

MR. FLAGG'S SALARY BILL.

In 1896 the Union party made a careful estimate of what the various county offices could be conducted for, and decided that a reduction of \$9,000 could be made on the yearly pay of county offices without impairing the efficiency of the service.

Under the law passed at the special session, the sheriff would have had compensation as follows: Salary \$1500, Rent 120, Light 120, Water rent 24, Wood 50, Profit boarding prisoners 200.

Would Mr. Flagg take the office for that pay provided in his own bill? Would Mr. Murphy, the Republican candidate? Would any decent honorable man who did not intend to steal or graft the taxpayer serve the people faithfully under the terms of the Flagg salary for the sheriff of Marion county?

A Republican legislature put Mr. Durbin's salary up to the present figure of \$2000 a year and \$2000 for deputies. Mr. Flagg's bill allowed him \$1800 for deputies.

As will be seen by a notice published elsewhere, the candidates on the county ticket begin their campaign at Turner Tuesday. It is not an unorthodox opinion. There will be no speeches in which the opposition will be abused.

Telegram of the future: "Salem, May 21, 1900. The new governor from Eastern Oregon proves an agreeable surprise to the people of Salem. He has sent out five gangs of trusty convicts with a guard and in one week smoothed up every road leading into the capital city.

LINN COUNTY FINANCES

County Judge Barton Pours Hot Shot Into Judge Duncan.

Defends an Economical County Administration and Shows That Linn County is Going Ahead.

To Tax Error:—In the Herald of the 10th inst., I read what purported to be an editorial on the finances of Linn county, but which we have reliable information was written by Judge Duncan, who was judge of Linn county for the four years preceding July 6, 1896.

The judge starts out by submitting a table of figures of county expense in the past four years, wherein he acknowledges a saving to the county of \$10,270.56 from the district attorneys fees, coroner expenses, insane accounts, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Salary and Deput. Hire, Special Depts. and Board of Prisoners, Total. Rows for July 1896, August 1896, Sept. 1896, Oct. 1896, Nov. 1896, Dec. 1896, Jan. 1897, Feb. 1897, March 1897, April 1897, May 1897, June 1897, July 1897, August 1897, Sept. 1897, Oct. 1897, Nov. 1897, Dec. 1897, Jan. 1898, Feb. 1898, March 1898, April 1898.

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Below I give you the exact amount of state, county and school taxes ordered by the court and named in the warrants issued by the clerk to the sheriff for such collection from the year 1892 to 1899, both years inclusive. This includes four years of Republican financing and four years of Populist and Democratic management.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Net assessed valuation for mills, taxes produced, Net assessed valuation for mills, taxes produced. Rows for 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899.

THE UNION TICKET

Candidates For State and District Offices at the June Election. For Supreme Judge—Geo. Green. For Food Commissioner—W. M. Scumier, Washington County.

Call it half truth, call it buncombe, call it false economy, call it for political purposes whatever you may choose, the great unvarnished truth stands out fully, boldly, uncontroverted, that the taxpayers of Linn county have been called upon to pay the enormous sum of \$111,000.89 less taxes for state, county and school purposes during the last four years, than they did for the previous four years, and I challenge Judge Duncan to meet me before the people in the various precincts of Linn county and deny the truthfulness of the statement.

Now, as to the fact of the matter, and in justice to Sheriff Durbin, I feel free to say (that has been placed in a position to observe) that Mr. Durbin, soon as he became familiar with the duties of his office, at once detected (as a man of his ability would) the fact that if the tax rolls were properly prepared with good descriptions and correct names of owners of the land—something never before done with the rolls—that the property would sell and bring good returns to the county.

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When this work of preparing the rolls was completed, and the books turned over to the sheriff, the latter immediately collected all the taxes, except a personal property tax, which would be payable by him to collect. The assessor in no way was concerned in the matter, other than to accommodate Mr. Waters, and his corps of assistants. He had nothing to do with the "clear descriptions" furnished, and did not stand at the "block of the sheriff as it is alleged in the article in the Woodburn paper. If the assessor's work brought the buyers, and the sheriff simply did as the court ordered him to do, why was there a complaint let to Mr. Durbin, that no special attention or denial is necessary except in cases where it might be by some one not familiar with the facts, and thus, by giving the reader only a distorted view of the matter, prejudice his otherwise fair mind against Sheriff Durbin.

Therefore, after looking over the facts and placing credit where credit is due, the credit undeniably belongs to Mr. Durbin, as it was he who first conceived the plan that was so successfully and profitably carried out. The county court also shared the wisdom in taking up with the new idea of getting Sheriff Durbin its entire and hearty support in the matter. Mr. Waters did the work. So the Woodburn paper, in its effort to discredit Sheriff Durbin, what rightfully belongs to Sheriff Durbin, and getting Sheriff Durbin its entire and hearty support in the matter. Mr. Waters did the work. So the Woodburn paper, in its effort to discredit Sheriff Durbin, what rightfully belongs to Sheriff Durbin, and getting Sheriff Durbin its entire and hearty support in the matter.

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SHERIFF F. W. DURBIN'S RECORD

Compared with that of the Last Republican Sheriff—Drew \$4468.81 Less Money Out of the County in 22 months—Only \$60 for Special Deputy Hire.

Chairman Republican Central Committee. W. S. MORT, Chairman Democratic Citizens' Central Committee. CREDIT WHERE IT BELONGS

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The Capital Journal. Daily and Weekly. BY HOFER BROTHERS. Salem, Oregon, May 19, 1900.

TO THE TAXPAYER:-- Dear Sir:--We mail you a copy of the Daily Capital Journal containing an exhaustive statement of Marion county finances, and comparison of expenses of Linn and Marion counties for the past eight years. The Journal has made a persistent fight to build up public sentiment and educate the people of all parties to demand a less expensive county government.

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