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**MRS. FRENCH
REPAYS DEBT**

**MORTGAGES OWN PROPERTY
TO SQUARE SHORTAGE**

Believed Now that Governor West Cleared All French Charges
A check for \$2867.25, the full amount of the shortage of J. A. French, was handed to County Treasurer G. W. Franklin by Mrs. French on Monday. Thus the financial account is balanced, says the Enterprise Chiefstain.
The county treasurer gave a receipt for the "amount of shortage to Wallowa county in full," and the money was placed in the general fund.
When the situation with regard to the former county judge was disclosed, Mrs. French at once began to make arrangements to repay the full amount that had been taken. She had not the money but owned considerable good farm land on Prairie creek. An application was made for a loan, with a mortgage on this land. The money market was in disturbed condition owing to the foreign war and the transaction was not finished until this week. The mortgage was signed, however, and given to the lending company before the holidays. The county authorities had filed attachments on all of Mr. French's property as soon as his peculations were discovered, so that the county was amply protected from the first. But a lawsuit would have been necessary to have obtained the money if Mrs. French had not raised it.
Mr. French did not have many debts beside the county obligation and Mrs. French is squaring them also. The largest part of these, amounting to about \$1,000, consisted of security debts. Mr. French, who never had the heart to refuse any person any favor asked, had signed notes to oblige acquaintances, several of whom had failed to meet their obligations, leaving the surety to pay.
The general fund of the county, into which the repaid money was put, was completely exhausted when it was received, so it was very welcome. As the payment of taxes is beginning, ample funds will be on hand now at all times to pay bills.
Regarding the future of Mr. French himself there continues to be some uncertainty, and much speculation. The petitions to the governor and to Judge Knowles asking that he be brought back for further trial were sent out last week, and the matter is nearly out of the hands of the signers. Former Governor West granted the French pardon on the condition that he repay the amount of his shortage. This has been done, so there could be no excuse now to return him to prison for failure to comply with the terms of the pardon. The governor can do nothing.
It is taken for granted that Mr. West pardoned Mr. French on all the charges to which he pleaded guilty. It is known that Mr. West was cognizant of all features of the case, and was advised that other pleas of guilty beside that on which he was sentenced, had been made by Mr. French. If he had been pardoned only on the one on which he received sentence, Mr. French could be brought back for trial on the others at the May term of court. But if he has been pardoned on all, as seems most probable, an entirely new start will have to be made, if there is to be any further prosecution.
The evidence would have to be submitted to the grand jury anew, and indictment voted. If such indictments were voted, Mr. French would plead not guilty, and the state would have to go to trial. The defense has set up the question of Mr. French's mental responsibility, and this would open the door to a very expensive and protracted court session. Experts would be brought in and a bewildering mass of evidence would be introduced.
About 400 men in the county have signed petitions on one side or the other, and none of these could serve as jurors. So the task of getting a jury would be tedious and expensive. The expense might easily mount up to several thousand dollars.
Judge Knowles has not indicated what he will do in the matter, but it would surprise no one if the case were brought up again before the next term of court, as the petitions of protest were signed by so many resident of the county.

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