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County Court

March Term

The county court met in regular session March 6th. Present—H. C. Ellis, judge, presiding; commissioners Bailey and Rice; T. N. Balfour, sheriff; Warren Brown, county clerk.

Petition for county road by R. G. Sturgeon et al is presented to the court and upon due consideration it is ordered that the county clerk forward all papers relative thereto to F. W. Wilson, district attorney, for his opinion as to their validity.

Petition of J. S. McVey et al for county road was presented to the court. Upon due consideration it was ordered that all papers relative thereto be forwarded to the District Attorney at The Dalles for his opinion as to their validity.

All papers relative to the W. F. Mason et al road, the C. J. Mock et al road, the C. D. Preston et al road, the Elmer W. Pershall et al road, the A. O. Walker et al road, the R. A. Harvey et al road and the J. L. Windom et al road, were ordered sent to District Attorney Wilson for his opinion as to their validity.

The petition of C. A. Douglas et al for county road was continued because of defective notice of posting, viz., no signature to notice. Clerk is requested to notify petitioner of such defect.

The petition of Victor L. Showe et al for county road was continued for lack of legal notices being posted. Clerk requested to notify petitioners of such defect.

Construction of bridges by the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. Now is presented to the court a statement of the stand taken by the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. with reference to the construction and maintenance of bridges across its canals, accompanied by a copy of a letter and opinion of their attorney, which said letter and opinion are hereby ordered filed in the records of this court for further reference.

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County health officer. Now is presented to the court the request of Calvin S. White, secretary of the state board of health, requesting Crook county to bear the expenses of county physician H. P. Belknap for attendance upon a 2-days conference in Portland attending and also a convention of all county and municipal health officers to be held March 28 and 29. The matter was continued.

Now is presented to the court the communication of W. D. McNeemer relative to a bad place in the C. E. A. Foot road near Metolius. Commissioner Bailey was requested to take proper action in the matter.

Now is presented to the court the application of John Atkinson, justice of the peace of Lava precinct, requesting a copy of the statutes, in addition to the 1907 session laws of Oregon. Inasmuch as the recent legislature made no provision for the furnishing of Lord's Oregon Laws to justices of the peace, said request is continued. However, the county clerk is requested to furnish applicant with the session law requested.

Whereas, M. F. Hawthorn and John Atkinson have given notice of their withdrawal from the official bond of W. G. Fordham, justice of the peace for Ireland precinct, the clerk is therefore to notify said Fordham to furnish a new bond.

It appearing to the court that there is no duly elected and qualified constable in Madras precinct, it is therefore ordered that J. G. Hardy be and he is hereby appointed constable for Madras precinct to serve until the next general election.

It appearing to the court by the affidavit of John Almeter that he had been wrongfully assessed for the year 1911 for the sum of \$5.20, and that the sheriff, under the provisions of the statute has remitted the same from his taxes, it is ordered that the county clerk credit the sheriff on the 1911 tax roll with said \$5.20, the same being the amount of such wrongful assessment.

It appearing to the court by the affidavit of Paul C. Bates and by other evidences that the said Paul C. Bates was wrongfully taxed with machinery, horses, etc., that he did and does not own, and that by mistake he had paid taxes thereon to the amount of \$5.85, it is therefore



News Snapshots Of the Week

Yuan Shih Kai's former troops stationed in Peking revolted suddenly and looted the city. The American residents were forced to flee. Robert Lee Henry of Texas and Chairman Fujo of the committee on banking and currency clashed over the question of choosing a counsel for the house committee in the proposed money trust investigation.

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ordered that the county clerk draw a warrant on the general fund in favor of Paul C. Bates for \$5.85, being the amount of taxes paid by him under such wrongful assessment. The clerk was directed to draw a warrant in favor of Jennie B. Sellers in the sum of \$8.83, the same being the amount of wrongful assessment paid by her.

The plats and tracing of Bend View Addition to the city of Bend were approved and ordered spread of record. All the requirements of law were complied with.

The plat and tracing showing a portion of block 24, city of Bend, to be vacated, and it appearing that all the requirements of law have been complied with it is ordered that said plat and tracing thereof be approved and ordered filed. The county clerk is hereby directed to make note of and reference to this plat on the original plat of Bend.

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The county clerk was directed to draw a warrant in favor of S. Nace for \$5.25, same being the amount of wrongful assessment for the year 1911.

R. A. Merchant et al road. Viewers' report read a second time in open court and approved, and in accordance with said report, said road is disallowed. County clerk is directed to notify bondsmen in said road of any costs connected with said road and request immediate payment thereof.

H. E. Melton et al road. Viewers' report read a second time in open court and approved and in accordance with said report said road is declared a public highway. The county clerk is directed to notify the local supervisor or supervisors to request petitioners to donate at least one day's labor in opening said road and fences across the same if any, and that said supervisor complete the work of opening said road as soon as he shall have sufficient funds therefor.

Roy L. Kidder et al road. Viewers' report read a second time in open court and approved, and in accordance with said report said road is declared a public highway. The county clerk is directed to notify supervisor to request petitioners to donate at least one day's labor in opening said road and fences across same, if any; said supervisor to complete the work of opening said road as soon as he shall have sufficient funds therefor.

M. J. McGrath et al road. Viewers' report read second time in open court and approved, and in accordance with said report said road is declared a public highway. County clerk is directed to notify local supervisor to request petitioners to donate at least one day's labor in opening said road and fences across same if any; that said supervisor complete the work of opening said road as soon as he shall have sufficient funds therefor.

Jacob Becker et al road. Now is presented to the court the petition of Jacob Becker et al for county road, accompanied by a bond of \$200 with Walter A. Foster and Jacob

Becker as sureties. As all legal requirements have been complied with it is ordered that the board of road viewers meet at the beginning of said proposed road on the 8th day of April, 1912, view, review and survey said proposed road and report thereon at the next term of this court.

Jacob Hoffman et al road. Because of the adverse opinion of the district attorney the same is hereby continued.

Chas. H. Fry et al road. Because of the adverse opinion of the district attorney the same is hereby continued.

G. W. Wells et al road. Because of the adverse opinion of the district attorney the same is hereby continued.

Charles Thompson et al road. Because of the adverse opinion of the district attorney the same is hereby continued.

Petition for a private road by J. M. Davis et al. It is ordered that all papers herein be forwarded to the district attorney for his approval or disapproval as provided by law.

Now is presented to the court a communication from the Metolius Commercial Club in reference to road signs. The clerk is hereby requested to notify each road supervisor who has qualified for office to strictly comply with section 6317, L. O. L., the same also appearing upon page 19 of the road laws of Oregon for 1911, and request each supervisor to see that the law is fully complied with in reference to said guide boards.

Petition for ferry by Ora VanTassel. Now is presented to the court the petition of Ora VanTassel for leave to operate a ferry across the Deschutes river and to fix charges for same. There is no showing before the court that legal notice or that any notice whatever has been given to the public of the presentation of this application as required by law and further action herein is hereby continued.

Road supervisors for 1912. It is ordered by the court that Fred A. Rice, Geo. W. Wells and H. H. Grimes be and they are hereby appointed board of road viewers for the year 1912.

Road supervisors for 1912. Pursuant to law the court hereby appoints the following named persons as road supervisors for the respective road districts, as shown by the following list:

- No. 12—Deschutes, R. M. Elder.
- No. 6—Haystack, R. V. Jenkins.
- No. 20—Beaver, C. R. Henry.
- Scalp bounty. Now is presented to the court the report of the county clerk showing the payment of bounty on 346 coyote scalps, on 274 bobcat front feet and on 4 cougar front feet, amounting in all to \$817. Said scalps and front feet were then reduced to ashes in accordance with the code.

Wrongful assessment. It appearing to the court by the affidavit of John H. Lockard that he had been wrongfully assessed for the year 1911 for the sum of \$52.98 and that the sheriff under the provisions of the statute has remitted the same from the total amount of his taxes, to-wit, \$87.73. It is ordered that the county clerk credit the sheriff on the 1911 tax roll with said \$52.98, the same being the amount of said wrongful assessment.

The clerk was ordered to draw a warrant in the sum of \$40.44 in favor

of Isabella Poindexter, the same being the amount of wrongful assessment of taxes paid by her.

M. D. Powell was wrongfully taxed upon certain property and that by mistake he had paid such wrongful tax to the amount of \$13.25. It is ordered that the clerk draw a warrant in favor of said M. D. Powell for \$13.25, the same being the amount of taxes paid by him under such wrongful assessment.

Bids for cruising timber lands. This matter coming on to be heard upon the petition of the assessor of Crook county, and it appearing to the court that sealed bids should be called for, which should specify the work proposed to be done by such bidder. It is therefore ordered that the county clerk be and he is hereby instructed to advertise for bids for cruising all the taxable timber lands in this county, said bids to be accompanied by a contract drafted by such bidder, showing the method of making and supplying such estimates, the amount of bond to be furnished and the time within which said work shall be completed. Such notice shall specify that this court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids to be filed with the county clerk prior to March 25, 1912.

The following bills were allowed:

HIGH SCHOOL FUND.	
Prineville Stage Co., express	\$ 8 75
P L & W Co.	34 65
W F King Co., mdse	446 10
Winnek Co, mdse	50
C W Elkins, mdse	1 00
R S Price, express	3 75
D P Adamson & Co, mdse	85
E L Coe, express, etc.	18 20
Sanborn, Vale & Co., mdse	4 42
J E Stewart & Co., mdse	5 70
Miss Gitchel, salary	200 00
Mrs. Wood, salary	200 00
Miss Conway, salary	222 22
J W Smith, salary	222 22
E E Evans, salary	222 22
E L Coe, salary	250 00
G A Gustafson, salary	120 00
Rem. Type Co., bal. on mach	40 00
Pioneer T & T Co	15 85
R L Jordan & Co., mdse	4 60
Vira Syrus, mdse	18 80
A Finnegan Co., mdse	24 20
A R Bowman, insurance	35 00
GENERAL FUND.	
F B Powell, road work	74 00
J K Powell, road work	14 00
R H Bailey, road work	1000 00
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Pilot Butte Tel Co.	8 15
J B Myer, justice fees	5 00
L M Miller & Co., mdse	6 10
Warren Brown, money advanced juvenile court	13 60
Earl Forest, auto fare	2 50
F W Wilson, expenses	2 50
S A Sandvig, burial pauper.	25 00
State treasurer	189 49
J J Wilt & Co., mdse	14 80
J H Wigle, livery hire	55 50
J C Williams, dra'g jury list.	3 00
Hillman Mer Co., mdse	5 70
Clifton & Corner, mdse	7 10
LaPine Inter-Mountain, publication fees	1 50
W H Wirtz, official expense.	11 35
O'Neil, Larson & Co., mdse.	9 87
G W Todd & Co., protectograph	30 00
C H Foster, reg. electors	3 50
Wm. Johnson, work on tax roll	150 000
Pioneer Stage Office	10 10
J M Lawrence, dep. sheriff	125 00
Dr. Fox, care Jordan	16 00

Warren Brown, freight	1 35
Mrs. Michel, mdse	5 05
P L & W Co.	69 55
H Grimes, horse feed	27 00
Ed Harbin, use of tools	20 00
J P Doherty, work as. office	100 00
C D Rice, services	15 00
P Tel & Tel Co.	51 01
D P Adamson & Co.	7 30
R S Price, express	5 00
Home Hospital, services	148 00
P B Poindexter, hang. signs	3 00
C W Elkins, mdse	5 50
H H Clow, salary & laundry	151 75
Crook Co. Journal, printing	114 85
Winnek Co., mdse	3 95
Winnek Co., mdse	26 25
Crook Co. Abs. Co.	7 20
H P Belknap, Co. physician	45 00
I P Hewitt, legal services	10 00
W D Barnes, ex. board of ed.	10 00
Mrs. McLaughlin, ex. board	9 00
F A Rice, surveyor fees	231 70
H Grimes, viewer	56 00
G W Wells, viewer	56 00
C T Bradford, flagman	2 00
Jay Wilson, marker	2 00
O H Wilson, chairman	2 00
Fred Rant, chairman	2 00
R A Merchant, flagman	2 00
Sam Mitchell, chairman	4 00
G C Hurt, chairman	4 00
L E Baker, marker	4 00
W H Elliott, chairman	6 00
S E West, chairman	4 00
Walter Ruble, chairman	2 00
E A Cleland, chairman	2 00
Jerry Groskruger, flagman	2 00
Glen Cox, marker	2 00
F P Reynolds, chairman	4 00
W. Abernathy, chairman	2 00
R A Ford, traveling expenses	20 50
Prineville Review, printing	62 50
A H Kennedy, justice fees	7 95
Mrs. C W Elkins, ex. board	10 50
W F King Co., mdse	3 95
G J Hardy, constable fees	13 60
D W Barnett, drawing jury	3 00
C H Jackson, drawing jury	3 00
J H Jackson, drawing jury	3 00
Mann & Beach, blanks	4 20
Kelham Sta & P Co., stat'ry	18 80
R L Jordan, reg. warrants	50 00
Bushong & Co., supplies	367 90
Glass & Prudhomme, suppl's	86 27
Lynch & Roberts, prescrip'n	1 00
T N Balfour, exp. Way case	154 00
Al Yancey, exp. Way case	26 50
R P Balfour, stamps, etc	24 00
T N Balfour, board prison'r	151 00
L J Murdoch, school superv'r	300 00
T N Balfour, exp. Weber case	100 30
T N Balfour, spi office dep'y	84 00
F St John, livery	17 50
Ora VanTassel, labor	3 40
Geo. Hamilton, labor	4 00
Joe Stangarone, labor	21 00
D B Trout, deputy sheriff	8 15
R P Scheurer, auto, insane	3 00
Nick Hahn, deputy sheriff	100 00
E G Johnson, chairman	18 00
John Porter, chairman	18 00
J C Stevens, chairman	18 00
I Michel, supplies	63 70
Clifton & Cornett, supplies	136 11
O I Smith, supplies	174 55
J H Barkley, supplies	47 15
G Gregg & Co., supplies	35 80
Hotel Redmond, meals indig	4 10
King & Basey, supplies	180 98
Warren Brown, extra help	100 00
Warren Brown, evel. exp. etc	140 33
Claude Wonderly, services	11 00
Thereupon court adjourned until Monday, March 25, 1912, at 11 o'clock p. m.	

Irrigated Land for Sale.

—80 acres, 11 miles from Prineville, on old Bend stage road. All under cultivation: 30 acres in alfalfa and clover; 7 1/2 miles from railroad. Address X Y Z care Journal. No agents. 2-29-tf

Taxes Not Coming In Very Fast

Taxes are coming in very slowly this year. To date Sheriff Balfour has deposited \$40,000.

Some people are making a big roar about the high assessment but when matters sifted down it is found that they themselves are partly to blame. For instance, School District No. 77, South Hampton Butte, levied a special tax of 40 mills. School District No. 77, in the Stanley-Davenport section, levied a 40 mill tax. School District No. 80, Metolius, levied 25 mills, and so it goes. When you add the 20-mill state and county, your taxes are climbing, no denying that, but the people of the school districts decided on the amount of the special levy themselves.

The amount of the state tax was more than double this year. Crook county raised \$17,454.34 in 1910, but for 1911, she had to dig up \$39,599.75. Some difference

School Funds Badly Managed

"The school fund of Oregon has been beaten out of millions of dollars simply because the state land boards have not had data as to the value of school lands that have been sold" is the surprising statement made today by State Land Agent T. A. Rinehart.

"We don't know any more about the true value of the state school land than you do," he said to the Journal correspondent, who is absolutely ignorant on the subject.

"Speaking in round numbers, we have \$6,000,000 in the school fund, and we ought to have \$20,000,000. Nearly all the school land in western Oregon has been sold—at some price. We have about 500,000 acres of school land left, most of which is in the eastern part of the state. An appraisement of the land has never been made.

"When a man comes to the state land board and wants to buy school land, he offers a price and we have no information by which we can tell whether he is offering to pay full value for the land or only a third of its value. And you may depend on it that the offer is usually much less than the true value.

"We have a minimum price fixed of \$7.50 an acre. School land that is worth more than that price has been readily sold, while the real \$7.50 land and poorer quality has been left on the state's hands."

The matter came before the state land board in a proposition State Land Agent Rinehart made to undertake the appraisement of all the school lands left to the state. He is urging the board to permit him to begin on the task in May, after the weather is settled. His plan is to take wagon and team and make a personal inspection of every section belonging to the state. He says the work will take two or three summers to accomplish, but that the data secured will be the means of saving to the school fund large sums.

Just now the state land board is negotiating with the federal government in an effort to get the government to send a special agent here to clear up the state's title to certain swamp lands within the state. If the agent is sent and the work is done the coming summer it will likely interfere with State Land Agent Rinehart undertaking the appraisement of the school lands until next year.