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REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY

In Session Five Days; Returned Eight True Bills and Four Not True Bills

IN FAVOR CHANGING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Advocate Replacing Drinking Cups in Court House With a Sanitary Fountain—Found Financial Condition Good

To the Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, Circuit Judge:

We, the grand jury empaneled at the September term, 1913, of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Crook, beg leave to report as follows:

We have been in session five days and have returned eight true bills and four not true bills.

We have given our most careful attention and consideration to all complaints and matters of every kind and nature that have been brought before us, and aside from the bills heretofore reported in the regular course of our labors, we ask your indulgence and present the following recommendations and conclusions for the consideration of yourself, the taxpayers and citizens of the County of Crook:

With reference to the proposed plan to equip an office for the sheriff on the ground floor or basement of the courthouse and to remodel the present jail, we wish to state that we have examined the plans and specifications therefor and heartily approve of them and recommend that the county court carry them out.

Owing to the fact that the treasurer will occupy the present quarters of the sheriff after the first day of January, 1914, when he becomes the tax collector and will have no further use for his present quarters, including the vault, and that the county assessor is in need of the vault, we recommend to the county court that a door be cut into said vault from the assessor's office so that it will be accessible from that office, for the better protection of the records of the office of the county assessor.

We wish especially to call the attention of the commissioner's court, now in session, to the fact that two state statutes are being violated in the court house building and that for a better example to individuals and for a better respect for the law in general, we advocate the abolishment of the drinking cups in the court house and establishment of one or more sanitary drinking fountains therein and the immediate rehanging of the entrances so that all doors leading outward will swing outward.

We also wish to recommend, in view of the fact that the treasurer will have placed on him the burden of tax collection after January 1, 1914, that adequate provision be made in the way of assistance by the county court to enable him properly to do that work. We recommend that his salary be increased to a point somewhere near the value of his services and that sufficient clerk hire be provided, so that the work of collecting the taxes next year will proceed regularly and satisfactorily.

We have examined the books and offices of the various county officials and while the time is so limited that we are unable to give an expert opinion on the accounts, we have been very favorably impressed with the way the offices are conducted and everything seems to have been properly and well taken care of, the county property seems to be in good condition and in a good state of repair.

Furthermore, we wish to reassure the taxpayers and the citizens of the County of Crook that our investigations have demonstrated to us that the financial condition of the county is much better than we believe the general impression among the taxpayers seems to indicate, and we wish hereby to restore confidence, and that Crook county will be out of debt before many more months have passed, is our belief.

We take this opportunity of congratulating H. H. Clow, custodian of the court house and grounds, upon the interest he apparently seems to take in the care and appearance of

the building and grounds, and we hereby declare our confidence in his ability as a caretaker and his competency for the position he occupies and encourage him in the pride he takes in the appearance of the court house and grounds.

We have visited the Home Hospital where is cared for the poor and unfortunates, we talked with some of them and feel that they are being well cared for and are appreciative of the service that is being rendered them.

We believe that the county should avail itself without further delay of the state demonstration farm act of 1913 and make a suitable appropriation out of the funds of the county treasurer to equip one good permanent demonstration farm in Crook county for dry farming demonstration work. By this act the State of Oregon has appropriated one dollar for every dollar the county will so appropriate and we believe that money so appropriated will be an investment of material and lasting benefit to the whole county.

We have examined the buildings of the Crook County High School, including the Industrial Arts building, now in course of completion, and we commend the present high school board for its progressiveness and feel they should be encouraged as much as possible in their sincere efforts to build an institution where our children will be afforded the best of high school instruction when they have finished the regular common school courses.

We desire also to reaffirm the convictions of the preceding grand jury, that of May, 1913, with respect to the purchase by the county of an automobile for the better efficiency and conduct of county business, and believe that for the better service provided by the sheriff's and other administrative offices of the county that the investment has more than warranted itself. In fact, in the one single instance that was so vividly brought to our attention, we refer to

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MANY ATTRACTIONS AT CROOK COUNTY FAIR

BEST LIVE STOCK EXHIBIT EVER HELD IN THE COUNTY

Match Horse Racing and Many Other Events Will Be Interesting for Spectators

The Ninth Annual Crook County Fair to be held at Prineville next week beginning on Tuesday and continuing for five days promises to be the best fair ever held in Central Oregon, and a large attendance is expected from all parts of the county and outside points.

One of the main features of the fair will be the live stock exhibit—hogs and cattle. This, the officers of the fair say, will be the best and most complete exhibit held anywhere in the state, not even barring the State Fair.

Another event that is attracting much attention is the match horse races. There will be horse racing every day, and chariot races will be run on three days. The agricultural exhibits will be large and varied. There will be plenty of good music by a band of 22 pieces, made up of players from different towns in the county.

The fair management has done everything in its power to present a fair to the people this year that they can enjoy and appreciate, and every man, woman and child in Crook county is invited to attend. Wednesday, September 24, will be "School Day," when all school children will be admitted free.

SAMPLE OF ECONOMICAL BUYING Mail Order Grindstone Will Cost Purchaser Heavy

A man living at Suplee, way over on the extreme eastern edge of the county, ordered a grindstone from Sears, Roebuck & Co., at their Seattle branch, to be shipped to him by express. The grindstone arrived in Redmond yesterday morning, where it had to be transferred to the stage line for Prineville. The express charges on the grindstone from Seattle to Redmond were \$2.20. The express charges that will pile up on this stone through the stage express companies before it reaches its destination will undoubtedly be as much more. All these charges, taken together with the first cost of the stone, will bring the total cost of the same way up. Alfred Munz, a hardware dealer here, saw the stone and the express charges to this city from Seattle and stated to the Spokesman that he would have sold the same kind of a stone f. o. b. Redmond for \$1.85. The above is a sample of economical buying as practiced by some of the people who send away for mail order goods.

HOMESTEADERS ARE BENEFITED

Requirement As to Cultivation Modified When Good Faith Is Proved.

NEW REGULATIONS ARE ISSUED BY SECY LANE

Showing Must Be Made of Difficulties in Way of Tillage—Unforeseen Misfortunes May Be Ground for Relief

Homesteaders who honestly and earnestly undertake to establish homes on the public domain will find the Interior Department, under Secretary Lane, disposed to construe the three-year homestead law practically and liberally, giving every encouragement to those who are acting in good faith, but combatting at every turn the man who attempts to use the homestead law for speculative purposes.

Under the three-year law, as it passed Congress, homesteaders are required to cultivate one-sixteenth the area of their entries the second year, and one-eighth the third year, or, on the usual quarter-section entry, cultivate 10 acres the second year and 20 acres the third year and until they receive the patent. The law, however, gives the Secretary discretionary power to waive the cultivation requirement in case he deems such waiver justifiable.

Secretary Fisher, in promulgating regulations for the enforcement of the three-year law, declined in advance to stipulate any class of entries on which the cultivation requirements would be reduced. His regulations were decidedly harsh and brought a vigorous protest from all over the West. The Fisher regulations have been set aside, or rather that provision relating to cultivation, and a substitute ruling has been made by Assistant Secretary of the

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MUCH ACTIVITY IN REDMOND PROPERTY

C. H. FRY ENGINEERS SEVERAL LARGE TRANSACTIONS

W. M. Wilson, H. M. Abbott and Chas. Muma Made Trades and Purchases Last Week

Redmond city property was on the move last week, and a number of farms near the city also changed hands during the week. The C. H. Fry real estate agency put through the different deals. The Redmond property deals that Mr. Fry has made during the past two months will aggregate in the neighborhood of \$90,000. He recently sold the Redmond Hotel property for H. F. Jones to H. M. Abbott for \$25,000, and this, taken in connection with the amounts involved last week, about \$63,000, makes the above total.

As stated last week, W. M. Wilson bought the Redmond Hotel property of H. M. Abbott, and in addition to that he also secured the Muma building and property on the corner of Sixth and F streets. These holdings now give Mr. Wilson nearly a whole block frontage on Sixth street, between E and F streets.

Mr. Abbott in turn, after transferring the hotel property, acquired 240 acres of Swalley ditch land a few miles southwest of the city, and 80 acres of land in the Powell Butte section. Mr. Muma invested in 80 acres in the Powell Butte section also, consideration of which was \$4,500.

Other real estate transactions during the week were the sale of the D. C. Cole farm near the city to N. A. Gardner of Orient, S. D., and the W. M. Miller place near Cline Falls to H. Richards of Springfield, Utah.

Real Estate Loans

THE REDMOND BANK OF COMMERCE is prepared to make the best terms on long time REAL ESTATE LOANS that have been made in this territory.

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REDMOND, OREGON

FOREST OFFICIALS HELP GOOD ROADS

CROOK COUNTY GETS AID FROM THE GOVERNMENT

County Court Appropriates \$500 to Assist in Improving Roads in the County

Crook county people have little conception of the interest taken in the matter of good roads by the local forest service officials, is what the Prineville Journal says. All are aware that it was through the efforts of Supervisor Ross that we are indebted for the Prineville-Mitchell road. Nor does Mr. Ross' zeal stop with the one road. He and Supervisor Merritt of the Deschutes National Forest appeared before the county court at this term and secured the sum of \$500, which will be used in co-operation with the forest service in fixing up the worst places in the lava road on this side of the Cascades. The government will spend a like amount and it is thought that this will make a fairly passable highway over the McKenzie pass into the Willamette valley. Two thousand dollars have already been expended on the west side of the mountains and \$5,000 more has been allotted by the government for road betterment. This should take care of the west side.

Mr. Ross says that the work on the lava beds will be started as soon as weather permits in the spring.

On being questioned as to progress on the Prineville-Mitchell road Supervisor Ross stated that the work for this fall had been stopped. The

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FIVE SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY

THREE TO PEN, TWO PAROLED, ONE SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Quick Action in Case of William Cary Who Burned 70 Tons of Hay

Prineville Journal: Circuit Court adjourned last Wednesday evening, after Judge Bradshaw sentenced five prisoners.

John N. McPherson, convicted of stealing a mare belonging to George Millican, was sentenced to the penitentiary from one to ten years. This was McPherson's second trial. Plaintiff has 60 days to present bill of exceptions.

Loran McPherson, convicted of attempting to commit rape on the person of Mrs. Louise Tobin last Thursday afternoon at the home of William Riechner, was sentenced to the pen from one to ten years. Plaintiff has 60 days to file bill of exceptions.

William Cary, who burned 70 tons of hay last Thursday night for Jim Cram, was sentenced to the pen from six months to three years.

Cary confessed his crime. When questioned by Judge Bradshaw as to the motive he said he didn't have any. He and Jim Cram had traded horses and he thought Jim got a little the best of it. Cary said that Cram told him that the horse was a good one, but ugly, yet, notwithstanding, the trade was made. Cary got to brooding over the matter and it finally got into his head to burn the hay. He rode a buckskin horse

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BOUNTY ON 'VARMINTS' HAS BEEN INCREASED

PROPOSE NEW FISH HATCHERY FOR ODELL LAKE

Game and Fish Commission Believes Riddance of Pests Can Be Accomplished

The State Fish and Game Commission has increased the bounty on timber wolves and cougar, and established two new hatcheries. The commission expects that their action will result in increased activity of farmers and hunters in ridding the country of the "varmints" which have been causing much destruction to domestic animals and wild deer.

The new hatchery which is proposed for Odell lake will prove valuable, because of its geographical position. Hitherto it has been necessary to transport young trout many miles over a rough expanse of country to reach the headwaters of the rivers and lakes in the Coast and Cascade mountains.

Trips on horseback of a week's duration have been necessary in the past. From Odell lake the time required to reach the headwaters of the Rogue, Umpqua, Deschutes and Willamette rivers will not exceed two days.

State Fish Warden Finley expects that the new hatchery will turn out two to three million trout next season. A new hatchery will be established at Klimath lake, from which the supply of young trout will be sent out to the nearby streams and lakes.

The war against the cougar and

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