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## Spitework the Cause of Fight on Willis Brown

Apparently having abandoned the recall proposition, the fight on the county court took a new turn last week when a number of Culver citizens, headed by W. H. Lucy, late county sealer of weights and measures, called on District Attorney Wirtz and requested that he bring proceedings at once to oust County Commissioner Brown from office on the ground of non-residence. The request was deemed unreasonable by the county attorney and refused.

Those who called on the county attorney aside from Mr. Lucy, were Messrs. Milner, Rodman, Osborne, Ralston and H. C. Topping. A petition was presented, according to Mr. Wirtz, which had about 60 names on it, setting forth that in the opinion of the signers Mr. Brown was not a resident of Crook county and proceedings, such as may only be brought by the district attorney, should be brought at once to oust Mr. Brown.

Mr. Wirtz informed the committee that if the request had been made immediately after election he would have considered it, but that at that time conclusive evidence of the facts alleged would have to be produced, but at this time when Mr. Brown had been permitted to hold the office for nearly a year and a half and no complaint had been

made until he had opposed certain other members of the county court no such action would be brought by the district attorney even if half the taxpayers of the county asked for it.

Mr. Wirtz told the committee that he would take no part in the fight made against any member of the county court; that it would be clearly against the public good to bring such an action at this time after Mr. Brown had taken part in important matters effecting all parts of the county. No evidence of Mr. Brown's non-residence was produced. Mr. Lucy merely stated that he had record evidence to show that Mr. Brown's family made their permanent residence in Wasco county; that Mr. Brown voted at a school election held at The Dalles last fall and that Mrs. Brown was registered as a voter in Wasco county.

Commissioner Brown has large property interests here and has considered Crook county his residence for the last 30 years, though owning property at The Dalles which he recently improved and where his family resides part of the winter to send the children to school.

Lucy's interest is personal as Brown was instrumental in his dismissal as county sealer of weights and measures.

## Don't Knock the Other Fellow Get in and Kick Yourself

As this seems to be a time of general criticism and as the county commissioners have to stand for most of it, it might be well to dig to the bottom of things and see if they deserve all they get.

With this thought in mind the Journal man looked up the amount of taxes for all purposes for 1907. He found the amount to be \$108,135.46. In 1908 the amount was \$130,137.30, or in round numbers \$22,000 more than in the preceding year. This was an increase of 20.33 per cent over 1907. In 1909 \$158,669.95 was the amount. Here is \$28,433 over 1908. An increase of 20 per cent over the previous year. In 1910 \$192,220.66 was the amount on the tax roll. This was \$33,550 more than for the previous year, or an increase of 21.15 per cent. In 1911 the taxes begin to climb much faster. That year the amount to be raised was \$252,648.21. This was \$60,428 more than the year before, or an increase of 31.44 per cent. The amount of taxes for 1912 was \$328,418.37, \$75,770 more than for the year before. This was an increase of 30 per cent. The amount on the 1913 roll was \$411,143.20, nearly four times as much as in 1907. They keep climbing right along but how about our resources. Do they keep climbing or have they remained comparatively stationary. Of course the acreage of tillable land keeps increasing right along but not in the same ratio as the increase in taxation. The advent of the railroad in 1911 added to the valuation of our taxable property but on the other hand look at the way cattle were shipped out of the county about the same time.

How do you account for it? One theory is that for the past four years new settlers have taken up homesteads which, as yet, have not added to the material resources of

the county but have cost lots of money for school purposes, etc. This will be better understood when it is known that the tax levied for all school purposes in 1913 was \$149,111.28, or \$40,967 more than the total amount of tax levied for all purposes for the year 1907. It is \$18,974 more than the total amount of taxes levied for 1908. We must have schools—they are the best asset the county has got even if they do cost lots of money.

Of the total levy for 1913, which is payable in 1914, 59 per cent or \$242,092.34 is for purposes over which the county court has no control, so that 41 per cent, or \$169,050.86 is what is left for county expenses. And not all of this is subject to control by the county court. The salaries of county officers, etc., are fixed by statute, so that when you get right down to brass tacks you will find that retrenchment must begin at home before you can expect any material reduction in taxation. Cut down your special levies. The special purpose tax for 1913 was \$111,309.46. This is \$2.94 per cent greater than the amount of the total roll for 1907. Think it over.

## Railroad Officials Visit Prineville

W. C. Wilkes, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Hill lines; J. T. Hardy, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Oregon Trunk and S. P. & S. R. R. and F. A. Brainard of the Oregon Trunk and S. P. & S., were in Prineville the last of the week. The gentlemen were well pleased with the crop outlook in this section, both as to acreage and yield.

Ever use Fleischman's Yeast? Try it. O. C. Claypool & Co.

## Dead Man Found Near Long Hollow

The body of an unknown man was found last Friday by two young men named Eldridge, who were out hunting coyotes. The body was discovered close to Long Hollow, near the mouth of Bear creek, on Crooked river. It was lying about 75 feet from the base of a steep perpendicular cliff which it was thought that the man either jumped off or fell off.

The Eldridge boys when they made the discovery, telephoned Coroner Poindexter and County Physician Edwards who immediately left for Bear creek. A coroner's jury was summoned but nothing was brought to light. There wasn't a thing on the dead man that made

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## Three Criminal Cases Before Supreme Court

Three criminal cases on appeal from the circuit court of this county were heard in the supreme court at Salem this week. On Tuesday the case of State of Oregon vs. Gaylord McDaniel was submitted. McDaniel was convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Herman Poch, and on Wednesday, State vs. Dick Garrett, convicted of stealing cattle in the Trout creek country, and State vs. John McPherson, convicted of stealing horses.

Attorney N. G. Wallace argued the case for McDaniel, W. P. Myers for Garrett and E. B. Dufur for McPherson. District Attorney Willard H. Wirtz presented each of the cases in behalf of the state. Decisions in all three cases may be expected within a week or so.

## The McKenzie Road to be Made a Good One

Bend, Oregon.—Special to the Journal. According to advices received from Supervisor Merritt of the Deschutes National Forest at Bend, several road projects are being planned by the Forest Service for that region. The McKenzie road, a new road to Sparks Lake and a new route through the National Forest to Fort Rock are the principal items to receive attention. All of these projects are being taken up in co-operation with county officials or with settlers.

An appropriation of \$500 was secured for the McKenzie road last fall, to which the county officials agreed to add a like amount, as well as to duplicate necessary future expenditures that may be made by the Forest Service on the portion of this road within Crook county. This road, which connects Sisters with the Willamette valley, is the logical route of travel from the coast to Central Oregon, and although it has been passable for many years, there are several bad stretches in it which have kept the travel down to a minimum. On the east slope of the Cascades the soil is very loose and sandy so that grades which would not be especially difficult, were the soil hard and firm, are at times almost impassable.

Several of these steeper places have a maximum grade of from 16 to 19 per cent. A preliminary survey of the route made last fall, indicates that it will be possible to relocate the road so that a maximum grade of approximately 5 per cent can be obtained. This new route will, for the most part, be through a region comparatively free from rock or steep hillsides so that construction will not be especially difficult.

Just as soon as the snow is off from the higher portions the Forest Service is planning to start final location. An entirely new grade will be run out for the whole east slope of the Cascades so that whatever work is done may be part of a carefully located whole. Construction work will very likely be commenced at Windy Point and completed as far east as funds permit. It is expected that additional appropriations will be secured so that the entire road can eventually be placed in first-class condition. The Forest Service, as well as Lane county, is also spending a large sum of money on the west slope of the Cascades. Thus the entire McKenzie road will be opened up as an easy route of travel connecting Central Oregon with the Willamette valley.

A special appropriation of \$1000 has also been made by the Forest Service for the construction of a road from Bend west to Sparks Lake. This amount the county has agreed to duplicate. Work will be started as soon as a final and satisfactory location can be determined upon. Considerable location work, however, is still to be done so that on this account as well as on the account of the snow it is probable that construction crews will not be started to work until after mid-summer.

The Sparks Lake road will enter one of the most scenic portions of the Cascades that has heretofore been inaccessible except by pack-horse. It will pass over the shoulder of Broken Top mountain, along the south foot of the Sisters mountains, past Soda Springs, and will lead to a series of beautiful mountain lakes. It will supply a short and convenient route over

which stockmen using the high range may transport supplies and will render accessible the headwaters of Tumalo creek, the protection of the timber on which is very important to the settlers on the Columbia Southern Project. Eventually it is planned to extend this road south to Crane Prairie, which point is already accessible by wagon road so that a complete circle through the heart of the Cascade range will be provided.

The settlers in the Fort Rock valley have decided to open up a new route through to the Bend-fall, to which the county officials agreed to add a like amount, as well as to duplicate necessary future expenditures that may be made by the Forest Service on the portion of this road within Crook county. This road, which connects Sisters with the Willamette valley, is the logical route of travel from the coast to Central Oregon, and although it has been passable for many years, there are several bad stretches in it which have kept the travel down to a minimum. On the east slope of the Cascades the soil is very loose and sandy so that grades which would not be especially difficult, were the soil hard and firm, are at times almost impassable.

## Pushing Road Work On the West Side

The Lane county officials are joining with Forest Supervisor Seitz in pushing the work of road building on the upper McKenzie road on the west side of the Cascades. The Eugene Guard says:

"As soon as the present weather breaks a force of men will be rushed on to the upper McKenzie and commence the elimination of the last of the steep grades on the McKenzie river highway. Clyde R. Seitz, forest supervisor in charge of the work, returned last night from a ten days' trip up the McKenzie, during which he superintended the establishment of road camps to care for the men and laid out the grades for the road work to be done within the next two months.

He left a crew of eight men swamping and clearing the right-of-way for the new road. Men for the work have already been engaged and everything is in readiness for the start. The crew to be sent will consist of fifteen men and five or six horses.

The road camps are established at White Branch, fifteen miles above McKenzie Bridge. The first work to be done will be the removing of the grades this side of Millikan grade. The work is scattered over several places, and one of these involves the construction of more than a mile of new road.

Early in the summer, as soon as the next government appropriation is received, work will commence upon the Millikan grade, which is the last on the road over the summit. The Millikan grade at present is not serious for automobiles, and for this reason is left until the last.

The forest supervisor states that the trip has been a pleasant one. The roads were good going up, but the rains of the past week have made them a little muddy.

He rode a motorcycle from the road camp to the McKenzie Bridge in but a little over two hours. The roads above the bridge, he says, are in excellent condition.

## "The Magic Bell" A Fairy Drama in Three Acts

To be presented at the Club Hall, Friday evening, April 24, 1914, by Children of the Prineville Public School Under Direction of Alma Gitchel Morse

### CAST

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Miranda, the Fairy Princess.....                             | Katherine Drury  |
| Lothar, King of Burgundy.....                                | Wallace Cadle    |
| Walfrieda, his wife.....                                     | Melissa Springer |
| Hilda, their daughter.....                                   | Essie Reams      |
| Doctor Fontanelli, Chancellor and Physician to the King..... | Lynn Cram        |
| Countess of Broomstick, Ladies of the Court.....             | Dessel Johnson   |
| Marchioness of Gingerbread.....                              | Cleora Kinder    |
| Angela, a poor girl.....                                     | Leodesia Jacobs  |
| Rosa, her sister.....  | Hazel Yancy      |
| Landlord of the Raven Inn.....                               | Adrian Yancy     |
| The Miller.....  | Dale Elkins      |
| The Gardener.....  | Frank Rice       |
| The Baker.....   | Chastor Zech     |
| The Peasant.....   | Darrel Mills     |
| John, the Countess' Footman.....                             | Paul Prater      |

Soldiers..... William Moore, Harold Lister, George Stearns, Clarence Metching

Fairies—Vesta Prose, Dorothy Elkins, Hester Constable, Eula Noble, Genevieve Smith, Edith Gray, Olive Elson, Cora Poindexter, Doris Claypool, Ruth Wonderly, Ila Johnson, Ruth Emerson.

Elves—Elwin Reinke, Collins Elkins, Marion O'Kelly, Gordon Stearns, Cleo Gray, Weldon Hyde, Okra Clark, Howard Claypool, Lewis Gilliam, Lewis Dishman.

Court Ladies—Jessie Hiney, Mandia Harris.

Peasants—Zenda Hendrickson, Harold Davis, Everett Ramsey, Hilda Breeding, Edna Breeding, Esther Adamson, Sophia Becker, Ernest Putnam.

Incidental Music—Violins, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Frances Williams, A. J. Reynolds and Ralph Jones.

### SYNOPSIS

The scene is laid in Burgundy. Act I.—Forest near home of Angela and Rosa. Acts II. and III.—Garden near the King's Palace. Between Second and Third Acts there is an interval of a week.

### MUSIC PROGRAM

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| Overture.....   | High School Orchestra                   |
| Musical Specialties between acts under direction of Miss Hubbard and Mrs. Lewark..... | Dale Elkins, George Stearns             |
| "Hard Times in Boy-Land," Duet.....   | Blanche and Madge Rowell                |
| Duet.....   | Clark Pollard, Frank Haner, Paul Prater |
| "Upsetting Gravity," a clever "feet".....   | Wister Rosenberg                        |
| "Very Dutch but Quite Jolly," a Costume Song.....                                     | Mike and Nelle Trapman                  |

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TRACK MEET

Following is the program for the track meet of the Prineville Public Schools, which will be held on School Day, May 1st, at the School Grounds:

| EVENT                    | CLASS | 1ST PREM.            | 2D PREM.    |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------------|
| 50-yard Dash.....        | 1     | Knife (\$1.80)       | 1 Box Candy |
| 50-yard ".....           | 2     | "                    | "           |
| 50-yard ".....           | 3     | "                    | "           |
| 100-yard ".....          | 1     | Ball Bat             | 1 Box Games |
| 100-yard ".....          | 2     | Ball Mitt            | "           |
| 100-yard ".....          | 3     | Base Ball            | "           |
| 150 yard ".....          | 1     | \$1.00               | .75         |
| 440-yard ".....          | 1     | 1.50                 | 1.00        |
| Shot Put.....            |       | Tennis Racket        | .50         |
| Ball Throw.....          |       | Ball Mitt            | .50         |
| Pole Vault.....          |       | Knife (1.80)         | .50         |
| ".....                   |       | "                    | .50         |
| Running high jump.....   | 1     | Tennis Shoes         | .50         |
| " " ".....               | 2     | "                    | .50         |
| " " ".....               | 3     | "                    | .50         |
| " " ".....               | 1     | \$1.00               | .50         |
| " " ".....               | 2     | 1.00                 | .50         |
| Chinning Ladder.....     |       | 1.00                 | .50         |
| Standing broad jump..... | 1     | Picture Show Tickets | 4 Tickets   |
| " " ".....               | 2     | "                    | "           |
| 100-yd Hurdle Race.....  |       | Tennis Shoes         | .50         |
| 150-yd ".....            |       | Stick Pin \$1        | .50         |