 2 miles		
Collect Geo. R. Myers \$1.00.		
March 1, 1911		
Warrant No. 21932, Irwin Hodson Co., Supplies for Sheriff	6.50	
Warrant No. 21903, W. B. Barnes (for Irwin Hodson Co.)	6.50	
Both allowed and drawn for same bill.		
Collect Irwin Hodson Co., \$6.50		
May 3, 1911		
Warrant No. 22338, W. C. Ball, balance of wood transportation		
contract for 380 cords from Keno to Klamath Falls landing at		
\$1.20 per cord, \$275 should have been for \$175.00 only.		
Collect from W. C. Ball \$100.00		
This contract was entered into in February, 1911, and the total		
cost of transportation was	475.00	
See warrants paid on same:		
February 17, 1911, No. 21834	\$ 50.00	
March 2, 1911, No. 21959	100.00	
March 16, 1911, No. 22267	100.00	
May 3, 1911, No. 22395	50.00	
May 3, 1911, No. 22338	275.00	
Total	\$575.00	
Overpaid	\$100.00	

May 24, 1911		
Warrant No. 22782, Dr. J. L. Harris, examination Thos. L. Roberts		
insane	5.00	
September 6, 1911		
Warrant No. 23360, Dr. J. L. Harris, examination Thos. L. Roberts		
insane	5.00	
Both allowed for same claim.		
Collect of Dr. J. L. Harris, \$5.00		
September 7, 1911		
Warrant No. 23734, W. J. Murphy for \$10.50, see Journal 5, page		
219. This claim was disallowed, but error was made and warrant		
drawn. Collect of W. J. Murphy \$10.50.		
September 29, 1911		
Warrant No. 23912, D. M. Donnelly for road work in September.	250.25	
Should have been for \$214.50 only.		
Collect of D. M. Donnelly \$35.75		
November 2, 1911		
Warrant No. 24061, Ed. Laughlin, conveying remains to cemetery.	13.00	
Warrant No. 24074, Earl Whitlock, same item included in bill of	36.75	
Collect of Earl Whitlock \$3.50, his claim therefor.		
November 10, 1911		
Warrant No. 24272, C. J. Swingle for road work	87.50	
Should have been for \$72.00 only, as same was disallowed in		
the sum of \$15.50 for damage to County plow. Clerk erred in		
drawing warrant.		
C. J. Swingle owes \$15.50.		
January 6, 1912		
Warrant No. 24987, Klamath Falls Light & Water Co.	78.31	
This claim was a claim against the High School, and should have		
been paid by the High School Board.		
Bill and collect from High School \$78.31		
March 6, 1912.		

Warrant No. 25120, E. B. Henry, County Surveyor 256.50
This claim was disallowed in the sum of \$6.50. Clerk made an error in drawing warrant for full amount of claim.
Collect from E. B. Henry \$6.50.

May 3, 1912
Warrant No. 26046, C. B. Crisler, supplies furnished 7.50
Should have been for \$7.15 only.
Collect from C. B. Crisler .35.

July 6, 1912.
Warrant No. 26261, S. Padgett, supplies furnished H. Hodgson in March, 1912, a county charge, filed May 23 16.10
Warrant No. 26280, S. Padgett, for the same claim, filed May 2 16.10
Collect of S. Padgett \$16.10.

November 7, 1912
Warrant No. 27040, Southern Oregon Auto Co. 6.00
and drawn and signed for by Jim Baldwin, should have been made in favor of the Southern Pacific Co., for demurrage. Error was made by Clerk in listing the claims in the Journal. The S. P. Co. filed another claim later for the same amount, and was paid by warrant No. 28808, April 5, 1913.

Collect of Southern Oregon Auto Co. (Jim Baldwin) \$6.00
June 1, 1912.
Road Warrant No. 838, Wm. Uhrmann. Road work self and crew 602.75
There should have been deducted from this amount the sum of \$46.50 for County hay used by Mr. Uhrmann, as per statement filed.

Collect Wm. Uhrmann \$46.50.
July 6, 1912
Road Warrant No. 1045, D. E. Noah for Road Leveler, Wood River 65.00
Road Warrant No. 1160, D. E. Noah for Road Leveler, Wood River 65.00
The latter claim was filed August 8, prior to receiving the warrant first allowed, and is for the same article.

Collect from D. E. Noah \$65.00.
July 10, 1911
Warrant No. 22975, L. C. Sisemore for \$20 supplies to Mrs. Shid-ler for June account.

Warrant No. 23439, L. C. Sisemore for \$20, supplies to Mrs. Shid-ler on July account, drawn September 6, 1911.
September 6, 1911
Warrant No. 23420, L. C. Sisemore \$40 was drawn for the same claim. Overpayment \$40. See letter filed with claims.
Collect L. C. Sisemore \$40.00.

July 6, 1912
Warrant No. 26253, S. E. Martin \$5.00 for transporting prisoner Jenkins from Merrill.

Warrant No. 20126, John G. Schallock, Constable fees allowed in case State vs. Jenkins \$7.00.
Five dollars of said claim was allowed for bringing prisoner, or mileage in serving warrant of arrest, and is for the same account
Collect of John G. Schallock \$5.00.

November, 1912.
Warrant No. 27324, John G. Schallock \$12.20 Constable fees, State vs. Chemoweth Umpqua, \$8.00 of same being for mileage in serving warrant of arrest.

Warrant No. 27327, Southern Oregon Auto Co. \$30.00 covers the same service.
Collect from John G. Schallock \$8.00.

November 20, 1912.
Warrant No. 27586, T. W. Stephens \$70.00 insurance premium on High School building. This should have been drawn from the High School Fund, instead of General.

Bill and collect from High School Board \$70.00.
November 4, 1912.
Road Warrant No. 1269, Robert Mitchell, \$808.25 for road work, should have been for \$793.25 only. Error made in calculating.

Collect of Robert Mitchell \$15.00.
June 18, 1912.
Road Warrant No. 892, Geo. Wilson for \$1786.70, work on Merrill roads, should have been for \$1781.70 only. Error in figuring.

Collect from Geo. Wilson .50 (Clay Howell account)
In regard to supplies furnished Mrs. Dennis Provo, a county charge.

February, 1911, Warrant to John T. Bradley, \$20.00 Groceries, No. 22256
March, 1911, Warrant to John T. Bradley, \$20, Groceries, No. 22412
April 1911 Warrant to John T. Bradley, \$20, Groceries, No. 22334

May 3, 1911, claim was presented by L. D. Ross for \$36 for board-ing Mrs. Provo from February 11 to March 17, 1911, which same was allowed. This matter should be investigated, as it is not probable that groceries were furnished by Bradley, and Ross boarding Mrs. Provo during the same period.

June 6, 1912.
Road Warrant No. 851, Harris & Co., \$627.87, Bonanza Bridge Account. Should be for \$617.87 only.

Collect of Harris & Co. \$10.00.
December 5, 1912.
Road Warrant No. 1352, L. S. Denton, \$346.34, supplies furnished road camps, Wood River valley.

Road Warrant No. 1362, drawn at same date, for same amount, by error. Mr. Denton has been notified, and payment stopped on No. 1362.

The following claims have been underpaid, or failure of Clerk to issue warrants for claims approved, etc:

January 16, 1911
Due H. E. Mommyer, Witness fee, Case State vs. Allen, Jno... \$ 1.70
January 14, 1911.
Due Geo. Mapleston, Witness, Coroners Inquest, F. R. Wing... 1.70

July 6, 1911
Warrant No. 22854, Dr. J. E. Taylor, \$10. Claim approved for \$16. Due Dr. J. E. Taylor \$6.00. (Clerk made error in drawing warrant.)

June 4, 1912
Warrant No. 24955, East End Meat Market, \$31.15. Claim allowed for \$32.15. Due East End Meat Market \$1.00. (Error made in drawing warrant.)

May 1, 1912
Road Warrant No. 690, W. M. McCollum \$402.01, for road work in Camp No. 1, H. E. Momeier, Jr., time keeper.

This claim was for \$420.01 and error was made in transposition of figures, in taking from report to bill head.
Due W. M. McCollum \$18.00.

June 25, 1912
Road Warrant No. 936, D. M. Donnelly, \$305.15, for work on Klamath Falls-Merrill road, June 1st to 15th, inclusive.

This claim was allowed for men's time only, and horse time was overlooked, which amounts to 424 horse days at 75 cents \$318.00. Careful examination was made after that date, and this claim has never been paid. Th warrant No. 936 was signed for by First Trust & Savings Bank.

Due D. M. Donnelly \$318.00.
September 7, 1912
Warrant No. 26967, Jas. L. Gordon, \$7.00, feed for road horses, claim was allowed in full, \$9.00. Error was made in drawing warrant.

Due Jas. L. Gordon, \$2.00.
September 4, 1912.
Due Louis Bushnell, witness fee in Justice Court, State vs. Dedoni Allowed by Court, warrant not drawn, \$1.70.

COUNTY COURT
Checked from January 1st, 1911, to January 1st, 1913
Have carefully examined the records of the County Court for the term stated, and have taken up singly every claim and bill as approved by this body, and noted all errors found, which same is set out in the four pages immediately preceding.

This has been a long and tedious investigation, and I have endeavored to fully and conscientiously carry out the wishes and demands of the taxpayers, and citizens of Klamath County.

Much has been said and published of the careless, wasteful and "don't care" manner of the County Court, in the transaction of county business, and while I have found considerable evidence of carelessness and unbusinesslike methods, there are two things to take into consideration; 1. a great volume of work accomplished and depreciation of county warrants.

It must be remembered that previous to January 1, 1911, the date of the beginning of Judge Worden's term, hundreds of thousands of dollars were expended uselessly on county roads, and only a few miles of permanent roadbed was constructed. While now, Klamath County has a reputation all along the coast for first class public highways.

True, these highways may have cost too much, but they are permanent where completed, and the citizens of Klamath are to be congratulated.

The matter of Court House steel and metal culverts, has been so thoroughly investigated by the Grand Jury and others interested, that I have decided to go no further, except to check the bills.

All told, the County Court has expended for all purposes, from January 1, 1911, to April 1, 1913, from Road and General Funds, the sum of \$641,118.29. In this volume of business the total errors in overpayment of claims, both by the Board and the Clerk amounts to the sum of \$751.99, and the underpayments in the sum of \$349.10.

This statement is made for the benefit of those who were of the opinion that thousands of dollars had been overpaid.

Any other overpayments have been made by allowing excessive prices, which in a manner was necessary on account of the discount on warrants.

There has been expended out of the Court House Fund, up to April 1, 1913, the sum of \$52,147.61, which includes \$1500.00 paid to attorneys in the Court House Case. The balance of fees for legal service in this case, was drawn from the General Fund.

Full account of the expenditures for Poor Farm and improvements and roads and bridges will be found in this report.

It will be seen that the total cost of the water plant for the Poor Farm, cost the sum of \$5,980.98, which includes boring a 300 foot well, tower, pump, mains, laterals, hydrants, plumbing, etc., and a one-third interest in

well boring outfit, for four inch hole.
It was the idea of the Court to experiment for an artesian well and a considerable sum was expended in this manner, and I understand that it is the intention of the Court to carry on the experiment at a future date.

ROADS AND BRIDGES
Not including surveying or any expense in connection with laying out, and opening new roads.

1911 expended.....\$128,353.15 Bridges and culverts.....\$ 83,260.71
Machinery, impl'ts, tools... 28,237.34
1912 expended..... 249,425.25 Labor, material, supt'ce... 266,285.35

\$377,783.40
From the above expense General Fund used....\$182,244.50
Road Fund used.... 195,538.90

\$377,783.40
The Bonanza bridge cost\$18,906.70
The Link River Bridge repairs cost 559.76
The Wampus or Chase Dam Bridge cost 5,579.60

Bridges and culverts in Wood River Valley cost, which includes four steel bridges, and concrete culverts... 8,800.11
Concrete bridges in the vicinity of Merrill cost 1,961.30
Bridges in Bly vicinity and Sprague River district cost 9,542.25
Metal culverts, freight and hauling, cost 34,459.30

NEW POOR FARM AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY POOR
Total cost of Farm site of 59 acres, leveling, fencing, plowing seeding and water payments to Association (not including old farm)\$6,693.38

Infirmary Building, complete, including heating, plumbing, wiring and laundry plant, and insurance paid 17,002.98
Furnishing Infirmary, including furniture, fixtures, beds, bedding, linen, dishes, etc. 2,758.02

Barn and outbuildings, complete with fences and insurance paid for three years 2,862.47
Water plant, including well, tower, pump, mains, laterals, hydrants plumbing, etc. (and one-third of well boring equipment)..... 5,980.98

Machinery, wagons, harness, tools, etc 1,225.72
Live stock, horses, cows, hogs and chickens 1,312.00

Total cost of farm complete\$39,343.31
1911 Total cost of maintenance of County Poor and Farm...\$ 8,449.17
1912 Total cost of maintenance of County Poor and Farm.... 10,455.69

Total cost of maintenance\$18,904.86

Total cost of Farm, maintenance of Farm and County Poor for the years 1911 and 1912\$58,248.17

RECOMMENDATIONS
An alphabetical index record of all claims and persons filing claims, giving date of presenting, date of last purchase or entry of work done, amount of claims, and date of payment by Court, the claims to be numbered, same as warrants issued in payment, with numbering machine, and same number registered in claim file record.

All claims or bills presented should be itemized in detail with date given, and every claim should be so prepared, that no one could question the validity thereof.

Contract to responsible parties for all bridge construction, both material and labor. Contractors to give good and sufficient bond, and work to be inspected and approved by County Engineer, or Surveyor, before payment is made in full. Court to hold back at least one-third of contract price until such approval.

Contract for fuel, both for Poor Farm and county buildings, wood, coal or oil; wood or coal to be delivered and measured by some county official before payment of any sum, and if oil is used, same to be measured on delivery, by engineer or man in charge. I believe that the county has been mulcted of hundreds of dollars on wood purchases in the past few years.

Contract for meats, fodder,