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REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY

Covers Many Important County Matters.

INVESTIGATED EVERYTHING

Found County Offices and Affairs All in Good Order.—In Session Seven Days.

In the Circuit Court, State of Oregon, F. Crook county.

Final report of the Grand Jury:

We, the undersigned Grand Jury for the above entitled Court at the May (1909) term thereof, respectfully report as follows:

That we have been in session seven days. That we have returned into said Court 25 true bills and two not true bills, and have investigated 18 other complaints coming before us that we have deemed the evidence not sufficient to warrant any action thereon at this time.

We have furthermore listened to and considered every complaint of every kind which has been in any way brought to our attention, and given the same our most careful consideration, and have not neglected to investigate to the best of our

ability any complaint brought before us. We have visited the different county officials and find them courteous and attentive to their official duties. The records are ready and well kept and the accounts handled in an able and businesslike manner. As to the correctness of the accounts we are not able to say, not having sufficient time at our disposal to verify them.

We find that the salary of the County Treasurer is not sufficient to compensate him fully for performing the duties of his office.

We find the finances of the county to be in good condition.

We have examined the new court house and find it practically completed, and that the contractor has fulfilled his contract in a substantial manner. He has made some changes and improvements not included in the original plans, with the sanction of the county court, at a cost of several hundred dollars, a large part of which he has donated to the county. The building presents a dignified and pleasing appearance. The interior is well arranged. The rooms are of sufficient size and when furnished will be convenient and commodious quarters for the different county officials.

The vaults are fire proof, conveniently located for the use of the various officers and large enough to afford storage room for the county records for many years.

The heating, lighting, plumbing and fire protection are apparently all that could be desired. The jail in the basement is safe and sanitary, but in time will need more cells. As a whole the new building is a credit alike to the county, the contractor, the court that initiated the work and the court that has supervised its completion.

As to the poor we find there are but two county charges at the present time.

We find that the county assessor and the county surveyor have originated a sys-

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REDMOND AFTER ELECTRIC ROAD

All Faith Lost in Harriman Projects

WANT LINE TO THE DALLES

Meeting Held at Redmond and Favorable Plan Outlined—Ask for Co-operation.

Redmond, Or., April 11.

Editor Crook County Journal—

Dear Sir: Most of our people have lost all faith in the purpose of Harriman and others to build a railroad into this region and last Saturday held a meeting to consider ways and means for getting a road into Central Oregon.

The undersigned were appointed a committee to confer with people of other localities with a view to united action. As the meeting was only preliminary no definite course was determined upon, but the following plan was outlined and looked upon with favor:

It is proposed to build an electric road starting at The Dalles and running southward through Madras and at some

point branching, one fork going to Prineville and the other to Bend, with such other branches and extensions as should later prove feasible.

The advantages of such a railroad to the people of Central Oregon, over any other line so far proposed, as appear to the writers, are the following:

It would take us to direct water transportation at The Dalles and at the same place give us a choice of markets east and west over both the Hill and Harriman systems, and thus insure us cheap rates and fair dealing. Such a road could be run independent of other roads and for the benefit of our own section of country; the money earned by it would not be carried off to be expended in buying terminals in some other state.

Lying wholly east of the Cascades in a region of light snowfall it could be easily operated all winter. The abundance of water power along the Deschutes river and its tributaries should reduce the cost of operating an electric road to the lowest point. It is also well known that heavy grades and sharp curves are less detrimental to working an electric than a steam road. We further suggest that a meeting of delegates and others be held at Prineville in the near future for the purpose of considering the whole railroad question as it bears on Central Oregon. Yours truly,

KIRK WRITEN, BEN McCARTHY, Committee.

New Presbyterian Pastor.

Rev. C. C. Babridge of Portland has been named by the presbytery as the new pastor for the First Presbyterian church in Prineville. Rev. Mr. Babridge is a young man of high attainments and the announcement is made that he is expected in Prineville, with his wife, in time to hold services here the first Sunday in June.

CROOK COUNTY HAS HOUSE CLEANING

District Attorney Makes Fine Record.

ERICKSONS GET ONLY ONE YEAR

Eleven Convictions Result, Seven to Serve Time in State Penitentiary.

Circuit court adjourned this morning after the court had passed sentence on C. H. Erickson and wife, Bettie Erickson giving them one year each in the state penitentiary. Seven prisoners are now in the county jail awaiting being taken to the pen as a result of the work of the prosecuting officers at the term just closed, while four others will remain in the county jail to serve their sentence.

C. J. Moran, Leslie Allen and Ed Garotte will each serve two years for house breaking; U. S. Cowles and Dick Dehaven will serve two years each for adultery, and C. H. Erickson and wife will serve one year each, for the attempted killing of Leonard Walters. The Ericksons were granted sixty days to file bill of exceptions and there is some prospect that they will appeal, or ask for new trial, so that they may not be taken to Salem when the other prisoners are taken, which will probably be next Saturday.

This term of court has entirely exploded the idea that it was a hard matter to get prosecution in Crook county. District Attorney Fred Wilson has made a record for himself at this term in his handling of cases before the grand jury and his good work is thoroughly appreciated by the better people of the county. There was nothing brought before the grand jury or his attention that did not receive every attention and the long list of indictments and convictions to his credit tell the story of faithful work better than comment could do.

The grand jury, too, this term was composed of seven of the best men in the county, and their report which appears in full in another column shows that there was not the slightest neglect on their part. Judge Bradshaw gave the grand jury high compliment on the efficient manner in which they performed their duties.

Sheriff Elkins and his helpers have done good work in bringing the guilty parties to justice. The sheriff and district attorney have worked day and night on some of these cases, spent money out of their own private funds, and left no stone unturned to give Crook county about the most thorough house-cleaning she has ever had.

Another fact worthy of note is, that during the two weeks of court there has not been a single arrest made in Prineville for drunkenness or disorderly conduct, and there has been no night policeman on duty.

Last Thursday afternoon the case of the state against U. S. Cowles on a charge of adultery was commenced. Many witnesses were examined and the testimony taken went to make a plain case of guilt against the defendant. This view was also taken by the jury, which brought in a verdict of guilty. In passing sentence on Cowles Monday morning Judge Bradshaw said in substance that there were no extenuating circumstances in the case at all. That Cowles was an experienced and intelligent man and that he had simply taken advantage of this young and ignorant girl and that he would give him the limit penalty, two years in the state penitentiary. The girl in the case is Nellie Dehaven, 18 years old, who lives near the mouth of Trout Creek. A child was born to the girl on the 28th of last January. The other two indictments are still held against Cowles.

Dick Dehaven of Lower Trout Creek, was speedily convicted on the charge of adultery on which he had been indicted. The complaining witness was Annie Dehaven, 17 years old, his step-daughter and also his brother's child, Dehaven having married his brother's widow. The girl went on the witness stand and at first refused to give any material evidence, but later broke down and through her tears told the whole story. Attorney George Barnes, who had voluntarily taken the defense of the defendant told the jury that there was no defence for Dehaven, and the jury was out only long enough to take a vote when they returned a verdict of guilty.

Dick Dehaven and Annie Dehaven

were subpoenaed as witnesses in the Cowles case. Upon arrival in Prineville Dick Dehaven asked to talk with Cowles who was in jail and Sheriff Elkins allowed him the privilege. With Dehaven out of the way the sheriff and District Attorney Wilson succeeded in getting a confession from Annie Dehaven against her stepfather and the grand jury immediately indicted him, while he was still in the jail with Cowles. Thus it will be seen that Dehaven virtually put himself in jail, and the first time that he left the cell was to be arraigned in court on the serious charge. Annie Dehaven at first refused to give her evidence in court, but was recalled later and told the pitiful story.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. C. H. Erickson and Bettie Erickson, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon upon the person of Leonard Walters was taken up the latter part of the week. The evidence was finished by Saturday evening and on Monday the arguments before the jury were commenced. George Barnes and W. P. Myers defended the Ericksons while District Attorney F. W. Wilson and H. S. Wilson had charge of the prosecution. Monday afternoon the court room was crowded with spectators, anxious to hear the argument of H. S. Wilson, and they were not disappointed in anticipating an effort worth hearing.

The story of this case is well known to Journal readers. The state's theory of the case was that Erickson and his wife had sold their ranch to Walters and had received in partial payment for it \$1200. The last \$600 payment had been made by their acceptance of a \$1000 note due Walters from some party in Michigan. The Ericksons were to cash this note and return to Walters his balance of \$400. The motive advanced by the state was that Erickson and his wife had laid a devilish plot to get Walters into a row and kill him in order to keep all the money they had received and in the long run to get back the place which they had sold to him. In connection with this the state presented evidence to the effect that Erickson had borrowed a pistol from Walters and returned it to him only a few days before this shooting scrape occurred, the gun so tampered with that it would not shoot straight and the cartridges having left in them only about one fourth the ordinary charge of powder, so that Walters, in case they could get him into a shooting affair, would not be armed with a weapon that would be effective.

The point on which the state rested its case was that Ericksons had shot at Walters when he had started to leave their cabin to go home, thinking that he had taken all their guns away from them, they being themselves in no danger whatever.

Monday evening the jury returned a verdict of guilt against both defendants.

Tuesday evening the bondsmen of Mr. and Mrs. Erickson, surrendered them to the court and they were lodged by Sheriff Elkins in the room fitted up in the basement of the court house for women prisoners. Their bondsmen were Charles Daly and Watt Jones.

Ed Garotte, who plead guilty to crime of larceny from a dwelling in connection with Leslie Allen and C. J. Moran, the veterinary, was given a sentence of two years in the pen, last Friday morning.

The grand jury returned nine indictments on gambling charges. The first case was against Alex Zevely, Pete Sighlin and Ernest Hays. They were found guilty, and Zevely and Sighlin sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 each and Hays \$150. All three are serving out their sentence in the county jail.

The other eight gambling indictments are as follows, and they still stand against the offenders:

State vs. Alex Zevely, Cobby Stroud, Pete Sighlin and Frank McCaffery.

State vs. Alex Zevely, Cobby Stroud and Pete Sighlin.

State vs. Alex Zevely, Pete Sighlin, Tom Armstrong and Oral Moore.

State vs. Alex Zevely and Emmett Holman.

State vs. Alex Zevely, Pap Rogers, Emmett Holman and Tom Armstrong.

State vs. Alex Zevely, Cobby Stroud and Tom Stroud.

State vs. Alex Zevely, W. W. Collins, Pete Sighlin and Emmett Holman.

The last eight indictments will probably be suspended on good behavior. The prosecuting officers state that they believe they have the arch offenders now serving sentence, and that the others mentioned in the indictments are those who have been inveigled into the gambling games by them. These indictments will be held as a club, in the effort to convince the people that the time has come to quit playing poker.

Five indictments were returned on charges of selling liquor. They are: State vs. J. H. Templeton; defendant was arraigned and entered a

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WILL INSIST ON THOROUGH WORK

Prof. Ashby Says Pupils Must Study

NOPROMOTION UNLESS EARNED

Good Daily Recitations Are of Greater Value than High Examination Standings

In the eighth grade examinations held in the Prineville public schools last week nine out of eighteen pupils received a passing grade and will be recommended by the teachers to take the state eighth grade examinations which will be held today and tomorrow.

The names of those who were successful follow: Arthur O'Neil, Ray Moore, Lawrence Lister, Warren Yancey, Mabel Doak, Maude Potter, Edith King, Leola Estes, Robert Osborn. If these pupils pass the state examinations they will be eligible to take up high school work the coming year.

While those who failed to make the passing grade have the sympathy of their friends, Principal Ernest L. Ashby makes a few statements regarding the work of pupils that should receive the indorsement of every patron of the Prineville schools. He said:

"We do not believe in slipshod methods in the school room. At the beginning of the school year and at frequent intervals subsequently, we have insisted upon thorough work and that without it no pupil would be passed. We do not intend to gloss over the work of any student but must be satisfied they have finished it. If there had been one-half of the hard work done every day on the lessons that has been done during the past few weeks in an effort to 'crum' for these examinations there would have been a very material decrease in the percentage of failures. Its the daily recitations that count, for in making up the grades we take the daily recitations for two-thirds and the examination grades for one-third.

"The questions submitted in the eighth grade examination were not difficult—just average—and many of them on which failures were made ought to have been answered by pupils who have thoroughly finished the sixth-grade work.

"During the coming year we intend to be still more rigid. Not only in the eighth-grade work, but in every grade. No pupil will be advanced until they have done the required work and passed satisfactory examinations. We will put into effect a half-yearly promotion plan. If in January pupils who failed to pass out of their grade can pass a satisfactory examination they will be advanced and can then take up the first work in the next grade above, giving us two divisions in the same grade.

"Please do not misunderstand me to say that anything unreasonable will be demanded of pupils, but we will insist upon thorough work and want to impress on students that this means work on their daily recitations.

"I deem it positively injurious to any young person to get the impression that they can go through life successfully without earnest effort. We cannot lay too much stress upon good work in the common grades for it is about all the school education many of the students get."

Cornett Company Buys Auto Line

The Cornett Stage and Stable Company has joined the procession and now controls the auto line between Prineville and Shaniko. The cars now in service are 40-horse White steamers and make the trip each day by way of Madras, 72 miles, covering the distance at an average speed of 12 miles per hour.

The auto service seems to be very popular and is giving entire satisfaction, although the fare is slightly in excess of the rate charged on the stage. The fare by auto is \$8.50 while that by stage is \$6.50. But what a difference in the manner of the going, so far as comfort is concerned, and then too the long time consumed on the stage trip makes the traveller dig down just a little deeper most cheerfully when he thinks of these things. It looks like the autos have come to stay.

Telescope and jointed steel rods and automatic reels at Petet's.



BEAUTIFUL STYLES IN SUMMER MILLINERY

From time to time during the season we have called attention to the fact that our millinery styles this season would be representative and exclusive pattern hats from importing Eastern millinery houses, and that they would be DIFFERENT from those shown elsewhere. Our heavy sales of millinery goods this spring is evidence that the discriminating and up-to-date ladies have discovered that "difference" and have found our showings to include the most attractive hats in the county. Now that the summer season is on in full blast, we want you to come in and see our late arrivals. They include all that is new, beautiful and desirable. Remember that we have an expert milliner in charge of this department, who will take pleasure in assisting you.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR for LADIES and MISSES

The heat of summer weather brings with it many discomforts unless proper provision is made in the lady's wardrobe to adapt the clothing to the season. There is no economy in being uncomfortable and now is the time to begin to provide these necessities. We are showing the best values we have ever been able to offer in muslin underwear, petticoats, corset covers, etc. We can suit the taste of the most fastidious as well as those who desire only the plain serviceable garments. Do not put off buying until the season is half over. Get comfortable immediately.



We are offering some attractive values in Boys' Suits this week

"PITTSBURGH PERFECT" WIRE FENCE

This is absolutely the best wire fencing made for horses, hogs, stock and poultry. Wherever the wires cross they are electrically welded making an indestructible joint. Made of specially tested, heavily galvanized steel wire. We have in stock in both light and heavy weights 20-inch, 26-inch, 36-inch, 46-inch, 52-inch and 58-inch heights.

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