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EX-SUPERINTENDANT JONES' STATEMENT ABOUT STATE FAIR

Salem, Ore., March 7, 1916.

To the Editor:
I noticed in your issue of February 11 last, that I am given a rap by the John Y. Richardson & Co. expert accountants. From this report I learn that these worthy gentlemen were employed by one A. H. Lea, according to their report, to check the books of the State Fair Board during my term of office, which checking included four months of Meredith's term. I would have answered this before but I have been unable to obtain a copy of the experts' report from Mr. Lea until March 2, though promised to do so previously from time to time by Mr. Lea. Finally, in order to obtain the same, I was forced to hire a stenographer at my own expense.

In justification to the retiring members of the Fair Board and myself I think it is only fair and right that I should correct the erroneous impression that was gleaned from the articles published relative to the report mentioned.

My annual report, which is on file with the state treasurer shows that there was received by the secretary from all sources \$50,377.19, for the fiscal year ending December 1, 1915. There was disbursed during the same period \$42,059.11, leaving a credit for the state fair fund of \$8,318.08. This includes \$5,982.14, which was on hand December 1, 1914. My report, which is public property, shows that there was expended, by authority of the board members, during the year of 1915, the sum of \$7,607.49 for permanent improvements, such as pavement, water system and equipment men's rest room, etc. In addition to this I paid out of the funds received in 1915, an old judgment of \$366.47 to Mr. E. B. Tongue, and a balance on the new pavilion, of \$2,060.08, making a total paid out for the permanent improvements, including the judgment, the sum of \$10,042.67.

There was received from the 1915 legislature an appropriation of \$6,931.87, and a donation of \$1,000 by the state board of control, from the fund making a total of \$7,931.87. Over and above this sum, there was \$2,110.80, expended for permanent improvements, which amount was paid out of the general fair fund. There was on hand December 1, 1915, to the credit of the state fair fund in the state treasurer's office, \$8,208.08. These figures show the simple truth in this matter. The State Fair Board has not told us why they spent the tax-payers' money unnecessarily. In the employment of Portland experts to go over my books when they could have learned the truth for themselves in a very short time, by appointing an auditing committee of two members of the board (which had always been done in former years) to compare the books and my report which had already been audited by the state treasurer's office and found correct.

At the time the new secretary was elected, M. L. Jones made a motion that my books should be examined, and he failed to get a second to the motion, and it looks very much like he is the one chiefly responsible for the misleading report which has been published. It was informed that, on the day the report was given to the public, a reporter gained admission to the governor's private office (his office being absent) the governor explaining the report to him requested him to place great stress on the item claiming there was a deficit of \$1,328.29 under my regime.

In keeping the books I used the same system that Mr. Meredith had used the previous five years, and continued to use that system until the end of the fiscal year, December 1, 1915. At this time I introduced an entire change in the system of bookkeeping, which shows for itself, and, in my estimation serves every purpose that a system of bookkeeping is intended for. I am not attempting to say how rotten the system was, but I discovered, immediately upon entering upon the duties of the office, that the system (in my opinion) was very inconvenient, incomplete, and unsatisfactory, and I so reported it to members of the board and they authorized me to introduce a more complete and convenient system and put same in operation at the beginning of the next fiscal year, December 1, 1915. This was done and I used the new system two months when I was deposed for reasons "sufficient and satisfactory" as stated in a communication, by M. L. Jones, to the fair board. He has not informed the public what he considers "sufficient and satisfactory reasons," but, as this report of the Portland accountants was given to the public the next day, I am led to believe that this report was intended to convey this information. If they intended to be fair why did not Richardson mention in his report that I had introduced a new system. I explained this system to him the first and only day he was in the office. Richardson's criticism regarding the system of keeping accounts shows that the accountants understood that they were to hand in a report unfavorable to me.

I deny that I ever entered into any unauthorized contracts for the state fair board. I was authorized by the proper members to enter into every contract I made. From their report the accountants would have fair public believe that there were admissions to the fair grounds that were not accounted for by me. This is untrue and misleading, as I turned over to my successors receipts from every ticket seller for every ticket he received, and, in turn, received every ticket seller for every ticket he returned unsold. Right here I desire to reply to the communication of M. L. Jones to the fair board, and which appeared in your issue of even date, in reference to the Turner-Simpkins gate scandal, in which he asserts that "he and another member of the board presented the matter to District Attorney Ringo." He tells the public this, leaving us to infer that it was for the purpose of having them prosecuted. Now District Attorney Ringo informs myself and other board members these two members called on him, they said to him, "that owing to the

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pressure that had been brought to bear they had concluded not to prosecute the case. This was on Monday, October 4, 1915. The facts in the case are these: On October 3, 1915, Directors Booth, Savage and myself called on District Attorney Ringo, at his request, at his residence and we laid the whole matter before him, together with the oral and written confessions of the parties. At this time Attorney Ringo demanded that I should bring the following morning and he would have the case investigated. This I did but was stopped at the west entrance of the county court house by M. L. Jones and the other member, being informed by them that the matter was all settled. Now District Attorney Ringo informs me that when M. L. Jones and the other member called and told him that they had concluded not to prosecute the case, he informed them "that no could not drop it. He was satisfied that a crime had been committed and that the guilty parties must be punished. This "pressure" that they mention to the district attorney I suppose they considered "sufficient and satisfactory" to them, yet I do not believe the public takes the same view of the matter.

From their report it appears that they criticised about everything that was done in 1915, and from the manner in which they garbled the figures, it was certainly their intention to make their report as unfavorable for me as possible. The experts admit that they never found an irregularity of any kind, although they infer that certain receipts and accounts were not in evidence. This is untrue and it is not my fault that they did not locate them, as I informed Richardson & company many times that I would only be too glad to assist them in any way possible in their work. After all that has been said it is a fact that I never entered into the duties as secretary until April 1, 1915; that four months of the fiscal year and elapsed under former Secretary Meredith; that, notwithstanding the "alleged lack of organization and equipment in the conduct of the state fair under the state fair board" as mentioned in their report we held a fair and are told by the public that it was as good or better than any fair ever held; that we made some decided and worthy improvements of a permanent nature; that we spent out of our general fund more than \$2,000 for this work more than was appropriated by the legislature, and, last but not least, we had a balance at the end of the year of \$2,225.80 more than the balance on hand December 1, 1914.

Space forbids my going into the details any farther, but would state that any one interested can get the true facts in the case from the annual report on file in the state treasurer's office.

W. AL JONES.

BORN

MARSDEN--To the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Marsden, of Olney, Maryland, March 7, 1916, a daughter.
BARR--To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell C. Barr, of the Pringle neighborhood, March 3, 1916, a son.
STEVENSON--To Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Stevenson, at the Salem hospital, March 4, 1916, a son.

Articles of incorporation for the Capital City Cooperative Creamery Company were filed yesterday which marks the beginning of a new cooperative creamery in Salem which will operate on a large scale. The new creamery will be located at 283 Court street and will take over the plant of the Capital City creamery.

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No Damage at Hill.

London, Mar. 7.—Absolutely no military damage was done by Zeppelins in their attack on the British naval position at Hill, Sunday night, according to a revised official statement from the admiralty today. The announcement said 13 were killed. It denied Berlin's claims that the naval establishment suffered in any way from the ninety bombs dropped in the vicinity.

Germans Take Fresnes.

Berlin, Mar. 7.—Fresnes, 12 miles southeast of Verdun, has been captured by the Germans, it was officially announced today. Three hundred French surrendered in the village.

Will Test Washington's Minimum Wage Law

Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 7.—Washington's minimum wage law will probably be put to the test of the highest courts to determine whether it violates the constitutional right of freedom from imprisonment for debt, as the result of action brought in Justice Graham's court here. According to State Labor Commissioner E. W. Olsen today, the entire question of minimum wage legislation for women is involved, and he said the state will carry the contest to the United States supreme court if necessary.

The case involves A. M. Anderson, head of a Tacoma collecting firm, who was placed on trial on a charge of violating the act. He admitted the facts as alleged, basing his defense on the constitutional provision against imprisonment for debt.

Rosedale People Attend School Program

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Rosedale, Ore., Mar. 7.—The pupils of district No. 5, Marion county, gave a short but very enjoyable program at the school house Friday evening. Assistant State Superintendent Welles and County Superintendent Smith and Supervisor Smith each gave pleasing and instructive addresses on various phases of Parent-Teachers' association work and industrial club work. After these addresses a dainty luncheon was served by the ladies of the community. So enjoyable was the occasion that several were heard to suggest that more gatherings of a similar kind be arranged for in the near future.

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HANNA--At the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Critton, at Liberty, March 7, 1916, Mrs. Sophia J. Hanna, in her 80th year.
The surviving children are Mrs. J. W. Britton, of Liberty; D. A. Hanna, of Portland; C. E. Hanna, of Pacific Grove, Oregon; Mrs. J. L. Oliver, of Polk county; Mrs. J. H. Crawford, of Liberty; F. W. Hanna, of Bethel, Oregon. All the children were at her bedside at the time of her death.
Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of Rigdon and Richardson. Services will be conducted by the Rev. P. T. Porter and burial will be in the City View Cemetery.
Mrs. Sophia J. Hanna came to Oregon in 1893 from Missouri and has resided in Salem in vicinity since coming to the state. She had been a member of the Christian church since her fourteenth year.