

## Sheriff Presents His Side of the Case

Continued from first page

with this office for years past. Vouchers for the above mentioned \$450, together with individual reports of each expenditure, are on file in this office and were tendered Mr. Ball but were refused and ignored by him. There has been no deviation from the regular routine work of this office, notwithstanding the advent of Mr. Ball.

**Now, here is where I stole the county tax rolls.**

During my absence from the office on the 11th of this month, Mr. Ball came into the office, took all the tax rolls in my possession at that time to the "attorney's smoking room" upstairs. On my return that evening I was advised by Deputy Van Allen of the action of Mr. Ball. Thinking however, that he would return them to the vault for safe keeping during the night, I went home. The next morning at 8 o'clock (at which all public offices should open) I went to the office and found no books in the vault. I found the door of the room upstairs locked. After waiting a few minutes and no "expert" appearing, I got the pass key from the janitor, went to the room where the tax rolls were, and returned them to the office, leaving Mr. Ball tax rolls for the years 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907, on which he seemed to be at work.

After waiting until 8:30 I started for Mr. Ball's hotel, meeting him and his assistant on the way. I told him that I had returned the books to the office and informed him that in the future he would not be allowed to keep the rolls out over night, but tendered him the use of my private office for his investigation, stating in explanation that I was not permitted by law to allow the books to be taken out of the office and kept; that they were a public record and even while being "experted" were still in the charge of the tax collector and by using the private office there would be no inconvenience on either hand. This offer was haughtily refused and I was ordered forthwith to return the books to his office under penalty of the law. He further informed me that the books were solely in his charge and that I had no right to even see them during the time that they were being "experted." (At the meeting at the courthouse on the 16th, Mr. Ball stated that I would be permitted to examine the rolls whenever necessary.)

The books were not returned and Judge Springer immediately got busy and interviewed all the local attorneys who advised him that the sheriff could not legally allow the tax rolls to go out of his possession; whereupon he immediately called Judge Bradshaw and Governor West and both refused to interfere.

Attorney Haney of Portland was then employed at a cost of \$100 and expenses to the COUNTY to

## DON'T DREAD WINTER'S COLD.

Prepare to enjoy its exhilarating frosts by making your blood rich, pure and active to prevent colds, grippe and rheumatism.

Good blood prevents sickness and Scott's Emulsion will energize your blood and create reserve strength to endure changing seasons.

Scott's Emulsion is not an experiment but has served humanity faithfully for forty years; it contains the purest cod liver oil—free from alcohol or stupefying drugs.

Scott's Emulsion is nature's greatest blood-maker and furnishes the elements necessary for body warmth, rich blood and healthy circulation.

Shun alcoholic substitutes and demand the genuine Scott's Emulsion AT ANY DRUG STORE

make the sheriff "come across."

At Mr. Haney's request I called on him Sunday the 15th when he informed me that he had been misinformed as to the true state of affairs by the judge, and that from a legal point of view I was acting within my right.

During the meeting of the taxpayers with the county court on Monday 16th, Mr. Ball stated that he had found between \$19,000 and \$20,000 of delinquent taxes on the 1907 roll.

The true condition of the 1907 rolls is this: On October 1st, 1908, the date when this roll was balanced, the delinquent tax was \$15,824.11 of which amount \$7,580.49 was D. I. & P. Co. tax which the sheriff at that time was enjoined from collecting by the circuit court, which action was sustained by the supreme court. This leaves a balance of \$8,243.62 on October 1st 1908. Since that time \$3,951.74 has been collected, leaving delinquent on the roll at the present time, \$4,291.88. When the roll is checked over to cancel double assessments there will be found possibly \$1,000 of collectable tax. The sheriff's office force has been working since August 1st, 1913 checking all rolls, canceling double assessments so that certificates of delinquency can be issued to the county. The above figures taken directly from county records when compared with statement of Mr. Ball show the manifest unfairness and utter disregard for truth and facts shown by this so-called expert of Springer's.

To get down to Springer's scream to the Governor that an immense sum of money was turned over to the treasurer when he got busy with his "Sic 'em Tige" expert could only refer to the annual clean-up, as we call it.

During tax collecting time, we turn the money over to the treasurer as fast as we are able to get out requisitions, which require considerable time as all sums have to be segregated into the different funds, which include five county funds, five incorporated towns, and ninety-one school districts. It is some task to get it adjusted and as collections near the close of the year are practically nothing, we make this turnover or clean-up, as we call it, on the last two months or six weeks' collections. I understand from Chief Deputy Van Allen that the last clean-up was \$6740.53 from all the rolls for nine years back. This was turned over to the treasurer on January 1st, 1914. Is there anything strange or hysterical about this?

All tax moneys are kept in the Prineville banks subject to check of Frank Elkins, sheriff, as by law required and payable only for refund on taxes or to the treasurer, there being no connection between this and any personal account that this office may have.

As to Mr. Ball's ability to expert county records he has shown absolute ignorance of the laws governing county officials, and, upon investigation, we have found that he has resided in Oregon less than one year and we have not found where he has ever attempted to audit a set of County books before. I court a full investigation of my office and my actions since being in office and there always has been and always will be extended to all experts, both public and private, every courtesy of this office.

An examination of the county records will show that Mr. Ball has received \$412.85 for this report and will further show that he was in Prineville less than twenty days.

The court record shows that he was to be employed at the rate of ten dollars per day and traveling and hotel expenses. Kindly figure out how much Mr. Ball should have received for his work.

FRANK ELKINS.

### Notice of Special Meeting

Of the Ryegrass Telephone Co. is called for March 7, to be held at the Lower Rye Grass schoolhouse at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of considering the question of transferring from the Pilot Butte Central to the Pioneer Central and the transacting of any other business that may come before the meeting.

FRANK CORLIOW, Secretary.

## Circuit Court Will Be Short Session

Circuit court will convene Monday, March 9. District Attorney Wirtz states that not a person has been bound over to the grand jury, and the county jail has been empty all winter, which is a most unusual record for Crook county.

The district attorney says that the winter months just drawing to a close have been the quietest in a criminal way for a great many years. The expense incurred by the taxpayers for law enforcement during the winter has been slight, a few prosecutions having been brought in the justice court, two at Bend, of a local nature only.

However, the district attorney has been busy preparing argument in the Logan McPherson, Jonn McPherson, McDaniel and Garrett cases, which have been appealed to the supreme court. The Logan McPherson case was argued by Mr. Wirtz and E. B. Dufur at Salem, February 16. The McDaniel case will be heard some time next month and the other cases following.

## Thorp and Calhoun May Dodge the Pen

Willis Thorp and Coleman Calhoun of North Yakima, Washington, who are charged by the jury of this county with receiving stolen horses, and who, according to District attorney Wirtz, are seriously implicated in the wholesale thefts made by the Robertson brothers, for which the latter were sent to penitentiary last May, are now resisting the process of the State of Oregon in the federal courts.

Thorp and Calhoun at first agreed to be present and testify for the State of Oregon. Failing to come as they promised, they were indicted for their complicity in the thefts of the Robertson brothers, when they shipped three carloads of stolen horses out of Bend to Fallbridge, Washington, in 1912.

Deputy Sheriff Van Allen with a warrant from the governor proceeded to North Yakima to take them into custody but they at once started habeas corpus proceedings in resistance of the writ held by Deputy Van Allen. They lost repeatedly in every court and finally in the supreme court of the State of Washington, but now have again started the proceedings in the federal court. They will eventually lose in the federal court, but wittnesses will be scattered and hope for a conviction becomes more remote with each delay.

Because of friendship existing between these men and Sheriff Metzger of Yakima county, Washington, the sheriff will not lock them up, and for that reason they are able to fight a habeas corpus proceeding with no disadvantage to themselves but greatly to the disadvantage of the local authorities.

## Candidates Column.

### For County Surveyor.

I hereby declare my intention to be a candidate for the nomination to the office of County Surveyor by the Republican Party at the Primary Election to be held May 15th, 1914. pd. adv. H. A. KELLEY.

### For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Crook county subject to the approval of the Democratic voters at the coming primaries May 15, 1914. pd. adv. E. B. KNOX, Post, Or.

### For County Surveyor

To the Republican voters of Crook county:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Surveyor, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primaries held May 15, 1914.

### Work Wanted

Neat woman, good cook, economical, experienced on ranch, wishes position. State wages in first letter. 2-26-11p Mrs. M. DONGAN, Portland, Oregon, P. O. box 1090.

### Line Riders Wanted

Men wanted to ride range. Application should be made to Secretary-Treasurer, Mill Creek Livestock Association, before March 14, 2-29-3t RAYMOND CALAVAN, Secretary-Treasurer, Prineville, Or.

## LOCAL MENTION

March term county court next week.

Dance Friday evening, February 27, at the old McCord Hall.

Mrs. Estes has returned from Portland with a fine new stock of spring millinery.

Besides the Oyster Supper Friday, at the Baptist church beginning at 5 o'clock, there will be a Candy and Cake Booth at which coffee will also be served.

Miss Vivian Hinkle and Miss Florence Merrill returned home last evening from Salem and Albany where they went as delegates to the C. E. and Sunday School conventions several weeks ago.

The friends of E. B. Knox of Post, have induced him to come out for the nomination of sheriff on the democratic ticket. Mr. Knox has lived in Crook county 20 years and has hosts of friends in all sections of the county.

Redmond and Crook County High School basketball team met on the Prineville Commercial Club floor Saturday night. In a fast clean game the Prineville boys won 64 to 2, demonstrating that they would be contenders for the state championship if outside games could be arranged. A return game will be played in Redmond February 27.

E. E. Wishard, traveling salesman for the Vermont Farm Machine Co., arrived in Prineville this morning. Mr. Wishard was born in Prineville May 28th, 1874, when Barney Prine and Jim Combs were prime factors in the municipal affairs of Prineville. This is Mr. Wishard's first visit to the town of his birth for 33 years. He is a cousin of Omar and Luther Claypool.

## Mrs. Winnek Gives Baby Party Monday

That Prineville has excellent reason to be proud of its rising generation both in quantity and quality, was amply proven Monday afternoon when Mrs. C. I. Winnek entertained in honor of the first birthday of her little granddaughter, Miss Laura Lakin.

Not all the babies invited were able to attend, but those present, accompanied by their proud young mothers, were: Laura Augusta Lakin, Jean Marie Ledford, Dorothy Ann Foster, Clara Jane Combs, Frances Adeline Elkins, Margaret May Adams, Neva Gertrude Shattuck, Elmerine Kayler, Weldon Ross, Randolph Spencer Ketchum, Joseph Crooks, Edgar Jordan. All the babies were remarkably good and received a great deal of praise for their excellent behavior. A very pleasant afternoon was spent in discussing their merits, the ways and means of successful development and in admiring the many pretty gifts showered upon Laura Augusta.

Mrs. Winnek, assisted by Mrs. Lakin, served a delicious luncheon, whose crowning feature was a birthday cake, towering three stories, tipped by a tiny white candle, set in a pale pink rose.

Nickle-Silver Skimming device found only in U. S. Separators are guaranteed never to rust. Read our "ad" in this issue. C. W. Elkins, dealer.

For Sale at a Bargain.—Overland 30 roadster; closed body, top, windshield, speedometer; large gas tank. In fine running condition. Reason for selling—leaving Central Oregon. Address box 114, Terrebonne, Ore. It

## White Leghorns



These fellows \$1.25 each. Finest Petauma stock. Crook County Blue Ribbons. Tested and proved a splendid laying strain. Special settings of eggs.

A. D. PRATT, - Prineville, Ore.

## LOCAL MENTION

Sanders Logan is in town this week.

Oyster supper tomorrow evening at the Baptist church.

John D. Newsom of Portland, is here visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Newsom are in Prineville this week.

Born—February 19, to the wife of Orville Osborne, a girl.

Mrs. Gail Newsom and little son are visiting in town this week.

Mrs. Millican came in from the ranch to attend the Farmers' Short Course.

O. L. Huff of the Huff-Noble Auto Co., made a business trip to Portland the first of the week.

An important meeting of the Rye Grass Telephone Co. is announced for March 7. See notice elsewhere in this issue.

The articles of incorporation of the Huff-Noble Auto Co., have been filed with the county clerk. Capital stock, \$4500.

Sanders Logan has a new Buick. He bought it in Portland after testing out all types and makes of cars in the Buick division of cost.

The name of the Central Oregon Title & Trust Co., of which A. R. Bowman is president, has been changed to Central Oregon Title & Loan Co.

The next regular meeting of the Ladies Annex will be held on Tuesday, March 3. At this time a full report will be given by the literary committee and discussion is invited.

There will be a regular meeting of the Squaw Creek Irrigation Co. on Saturday, March 7th, for the purpose of electing officers, adjusting the 1912 water rates and for re-capitalization.

Theme for Sunday morning sermon at the Baptist church, "The Blight of Unbelief." There will be a union service of all the churches at the Baptist church Sunday night. The orchestra will play.

R. L. Brewster announces his candidacy at the hands of the Republican voters, this week, for the office of county surveyor. Mr. Brewster is well known in all parts of Crook county.

The postoffice has been moved from the Adams block to the new Cornett building on Fourth Street. The new building has been fitted up especially for the accommodation of the office yet the location is not as convenient for the general public as in the old stand.

Mrs. Lister led the subject of Eugenics at the last meeting of the W. C. T. U. She gave an interesting paper and was ably followed by Mrs. Still. It was ordered that the blowing of the 6 o'clock p. m. whistle be taken as a call to prayer by those interested in the "Oregon Dry" campaign for 1914.

## LOCAL MENTION

Services of the Episcopal church every Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. in the Union church building.

Rev. Luke Sheehan of Bend, will hold services at Stewart hall next Sunday March 1, at 11 o'clock.

There will be preaching services at Grimes Chapel Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. GEO. H. RAMSEY.

Dr. Ida Behrendt writes from Baker that she expects to be in Prineville about the first of April.

Mrs. Dale Barker of Redmond, who has been visiting Mrs. Sichel Hinkle, returned home yesterday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bean of Portland, a son. Mrs. Bean was formerly Miss Eva Allen of Prineville.

O. M. Pringle died last week in Portland, aged 81. Mr. Pringle was an old pioneer of Crook county.

Married—At the home of Clyde Kinder, Wednesday evening, C. E. Reams and Miss Agnes Brunner. Judge Bowman officiated.

A purse was picked up on the street today and left at the Journal office. Owner can have same by identifying property and paying for this notice.

L. M. Simpson, general superintendent of the Deschutes Power Co., came in from Spokane Wednesday. He was accompanied by his brother, F. L. Simpson.

The society reporter of the Journal who attended the Knights' 50th anniversary last week, reports a splendid time. After a short program an elegant banquet was served which was followed by dancing.

The regular services at the Union church Sunday, with the exception of the evening preaching service, when the congregation will unite with the other organizations of the town in the farewell service at the Baptist church. Don't forget. Evening service at 7:30 at the Baptist church.

Sunday at the Presbyterian church. Bible School, 10 a. m.; morning worship, 11 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:20 p. m. No preaching at night. Union service at the Baptist church, M. A. PRATER, Minister.

C. W. Wilson, Crook county agent for the Ford auto, received a carload of benzine buggies the first of the week. All the cars have been spoken for but he expects another carload in a short time so that he may be able to supply the demand.

At the Methodist church Sunday morning. Sunday School at 10 o'clock, and preaching at 11. Subject of morning sermon, "Why Some People Do Not Go to Church And Why Others Do Go." The Epworth League will hold its session at 6:30. There will be no preaching as the Methodist congregation will worship with the Baptist church. JOHN E. WILLIAMS, pastor!



HE BANKED HIS MONEY AND BECAME A BUSINESS PARTNER. YOU CAN DO THE SAME

You hear them say that "So-and-So" gave "What's-His-Name" his first start by taking him into partnership. No! The MONEY HE HAD IN THE BANK gave him his first start. "So-and-So" needed him and could use him and his money in the business. Besides, the boy who is putting money in the bank can be trusted. Rich men are hunting for them.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank. We pay four per cent interest on Time Deposits. CROOK COUNTY BANK, Prineville