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WORK OF THE COURT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISPOSE OF MUCH BUSINESS.

The Taxes for the Year 1899 to Become Delinquent October 1st—Proposals for Wood Opened.

The Marion county commissioners' court was in session all of yesterday, when a large amount of business was disposed of, nearly everything on the docket being cleared away.

One of the most important orders made was one ordering the assessment roll closed on October 1st, and declaring all taxes unpaid on that date to be delinquent.

Bids for wood for use in the court house during the coming winter were opened by the court. Quite a number of bids were received, and there was a very slight difference in price. Following are the bids:

Grub Oak.

	No. cords.	Price.
D. S. Bentley & Co.	50	$3 23
A. B. Gilson	50	3 24
Joshua West	25	3 24
C. E. Kays	40	3 44
O. Neal	8	3 50

Big Fir.

Joseph Lake	20	$2 65
Thos. Riessback	20	2 70
D. S. Bentley & Co.	20	2 73
J. R. Smith	20	2 74
W. J. Yadwa	20	2 84

The court took the matter under advisement, some of the bids being conditional, and the bids will be awarded when the court reconvenes.

County Clerk W. W. Hall was ordered to draw a warrant for $25 on the first of every month for Company D., Fourth regiment, O. N. G.

The matter of the application of L. C. Davis for county aid for Mrs. King, $3 was allowed, and the allowance discontinued. The allowance of C. Shaeffer was reduced to $3, and the allowances of Rosa Brumhoffer and J. Scharbach entirely discontinued.

County Assessor J. W. Hobart requested and was granted more time to complete the assessment for Marion county.

The ptition of Wm. Strayer and others, for a new county road near Liberty, was favorably considered, and R. O. Donaldson, Bruce Cunningham and W. W. Anderson were appointed viewers, to meet with County Surveyor B. B. Herrick, on August 23d, and examine the proposed road.

The petition of Ed. Gooley and others, for a new county road near Mt. Angel, was called upon the viewers report. The report of the viewers was favorable, and the road was ordered established.

County Clerk Hall was instructed to notify W. G. Walker, road supervisor near Woodburn, to open the Brock road near that place, by moving the fences now standing in the proposed road and otherwise cleaning up the ground.

J. E. Marinan and others petitioned for the creation of a new justice of the peace district to embrace Horeb precinct, but their request was disallowed.

The petition of John Kirn for rebate on taxes was allowed, and a rebate of $4.14 was ordered entered of record.

The court also audited a number of bills on the election account. Some few of these were for hall rent, etc., but the most of them were the bills of notaries public and justices of the peace who registered voters prior to the election, and are paid 10 cents for each man registered, who cast his ballot at the election. The records of these officers have to be compared with the poll books and the names of all those registered and who did not vote are checked before the amount due each can be ascertained. Following are those allowed yesterday:

	Clmd.	Alld.
R. W. Craig	$1 70	$1 20
Henry Snyder	9 60	9 10
J. E. Hosmer	3 60	20
Alfred Esson	1 30	90
L. J. Adams		32 60
J. S. Richie		8 70
W. T. Clarke		9 00
R. C. Ramsby		4 00
I. Isaacson		11 40
Jay Cooke		3 10
F. L. Pound	11 90	9 10
N. P. Lathrop	4 90	3 30
C. W. Corby	9 10	7 10
E. K. Shaw	10 50	8 50
L. H. Joujade	15 00	11 60
C. O. Rice	5 20	3 50
P. W. Mass	11 10	9 20
W. M. Hilleary		1 10
E. P. Morcom	5 10	4 20
Frank Davey	2 00	2 00
Webster Holmes	90	90
Stayton Hall Co.	2 50	2 50
Disque & Skipton, dray	50	50
Page & Stephens, hall	2 50	2 50
J. L. Freeland, hall	2 50	2 50

A GIGANTIC FRAUD

GOV. J. H. FLETCHER EXPOSES THE CAPE NOME SWINDLE.

The Entire Boom Caused by the Transportation Companies—The Beach Is Worked Out.

NOME, July 23, 1900.—Editor Statesman: I suppose you wonder why I do not write to you more regularly. Well, as I have only received four copies of the Statesman since I came to this place, and none of them contained any of the letters I sent you, I did not know whether they ever reached you, or that you deemed them worthy of publication, and beside, when a man works hard all day and then returns to his tent to cook his own meals, he does not feel much like writing.

However, I have been in Nome some time now, and am tolerably well able to size up the situation. And I may as well come to the point at once, and give it as my candid and honest opinion that it is a fraud from top to bottom—from Alpha to Omega. The boom "born in sin and shaped in iniquity" and nurtured by the basest means known to the ingenuity of man, was and is the work of the Transportation Companies, and should call down on these institutions the vengeance of an outraged people. Seattle will have to lie stronger and stouter than ever in order to reap another harvest out of a gullible people

That there is some gold here is a fact but the conditions for securing it are so extraordinary, and the exaggerations as to its extent and richness so preposterous that the whole thing may be set down as a gigantic fraud and a systematic swindle. Instead of good diggings being found on the beach for 100 miles in length, there are really only fifteen miles of it that ever paid to mine. One rich spot, a half mile in extent, was found outside this limit, and that was all. And even this fifteen miles was spotted, and not all rich either. Every foot of this beach was mined last summer and fall, and early this spring a crowd of miners from Dawson turned it all over again. So all there was left for the forty or fifty thousand people who came in this year was the turning over and rocking for the third time this fifteen miles of sea shore.

The ten thousand acres of tundra that we read so much about was all staked last summer by power of attorney—as iniquitous a system as ever smoked up from perdition—and was all jumped and restaked again after January 1, 1900. So today no one knows who owns the claims and it will take two years to decide the question. But so far as the outside world is concerned, it makes no difference, for the whole tundra from Cape Nome to Cape Prince of Wales is not worth 50 cents. It contains no mineral and I defy one to show me where one ounce was ever taken from it. But even if there was a rich streak of gold at a depth of forty or fifty feet, how on earth could anyone, in a land where there is not a stick of timber, dig down through the frozen mud and ice and then drift around following up the pay streak? The 50,000 people who were here last summer gobbled up the whole tundra, staked it out and recorded it in the hope of selling it to the suckers they expected to arrive this summer. It is really amazing to see the stakes set all over this vast tundra, as though its owners believed it worth something. But it is very singular if its owners believe it to be valuable property that not one of them ever yet sank a hole two feet deep on it! They are patiently waiting for the "suckers" to buy them out and then develop it into paying mines. And they may wait. Not a single claim has been sold this year, and there never will be.

The only place where gold can be found is on some of the creeks, and those that are any good and have water are all owned by Millionaire Lane and a few other rich nabobs. In a dry season, like the present, there are only one or two creeks that contain sufficient water to run sluices or even rockers. In a wet season, the creeks are so full that they cannot be operated. And thus it goes, one season is too wet and the next is too dry. There is good gold on Dry creek, but it is so dry that only one rocker has been running on it this season, and that for only a part of the time. And if Dry Creek can scarcely supply one rocker, what can you look for in "extra dry creek?" A few men like Lane will make some money here, but for every one who does, there will be a thousand made bankrupts for the rest of their lives. I hazard the assertion, and time will confirm the prediction, that there will never be enough gold taken from Nome to pay the millions of dollars worth of machinery that was brought into the country this summer. The number of once wealthy people who have already lost their all in Nome is almost beyond belief.

And, after all is said, let it be remembered that there is only three or four months in which work of any kind can be carried on. And such months—months of cold, and rain, and wind, and storm. Nome should be made the home of criminals, and this side of Bering Sea should be called the Siberia of the United States as the other is the Siberia of Russia. But the trip to this unhappy and unblest country this year was worth all it cost. It was a sight which few have ever been permitted to see. The history of the world can prsent no parallel to it. No historian can do justice to the subject in all its phases. Letters to papers can convey no adequate idea of the scenes, the trials, the hardships, the heroism, the despondency and finally the collapse of those who formed a part of this gigantic bubble. When I return I intend to prepare a lecture, endeavoring to give a pen picture of the many sad and curious things connected with as cold and heartless a swindle as ever emanated from the brains of corrupt and designing scoundrels.

At present there are thousands of men strung out the entire length of the beach, enduring all kinds of hardships, and trying to earn enough to carry them back to the land of civilization. They make from $2 to 7 a day, and this is small wages here considering the price that must be paid for everything they have to buy. The so-called city of Nome is depopulating as fast as people can get away. Every steamer and sailing vessel bound for the east or south is filled with disappointed and penniless prospectors, and if the beach only holds out long enough the region of Nome will be the most God forsaken place on the earth the coming winter—inhabited only by mine jumpers and Seattle boomers. Yours, as ever,

J. H. FLETCHER.

P. S.—I should like for your contemporaries, who wish the truth to be known, to copy the above letter or its contents. J. H. F.

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THE HOT WAVE CLAIMS MANY HUMAN LIVES.

All Records Broken in Chicago and New York, and Business Is Paralyzed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—The hot weather records for this city were broken today, and will probably be broken again Friday, Saturday, and several more days. For twenty-five years there has been but one time of hot weather in which the mercury reached 90 for five consecutive days. The average maximum temperature for these five days was 92. There now have been six days on which the temperature has gone above 90, and the average maximum for the six days has been 93.5. Today was the hottest of the present season, the mercury reaching 95. The prolonged heat is having a serious effect on business. There were four deaths due to heat, and twenty-nine prostrations.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

New York, Aug. 9.—The hot wave that arrived several days ago continued today, and the local forecaster gives no promise of early relief. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the temperature reached 95, two degrees higher than ever before recorded here on this date. One death was reported.

SEVERAL DEATHS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 9.—Three deaths and twenty prostrations occurred in this city today from the heat. The temperature reached 94 in the shade.

SCRIVEN'S REPORT.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The following dispatch has been received by the signal office of the army here:

"Che Foo, Aug. 9.—Signals, Washington—August 6.—Yang Tsun captured today. Wire up. Need own transportation. All well. (Signed) Scriven."

Yang Tsun is the town which General Chaffee indicated in his dispatch, received late yesterday, as being the objective point of the international forces on their then pending movement. It is at the junction of the Pei Ho and the railroad leading to Pekin. Its capture will insure to the international troops, it is hoped, two routes of transportation to Pekin. It is seventeen miles from Tien Tsin.

GREAT DIFFICULTIES.

London, Aug. 9.—The flooded country beyond Pei Tsang adds immeasurably to the difficulty of the progress of the allies toward Pekin. This news reaches Shanghai correspondents from Tien Tsin, with statements to the effect that the situation at Tien Tsin is again perilous, owing to the assembling of Chinese troops within striking distance.

The losses of the allies in the recent operations are now said to be 1130 men of which number the Russians lost 600, the Japanese 410 and the British 120.

International suspicions have broken out among the consuls at Shanghai on account of the determination of the British to land there a brigade of Indian troops. It is reported that the French will also land troops at Shanghai to the number of 1200 men. While the Ministers at Pekin remain unrelieved, it is not understood why Great Britain should divert forces destined for the relief expedition to garrison a place where peace thus far has been undisturbed.

A news agency dispatch from Che Foo dated Sunday, August 5th, says a messenger from Pekin reports that the Dowager Empress sent four cartloads of food to the legations on July 28th.

The British Foreign Office is understood to have suppressed portions of the last dispatch of the British Minister at Pekin, Sir Claude MacDonald, on the ground that his explicit statements regarding the quantity of food and ammunition available might be useful to the enemy.

CHAFFEE REPORTS.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The following dispatch has been received at the War Department from General Chaffee, sent via Che Foo:

"Yang Tsun, Aug. 6.—Yang Tsun occupied today. Wounded: Second Lieutenant Frank R. Long, Ninth United States Infantry; casualties about sixty men, Ninth United States Infantry, Fourteenth United States Infantry and Battery F., Fifth United States Artillery. Nearly all from Fourteenth Infantry. Names later. Many men prostrated by heat and fatigue. (Signed) Chaffee."

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CHINA WANTS AID.

Has Asked Japan for Assistance in Fighting Foreigners—The Mikado's Reply.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 9.—Japanese papers publish a letter received by the Emperor of Japan from the Emperor of China, much on the lines of those sent to other powers, with this addition:

"We are of the opinion that the Western powers at present are rivals, while China and Japan hold the balance in the Far East. Those countries which are waiting their chance to secure new possessions are watching not only China in the Far East. Should China fail to successfully oppose Western invaders, Japan may have her independence threatened. Thus China and Japan stand on the same footing. We should cast aside any small differences and try to preserve continued national existence of our two countries. China is now fully occupied in dispatching troops for the suppression of rioters and an alliance with a country whose destiny lies along the same lines as hers will succeed in dispelling troubles and restoring order."

In his reply, after reading China a lesson on international law, the Emperor of Japan says:

"If the Chinese Government promptly relieves the foreign Ministers before the foreign troops undertake the task, it will show that the Chinese Government is not inclined to undertake open hostilities with the powers and the disaster impending on the Chinese Government may thereby be averted. The Japanese Government has enjoyed cordial relations with the Chinese Government, and Japan will not hesitate to assist China, if necessary. If the Chinese Government will make efforts to effect the prompt suppression of the rioters and to relieve the foreign Ministers, Japan will protect the interests of China when the time for negotiations for peace with the powers arrives in the future."

TURKISH OUTRAGES.

Constantinople, Aug. 9.—Advices received from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, say that 200 men, women and children have been massacred in the Armenian village of Spakhank, in the district of Sassun, by troops and Kurds under Ali Pasha, the commandant of Bitlis. He is also said to have ordered the village to be burned.

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Market Reports

The local market quotations yesterday were as follows:

Wheat—45 cents at the Salem Flouring Mills Co.'s office.

Oats—26 and 28 cents (buying).

Hay—Cheat, buying $7 to $7.50 timothy, $8.50 to $10.

Flour—70 and 75 cents per sack; $2.75 per bbl.

Mill feed—Bran, $13; shorts, $15.

Butter—15 to 20c, buying.

Eggs—14 cents, cash.

Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 8 per lb; young chickens (friers) 10c, live weight.

Pork—Fat, 4¼ gross, 5½net.

Beef—Steers, 3¼, cows, 3¼@3½c; good heifer, 4c.

Mutton—Sheep, 3 to 3½ on foot; sheared 2½ to 3c.

Veal—6½ and 7c dressed.

Potatoes—20@25 cents, buying.

Wool—15 to 16 cents, market weak.

Mohair—25 cents.

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