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FINANCIAL REPORT SHOWS MISTAKES

Blame Placed on No One Person or Office For Condition

EVILS PART CORRECTED

Importance of Advisory Committee is Stressed by Auditor Making Report

More adequate bookkeeping and managerial system is needed by the county to overcome the ills now threatening its financial affairs, according to a report filed Tuesday afternoon with the citizens' committee by G. Ed Ross, accountant of Salem, who had been put in charge of the investigations last January of the county affairs.

No one man or organization or county office can be blamed for the condition of affairs; the whole system has been blamed and an immediate effort will be made to correct the evils. This system which has got Tillamook county into so much trouble extends back for years and grew out of that used when county business was very simple. Now that Tillamook county has grown to be equal to a great corporation it has still been trying to get along with a country store set of books.

For the most part these evils have already been corrected within the past few months, and if the recommendations of Mr. Ross are followed, the committee is of the opinion that in a short time Tillamook will again be on a cash basis.

Mr. Ross's recommendations accompanying his report were summarized as follows:

1. That the bookkeeping system now installed in the clerk's office be kept up to date and instructions for its operation be followed closely.
2. That the matter of calling in a county advisory board be given serious thought.
3. That the county budget be more carefully assembled and when adopted be followed closely by county officials.
4. That the matter of adopting a general road improvement program for the county over a period of years be given serious thought.
5. That the county be put on a single unit so far as road improvement is concerned, and that all work be handled through a central agency with a definite responsible head.
6. That machinery and road equipment charges be handled on a more definite basis, and charged equally to each project on a basis of time actually used by that project.
7. That the county bookkeeper in clerk's office act as clerk to county court and handle much of their general routine record of which the county court is required to keep according to law.
8. That beach lot valuations receive some special attention with a view to placing values represented by present conditions.
9. That handling of county poor be given some serious consideration with a view to improvement if conditions now seem to justify.

Mr. Ross laid much stress on the importance of an advisory committee, stating that in every case he knew of where such a committee had been called in and their advice and helpfulness recognized there had been more satisfaction with county affairs among the taxpayers.

The item of the general road program was explained by the accountant as of laying out a road construction program for a period of years, ten for instance, then work toward that end. It was thought that road expenditures could be more carefully planned by this method without the danger of overdrawing road accounts.

Mr. Ross discovered that the county poor is costing about \$8,000 a year and believes that some system could be established where the county fair grounds could be used to help

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FORMER TILLAMOOKER THREATENED FOR CASH

Young Man, Now in Scappoose Bank, Promised Death if Money Isn't Delivered

Alleged attempt to extort \$300 from Edward N. Wist, a former Tillamook boy, and now president of the First National bank at Scappoose, Oregon, when, last Tuesday, he received an anonymous letter demanding that he place \$300 in bills of small denomination wrapped in brown paper, on the porch of an unoccupied house the next morning. He gave the letter to the sheriff who watched the house that night. No package was delivered and no one came to get the money.

The next morning Mr. Wist received another letter that reminded him that no money had been left and threatened him with death if the money was not left by Friday morning. A package of blotters and papers was wrapped and placed as directed, and the sheriff arranged for the house to be watched. About 8 o'clock a Mrs. Alise Ramey went to the house and swept some linoleum on the porch, taking the package. She was taken to St. Helens, the county seat and admitted that she was the guilty party, having obtained the idea from reading a story in a magazine.

Edward Wist lived in Tillamook several years ago with his parents, who were pioneers in this county. Since moving from Tillamook the family have spent a greater part of their time in southern Columbia county.

LAST COURT WEEK ACTIVE ONE, REPORT

Several traffic law violators and prohibition breakers were fined before Justice of the Peace Stanley this week. Ross Stratton, R. Waters and George F. Benson were fined \$100 and costs for unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor. James P. Bradley was fined \$25 and K. P. Shelton and H. B. Church were fined \$10 each on a similar charge of less seriousness.

Jim Stott, Ted Stiff, L. W. Van Fleet, R. O. Britton and E. E. Kellogg were each fined \$10 for speeding. Fines of \$2.50 were levied upon Solon Schiffman, Dillow Smith, S. A. Dobson and Peter Bosma for driving without a tail light. Jim Vlahos paid \$5 for unlawful parking.

A jury sustained the decision of the justice of the peace when they found W. M. Martin, of Garibaldi, guilty of driving without a tail-light. Manfred Freeman was fined \$5 for leaving a fire burning on the highway survey in the north end of the county.

There are several more cases on the docket that will be heard during the next few days.

COUNTY SCHOOLS MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

Several of the school buildings in the south end of the county are improving their property, which becomes necessary to accommodate the increase in enrollment. North of Tillamook city, Wheeler district is contemplating the addition of a new school building. The new union high school at Nehalem, valued at \$50,000, will be built soon, and the Bay City district will build an addition to their present structure.

RURAL ROUTE BOXES TO BE PAINTED WHITE

Frank Hunter, rural mail carrier, has received orders from the fourth assistant postmaster general and the state highway commission that all mail boxes on the rural route must be painted white. Otherwise they may be torn down by the highway commission. The order was to take effect immediately.

Tom Watt of Brighton was seen on the streets July 16.

Astoria completes new street lighting system.

RODEO TO FEATURE ATELK CONVENTION

Number of Wild Horses are Expected to Provide Amusement

DECORATIONS IN HAND

Many Committee Leaders Appointed to Care for Lodgemen Due in August

The entertainment committee of the Elks have arranged for the appearance of the Manville-Wilson wild show during the convention August 14, 15 and 16. It is going to be wild. Arrangement have been completed for a three day performance. The stock that will be used for this rodeo have played all the principle towns of Oregon, Washington, and California. It is the big topic of all the newspapers this week and will cause much excitement during the convention. Daredevils will ride the worst outlawed horses. Cowboy champions of the great western range will try for honors in wild steer bull-dogging. Side issues will be broncho busting, wild horse races, cowboy and cowgirl relay races, pony express, comedy races, novelty races, fancy roping and a potato race that is an Indian game known as a thrilling and spectacular sport and pastime of the reservation and range.

The Manville and Wilson company carry their own stock. Some of their well known horses are: Super-six, Wampus-cat, Durock, Cougar, Whitefang, Yes-you-bet, Grey-devil, No-wonder, Grown Demon, Frisco, Airplane and Dr. Turner, a horse that has never been ridden by any cowboy. He surely makes them think they are flirting with the undertaker, and looks like an explosion of dynamite when in action.

Other events are taking shape and arrangements are being completed satisfactorily. Several lodges have replied to inquiries regarding a trap shoot tournament and competition is assured between teams from the various lodges. The McMinnville lodge have reported that they will send at least 500 delegates, a band and drill team. R. W. Watson solved the housing problem which was no simple one to solve. The deal for the decorations has been closed, and eleven blocks will be fully decorated, as well as elaborate decorations for the armory. Arrangements for letting other con-

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SPECIAL NIGHT TRAIN WILL OPERATE HERE

Experiment Tried by Railroad Company After Many Requests for Service

Beginning tomorrow the Southern Pacific company will commence the operation of a night train to Tillamook and the beaches, leaving Portland 11:45 Saturday night and arriving in Tillamook 7:50 Sunday morning. The return trip from here will take the train out of this city 8:30 Sunday evening and arrive in Portland 6:35 Monday morning. The train will carry 4 standard tourist sleeper.

This service is being put on as an experiment to determine whether it will pay or not. Much agitation has been made at different times, it is said, to have a night train put on this run. If sufficient patronage is found the train will be put on permanent schedule, according to a statement from Ray Grate, local agent.

This will make three trains from Portland on week-ends, as the two trains now in operation will be kept there.

AUTO ACCIDENTS NOT VERY SERIOUS

Several accidents were reported to the sheriff's office this week. One car was hit by another occupied by three young men who were all in the front seat having a good time. Their names were not obtained. They nearly crowded a car driven by B. P. Cawley off a twelve foot embankment near Garibaldi.

Last Wednesday a car driven by Walter Arnold collided with a truck driven by F. Fitzpatrick, when the latter started to turn into a side road. Another driver refused to give his name when his car hit the one driven by Mrs. Ruchonch, of Rockaway, on a sharp turn near the Elmore hotel. The Miami dairy truck ran into a car belonging to C. A. Bennett of Garibaldi, near the Miami crossing at a narrow turn.

A small coupe with Portland people as occupants tipped over at the Hare corner north of town when a radius rod broke. No one was injured.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ketcham and Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Moore, and children, of Sonoma, Santa Rosa county, California, passed through the city Tuesday afternoon, en route home after an extended trip through Yellowstone National Park, British Columbia and Washington.

Silver Lake—\$39,675 contract let for grading 8 1-2 miles Summer Lake road.

BIG WHITNEY CAMP SUFFERS FROM FIRE

Two Hundred Men Succeed in Keeping Check on Flames

POWDER IS BURNED UP

Stray Spark from Logging Engine Works Much Damage to Camp

The report that was circulated last Thursday that the Blue Star lumber camp of the Whitney lumber company had been destroyed by fire was not authentic, although the timber fire that was raging in that section last week was kept from the camp only by untiring work of the crew that was working against it. The regular logging crew and extra men that were brought in as an emergency crew numbered about 200 men. They succeeded in keeping the fire away from the incline and, by rushing in when ever the opportunity was presented, the trestle near the camp was saved by keeping the structure wet down with pails of water. If fire had been allowed to cross this gulch the camp would have been doomed. Favorable wind aided the crew in keeping back the flames.

Much alarm was caused when word was passed about that a powder house containing about two tons of dynamite and black powder was catching fire. This was enough explosive to blow the whole hill away. Men began scampering to safety. The powder house burned, but instead of exploding the powder burned up in a flash. This was a stroke of good fortune that saved the lives of several men and a lot of property. The fire was finally put under control after a good bit of timber had been destroyed, along with 4,000,000 feet of logs. The skids under a donkey engine were burned away, with not a great deal of damage being done to the engine.

The fire had started by a spark from a donkey engine and was soon almost beyond control. The dense cloud of smoke from it could be plainly seen from Tillamook, where calls for fire fighters had been sent.

There were other fires in various parts of the state last week but they have, for the most part, been put under control. In the Siskiyou district No. 1, in the southern part of Tillamook county, fires at Grand

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ASTORIA'S FIRST CHILD DIES IN TILLAMOOK

James E. Barger, Born 1855, Died in Tillamook Sunday; Buried Following Day

James E. Barger, for several years a resident of Tillamook died in this city on July 13, at the age of 69 years and six months. The funeral was held Monday at the Henkle undertaking parlors. Reverend Anderson delivered the sermon.

He was born on February 14, 1855, at Astoria, the oldest town in Oregon. Mr. Barger was the first white child born in that city. His parents were Gordon Clold Barger and Annis Barger, both very early pioneers in Oregon. At an early age James Barger removed to Portland, Oregon, where he met and eventually married Margaret M. Pierce, who died several years ago. By this union the following children were born: Nellie M., Edward G., Charles B., Loucena, Mae and James Jr. Later on, Mr. Barger married Elizabeth Rebecca Hazeltine, mother of Mrs. John Keldson and Frank Cardiff, a long resident of this city. In October, 1923, Mrs. Barger passed away at Tillamook, and for the past year Mr. Barger had lived here with Mr. Cardiff, and visited relatives in the Willamette valley. Mr. Barger's father, in later years became an ordained Methodist minister at St. Helens, Oregon.

James Barger has been well known to the residents of Tillamook for many years as a builder and a thorough sportsman. Jim, as he has long been affectionately known, has always been recognized as an authority on fishing and hunting. He will be sadly missed in and around Tillamook, but his spirit of fair play, clean sportsmanship and absolute honesty will live in the minds of those residents of Tillamook who have known him and learned to love him.

KILLED FIGHTING FIRE AT WHITNEY CAMP

J. R. Casperson, a young man whose residence is in Portland, was killed on the incline at the Whitney Blue Star logging camp during the fire last Thursday afternoon. He, with a crew of fire fighters, had stopped with the car on the slope and was preparing to fight the fire that was threatening the track at a point about half way up the mountain. A mass of logs and debris that had been loosened by the fire started from the bluff over their heads. Every one jumped for safety, but a large log struck Casperson while he was jumping into the clear, and knocked over the hundred foot bluff. The other men went to his assistance as quickly as possible, and he was picked up unconscious at the foot of the cliff. The unfortunate man was rushed to Boals hospital but died shortly after reaching there. Mr. Casperson had just started to work on the fire fighting force that afternoon. His wife and mother came in from Portland and took charge of the body.

At the same time of the accident that caused the death of Mr. Casperson, Anthony Stanton was bumped into the switching machinery and covered up with material from the slide that caused the death of Casperson. His fellow workers dislodged him, and for a time thought he was dead, but his injuries proved to be not serious.

NEHALEM CONCERN ALLOWED FRANCHISE

A franchise covering operations on the Nehalem river and Nehalem bay was granted to the Nehalem driving and boom company by the public service commission in Salem Saturday. The franchise provides that the company shall not interfere with the operations of other companies operating in that section.

Their cars were literally covered with "stickers," advertising the different places that they had visited and not to be outdone, Tillamook donated several "stickers," advertising the Elks Convention, which meets in Tillamook in August.

EDITORIAL MEETING OPENS HERE FRIDAY

Housing Problem Confronts Entertainers of Visitors Expected

VISIT ABOUT COUNTY

Several Noted Men to Speak Before Newspaper Convention Here Next Week

The committees in charge of arrangements for the 17th annual state editors convention and Ben Franklin club convention, to be held next week in Tillamook and vicinity are being completed. At the meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday the reports showed that practically everything excepting housing and transportation was taken care of. A special call has been issued to the people for rooms and accommodations to be used for the convenience of the newspaper people. Several more cars are needed to transport the editors to the various places of interest. Anyone having rooms available are asked to get in touch with Newton Anderson, Harold J. Graves or C. H. Coe, who comprise the housing committee. If cars are available the fact should be communicated to R. B. Miller, M. D. Ackley or Lloyd Crotzer, the transportation committee. Other committees from the Kiwanis club are reception, Mrs. Blaine Hays for the women, and George Harness, H. T. Botts, George Lamb, C. W. Barrick, A. C. Beals and Rollie Watson for the men; accommodation, Lloyd Edwards, Eugene Crosby and John Aschm; decoration, Howard Boone, E. T. Haltom, Ira Smith, G. A. Reher and Leo Morrison. Other committees have been appointed from the Women's club.

Friday morning the association will meet at the city hall for a business session, which will probably last most of the day in order to have no business interfere with the pleasures that will follow on Friday evening and Saturday. During the business sessions Charles W. Duncan, of the Foster and Kleiser advertising company of San Francisco will speak on the business of advertising. Friday evening at the armory, the convention will attend a banquet that will be served by the Women's club with the Kiwanis club as hosts. Fred Lockley, well known writer with the Oregon Journal, will be toast master. During these two sessions several widely known newspaper men will speak. Dr. Christian Gauss, of Princeton University, prominent in national and international journalistic circles, who has been on intimate terms with diplomats of the world, will spend a good deal of his time with the convention. Other noted men who will lead the association in their meetings are: Herman Roe of Minnesota, president of the Country editors association, C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, Hal E. Hoss, president of the Oregon Editorial association, and Dan Freeman, manager of the Associated industries of Oregon.

Saturday, the conventioners will take a tour of the county inspecting cheese factories, saw mills, logging camps, salmon fisheries and so on. This tour will wind up with a luncheon at the Whitney mill at Garibaldi, Saturday noon. From the mill the caravan will return through Tillamook to Oceanside, where the delegates will find practically any form of entertainment that suits their fancy. Election of officers and reports of committees will be held at the Saturday luncheon.

It is expected that about 500 people will be in Tillamook to attend this convention, and at present automobiles and homes are needed for their convenience and entertainment. This will be one of the most universally beneficial series of meetings ever staged in Tillamook, and every Tillamooker will receive benefits from it.

Nehalem visitors included Mrs. A. D. Lommen on July 17.

Where To?

