

County commissioners

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Third day:

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For riding or driving out of a walk, any sum not less than \$10;
For driving more than 10 head of cattle or horses, any sum not less than \$5

Appointment of Miss Kate Feuerbach as auditor, at adjourned December term confirmed-or in other words she was reappointed to make sure that it was regularly done, as a question had been raised as to whether that old board could legally appoint her for two years. She thereupon filed new bonds which were approved.

Petitioners for road from Bickleton to Prosser having failed to furnish bonds and post notices, the matter was laid over to next term.

Fourth day

The sheep commissioner elect, having failed to file bonds, Jno. Cowan was appointed.

D. Guillard, Sr. appointed liquor inspector for North Yakima and Thos. McAusland for Yakima City. The Yashington Farmer, Washington Ty, Feb. 7, 1885.

County

I find that Sheriff D.E. Lesh collected on the delinquent tax roll of 1883 \$17.73 and paid same into treasurer.

On delinquent roll of 1884 the sheriff collected \$485.56, paid into treasury \$459; in 1885 the sheriff collected on delinquent tax roll \$497, paid into the treasury \$491.24; in 1886 the sheriff collected on delq. roll \$2,942.95, paid into treasury \$2,853.46; on delq. roll of 1887 the sheriff paid into the treasury \$5,710 and collected \$5,866.18 on delq. tax roll and on delq. roll of 1888 the sheriff collected \$6,519.45 and paid into the treasury \$6,482.

The sheriff collected as poll taxes on the above rolls for all years \$1079 and holds receipts for the same as per schedule L of this report.

J.A. Splawn, treasurer collected on delinquent roll of 1885 \$88.67 which has not yet been paid into the treasury and is still due the county.

I examined the record licenses of the county and find that for the year 1888 the sum of \$850 was collected for liquor license and none during the years 1887 and 1888.

In regard to the school lands leased by the county commissioners I find that the sum of \$1,008.50 has been paid into the treasury but the auditor's office can find only receipts on file for \$142.50 and no record of said lands leased or monies received entered in the book of school leases in said auditor's office for the years 1887, 1888 and 1889 as per schedule O.

Have examined the various dockets of the justices of the peace of North Yakima and all fines and taxes by Justices Beck, Milroy and Weed have been paid into the treasury.

Have also examined all territorial criminal cases tried in Yakima county, since the fire of 1882, up to 1890 in which convictions were

Yakima County Statistics

The auditor of Yakima county, J.W. Masters, furnishes the following extract from the assessment roll of that county for 1879--

Total valuation of assessable ~~buildings~~ property- \$815,068

Number of dwellings - 396

Families - 318

Male citizens over 21 - 624

Total population - 1,912

Horses - 4,205

Acres wheat - 3,534

Cattle - 22,665

" barley - 561

Sheep - 2,994

" oats - 1,256

Mules - 74

" potatoes - 156

Swine - 1,750

" corn - 193

Acres timothy - 1,323

" rye - 12

" clover - 13

The auditor adds--

"The foregoing is a correct list as returned by the assessor of Yakima county...but the acreage given above I know^{is} in reality quite incorrect, as the true acreage is perhaps double said amounts and in many cases was entirely neglected by assessors."

--Portland Oregonian, Sept. 2, 1879

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County Officers

The new officers of Yakima county took office on Monday morning.

Sheriff Lancaster and his deputies took charge of the sheriff's office, J.M. Edwards retiring.

This was the most noticeable change of the day.

Prosecuting attorney Ward appeared at the meeting of the county commissioners as legal adviser for the county, succeeding Henry H. Wende. In the office of superior judge, auditor and assessor the old officers succeeded themselves and Judge Preble, Auditor Crocker, Assessor Sindall and Engineer McIntyre kept up their work. Frank Bond, chief deputy under Lea Tittle in the treasurer's office succeeded Tittle as county treasurer (copy)

A.W. Barr became clerk instead of deputy. The Yakima Herald, Jan. 13, 1909.

Sheriff

J.W. Day, the newly elected sheriff of Yakima county has the distinction of having received the largest majority of any candidate for sheriff in the past 18 years, D.W. Simmons, who was sheriff from 1892 to 1894 being his closest competitor for the honor.

The sheriff elected during the period mentioned are as follows:

1892- D.W. Simmons 686.
1894-A.L. Dilley, 34.
1896- A.J. Shaw, 90.
1898-H.L. Tucker, 72.
1900- H.L. Tucker, 192.
1902-R.A. Grant, 540.
1904-R.A. Grant 440.
1908-J.M. Edwards, 221.
1908-J.H. Lancaster, 66.
1910-J.M. Day 702.--

Yakima Republic, Nov. 18, 1910.

County offices

Below is a list of the new offices to be installed
on the second Monday in January:

County clerk, J.W. Day; deputy ; E.E. Cleaver; auditor
W.B. Newcomb; deputy Wilbur Crocker; clerk, Miss Kittie Ward;
recorder, Miss Ada Friend; recorder, D.C. Delle; treasurer, E.G. Peck;
deputy O.A. Clark; bookkeeper, Miss Maud Knuppenberg; cashier,
F. Bond; assessor, Harry Coonse; sheriff R.A. Grant; deputies
W.A. Cox and O.A. Edwards; superintendent of schools, S.A.
Dickey--Yakima Herald, Dec. 30, 1902.

County Redistricted

The county commissioners have redistricted the county on a more equitable basis of population as follows:

No 1-Represented by Frank Horsley of this city--Wenas, Waches (spelling note) Nilo, Selah, Moxee, Fairview, North Yakima, precincts Nos. 2 and 3--population 5,323.

No 2-Represented by W.I. Lince of this city--Coviche, Lampico, Antanum, Fruitvale, Nob Hill, Yakima City, North Yakima, precinct No. 1, Toppenish, Parker, Mt. Adams--Population 5,207.

No 3-Represented by W.L. Dimmick of Kiona--Zillah, Sunnyside, Rattlesnake, Prosser, Kiona, Red Rock, Alder Creek, Mabton, Kenewick, White Bluffs--Population 4,027--Yakima Herald, August 12, 1902.

Jasper W. Day

(County officials)

Jasper W. Day, office deputy under Sheriff Joe H.

Lancaster, today announced his decision to file for the nomination of sheriff of Yakima county on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Day said that he has been urged by many to make the race but declined to enter so long as Sheriff Lancaster by whom he was appointed was a probable candidate.

Sheriff Lancaster's announcement Monday that he will not be a candidate has changed the complexion of the race.

In addition

Mr. Day is well known throughout the county. He was a deputy clerk of the superior court for years and for four years was clerk of the court. For two years he was chief clerk of the operating department of the reclamation service at Wapinitia.

Mr. Day's announcement that he will be a candidate brings five probable candidates into the field. The others are L.A. Dilly, George Kohls, Pat Jordan and Ed Lyons. Yakima Republic, May 6, 1910.

County commissioners

George Alexander was reelected chairman of the board of county commissioners at the organization meeting held in the court house this morning with W.L. Barker of Granger, third district commissioner, sitting as a member of the board for his first time in place of O.W. Middleton.

Alexander has been chairman of the board for two years and by virtue of today's election is entitled to another two years term as chairman.

County

The bar of Kittitas, Yakima and Klickitat, Judge Graves presiding, met at Ellensburg on the 3d ult. to formulate superior court rules for the three counties mentioned. It was decided that court should be held for jury cases four terms a year in each of the counties, commencing January 1st at Ellensburg, February 1st at North Yakima and March 1st at Goldendale and so on throughout the year.

In the main the superior court rules as framed by the bar of King county were adopted. The legal profession of Yakima was represented at this meeting by Judge S.O. Morford and H.J. Snively, prosecuting attorney. It will not be long before litigants can get in under the new regime and fight to their heart's content--Yakima Herald, December 5, 1889.

County

Exceprt from commissioner's meeting.

The new board met in called session.

Present, Joseph Stephenson, H.W. Creason and Frank J. Kandle, the newly elected and qualified county commissioners and Myron H. Elliw, county auditor.

On aballot Joseph Stephenson was elected chairman of the board--Yakima Herald, January 22, 1891.

County

The county officers-elect will qualify and enter upon their duties on the 8th day of January and as a consequence they have been engaged lately in obtaining bondsmen.

. . .The officers and bonds:

George Nevin, treasurer, \$80,000.

Dudley Eshelman, clerk of the court, \$5,000.

J.A. Rochford, county attorney, \$2000.

D.W. Simmons, sheriff, \$ 9,000.

Myron H. Ellis, county auditor \$3,000.

E.A. Shannafelt, assessor, \$ 1500.

W.H. Redman, surveyor, \$1,000.

S.J. Cameron, sheep commissioner, \$500.

J.G. Lawrence, school superintendent, \$500.

Yakima Herald, January 1, 1891.

A bill has been introduced in the state senate to provide a superior judge for Yakima and Klickitat counties as the quantity of litigation and criminal cases in Kittitas county consumes nearly all of Judge Graves' time--Yakima Herald, January 22, 1891.

County

Prosecuting Attorney Rochford petitioned the county commissioners for an allowance for a deputy.

He didn't attempt to show that there was any need for a deputy; admitted that when he accepted the nomination for office he knew that the salary would not exceed \$600 per year; stated that the salary he received went into the general fund of his law firm and that he wanted to employ his legal partner, W.L. Jones as his deputy.

The commissioners made an order allowing him to employ a deputy for the next threemonths at the rate of \$400 per year--Yakima Herald, February 12, 1891.

County Government

All the newly elected county officers assumed their duties Monday and the superceded officials gracefully slid out. The county business is moving along under the new regime as smoothly as of old. Auditor

Bartholet has taken hold of his duties vigorously and seems as much at home in his new quarters as he was in the old. Col. Presser, the retiring auditor, is also deputy clerk of the court and he now occupies the clerk's office where he is closing up his old books. Sheriff Lesh having superceded himself, is anything but green in his work, in fact in the slang of the day, "There are no flies on him." D.W. Stair the new probate judge, is an attorney and thoroughly conversant with probate work so he's all right. Geo. W. Carey, the treasurer, having filled the unexpired term of the late John Splawn, is well up in his duties and performs them in a manner that meets the approbation of all. The officers are all good men and will, a doubt, fullfil their duties honestly and to the credit of themselves and to the voters who in their majesty placed them where they are.--Herald, W.T. ~~Headquater~~ March 7, 1889.

Judicial

The report comes from Ellensburg that owing to continued ill health and on the advice of his physician, Carroll B. Graves will soon resign the office of superior judge of this district.

In that case the vacancy will be filled through appointment of the governor with chances favoring R.K. Nichols or R.B. Milroy of this city--Yakima Herald, June 1, 1893.

County

The new board of county commissioners organized Monday noon by the election of J.H. Hubbard, chairman.

The important transactions were as follows: Letting the contract for bridges across the Yakima at Simcoe and Kiona, to the Pacific Bridge company of Portland for \$15,250; ordering the surveyor to prepare plans for repairing the old Natchez bridge, the contract for which will be let at the February meeting; referring the road petition of the N.P.Y. & K Ir. Co. to commissioner Kelso; authorizing Prosecuting Attorney Rochford to procure suitable offices for himself and Assessor Carpenter at an expense not exceeding \$12 a month--Yakima Herald, January 12, 1893.

The newly elected county officers were sworn in on Monday last.

The only changes were the retirement of Clerk F. D. Eshelman and Commissioners Stephenson and Creason who were succeeded by Clerk J.M. Brown and Commissioners Hubbard and Kelso--Yakima Herald, January 12, 1893.

Fourteen foreigners were admitted to citizenship in Yakima county in 1892--Yakima Herald, January 19, 1893.

Eleven new county roads and two school districts were established in this county last year and 760,567 acres of school land sold for \$164,699.27--Yakima Herald, January 19, 1893.

County

A scheme is talked of for dividing Yakima county. We doubt very much if the southern division has the requisite number, 4,000, to take upon itself the burden of maintaining a county government.

We think the scheme premature and not likely to mature for some yeass to come--Ellensburgh Localizer, May, 1803.

County

The county commissioners after mature deliberation appointed D.W. Stair treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George O. Nevin.

Mr. Stair is an old and respected citizen of Yakima who is well calculated to perform the office capably and well. He will have for his deputy Mr. Kelso, a brother of the county commissioner.-Yakima Herald, April 13, 1893.