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THE NEW COURT HOUSE

Bids Have Been Received but the Question is Still Pending.

Bids for the construction of a new court house at Prineville were opened by the county court at their November session. The plans and specifications submitted were the same identical plans offered when bids were called for last June, but at that time the contractors did not visit Prineville to inform themselves as to the local conditions for prosecuting the work. This time the various contractors came here and inspected our quarries, brick yards, etc., and submitted their bids with a better understanding of local conditions. These bids are now in the hands of the county court and that body positively refused to consider them unless the people of Prineville would guarantee the sum of \$6400 to be used for heating and plumbing purposes. A committee of business men is now at work to see what they can do toward raising the amount. It does not follow that the building will go up even if the amount is raised. The county court has not committed itself on this point. One thing was stated positively and that was if the building was undertaken it would not cost the county more than \$40,000, and might be built for less.

The plans call for a stone foundation 9 feet above ground. Here will be located the cells, jail corridors, heating apparatus and wood room. The main floor above will contain the sheriff's office in the northeast corner, the offices of the county clerk in the northwest corner, and on the south side of the floor will be found the rooms of the county court, the county judge and the recorder and treasurer's offices. As the main part of the county's business is transacted here the offices were given the most convenient location. This floor is reached by three broad flights of stone steps, with covered porticoes and vestibules leading into a rotunda situated in the center of the building. The entrance to the different offices of course is from this rotunda. Two flights of stairs lead from this room to the one above.

On the second floor will be located the district court room, jury rooms, the circuit judge's room, a retiring room for the use of members of the bar, surveyor's office, grand jury room, library, school superintendent's room, assessor's room, etc. Two toilet

rooms are located both on this floor and on the main floor below.

As will be seen, the plans and specifications call for a building that will meet all demands for at least a hundred years. The structure will have a native stone foundation and a super-structure of stone and brick. Galvanized iron cornices will be used and the roof will be of tin. The building will be surmounted with 40-foot tower in which will be placed a clock with four transparent dials. The building is 75x107 feet east and west, two stories high with basement above ground. The height to the top of the tower is 100 feet. If built the structure will make the handsomest court house to be found in Eastern Oregon.

Children's Poem.

The Rev. Mitchell requested us to publish the following poem for the benefit of his class of little ones:
"Just as I am," Thine own to be,
Friend of the young, who lovest me;
To consecrate myself to Thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.
In the glad morning of my day,
My life to give, my vows to pay,
With no reserve, and no delay,
With all my heart, I come.
I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve Thee with all my might
Therefore to Thee, I come.
"Just as I am," young, strong and free,
To be the best that I can be,
For truth, and righteousness, and Thee,
Lord of my life I come.
With many dreams of fame and gold
Success and joy to make me bold;
But dearer still my faith to hold,
For my whole life, I come.
And for Thy sake to win renown,
And then to take my victor's crown,
And at Thy feet to cast it down,
O Master, Lord, I come.
—Selected.

Range in Bad Condition.

The range in this section of the country is in a worse condition this fall than for years past, and sheep and cattle men are certainly having a hard time of it trying to find grass sufficient to keep their stock alive until the snow falls when feeding time will begin. Heretofore the dry falls have been partly set off by an abundance of dry feed left over from the spring season, but this year is different, as there is hardly a spear of grass on the outside range, and the hope for rain has almost vanished, for it is now so late in the season that rain would practically do more harm than good. We understand that T. H. McGreer and others, who range their sheep on the John Day river, have already commenced feeding their sheep, as that portion of the country is shorter on grass than the Shaniko section. —Shaniko Republican.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Crook County Schools Made an Excellent Showing in Work Done.

There have been many inquiries regarding the list of awards made to the schools of Crook county at the fair held in Prineville in October. We expected to publish the complete list of prizes before this, but as exhibitors were slow about handing in their cards the matter has been delayed. However, for the benefit of our schools we append the awards made to them:

For the best general school exhibit—First prize, Crook County High School; second, Prineville public school; third, Bend public school.

Composition—First prize, Bessie Donkel, Bend; second, Elmer Pettet, Prineville.

Arithmetic scheme—First, Effie Vanderveen, Madras; second, Nora Mitchell, Prineville.

Language paper—First prize, Claire Hunter, Bend; second, Ruth Adamson, Prineville.

Number work—First, Alma Lippman, Prineville.

The other schools of the county that came in for honorable mention are:

Axhandle school, Rose Gibson, teacher.

Paulina school, Mrs. Elmer Clark teacher.

Mill Creek school, Aulta Snyder, teacher.

Ashwood school, Orpha Pettit, teacher.

Grizzly school, Floy McGee, teacher.

Summitt Prairie, Irene Barnes, teacher.

The judges of the exhibit were greatly surprised at the showing made, especially when it is considered that most of the work represented examination papers. The exhibit as a whole demonstrates the fact that the teachers of the county are putting our schools upon a very high plane of efficiency.

A Good Program at the Educational Meeting.

The educational meeting held in the Union Church Saturday evening was well attended by the ladies of Prineville but for some reason the presence of the pater familias was woefully lacking. Prineville, however, is no exception in this respect. It is the case nearly everywhere that when a movement is on foot for the promotion of the mental, moral or religious side of life in a community the heads of families seem quite content to shift the

responsibility upon the shoulders of the wives and mothers.

The questions arising from our public schools should not be left entirely to the ladies and our school officials however capable they are to handle them. The material side of question should at least appeal strongly enough to arouse a little interest in the men.

What better advertisement can Prineville have as a progressive, up-to-date city than good schools? As County Superintendent Dinwiddie brought out at the Saturday night meeting that about the first question intending settlers ask is "Do you have good schools?" And the answer to this question will largely determine the place where the homeseeker will make his home.

The Prineville schools are the pride of the community. They are improving every year for there is no halting place in educational matters. From the common grades the work has progressed in the past few years to the three-year high school course and this year the three-year course has given way to the full four years' work. A new physical laboratory has been established in the Crook County High School and Principal Strange assures us that next year will see other valuable additions made to the school's equipment so that as complete an education can be had right here at Prineville as can be secured in any high school in the state. These facts should interest property owners. So from a material point of view we say that the heads of families in Prineville should turn out to these educational meetings and show by their presence that they are interested in school work.

Men are queer. Wouldn't there be a roar when they went home to their meals if they had to climb up on a high stool in front of a table on which there was no cloth, and eat their meals in that fashion, yet a majority of men, when they go to a restaurant to eat, will pick out the high stool and the feed board with no cloth on it in preference to a comfortable chair and cloth covered table. A man will borrow a chew of tobacco and most of them will set their teeth into the plug over where some other man gnawed out a chew. Offer him a piece of pie at home from which his wife or one of the children had taken a bite and he would holler his head off. At home he will not drink out of a glass or cup from which some one of the family had been drinking. Call him into the back stall of a livery barn, pull out a bottle and he will stick the neck of the bottle half way down his throat in order to get a swig, after a half dozen other fellows had the neck of the bottle in their mouths. A man is a queer duck. —Ex.

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