

A LAW SUIT BREWING.

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY ASK-
ED TO PAY FOR BACK
CLERK HIRE.**

**John Luelling Seeks to Recover
\$1,440.00 Paid to Clerks
During His Term of
Office.**

The preliminary steps towards a vigorous law suit against Clackamas county were taken on Monday mornin when A. Luelling, who was formerly th County Court Recorder of the county, through his attorneys, Hon. G. B. Dimick and L. Story filed a statement in the commissioners court of the county asking that Mr. Luelling be paid the sum \$1,440.00 being the amount paid out by him for clerk hire during his term of office.

It seems that Mr. Luelling was elected on the Populist ticket in 1896 and served two years as recorder of county conveyance in the clerks office and that during that time he employed clerks and that while the county board of commissioners never made any allowances for their pay the same is a just claim on the county and may even at this late day have to be paid. Mr. Luelling was elected on a Populist platform that among other things agreed that all clerk hire should be paid by the various county officials. As the question has been passed on by the Supreme court of the state and adversely to the county, it is not at all unlikely that the county will in the end have to pay this claim. The petition to the Board of County Commissioners reads as follows:

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY
OF CLACKAMAS.**

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, Oregon.

Now at this time comes A. Luelling and petitions your honorable body as follows: That between the first Monday in July, 1896 and the first Monday in July, 1898, the petitioners was the duly elected, qualified acting recorder of conveyances for the said county and as recorder did duly perform all of the duties required of him by the laws of the state of Oregon.

That during all of said time between the first Monday in July 1896 and the first Monday in July 1898, the volume of business in said office was so great,

that it was necessary for the petitioners to employ a deputy recorder to assist in the transaction of said business.

That on and after the first Monday in July, 1896, this petitioner as such recorder duly appointed his deputy as required by law and duly reported the said appointments to the county court as required by Section 11, of an act of the legislature of Oregon, entitled, an act to amend an act to change in part the compensation and mode of payment thereof to the county clerks, recorders of conveyances, etc (Page 83, laws of 1895, section 11) and the said county court failed, neglected and refused to enter the said appointments upon its minutes, and to make an order fixing the amount to be paid to the said deputy recorder for the services performed by him, as required by the said section of the laws above referred to.

That during all of said time between the first Monday in July, 1896 and the first Monday in July, 1898, the labors of a deputy were necessary in the performance of the duties in said office of recorder of conveyances and that a deputy was employed, during all of said time in the performance of said duties and work.

That the following named persons were duly appointed and rendered services to Clackamas county as deputy recorder between the said dates as aforesaid, and during the incumbency of this petitioner in said office, viz: Oliver Luelling from the first Monday in July, 1896, to the first day of August, 1896; C. A. Luelling from the first day of August, 1896, to the 31st day of March, 1898; S. C. Priestly from the first day of April, 1898, to the first Monday in July, 1898.

That the services of the said deputy recorder while so employed as above mentioned was and is reasonably worth, and were and are of the value of sixty dollars per month.

That the said Olive Luelling, C. A. Luelling and S. C. Priestly, for value received have duly sold, assigned and transferred to this petitioner all of their rights, title and interest in and to the said claims and this petitioner is now the owner and holder thereof.

That there is now due and owing from Clackamas county to this petitioner and claimant for said services for deputy recorder during said time the sum of \$140 being 24 months at \$60 per month.

G. B. DIMICK,
GEO. L. STORY,
Attorneys for Petitioner.

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THE FINISH.

**THE COURIER PUMPKIN
SEED CONTEST CAME
TO AN END ON
NEW YEAR'S
DAY.**

**Nearly One Thousand Guesses
Made and Three Hundred
New Subscribers Gained.**

The Pumpkin Was Cut On New Years Afternoon and Prize Winners Announced Too Late for the current issue of the Courier. A bulletin was posted at the door of the Courier office announcing the winners. Next issue will contain the names of all the winners, the number of seeds in the pumpkin and all other information in regard to the contest. The contest has been very successful as more than one thousand guesses were made and many new subscribers added to the Courier list.

We go into the new year with the largest paid up circulation of any paper published in the county by many hundreds. We are under many obligations to one and all for their help and good will and will attempt during the new year and the years to come to desire the good things which have been said about us and the interest the good people of Oregon City and Clackamas county have taken in us and the Courier. The following is a full list of those who have paid during the past week about one-half of whom are new subscribers. The amount set opposite their names indicates the amount they have paid:

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JANUARY WEATHER.

**DATA COMPILED FOR PAST
THIRTY ONE YEARS.**

By Weather Bureau at Portland

The following data, covering a period of thirty-one years, has been compiled from the weather bureau records of Portland, Oregon. Month of January for thirty-one years:

Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 39 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1900 with an average of 44 degrees. The coldest month was that of 1888 with an average of 29 degrees. The highest temperature was 62 degrees on the 25th, 1888. The lowest temperature was 2 degrees on the 15th, 1888. Average date on which first killing frost occurred in autumn, November 15th.

Average date on which last killing frost occurred in spring, March 17th.

Precipitation, (rain and melted snow) average for the month, 9.70 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 19. The greatest monthly precipitation was 13.71 inches in 1883. The least monthly precipitation was 2.12 inches in 1893. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 6.83 inches on the 5th and 6th, 18 3. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-5 only) was 9 inches on 2d, 1890.

Clouds and Weather—Average number clear days, 5; partly cloudy, 7; cloudy days, 19.

Winds—The prevailing winds have been from the south. The highest velocity of the wind was 43 miles an hour, from the south, on the 9th, 1880.

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