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SHERIFF'S COLLECTIONS FAR OUTSTRIP EXPENSES

Fines from Blind Piggers Net County Big Balance for Treasury

The Ukiah Press this week says: "The federal government should pay for the enforcement of prohibition. Here in Mendocino county, where taxes are already too high, it resulted last week in the county supervisors appropriating approximately \$7,000 more this year than the sheriff's office cost last year, the impression being the additional sum was needed to meet enforcement expenses. The figures indicate the sheriff's office, exclusive of the sheriff's salary, which is \$500 a month, and the deputy salaries, will this year cost the taxpayers \$19,068.00." The editor of the Press is evidently laboring under the same misapprehension as many other Mendocino county citizens.

The sheriff's office not only collects in fines the \$500 per month of the sheriff's salary, but also nets a profit of many thousands of dollars above the sum set aside for expenses. In 1923 the sum of \$12,778.14 was used by the sheriff's office for expenses. The total amount of fines levied in 1923 as nearly as we can ascertain at this time, was \$34,150. The net profit to the county therefore, was about \$22,000.

For this year, the showing is nearly as good. Since last January a total of \$20,520 has been levied in fines to date, and there are 15 cases still pending which will pay the expenses of all the work of obtaining evidence to date, leaving the amount thus far collected as a net profit. There are still nearly four months left in the year for the sheriff and his men to work in.

The supervisors were fully advised as to all the facts when they allowed the sheriff's office \$19,068 for this year's expenses. There was not a dissenting word when the motion was made to allow that amount. On the contrary approval was expressed by all present, including the taxpayers' committee.

We do not think it would do at all to leave enforcement to the federal officers. They are absolutely incompetent so far as Mendocino county is concerned. Our best protection is the sheriff and his deputies and as long as the fines more than pay the expenses of getting the evidence and prosecuting the cases we can not see that there is any valid objection to allowing the sheriff's budget.

HOSPITAL HEADS MEET AT TALMAGE ASYLUM

The meeting of the state hospital heads scheduled to be held Friday was held Wednesday and Thursday of this week instead. There were present at the meeting the following:

H. R. Braden, member State Board of control.
W. D. Wagner, Director of Institutions.
Dr. Fred Clark, Supt. Stockton State Hospital.
Dr. J. M. Scanland, Supt. Napa State Hospital.
Dr. L. S. Stocking, Supt. Agnews State Hospital.
Dr. J. A. Reilly, Supt. Southern California State Hospital.
Dr. E. Waite, Supt. Norwalk State Hospital.
Dr. F. O. Butler, Supt. Sonoma State Home.

G. B. McDougall, State Architect. The party were the guests of Dr. D. R. Smith, head of the local institution. The principal purpose of the meeting was to take up the budget and decide as to the appropriations to be asked of the legislature at the next legislative session.

Senator F. C. Handy was present and took part in the conference.

Mrs. Chris Bruns left the first of the week, accompanied by her mother, for San Jose, where she will remain for a few weeks' visit.

LOS ANGELES VISITOR AT YORK HOME HURT

Unseated from the saddle when the horse she was riding started to buck, Mrs. Sue Carmien, a Los Angeles visitor at the Roy York home in Ukiah, was seriously injured on Elk Mountain, Lake county, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carmien, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Courtwright, recently came from Los Angeles to enjoy a hunting trip on Elk Mountain, and were staying at the York cabin there. They were joined Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. Roy York of Ukiah. Mrs. Carmien expressed a desire to ride horseback, and a gentle animal was obtained at the ranger station.

Shortly after Mrs. Carmien mounted, the horse began a terrific bucking which soon unseated Mrs. Carmien, throwing her off, her foot catching in the stirrup. She was dragged a considerable distance by the frightened animal, until she lost the shoe off her foot, which released her from her perilous position. She was picked up unconscious by her husband and friends, and rushed to Ukiah, where it was learned she was suffering from several fractured ribs, numerous cuts and bruises, and severe shock. She is reported to be much improved at present. Mrs. Carmien was formerly Mrs. Ed. York Jr.

It is thought a hornet stinging the horse started it to bucking.

JUDGE FINDS AGAINST WILLY-KNIGHT AUTO

Judge Preston last Friday rendered his decision in the case of the People against a Willys-Knight automobile. He decided that the automobile, which belonged to one, Chicago, and which was taken while it was being used to transport liquor, could be levied on under the state laws and sold to pay the expenses of capturing and keeping it. After the expenses are paid the bank which holds the contract on the machine may satisfy its lien and collect its attorney fees and then the remainder of the price realized from the condemnation of the machine will go to the county treasury.

The decision opens the way for future similar actions.

Along the same lines the district attorney may open condemnation proceedings against places where liquor is kept or sold and close them up for a period of a year, during which time they may not be occupied as residences or used for business purposes of any sort. There are many such places in the county, which have been raided time after time, and it would not seem to be a bad idea for District Attorney Hurley to take condemnation measures against them.

LAUNDRY CHANGES HANDS

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Amstein have sold the Ukiah steam laundry to Howard W. Mitchell, of Sacramento, who took possession the first of the week and who is now conducting the business. Mr. Mitchell is an experienced laundryman and bids for a share of the patronage of the public in Ukiah and vicinity.

He is a pleasant gentleman to meet and will be welcomed in the business life of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Amstein are leaving many warm friends behind who unite in wishing them success wherever they may elect to settle.

HOLDING BIG SHOE SALE

Hornbrook's shoe store, the home of good shoes in Ukiah, is holding a big sale of its stock, and particulars may be obtained by consulting the ad in this paper. The prices quoted seem to be unusually low for such sterling values, and doubtless many will avail themselves of the chances offered to obtain bargains.

County Clerk Prather and family spent the week end visiting Annie Ornbaum in the Ornbaum section.

Judge Redwine and wife, of Covelo, were week end visitors here at the home of Mrs. Jessie Redwine.

SUPERVISORS TRANSACT REGULAR MONTHLY ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

The Board of Supervisors met at 9 A. M. Sept. 2, 1924, pursuant to law to set the tax rate for the ensuing year. Present: A. J. Fairbanks, chairman; E. L. Williams, E. M. Ford, W. H. Ross and N. P. Howe, members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A resolution to appropriate \$5,000 in the budget for a County Free Library was defeated.

The rate of taxation on the hundred dollars for county purposes was fixed at \$2.00 inside incorporated towns and \$2.40 outside incorporated towns.

The following rates of taxation on the \$100 valuation for school purposes: Albion, .45; Bear Harbor, .37; Bridgeport, .16; Counts, .20; Fort Bragg, .94; Farley, .25; Gallo-way, .45; Glen Blair, .06; Greenwood, .21; Jackson, .21; Laurel, .03; Leggett Valley, .28; Little Lake, .20; Low Gap, .30; Mitchell, .45; McDowell, .14; McNear, .12; Noyo, .10; Occidental, .88; Potter Valley Union, .59; Redwood Valley Union, .54; Round Valley Union, .65; Spring Grove, .21; Ukiah, .62; Virgin Creek, .08; Willits, .54; Ryan Creek, .05; Signal, .35; Two Rivers, .13.

High Schools

Anderson Valley Union, .50; Fort Bragg Union, .35; Mendocino Union, .26; Hopland Union, .80; Point Arena Union, .40; Round Valley Union, .40; Ukiah Union, .43; Willits Union, .30.

The assessment of the Northwestern Pacific R. R. Co. and the Pullman Co. in Mendocino County by the State Board of Equalization was entered in the minutes.

The statement by the County Auditor of the financial condition of Mendocino County, under section 3737 of the Political Code was ordered filed.

The amount for official bonds of

constables of Mendocino County was fixed at \$1,000.00 each.

The Judge of the Superior Court of Mendocino County prescribed \$2,000 as the amount of official bond required from a Supervisor of Mendocino County.

It appearing that the returns of the August 26th election had been received from all of the voting precincts in Mendocino County, the Board adjourned to 9 A. M. Sept. 3, 1924, to canvass the votes cast at said election.

The Board at 9 A. M. Sept. 3, 1924 with all members present except W. H. Ross.

The Board canvassed the vote cast at the election held Aug. 26, 1924, and declared the result as set forth and entered in the minutes of the Board.

The Board then adjourned to Sept. 8, 1924.

The Board met at 3:30 o'clock P. M. September 8, 1924, with A. J. Fairbanks, chairman; E. L. Williams, E. M. Ford, W. H. Ross, and N. P. Howe, members present.

E. V. Pettis, Traffic Officer, was granted a leave of absence from the State until January 1st, 1925.

A claim of P. H. Joseph against the County of Mendocino for \$18.00 for glasses was rejected.

The County allowance to August Lazzarini was discontinued after Sept. 30, 1924.

Lizzie Pyhaluoto was granted a county allowance of \$30.00 a month cash beginning Sept. 1st, 1924.

Mrs. Mary Alameda was granted an allowance of \$25.00 a month cash beginning Sept. 1st, 1924.

The county allowance of Louie Owens was discontinued Oct. 1, 1924.

Plans and specifications for construction of a reinforced concrete vault in County Treasurer's office were accepted, and bids for the construction of the same, to be opened (Continued on page 8)

FIRE WARDEN LOSES AUTO; BADLY INJURED

Tom Clary, deputy fire warden of this place, had a narrow escape last Saturday when his automobile went off the grade near the scene of the Low Gap fire, which Clary was attempting to put out with a force of men.

Clary was en route back to the county road at Windy Nook after a trip into the old Hussey place, by a narrow private road which leads to the Hussey and Snuffin ranches. His car went over the bank, when the roadway gave way at a place where it was supported by a log, which had burned out. Clary was thrown clear of the car and into a bed of coals, and received a badly burned arm. He scrambled out and back to the road and fought his way out through the fire, leaving the auto to its fate. The machine was destroyed.

The fire burned over about 1500 acres of brush and timber on the Brunner, Snuffin and Mann places.

CHIROPRACTORS TO MEET HERE ON OCTOBER 5TH

Through the efforts of Ralph Blend, local chiropractor, the regular monthly meeting of the northern section of the California State Chiropractors' Society has been brought to Ukiah. The meeting will be held on October 5, but the most of the delegates are expected to arrive on Saturday, the 4th.

Arrangements are being forwarded by the chamber of commerce to provide some sort of entertainment for the visitors.

Dr. Blend deserves the thanks of the community for his efforts to bring the meeting here, as Ukiah will come in for some good advertising as the result of their visit.

G. A. Keller and wife were visitors to Napa the latter part of last week.

UKIAH MERCHANT HURT IN MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT

Bert Cleland, well known Ukiah business man, was more or less seriously, but it is thought not dangerously, hurt last Tuesday morning, when his car went off the grade on the Boonville road. The accident happened about a quarter of a mile this side of the S turn below Bell valley. Cleland was going down hill and another car was coming up. They met on a turn and Cleland turned his car to the outer side of the road to avoid a collision. The other car is said to have struck his car and forced it off the grade.

Earl Cox, who was driving Cleland's hearse close behind, soon arrived on the scene, together with several others, and Cleland was taken to Boonville.

The car was driven out on its own power.

Cleland was unconscious for a time, and suffered several hours from concussion of the brain, but is now getting along well, and no untoward effects are anticipated.

POTTER VALLEY GIRL ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

POTTER VALLEY, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Hinton's granddaughter, who lives with her grandmother near Baker Springs, accidentally shot herself last Friday. She was going out of the door with a rifle when the gun was discharged, sending the bullet through her left breast. She was immediately taken to Willits for medical aid. The wound is not thought a serious one.

BREAKS COLLAR BONE

Bert Gibson suffered a fracture of his right collar bone the first of the week, when a horse he was riding fell. Mr. Gibson was thrown from the horse and the barrel of a rifle he was carrying struck him on the shoulder, causing the fracture.

NATIVE SONS PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR WINTER

After the regular meeting of the Native Sons of the Golden West Friday evening, September 5, there were several local prominent people taken into their membership, the initiatory work being performed by their degree team. A well appointed banquet followed, interesting talks being given and considerable mirth being occasioned by the stories of Dr. "Tony" McMahon, who belongs to Stanford Parlor of San Francisco. Dr. McMahon was followed by Dr. Donald R. Smith, who spoke on "Defense Day," which will be held on September 12, and what it meant to every community, California in particular. It was the unanimous expression that all Native Sons meet at the Palace hotel at 10:30 a. m. and go to the State theatre in a body.

A snappy social calendar is being prepared for the coming months, including dances, socials, etc. One in particular will exceed the "Italian Night" held last fall.

The local parlor of Native Sons have had a great honor conferred on them in obtaining the membership trophy for having secured the greatest number of new members in comparison with other parlors of similar rating.

Besides the coming social events, the local parlor have two slogans which they will endeavor to follow up, "Better Citizenship" and "Civic Betterment."

WM. HOWARD PASSES TO REST SEPT. 7TH

Wm. Howard, a member of one of Ukiah's oldest pioneer families, passed away last Sunday after several month's illness. Funeral services were held on Tuesday from the Eversole chapel, the sermon being preached by E. R. Couch, pastor of the Baptist church, and the Masons taking charge of the obsequies at the grave.

Mr. Howard was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Nov. 27, 1841. He crossed the plains with his father, the late M. W. Howard, in 1856, and the family settled here in 1858. He had lived in this county ever since, being engaged in ranching the greater part of his life.

He leaves to mourn his passing a widow and five children, as follows, Lou and Elmer Howard, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Fred Rothschild and Rachael Markham. He also leaves four brothers—Alf, Pete, Mack and James.

Mr. Howard was a citizen of sterling honesty and his loss will be keenly felt by his many old time friends. To the sorrowing widow and children, the heartfelt sympathy of the community is extended in their bereavement.

GETS FINE

The case of the People vs. Angeli, who was arrested at Fort Bragg and charged with assault with a deadly weapon, a knife, on E. Borelli, was tried yesterday in the superior court, the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty of simple assault. The defendant asked for judgment at once and was fined \$250 by Judge Preston. In the afternoon a damage suit brought by Borelli against Angeli in connection with the same assault, was tried before the judge, who, after hearing the evidence, assessed the damages at \$230.

WILLARD BROADDUS HOME

Willard Broaddus, who has been absent for several years, a portion of which he has spent in the regular army in the Philippines, returned Tuesday to his home at Talmage and will remain for some time visiting his parents there. Broaddus has had many varied experiences since leaving here, and has enjoyed life, but is nevertheless glad to be home again.

Atty. M. H. Iversen and wife and Elmer Gibson and wife were among those from Ukiah who attended the state fair at Sacramento the latter part of last week.

SEVERAL IN LINE FOR TAX COLLECTOR'S JOB

Candidates Numerous Should Incumbent Cunningham Tender Resignation

The resignation of Tax Collector Lee Cunningham, which it was rumored last week would be tendered to the board of supervisors at their meeting this week, did not materialize. Mr. Cunningham's friends, according to report, have advised him against any such move at this time, as he steadfastly maintains his innocence and it is believed a resignation under the circumstances would create a false impression with the public. Arrangements are being made to take up the matter of furnishing an additional bond in lieu of the eight thousand-dollar bond already paid by the bonding company to make up the shortage.

It is stated that the surety company will ask to be released from the entire bond, and, according to report, Mr. Cunningham's friends yesterday had completed arrangements to make up a personal bond, should the company take such a course. The bonding company has been recompensed for its loss of \$8,000, we understand.

The prospect of a vacancy in the office has brought out a flock of applicants. Among them are Volney Van Dyke, of this city, Robert Redwine, of Covelo, Roy Milne, of Talmage, I. F. Iversen, of Fort Bragg, a brother of Atty. M. H. Iversen of this city (he is said to have withdrawn when the board appointed John McGimsey, Attorney Iversen's father-in-law as janitor this week), M. B. Gibson, and George Willits, of Willits. There are rumors of several others.

The lineup on the supervisors is reported to be as follows: Chairman Fairbanks, neutral; E. M. Ford, favoring Van Dyke, his son-in-law; Newt Howe, favoring Iversen, with Van Dyke as second choice; E. L. Williams, neutral; Wm. Ross, neutral. Iversen's withdrawal, if true, will give Van Dyke two votes. Redwine hails from Fairbanks' district, as does also Willits; Milne is supposed to not be unacceptable to Williams, who is also reported to have no objections to Van Dyke.

As the matter stands, it is anybody's job—provided always, of course, that Cunningham is forced out. Should he provide the bonds required, he cannot be made to resign on mere suspicion. It would require a conviction by jury.

Sheriff Byrnes will make a full and complete investigation of the shortage, it is stated, after which action will be taken by the authorities.

DEATH OF MRS. HASWELL SHOCKS FRIENDS HERE

The Ukiah friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Mortenson and of Mrs. Haswell, mother of Mrs. Mortenson, were shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Haswell, which occurred in San Francisco last Monday.

Mrs. Haswell had visited here a great deal and had a host of warm friends among Ukiah people.

She left here several weeks ago on account of failing health, but her friends had no idea her condition was so serious and the news of her death brought a shock to all.

The cause of her death was dropsy following chronic heart trouble.

The sincerest sympathy of their Ukiah friends is extended to the bereaved relatives.

UKIAH FAMILY IN AUTO WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edson and son, Chester, of Ukiah, were pinned under the machine in which they were riding when a collision took place with another car between Maxwell and Williams in Colusa county last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lynch, of Ukiah, were the occupants of the second car, traveling in the opposite direction, and, not being injured, were able to lend assistance to the family pinned under the car. Members of the Edson family were not injured.