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HIGHEST BIDDER GETS CONTRACT

INCENSED CROOK COUNTY TAXPAYERS TAKE COURT'S ACT TO JURY

A dispatch from Bend to a Portland paper says: Aroused by the unusual procedure of the county court awarding contract for cruising all the timber in the county to the highest bidder, the taxpayers have laid the matter before the grand jury.

The trouble, which has been brewing some time, reached a climax a few days ago when the county court awarded a contract for the cruise to A. P. Donohue of Portland. His bid was 5 cents an acre, others ranging from 2 1/2 cents to 4 1/2. This means a difference of \$12,000 to the taxpayers between the highest and lowest bid, as there are some 800,000 acres of timber land in the county.

The matter first came up in January, when the court included in the year's tax levy 1 1/2 mills to provide funds for a cruise of the timber for taxation assessment purposes. Bids were first opened on March 25th, at which time a large number of the big timber owners protested against the cruise, saying the court had no authority to undertake such action, and that after the data were secured the county assessor could not be compelled to use it in making assessments. The matter was postponed until the May term of court, at which time the 11 bids were submitted. Commissioners R. H. Bayley

and James Rice voted to award the contract to Donohue, Judge H. C. Ellis opposing.

The details of drawing up the contract were continued until next Monday, and in the event that the grand jury does nothing injunction proceedings will be undertaken, it is said.

COURT DECIDES AGAINST CITY

CITY LOSES FIRST POINT IN THE "OCCUPATION TAX" MATTER

In the Circuit Court at Prineville last week the injunction suit of E. Maher et al against the City of Redmond to restrain it from collecting "occupation tax," was decided in favor of the plaintiffs.

The demurrer interposed by the city was overruled by the court and the city given 30 days in which to plead further.

The case will now be tried on its merits.

HOTEL IS LEASED

It is understood that the Hotel Redmond has been leased from Mayor Jones for a term of five years by R. Holland of Hermiston, who will take charge of the house the first of the week. A number of improvements are to be made in the building, a steam heating plant being one of the most important.

The Spokesman for good printing.

DAIRY COWS ARE BROUGHT IN

TWO CAR LOADS OF FINE STOCK ARRIVE IN REDMOND LAST SATURDAY

H. F. Meyer and J. W. Brown returned from the Valley last Friday night with two car loads of fine dairy cows. These cows were distributed Saturday morning to people who had signed contracts agreeing to take them.

The cost of the cows ranged from \$60 to \$80 each, with an average of \$65. They were all in milk, and with proper care will easily pay for themselves inside of a year.

Out of the \$15,000 available at the Bank of Commerce to purchase cows with, only \$4200 has thus far been used. If there are others who want cows they should see Mr. Meyer immediately as he will shortly leave for the Valley and Washington points to buy two more car loads. He has almost two cars signed up already.

The very liberal offer of the Bank of Commerce to furnish the money for the purchase of the cows and let the farmers have the cows by paying \$5 a month, ought to appeal to quite a number of people. No other section has had such an opportunity. Sign up for a few cows and it will help you, and the whole Redmond District.

There is little enthusiasm that will not cool in the presence of real danger.

HOMESTEAD BILL IS AGREED UPON

CULTIVATION OF SIXTEENTH OF TRACT SECOND YEAR, 8th IN THIRD REQUIRED

A Washington dispatch says: The conference committee has reached an agreement on the Borah-Jones three year homestead bill.

The bill, as finally agreed upon, is practically the bill as it passed the House, with an added amendment requiring the cultivation of one sixteenth of the area of entry during the second year of residence and one eighth of the area the third year, before making final roof. The essential features of the Senate and House bills are retained.

The homestead period is reduced from five to three years and homesteaders are permitted to be absent from their land not to exceed five months in each year after establishing a residence.

The three year period will begin to run from the time of establishment of actual residence upon the land and if, because of climatic conditions, sickness or other unavoidable cause, a settler cannot establish residence at the time of filing, he may be allowed 12 months from the date of filing in which to commence his residence.

The cultivation requirement that was adopted by the conference committee will apply to enlarged homesteads as well as to 160-acre homesteads and to homesteads on reclamation projects.

Fishing Tackle



Fish are biting good now and if you want to get the right kind of tackle--flies, lines, rods, etc.-- I can fix you out complete at reasonable prices.

Our Soda Fountain with all the Popular Drinks, is at your service

Mendenhall's

PREVENTED A CONFLAGRATION

MENDENHALL FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT WAS QUICKLY SUBDUED

Fire that started from an overheated stove broke out Saturday night at 11:40 in the back room at Mendenhall's confectionery store on 6th street between D and E streets. A Japanese who was passing saw the blaze and gave an alarm and a number of revolver shots were fired by other persons to aid in spreading the alarm.

The front plate glass door was kicked out by an early arrival at the fire and in a few moments, with the aid of a hand chemical fire extinguisher brought by Mayor Jones the blaze was gotten under control. Fire Chief Wells and the chemical apparatus arrived soon after the alarm was turned in, and plenty of chemical was thrown on the smouldering fire to ensure safety from its breaking out again.

The stove from which the fire caught was situated close to a pine partition, which was covered with asbestos, but the fire in the stove was so hot that the partition became ignited where it was not protected.

Mr. Mendenhall had been scrubbing and cleaning up the place and had used the stove to heat water on. He left a short time before the fire broke out, and stated he had no idea there was much fire in the stove when he left. He estimates his loss about \$60, fully covered by insurance.

Had the fire broken out half an hour later, or not been discovered just as it was starting, the chances are that a serious conflagration would have started endangering the whole business section on 6th street for three blocks.

CAUGHT MANY FISH

A fishing party from here composed of R. C. Immele, C. H. Fry and Mr. Ridenour went fishing at Od-in Falls Sunday. They caught some big fish and a large number of medium sized ones. M. A. Lynch, Ashley Forrest, J. D. Butler and Z. Taliaferro went on the same day over in the vicinity of Cline Falls and also had good luck. J. D. Butler secured the largest catch of the day—he gathered in 54 nice trout.

Praise, however exaggerated, is always nearer the truth than abuse. Many people are helpless because they are cowardly.

MAN IS INJURED WHILE BLASTING

FRANK ARNOLD BADLY HURT WITH POWDER ON HIS CLOVERDALE FARM

Sisters Herald: Frank Arnold, who lives in Cloverdale, while blasting rock on his farm Friday forenoon, was blown up and badly injured about the face and head.

Mr. Arnold was using home made blasting powder and in loading a hole used a crowbar to tamp the powder into the hole. It is the supposition that the bar striking against the rock caused sparks which set off the charge of powder. Being almost directly over it it is a miracle he was not instantly killed. As it was Mr. Arnold was badly cut about the face and eyes besides being cut and bruised about the body. He was taken to Redmond and placed under a physician's care, who reports that he believes he will be able to save both of Mr. Arnold's eyes, but that it will be some time before he will be able to use them.

Pieces of rock were embedded in the balls of both eyes, and Mr. Arnold is certainly fortunate if he escapes with his sight.

Mr. Arnold is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Gist of the Commercial Hotel.

The editor of the Herald was engaged in mining for a number of years and is familiar with the use and dangers of powder. For the benefit of those who do not know, never use anything but a wooden stick to tamp powder with.

IS YOUR WANT AD ATTENDING TO THE MATTER FOR YOU?

While you're busy about your affairs—those affairs which you can't leave to others—do you have a want ad attending to your most urgent want ad task?

For, if there's something which a want ad can do for you, there's no need to wait—the want ad SHOULD BE AT WORK NOW.

The Spokesman can help you out with your want ads.

Say what you please, there is some thing lovable about a Tom boy.

How often do you do things when you know better? Be careful! It's a dangerous habit.

You should get no message from your brain or heart that is not somewhere near the truth.

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