

EXPERTS MAKE THEIR REPORT

CLARK AND BUCHANAN SAY THAT UMATILLA OFFICERS ARE SHORT.

County Clerks Back as far as 1898 Failed to Turn In All the County's Money.

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 6.—Clark and Buchan, the experts that have been employed the past summer expediting the records of the county, have submitted their report to the county court. The report is practically complete, and but a few days' work remains to be done on the books in the treasurer's and assessor's offices. The report of the office of the sheriff, giving in detail the methods employed for the past several years and the exact amount of the shortage as found by the experts, is now in the hands of District Attorney Phelps in Heppner.

By lax methods in collecting fees for instruments filed in the office of the county clerk during the past seven years the county has lost, according to figures of the experts, the sum of \$1,331.4. Nearly all of this shortage is accounted for by clerks failing to collect fees for instruments when filed for record.

The following list of county clerks, the experts claim, failed to collect all money due the county: B. S. Burroughs, republican, July 1, 1898, to July 5, 1900, \$411.10; William Chamberlain, democrat, July 6, 1900, to July 7, 1904, \$830.37; Frank Saling, republican (present incumbent), July 8, 1904, to July 1, 1905, \$90. Half of this amount has been paid since July 1, leaving a small amount yet to be collected.

In their report the experts say that with one exception there has been poor accounting. The records are cumbersome, complex, out of date and in too many instances, a total incorrectness has prevailed. The laws have not been carefully regarded nor have they been wisely evaded or altered. The report says:

"We are pleased to testify to the general excellence of the records in the recorder's office, as they are found

to be uniformly clean, legible and accurate. Accurate fees have been substantially and properly accounted for."

MARRIAGE AGENCY.

S. D. Commissioner Will Assist a Boston Maiden.
PIERCE, S. D., Nov. 6.—Miss Anita Weston of West Summerville, Mass., has written to the census department asking to be put in communication with some South Dakota bachelor. She calls attention to a clipping showing the large percentage of men over women in this section, and says: "It almost took my breath away just to think of all those old bachelors out there. Here it is just the opposite; unmarried men are so scarce that congress is considering plans by which they may be protected from persevering females."

"Now, if the old bachelors are really so plentiful, do put me in communication with some of them right away. Consider it your duty as a Christian, if you will, only please don't infer from this that any man will do. I would like to correspond with a refined, educated person."

The writer then says that she is American-born, 28 years of age, a brunette of medium height and build, and a stenographer. She admits frankly that she has a yearning to have a home of her own.

Commissioner Robinson is doing his best to fill this order, but feels that he needs the assistance of the press to help him in this the first application to help out a maiden forlorn through the census department.

Wanders to Death.

OTTOWA, Minn., Nov. 6.—An aged man named Charles wandered away from his home in this city last night, and although friends and officials have made every effort to find him, no trace could be found. Today his lifeless body was found near Pratt, five miles south of here. He was 86 years of age and no doubt was a victim of the freezing weather of last night. He has been feeble-minded for some time past, and two years ago wandered eight miles into the country, where he was found a few days later by farmers. His son F. A. Charles is a printer in Minneapolis.

KING IS THE TOUGH COUNTY

HOLDS RECORD FOR NUMBER OF CONVICTS SENT TO STATE PRISON.

In Past Five Years Sent Up 415 Criminals—Walla Walla Committed 75 in That Time.

Of the number of convicts sent to the state penitentiary between January 1, 1900, and October 1, 1905, King county holds the record with 415. The Walla Walla superior court sentenced 75 prisoners to terms in the prison during that time. Clallam is the only county in the state that did not send a criminal to the prison in nearly five years. The details by counties follow:

- Adams, 17; Asotin, 2; Chehalis, 37; Chelan, 20; Clallam, none; Clark, 31; Columbia, 8; Cowlitz, 30; Douglas, 13; Ferry, 7; Frankiin, 8; Garfield, 8; Island, 14; Jefferson, 15; King, 451; Kittitas, 17; Kittitas, 47; Klickitat, 5; Lewis, 33; Lincoln, 60; Mason, 8; Okanogan, 24; Pacific, 11; Pierce, 158; San Juan, 1; Skagit, 59; Skamania, 2; Snohomish, 111; Spokane, 244; Stevens, 17; Thurston, 16; Wahkiakum, 2; Walla Walla, 75; Whatcom, 66; Whitman, 46; Yakima, 77.

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