

BEATIE AND BLAIR ANSWER RECALL CHARGES

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added about \$796.00 for Widows' pensions; and the expenses of two Special elections which will cost approximately \$900.00.

The County Court is not responsible for these items of expense. They are created by the Legislature or the people and the Court must, under the law, pay these various items.

We are charged again with extravagance in remodeling the Court House. Our opponents speak of "the addition to the Court House." This was part of the work done. In addition the Court House was renovated, altered and partly refurnished. These alterations, changes, furnishings, etc., were all charged to the Court House fund. Bids were asked for an addition to the Court House on plans to be furnished by the bidders. These were submitted and it was found that none of the plans were satisfactory. After conferring with Mr. W. A. White all bids and plans were rejected. Mr. White was told what we wanted and he, with the assistance of a competent architect from Portland, drew the plans which were accepted by the Court. We then hired a competent man to supervise the work of construction, and under our supervision the work was completed. Everything that went into the building was secured through competitive bids. The sand, gravel, plaster, lumber, cement and other materials were thus secured at the lowest possible price. We shall now take up the five specific charges of extravagance and answer them in their order:

CHARGE NO. 1.—That the sum of \$350.00 was paid for an examination and report on the condition of the Oregon City Suspension bridge without inviting competition.

This amount was paid for an expert examination of the bridge. At our first meeting in January, 1911, Mr. J. W. Moffatt, President of the Oregon Engineering & Construction Company, appeared before us and called our attention to the dangerous condition of the suspension bridge. He stated that he had made similar report to our predecessors in office and they had promised to take the matter up but for some reason failed to do so. He said it was imperative and absolutely necessary that immediate repairs be made. We secured the services of an expert who made a thorough examination of the bridge and gave to us a detailed report of its condition. This report showed the dangerous condition of the bridge and confirmed Mr. Moffatt's statement. We at once ordered the bridge repaired, and by using the expert's reports, we were enabled to remedy the defects and make the bridge safe at a minimum of cost. A sudden collapse of the bridge, with accompanying loss of life, would have brought sorrow and misery to many homes and entailed an enormous expense on the County. These things have been averted. We knew that hundreds of workmen used the bridge daily; that residents of the west side were passing and repassing over the same daily, and we felt it our duty to protect the lives of these people. We believe this money was well spent to the County's profit.

CHARGE NO. 2.—That the bridge across Clear Creek at Stone was destroyed and replaced by a new steel bridge, which was wholly uncalled for, as the old bridge was in good condition when destroyed. All it needed was new piers and a few minor repairs at slight expense.

This bridge was built many years ago. The foundation on one side had been washed out and the bridge had fallen down, breaking, in its fall, the two top cords. The question was either a repair of the old structure or a new bridge. The man who had put in the old bridge examined it thoroughly; so also, did Commissioner Blair. Both gentlemen reported that a new bridge would be more economical than a rebuilding of the old bridge. We acted accordingly and put in a new bridge.

Charge NO. 3.—That many steel bridges were built without due publicity and without asking for competitive bids.

Section 6368 Lord's Oregon Laws provides two methods, either of which may be followed by the County Court, in building bridges. The first method as defined by said section is as follows:

(1). "Whenever any bridge is to be built by any county in this State, the estimated cost of which shall exceed the sum of \$509.00, the County Court shall at once advertise for sealed bids, according to the plans, specifications, and strain diagram, etc."

The second method as defined by said section is as follows:
(2). "Said County Court in its discretion may employ a suitable and competent superintendent and assistants; procure the material and cause said bridge to be constructed without such advertisement and in which event said superintendent shall inspect all materials, etc."

It will be seen that the Court may either (1) advertise for sealed bids or (2) cause the bridge to be constructed through a superintendent without such advertisement.

The Court has, at times, adopted the second method above set forth; so

also, have the County Courts of Yamhill, Marion and other surrounding counties. In so doing we have acted strictly within the law and have followed the provisions of the statute.

This section of the statute was amended by the last legislature. Henceforth, the County Court can proceed only by advertising for bids.

CHARGE NO. 4.—That a contract was entered into with a Portland timber cruising company to cruise the timber of Clackamas County at the rate of \$51.20 per section, without giving any notice to the public that such contract was to be let.

This contract was let to M. G. Nease. Mr. Nease had had much experience in cruising timber and we felt that a cruise which would stand the test of the courts could be had by employing an experienced man to do the work. Mr. M. G. Nease was recommended to us by the Hon. Thomas A. McBride, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon. While this distinguished jurist was sitting as our Circuit Court, Mr. Nease's cruise of the timber in Columbia County was challenged by four large timber companies in as many suits. In each case, the Nease cruise was sustained and the timber syndicates defeated. Such a cruise we felt Clackamas County was entitled to. At the time we entered into the contract with Mr. Nease, we secured his services for 8c per acre; since said time he is charging more for his work. Clatsop County was compelled to pay Mr. Nease 12c per acre for the same services.

The following table will show the value of the cruise to the County. The lands described are owned by the Weyerhaeuser Land Company. Values before the Nease Cruise and after the Nease Cruise are shown:

Lands of Weyerhaeuser Land Company:	Old Value	Cruise	New Value
569 acres in Sec. 4, T. 6 S. R. 3 E.	\$5009.00	11,825 ft.	\$ 6,380.00
640 acres in Sec. 10, T. 6 S. R. 3 E.	2000.00	13,845 ft.	7,179.00
480 acres in Sec. 12, T. 6 S. R. 3 E.	5009.00	59,660 ft.	28,030.00
160 acres in Sec. 14, T. 6 S. R. 3 E.	1600.00	14,985 ft.	6,460.00
285 acres in Sec. 10, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	2009.00	4,500 ft.	2,375.00
640 acres in Sec. 12, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	4000.00	49,100 ft.	29,369.00
640 acres in Sec. 14, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	4069.00	79,100 ft.	36,720.00
360 acres in Sec. 20, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	3000.00	66,134 ft.	33,285.00
640 acres in Sec. 24, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	6009.00	72,120 ft.	36,325.00
320 acres in Sec. 26, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	3000.00	6,710 ft.	3,575.00
320 acres in Sec. 28, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	3009.00	11,423 ft.	5,845.00
195 acres in Sec. 30, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	1500.00	10,210 ft.	5,275.00
320 acres in Sec. 32, T. 5 S. R. 4 E.	2009.00	13,815 ft.	7,155.00
780 acres in Sec. 6, T. 6 S. R. 4 E.	8800.00	26,200 ft.	13,515.00
640 acres in Sec. 8, T. 6 S. R. 4 E.	2009.00	1,820 ft.	1,550.00
500 acres in Sec. 18, T. 6 S. R. 4 E.	6000.00	37,850 ft.	18,295.00
7489 acres	\$58,900.00	489,097 ft.	\$214,315.00

The old values above set forth are the values placed on the timber land above described by the Weyerhaeuser Land Company from their own cruise. This cruise was furnished to the assessor and assessments have been made, taxes levied and paid, for many years past on that basis. The county will thus gain each year on the basis of a 16 mill levy the sum of \$2486.64. The land above described comprises but one-third of the holdings of this company in this county, so that the county will gain per year from this one company alone three times this amount or \$7459.92. Several timber companies own more timber in this county than does the Weyerhaeuser Company; there are also many companies holding smaller amounts. It is safe to say that the increased taxes obtained from the timber companies alone in a single year will pay the entire cost of the cruise.

We could undoubtedly have got a cruise for nothing. The timber companies would have gladly furnished us a cruise without cost to the county. Such a cruise has been assessed on for years and it has cost the county about \$40,900 a year in taxes.

CHARGE NO 5.—That said R. B. Beatie (N. Blair), as chairman of the County Court has not complied with Section 6278 Lord's Oregon Laws.

Section 6287 is as follows:

"All county roads shall be under the supervision of the county court of the county wherein the said road is located; and no county road shall be hereafter established, nor shall any such road be altered or vacated in any county in the state, except by the authority of the county court of the proper county; and each county court within this state shall have the authority, and it shall be its duty, to supervise, control, and direct the working, laying out, opening and keeping in repair of all county roads within its county, and to prescribe the methods and manner of working the same; to supervise the construction and repair of all bridges on the county roads, and to remove any supervisors for incompetency or disobedience to the orders of said court. The powers herein given may be exercised directly by the court, or through some

one of its members designated for that purpose."

We have certainly supervised the repair of county bridges on our county roads, and have never failed to remove incompetent supervisors. Some of the leaders among the Recallers are ex-road supervisors, discharged by us for incompetency.

But our opponents cite this section more particularly to criticize us about the repair of our county roads. We have 3,300 miles of county roads in this county; in addition we have hundreds of county bridges. We must keep up this great road mileage and all county bridges on the funds available, about \$200,000 per annum. Within our funds, we have endeavored to make permanent roads. This costs lots of money and we can proceed no faster than the funds at our disposal will permit. The Road Master of Multnomah County reported to the Commissioners Association at their last meeting in Portland, that they had built 165 miles of macadam road at a cost of \$5000 per mile. Were we to rebuild our road mileage, the cost would be 3390x\$5000.00 or \$16,950,000.00. Certainly we were not justified in fastening on the county this enormous debt.

CONCLUSION.

Many charges have been made against us by innuendo. Statements absolutely false and malicious have been hurled forth by the steaming champions of the Recall. More such statements will be coined and placed in circulation. The county records are public documents open to the inspection of every citizen. The county Court's proceedings are published monthly so every one may know what we are doing. We urge all citizens to satisfy themselves first hand from the records. Signatures may have been obtained on the recall petition through fraud and misrepresentation; the petitions may not be legally drawn; the Recall Act may not be self-executing, but we shall throw no straw in the way of an election. We welcome the test.

All we ask is a fair and impartial expression of our citizenry at the polls.
R. B. BEATIE
N. BLAIR.

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A large assortment, some are trimmed in black collar and cuffs.

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Mid-Summer Sale, reduced from former prices of \$18 to \$27.50, good assortment of colors in fresh goods from recent large purchase. Excellent value at Special

Sale Price \$14.80

LADIES' WAISTS

A large collection in plain white and colors, embroidered and fancy stripes, reduced for this Special.

Sale price, 98c.

CLOSTER THREAD

100 yards assorted colors, regular 5c spool.

Sale price, 1c.

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3-inch double Japanned Straight in small box.

Sale price, per box, 1c.

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Sale price, 2c.

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Perfumed Cream, Oatmeal, Glycerine, Avon Rose, regular 5 and 10c soap, per cake.

Sale price, 3c

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS

Embroidered corners, hemstitched and crossbar.

Sale price, 3c

LADIES' BELTS

White, fancy embroidered, pearl buckle, assorted sizes.

Sale price, 15c.

RED SEAL HANDKERCHIEFS.

3 in a box, with collapsible illumination drinking cup, per box.

Handkerchiefs and Cuffs, 19c.

HAIR AND CLOTHES BRUSHES

Finished in wood of Ash, Oak and Ebony, best bristle.

Sale price, 29c.

LADIES' VESTS, 9c.

Jersey ribbed, sleeveless, taped shoulder band. Mid-Summer Clearance Sale.

Sale price, 9c.

LADIES' UNION UNDERWEAR

Low neck, sleeveless. Lace knee. Fine Jersey ribbed.

Sale price, 29c.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

In Corset Covers and Drawers, regular 35c value for this sale.

Special price, 23c.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

Corset Covers, Drawers, Skirts and Nightgowns, good quality.

Sale price, 48c.

FINE MUSLIN WEAR

Made from Nainsook, Longcloths and Krinkle Crepe. Hand-some lace and embroidered trimming.

Sale price, 98c.

GINGHAM REMNANTS

Fancy stripes and checks in pink, blue, brown, black and gray, per yard.

Sale price, 6½c.

SUMMER DRESS GOODS.

White and colored Lawns, Dimities and fancy stripes, regular price to 20c.

Sale price, 12c.

WOOL CHALLIES

A very handsome assortment of colors in stripes, Polka dots and figured in fancy border, prices 59c to 65c.

Sale price, 38c.

WOOL SERGES

In lights colors of fancy stripes, checks and plaids, to 65c.

Sale price, 48c.

DRESS GINGHAMS

A very good quality, fine assortment of colors just opened for our Summer Sale.

Special price, 10c.

GOOD PERCALES, 10c.

A very good quality, dark and light colors. Always a good value at 12½c.

Clearance Sale price, 10c.

REMNANTS of TABLE LINENS

Just in time for the harvest table, from 2 yds. to 3 yds. long. Also Napkins and colored table cloths.

TOWELS and TOWELINGS.

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