Disbursements.

Remittance	$ 2,041.97
Balance June 30, 1903	53.19
	$ 2,095.16

UNIONTOWN.

Receipts.

Balance July 1, 1902	$ 21.44
Taxes collected	62.91
County tax sale	.92
	$ 85.27

Disbursements.

Remittance	$ 83.41
Balance June 30, 1903	1.86
	$ 85.27

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury July 1, 1902	$118,222.49
General—State	35,263.31
Military—State	3,156.62
Interest—State	3,138.96
School—State	77,391.12
Current expense—County	80,021.56
School—County	124,850.84
School district—special	50,040.74
School district—general	128,700.67
Road district	29,342.41
Road and bridge	20,503.51
Indigent soldiers	443.71
Institute	186.00
Sinking fund	13,274.37
Colfax	11,706.94
Colton	109.38
Elberton	367.38
Farmington	22.52
Garfield	2,458.18
Oakesdale	1,420.73
Palouse	5,317.21
Pullman	7,248.18
Rosalia	1.22
Tekoa	1,849.75
Uniontown	63.83
Total	$715,101.63

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

General—State	$ 36,013.92
Military—State	3,225.37
Interest—State	3,202.88
School—State	79,016.73
Current expense—County	79,526.39
School—County	125,637.78
School district—special	48,843.47
School district—general	121,317.81
Road district	21,421.29
Road and bridge	16,898.01
Indigent soldiers	460.20
Institute	271.80
Sinking fund	14,005.58
Colfax	11,952.28
Colton	135.47
Elberton	382.50
Farmington	32.38
Garfield	2,174.24
Oakesdale	1,392.96
Palouse	6,293.68
Pullman	7,271.75
Rosalia	1.22
Tekoa	2,041.97
Uniontown	83.41
Sundry accounts	1,324.85
Balance in treasury June 30, 1903	132,173.69
Total	$715,101.63

SCHEDULE OF TOTAL EXPENSE, INCLUDING OFFICERS' SALARIES AND SUPPLIES.

Salaries.

Assessor, deputies and clerks	$ 2,511.30
Assessor's field deputies	2,357.45
Auditor, deputies and clerks	4,375.46
Auditor's copyists and tax work	3,948.09
Clerk, deputies and clerks	2,964.20
Treasurer, deputies and clerks	5,216.03
Sheriff and deputies	4,140.81
Surveyor and assistants	1,793.85
Prosecuting attorney	2,118.61
Superintendent of schools and assistants	1,367.25
Superintendent and labor at county form	759.15
County physicians and expense	916.75
Judge of Superior Court	1,500.00
Janitors of court house	1,080.00
Commissioners	942.00
Fruit inspector	146.55
Board of education and eighth grade examiners	58.57
Court stenographer	900.00
Total	$ 37,096.07

Officers' Supplies and Expenses.

Auditor	$ 1,723.35
Assessor	463.33
Treasurer	1,193.13
Clerk	410.50
Prosecuting attorney	323.61
Commissioners	749.90
Surveyor	273.52
Superintendent of schools	473.60
Sheriff	2,886.87
Expense court stenographer	32.30
Total	$ 8,530.11

Superior Court.

Insanity cases	$ 162.60
Juror fees	2,941.80
Witness fees	2,429.20
Board of jurors	87.00
Bailiff's fees	138.00
Miscellaneous	80.80
Total	$ 5,839.40

NOTE.—The expense of Superior Court includes $1,882.50 as costs, which were incurred in June, 1902, and is not properly a charge for fiscal year ending June 31st, 1903. The actual cost of Superior Court for fiscal year was $3,956.90.

Justice Court.

Constable fees	$ 326.65
Juror fees	42.20
Witness fees	603.55
Justice fees	354.55
Miscellaneous	44.85
Total	$ 1,371.80

General Expense.

Coroner's fee and inquests	$ 336.00
Care of poor outside of hospital and poor farm	3,991.64
Care of indigent sick at hospital	1,572.88
Supplies and expense at county farm	1,717.88
Contagious diseases	803.00
Supplies and repairs for court house and fuel	2,604.61
Insurance, court house and county farm	1,828.50
Expense and board of prisoners	1,026.81
Experting auditor's books	367.20
Expense of election	2,746.17
Miscellaneous	819.30
Total	$ 17,814.05

SUMMARY OF ALL EXPENSES.

Officers' salaries	$ 37,096.07
Officers' expense	8,530.11
Expense of superior court	5,839.40
Expense of justice court	1,371.80
General expense	17,814.05
Total expense—current expense fund	$ 70,651.43

WARRANTS ISSUED.

Total Number of Warrants Issued During the Fiscal Year, July 1, 1902, to June 30, 1903.

Current expense fund	3026	$ 70,651.43
Road and bridge fund	536	15,335.45
Indigent soldiers' fund	29	485.00
Institute fund	1	271.80
Refunding orders	8	77.98
Total	3600	$ 86,821.66

RESOURCES.

Statement of Resources and Liabilities, July 1, 1903.

Cash in treasury	$132,173.69
Uncollected county taxes	35,067.03
County farm, land and improvements	5,500.00
Stock and implements at county farm	1,000.00
Court house and grounds	150,000.00
County bridges (estimated)	80,000.00
Total	$403,740.72

Liabilities.

Cash in state funds, due State	$ 9,441.80
Cash in school funds, due school districts	57,973.08
Cash in road district funds, due road districts	13,476.31
Cash in city funds, due cities	2,823.09
Bonded indebtedness	92,000.00
Interest on bonds from April 1, 1903, to July 1, 1903	1,150.00
County warrants outstanding, called but not paid	3,571.20
Excess of resources over liabilities	223,305.24
	$403,740.72

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
County of Whitman,
ss.

I, H. H. Wheeler, Auditor of Whitman County, Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement contains a true and correct account of the finances of Whitman County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1902, and ending June 30, 1903.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 16th day of July, 1903.

H. H. WHEELER,
Auditor of Whitman County, Washington.

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LARGE ESTATE SOLD

Conatser Land Sold for Distribution Among Heirs.

The Vast Holdings of the Dead Miser Brought About Forty Thousand Dollars.

Saturday afternoon witnessed the public sale at the court house of the Conatser estate which has been in the courts for more than two years. The sale was held by Thomas Keyes, referee, D. F. Anderson acting as auctioneer. The 1500 acres of the estate was divided into eleven tracts, which were sold under separate bids. The lots in the town of Sunset were also sold and the proceeds of this sale will be divided among the heirs of the late Joseph Conatser, after the court costs and sundry other expenses have been paid.

The land brought a very good price and the bidding was spirited for some of the land. Tracts number one and eleven were sold together, and were bid in by W. C. Conatser, a cousin of the deceased, at $22 50 per acre, there being 260 acres. Tract number two was also bought by W. C. Conatser, who bid $20.50 per acre, there being 215 acres in that tract. Tract number three, containing 220 acres, was purchased by W. C. Baker on a bid of $24.50 per acre. Tract number four, containing 130 acres, was bid in by W. M. Austin at $25 per acre. Tract number five, containing 135 acres, sold for $32 50 per acre and was purchased by L. F. Rohleder. Tract number six, containing 200 acres, went under the hammer at $30 per acre, and E. H. Hinchliff is the new owner. Tract number seven, containing 30 acres, brought the highest price, $35 per acre, and was purchased by L. F. Rohleder. Tract number eight, containing 160 acres, sold for $23.75 per acre, Chas Dezell being the purchaser. Tract number nine, containing 53 acres, brought $20 per acre and was bid in by W. C. Conatser. Tract number ten, containing 7.72 acres, was also bid in by W. C. Conatser, bringing $24 per acre. There were about 100 lots in the town of Sunset sold, most of them bringing on an average of $5 apiece. Those with improvements brought a much better figure, the sum realized from the sale being in the neighborhood of $40,000, which is very near the estimate which had been placed upon the value of the estate.

A large number of farmers, real estate and business men from various parts of Whitman county, and Sunset in particular, were present for the purpose of bidding upon the land. It is the general opinion that the estate brought a fair price and many who attended for the purpose of picking up snap bargains when they appeared, found that there were people there who wanted the land worse than they did. It speaks well for the value of land in Whitman county when a tract containing about 1500 acres is sold in parcels for an average of more than $25 per acre, that too in the face of the fact that much of the land is raw and has no improvements. Many acres of the Conatser estate have never been cultivated and still grow the native bunch grass.

The distribution of the residue of the estate among the heirs will mark the close of one of the most famous will cases ever tried in eastern Washington. Joseph Conatser, the miser of Sunset, died in the Walla Walla hospital on April 16, 1901, of pneumonia. Several days later an alleged will, purporting to be the last testament of the deceased, was filed for probate by Dr. J. F. Cropp, secretary and manager of the hospital. In the instrument the Walla Walla institution the Walla Walla hospital was given $10,000, upon condition that the name be changed to the Joseph Conatser Walla Walla hospital. The remainder of the estate was bequeathed to a brother and sister of the deceased, who were not named and whose addresses were not given, provided they could be located within six months. That instrument also named Dr. Cropp executor, without bonds or intervention of the court.

When the alleged will came for filing the court appointed Henry W. Canfield attorney for the estate and instructed him to make a search for the missing heirs. When they were found they attacked the validity of the will and Judge S. J. Chadwick in his decision went into the case in a most thorough manner and upheld the contention of the heirs that the alleged will was either a forgery or that it was made at a time when Joseph Conatser was not of sound mind, or that undue influence had been placed around him by the hospital authorities. The Walla Walla hospital never appealed the case, thus proving themselves weak in their ground. After the will had been set aside it took several months to prove all of the heirs and the case has attracted wide attention from the fact that those who will now come into the possession of the proceeds of the estate are almost all of them poor people living in Arkansas and Tennessee.

Joseph Conatser was one of those strange characters which are often found among mankind. Many stories are told of how he came to Washington to seek seclusion among the bunch grass covered hills of the Palouse and at one time parties from Texas, claiming to be relatives, said that Conatser was not the dead man's real name, but that he had changed it for the reason that he had committed a crime in the southern states and sought to cover up his identity. Such stories, however, were proven false and the relatives of the deceased were found. As near as can be learned he was born in Tennessee near the battlefield of Chickamauga about the year 1846. When three or four years of age his parents moved to Arkansas, where Joseph grew to young manhood and at the breaking out of the civil war joined the confederate army, serving through the entire conflict.

After the war he returned to Tennessee, went to school for awhile, later going Texas. There it was that his relatives lost all trace of him and for over thirty years Joseph Conatser was dead to his brothers and sisters, never condecending to write to any of them or inform them of his whereabouts. In his nomandic wanderings he traveled in California, Utah and Oregon. In 1872 he came to the Palouse country and took a squatters claim upon 160 acres of land, later filing a homestead. Around that quarter section of land as settlement increased, he gathered the claims of his neighbors by purchase until in 1893 he was the owner of about 2500 acres of land in one body.

The town of Sunset was laid out in the center of the Conatser estate and wealth flowed into the coffers of the man who was of a recluse turn. He came to be called a miser, although no one dreaded to do business with him. His dealings were always honest, but his methods were close, shrewd, prudent and exacting. He was never known to be moved by any charitable impulse and there was nothing in his makeup which would indicate that he cared for the perpetuation of his memory or the gaining of any notoriety. He held a strong aversion to doctors, lawyers and banks and was never known to carry an account with any financial institution.

At the time of his death it was thought that he had buried immense treasure upon his land and fabulous stories were circulated. Some of them had more or less foundation and there is hardly any question but that much money lies hid under the bunch grass sod of the Conatser estate. When Thomas Keyes and Mr. Kinder removed the old man to the hospital on a special train, Conatser had no money in his house, but he produced a chart and directed Mr. Keyes to a spot where a can containing several hundred dollars in gold coin was buried. Mr. Keyes dug up that can and at that time it is asserted Conatser told Mr. Keyes and Mr. Kinder that the spots, marks and dots on his chart indicated the places where money was buried. This chart was placed with the miser's deeds and papers and sewed on the inside of his vest. When the alleged will was filed for probate, all of the papers were turned over to the court with the exception of the chart, which Dr. Cropp declared was not found among the papers. Mr. Keyes and Mr. Kidder, however, have proof that the chart was placed with the other papers and that it was not molested before arriving at the hospital.

This lost chart of the hidden wealth is now as much of a mystery as the life of Conatser had been. In years to come the new owners of the land may plow up old tin cans, etc., containing many thousand dollars. It is a noted fact that in 1893 Conatser was the owner of 2500 acres of land amd that he had sold about 1000 acres during the last ten years of his life, besides disposing of large herds of blooded cattle and horses. No record of other investments can be found and the supposition that he buried his treasure has considerable foundation in fact.

What Good Farming Does.

A story of the remarkable fertility of Washington soil is told by A. C. Dickinson, a pioneer farmer of Walla Walla county, living near Waitsburg, who is in Colfax visiting his sons in-law, C. C. Cram and O. G. Rymer. Mr. Dickinson has lived near Waitsburg for 40 years, having settled there in 1863, and has cultivated his farm continuously since that year. He summer fallows a part of his land each year and sows his wheat on the summer fallowed land in the fall. He says that during the 40 years that he has been raising wheat by this method he has never raised less than 35 bushels per acre, and this year his fall wheat averaged 55 bushels an acre. This was raised on the first land broken by Mr. Dickinson in 1863, making 40 years it has been in cultivation.

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NOTICE

Call for Bids for Furnishing Fuel for Court House.

Notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners of Whitman county, Washington, will, at its office at the court house in Colfax, Washington, on Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 1903, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, receive sealed bids for the furnishing of fuel for the court house for a period of one year from date of acceptance of bid.

Each bidder shall state the price per cord delivered at the court house at which he will furnish wood 2 feet in length and of a good quality. Also the price per ton for coal delivered at the court house.

All bids shall be filed on or before September 8, 1903, at 1:50 o'clock p. m.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 19th day of August, 1903.

[SEAL] H. H. WHEELER,
County Auditor and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman county, Washington, will hear the petition of John Hart and I. B. Harris, for the construction of an electric railroad on county roads.

Whereas, John Hart and I. B. Harris, on behalf of themselves and others, have petitioned the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman county, Washington, for the privilege of using the following named public highways in Whitman county, Washington, for the construction of an electric railroad, to-wit: Colfax and Wawawai road, on the Rebel Flat and Four Mile road to Idaho state line, and from said Rebel Flat and Four Mile road and on the Luce and Farnsworth roads to the corporate limits of the City of Palouse.

Therefore in accordance with Chapter No. 173 of session laws of 1903, the said Board of County Commissioners of said county and state has fixed the time and place for hearing and considering said petition for October 6, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., at their office in the court house in Colfax, Washington.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 9th day of Sept. 1903.

[seal] H. H. WHEELER,
County Auditor and ex-officio Clerk of said Board of County Commiseioners.

Summons in Foreclosure of Tax Lien.

In the superior court of the state of Washington, for Whitman county.

J. H. Taylor, plaintiff, vs. Mark Wright and T. Driscoll and also to all persons unknown having an interest herein, defendants.

The state of Washington to Mark Wright and T. Driscoll: You are hereby notified that J. H. Taylor, the holder of certificate of delinquency numbered 2255, issued on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1901, by the county of Whitman, state of Washington, for the amount of nineteen and 27-100 dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the years 1891-2-3-4-5-6, together with penalty, interest and costs thereon, upon real property assessed to you and of which you are the owners or reputed owners, situate in said county and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Lots 5, 6 and 7, block 27, in the town of Farmington, and upon which he has paid taxes assessed against said property, as follows:

Year's tax.	Date paid	Tax receipt No.	Amt.
1897	March 14, 1901	8941	$ 1 32
1898	" 14, 1901	8168	64
1899	" 14, 1901	7745	1 41
1900	" 14, 1901	740	64
1901	April 23, 1903	7474	74
1902	July 15, 1903	4107	69

Total amount of taxes paid since date of certificate of delinquency ..... $ 5 44

All of said amounts bearing interest at the rate of fifteen per cent per annum; and you are further notified that he will apply to the superior court of the state of Washington, in and for said county, for a judgment foreclosing his lien against the property hereinbefore mentioned; and you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within sixty days after the 28th day of August, 1903, exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend said action or pay the amount due; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered foreclosing said lien for certificate of delinquency, taxes, penalty, interest and costs, against the lands, and premises hereinbefore mentioned.

Any pleading or process may be served upon the undersigned at the address hereinafter mentioned.

ROBERT M. HANNA,
Prosecuting attorney and attorney for plaintiff, P. O. address, Colfax, Whitman county, Washington.

Notice for Publication (Isolated Tract.) Public Land Sale.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Walla Walla Wash., Sept. 1, 1903.—Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the commissioner of the general land office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by the act of congress approved February 26, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 20th day of October, 1903, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 26, Tp. 14 N., R. 40, E. W. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.

JOSEPH L. MOHUNDRO, Register.
YANCY C. BLALOCK, Receiver.

CALL FOR BIDS

For Removing Gravel From the South Palouse River Bed.

Notice is hereby given that the city council of the City of Colfax will receive sealed bids for the moving of gravel from the South Palouse river bed and placing same on the fill at the new bridge on Main street, according to specifications on file in the clerk's office. All bids to be made per cubic yard, and bids will be received up to Oct. 5th, at 7:30 p. m., the council reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

HOWARD BRAMWELL, City Clerk.

Summons.

In the superior court of the state of Washington, in and for Whitman county.

May E. McGuire, plaintiff vs. Edward B. McGuire, defendant

State of Washington, county of Whitman—ss.

The state of Washington to the said Edward B. McGuire, defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to appear in the superior court of the state of Washington, in and for Whitman county, within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within sixty days after the 18th day of September, 1903, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff in said action, and serve a copy of your said answer on J. N. Pickrell, the undersigned, attorney for plaintiff, at his office in Colfax, in the county of Whitman, state of Washington, and if you fail to appear and defend said action and answer the complaint of the plaintiff aforesaid, within the time aforesaid, judgment will be rendered against you, according to the demand of the said complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of the said court.

The object of the above entitled action is to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, on the grounds of defendant's neglect and refusal to make suitable provision for the maintenance and support of plaintiff, being amply able so to do, and on the ground that defendant is addicted to gambling and in that way squanders his earnings. For the change of plaintiff's name to May E. Ellsworth, her maiden name.

Dated Sept. 16th, 1903.

J. N. PICKRELL,
Plaintiff's attorney, postoffice address, Colfax, Whitman county, Washington.

Notice of Settlement of Final Account and Decree of Distribution.

In the superior court of the state of Washington, for the county of Whitman.

In the matter of the estate of Olive Jennings, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that J. B. Johnson, the administrator of the estate of Olive Jennings, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement and filed in said court, his final account of his administration of said estate, and that Saturday, the 26th day of September, 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., of said day, at the court room of said court, in the city of Colfax, Whitman county, state of Washington, has been duly appointed by the said court for the settlement of said account, and for the distribution of the residue of said estate among the persons who are by law entitled, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to said account and to the distribution of said estate and contest the same.

Dated this the 26th day of August, 1903.

W. O. M'CAW, County Clerk.
John Pattison, attorney for said estate.

Notice of Settlement of Final Account and Decree of Distribution.

In the superior court of the state of Washington, for the county of Whitman

In the matter of the estate of William T. Jennings, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that J. B. Johnson, the administrator of the estate of William T. Jennings deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement and filed in said court his final account of his administration of said estate, and that Saturday, the 26th day of September, 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock a m., of said day, at the court room of said court, in the city of Colfax, Whitman county, state of Washington, has been duly appointed by the said court for the settlement of said account, and for the distribution of the residue of said estate among the persons who are by law entitled, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to said account and to the distribution of said estate and contest the same.

Dated this 26th day of August, 1903.

W. O. McCAW, County Clerk.
John Pattison, attorney for said estate.

Notice of Sale of Real Property.

In the superior court of the state of Washington, for Walla Walla county.

In the matter of the estate of Henry W. Hastings, deceased.

Notice is hereby given: That the undersigned, executrix of the last will and testament of Henry W. Hastings, deceased, will on Saturday, the 24th day of October, A. D. 1903, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the courthouse door in the City of Colfax, county of Whitman, state of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: The northwest quarter (NW¼) of section thirty four (34), in Township twenty (20) north, of range thirty-nine (39) E. W. M.) Containing 160 acres, more or less. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

SARAH E. HASTINGS,
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Henry W. Hastings, deceased.

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