

ALDERMAN'S SHORTAGE
Amounts to \$7,008.86--The Shortage of Other Officials Due to Clerical Errors.

The report of the accountants who have been auditing the county books, and that pertaining to the late Sheriff H. H. Alderman's accounts, was filed with the County Clerk on Monday. The summary shows the shortage to be as follows in the tax rolls from 1897 to 1902, inclusive:

Taxes of 1897.....	\$484 56
" 1898.....	329 79
" 1899.....	865 83
" 1900.....	5043 42
" 1901.....	283 13
" 1902.....	2999 14
Total.....	10,905 87
Money on hand.....	2,997 01
Total shortage.....	\$7,008 86

The accountants' report does not make mention of the fact of the money on hand and not turned over to the treasurer on the 1902 roll, amounting, as we have given above, to \$2,997.01, which makes the shortage for that year only \$2.13. It will be noticed that it was in 1899 and 1900 that Alderman went behind the most. In 1899 there was a mistake in footing of the amount of \$200 and two items of \$179.64 and \$434.73 he held back and did not turn over to the treasurer. On the 1900 tax roll is where the late sheriff kept back the largest sums of money viz., \$2,636.00, \$434.65, \$493.25, \$789.09, \$608.45, \$115.86. As was to be expected, there are quite a number of clerical errors charged up to Alderman, which, probably, the county court will take into consideration when a final settlement is made.

The reports go into detail and every item of discrepancy is set out. Following is a summary of the experts' reports, showing the shortages against each official's name. The mistakes are mostly clerical, while some fees have been charged up to Mason which he did not collect according to law, while most of the other mistakes in the clerk's office are on account of not entering up fees in the rush of business.

W. H. Cary, former treasurer ..	\$151 80
Homner Mason, clerk ..	141 30
J. D. Edwards, former clerk ..	53 30
John Barker, former treasurer ..	10
The experts' report of P. W. Todd, the present county treasurer, gives him a handsome balance of 1c. due him from the county.	

Summary of taxes remaining uncollected January 23rd, 1904:	
1897 roll ..	\$1,068 27
1898 roll ..	962 85
1899 roll ..	1,800 43
1900 roll ..	1,911 94
1901 roll ..	636 67
1902 roll ..	4,657 35
Total.....	\$11,043 51

Below will be found the general report of Clark & Buchanan, which is of interest to the taxpayers, for with the exception of Alderman's delinquencies, they find that the shortage of other officials is simply due to clerical errors, and they even commend County Clerk Mason and Treasurer Todd for the accurate and comprehensive manner in which they keep their accounts.

Tillamook, Ore., Feb. 4th, 1904. GENTLEMEN,—The work of auditing the accounts of the various officials of the county for the period covered by our examination, July, 1897, to January, 1904, has been greatly prolonged by reason of the loss by fire of many of the important records, and the imperfect condition of many of those remaining, making it necessary to refer to numerous records to establish the condition of individual items.

The statement of findings filed here, with as regards amounts due the county at this date from ex-Sheriff H. H. Alderman are identified in items as to discrepancies except in the case of the 1897, 1898 and 1901 taxes. The collection registers for these years, together with the tax receipts, stubs or copies having been burned, so identification of each individual error cannot be given. Delinquent rolls prior to 1897 roll also having been lost in the fire, our examination does not cover the 1896 or prior years, excepting amounts paid treasurer as correct. On the 1900 tax roll it was the custom to allow a credit for work done on roads, the county clerk placing the amount to be allowed, on the margin of the roll, usually in pencil. A few of these items cannot be arrived at, the pages on which they appear having been partially burned, and these amounts are not included in credit allowed by us. These occur, however, in but a few instances, and the total amount would be a few dollars only.

In the conduct of county or any public affairs, too much care cannot be given to a strict compliance with the statutes, at the slightest deviation is apt to cause expensive litigation and possible loss. In conclusion, it affords us much pleasure to attest to the very accurate and comprehensive condition of the accounts of your present treasurer and also to those of the clerk, which, in view of the methods followed, were found to be unexpectedly good.

Commissioners' Court.
The adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners was held on Monday, when County Judge Couder and Commissioners L. Parrish and Geo. W. Bodyfelt were present, when the following business was transacted:

The reports of the experts were received and accepted and referred to the district attorney for action. It was ordered that the treasurer transfer from the incidental fund to the General Fund all moneys now in his hands.

In the matter of the official bond of E. W. Stanley as sheriff, was accepted with the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company as surety, in the sum of \$19,000.

The claim of H. H. Alderman was reconsidered and allowed in the sum of \$109.80. In the matter of the apportionment of the city road tax, the Court allowed the City of Tillamook two-fifths of the road tax.

The Headlight and Herald were designated county official newspapers for the year 1904. In the matter of the petition for bridge across the Tillamook river the court agreed to allow \$100, to aid building the bridge, provided the parties directly interested will rebuild the bridge.

Claims of N. Jones and Nellie M. Murphy were continued. P. T. Bowen's bill of \$54 was allowed in the sum of \$24.

E. W. Stanley, services as deputy sheriff.....	37 79
Homner Mason, salary as county clerk.....	133 33
Jacob Jordt, services at Circuit Court	2 00
E. D. Hoag, services as watchman	5 00
E. W. Stanley, services as watchman	5 00
H. Crenshaw, making cover for case	1 50
G. B. Lamb, incidentals of office	2 00
Homner Mason, incidentals of office	5 70
W. H. Cooper, rent for office	3 00
Albert Mason, salary as deputy clerk	50 00
C. A. Johnson, deputy assessor	50 00
A. M. Hare, salary as county assessor	100 00
G. B. Lamb, salary as county school superintendent	50 00
Yellow Fir Lumber Co., for lumber	39 35
Irwin Hudson Co., for four assessment rolls	84 60
Peterson & Svenson, making letter cabinet and other furniture	24 20
Axel Nelson, work on Hodgdon road	23 00
Mrs. D. W. Jones, caring for Mrs. Baker	20 00
W. H. Cary, lamp and hanging	3 25
Tillamook Headlight, printing	14 00
W. W. Conder, county judge	50 00
W. E. Southwick, watching the court-house vault	30 00
P. W. Todd, salary as county treasurer	45 83
L. Parrish, salary as milage as commissioner	15 00
C. F. Franklin, books and stationery	18 95
P. C. Bowen, caring for Geo. Smith and Bryant	7 10
G. W. Bodyfelt, salary and mileage	23 00
Sollie Smith, aid furnished Gibson	10 00
A. J. Hollingworth, services as deputy sheriff	11 50
S. J. Sturgeon, medicine furnished Mrs. Baker	10 00
Clark & Buchanan, balance payment for experting books	1035 00

Cost for Auditing County Books.
It has cost the county \$1,335 to have the county books experted, the county court having ordered warrants drawn to that amount to pay the bills.

Prize Shooting Contest for Water fowl.
Prize, a handsome knit Jersey shooting jacket, and an additional cash prize of \$50, for 100 points; 75c. for 150 and \$1 for 200 points registered by one hunter for a day's hunt. The contest commences January 15th and continues until March 1st. The one having most points March 1st will be awarded the shooting jacket. Customers must register before they go and immediately on return. Parties trading or clubbing game will not be counted. For my customers only. Point: Geese, 50; snipe, 15; duck, 10; saw bills, 20; jacksnipe, 3; kingfisher, 5. Sea gulls a loss of 500 points. Mud hens, coots, surf ducks, etc., nothing.

See Ralph Ackley, the man that prepares you for a good time while in Tillamook, three doors south of the P.O.

Escaped an Awful Fate.
Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Chas. I. Clough, Druggists. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial Bottles free.

NEHALEM.
Fred Miller made a business trip to Clatskanie last week. August Davidson and Fred Hine are improving the road from the county line to the boat landing on the North fork. C. Preston cut his leg quite seriously, while working in G. M. Cobb's logging camp.

Sweet Briar Circle, W. of W., gave a social and basket supper Saturday evening. A good program was rendered and the receipts from sale of baskets were \$32.60.

BOULDER CREEK.
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lucas went to Blaine Sunday to visit their son's family. J. S. Myers and H. A. Chopard took the sights at Beaver Monday. R. M. Dingess and family and Miss Lena Bays also called at that village the same day.

C. A. Smith and family were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Glatwell on Sunday last. The little son of H. L. Jensen who has been quite sick with typhoid fever is convalescent now.

The sad and tragic death of our late sheriff came as a severe shock to his hosts of friends here. Mr. Alderman was one of the most popular of the county officials among the people of this section, and I think there is not one but who sincerely and deeply regrets his untimely end.

Supervisor Christenson has had the slides and other obstructions all removed from the road. The cheery face of our old neighbor, Mr. S. F. Moon, is once more seen in Tillamook county. We welcome him back to his old home.

Elder Blalock and family are at Tillamook at the present time, Mrs. B. expects to visit her mother while Mr. B. goes to Nehalem to preach.

Rev. Smith, of Beaver, is announced to speak at Boulder Creek school-house, next Sunday at 3 p.m. Whew! What a tempest in a tea pot we stirred up, didn't we? We had no idea the editor felt so strongly on the matrimonial question, or we would have hesitated ere bringing sad recollections to his mind. Our respect for him is on the increase, for he must be a model papa. Whoever heard before (except in stories) of pater doing the midnight promenade, albeit, in such a good cause? In our own experience (we admit it is somewhat limited) papa snoozes peacefully, or only rouses long enough to administer a quietus, by the lashing of his hands where the application will be most effectual, and then goes back to his slumbers, leaving his better three quarters to face the music as best she can. This we know is true in the majority of cases, and the editor can congratulate himself on being a rarity.

R. Y. Blalock and H. A. Chopard are circulating a request for funds to put a wire foot bridge across the Nestucca river. Every one be generous and dig up your nickels.

BLAINE.
All is well at Blaine, and the goose hangs high. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woods visited friends at Beaver and Spruce this week.

Miss Blanch Bailey has gone to Spruce to spend the winter. Dee you waited too long. After this remember there is danger in delay.

Our literary society is progressing nicely, and is becoming very entertaining. Mr. Eugene Rolland still holds the belt as the star debater, with Forest Avers as a close second.

Hugh Welch went to Sheridan over the Nestucca trail last week. He returned without a bride. Rev. Smith will preach next Sunday evening. Come out and hear him. It will do you good.

The citizens of Blaine district were very sorry indeed to learn of Sheriff Alderman's death. He had many friends in this part of the country, and was well liked by all who knew him.

Mr. Hess went to Sheridan on business the first part of this week, going out over the trail.

Johnie Creecy drove his two race horses Buckskin Jim and Black-Eyed Susan, out to Tillamook City last Saturday in 1 hour and 45 minutes by the watch. But his friends are of the opinion that his watch stopped after he passed the first mile post.

Baby Booth has been quite sick, but we are pleased to report that it is getting better. Henry went up to spend last Sunday afternoon with the Bell of Blaine, but she saw him coming and ran up stairs and hid, so Henry spent the afternoon talking with dad and to the cats.

The chances are that Blaine will get a telephone soon. Then the next thing we want is a daily mail.

Work of all kind is progressing and stock looks fine. Another new bridge has been constructed across East Creek without any cost to the county. This bridge will enable Richards, Bailers and others to cross the creek at any stage of water.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the State of Oregon for the county of Tillamook, administrator of the estate of Henry H. Alderman, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me properly verified, as by law required at the office of Eddy & Botts, attorneys at law, at Tillamook City, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Christian Church Notices.
A series of services is expected to begin within a week or so, at the Christian Church of this place, and will be conducted by Rev. J. F. Ghormley, of Portland. The exact date of beginning will be announced later.

The Experience Social to be given by the Young Peoples Society of the Christian Church will take place next week on Friday eve., Feb. 12th, at Todd's Hall.

The Endeavorers and their friends as far as possible each attempt to earn a dollar for the carpet fund of the church. The dollar is to be earned outside of the regular income in doing odd jobs or by self denial. The more unusual the manner of earning the better it is. Each one earning their dollar is asked to write up their experience in rhyme or prose, and a prize of honor will be awarded to the one writing up the best account of their experience, the decision to be made by the vote of the audience. A reader will be selected by the society who will read the experiences that are handed in, from which the audience may judge which is best.

Wanted Five Young Cows.
I will buy five young cows coming in fresh in the early spring. See W. H. Govne, South Prairie, Tillamook County, Oregon.

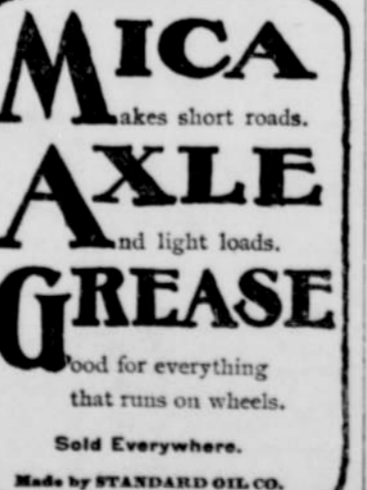
Nearly Forfeits His Life.
A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four weeks it defied will doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c. at Chas. I. Clough, Drug Store.

Before midnight on Friday next, February 5, all petitions asking for the submission of proposed laws to the people, to be voted upon at the June election, must be filed with the Secretary of State at Salem. Otherwise they will be of no avail. Each petition must contain the signatures of 7018 votes, 8 per cent of the number of votes cast two years ago for Justice of the State Supreme Court. Consequently, there is much making of haste among the advocates of the proposed direct primary law, the proposed female suffrage law, and the proposed local option law.

Fred Marshall, after searching over three years and a half for his two daughters and spending his entire fortune of \$3000, located them in a store accidentally at Pendleton, Ore. The children are aged respectively 7 and 10 years. At the time they disappeared the family lived in Boise. Mrs. Marshall eloped with another man, taking the children with her. She dressed the girls in boy's clothes, making it nearly impossible to locate them. The wife and her paramour went to Echo, where the woman died last year. The men deserted the children, who were given a home with Mrs. L. E. Cook on the reservation. Their father and his second wife finally came to Pendleton after giving up the search as vain, and Marshall met them in the store Saturday merely accidentally.

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