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CLEAN UP.

Too much care cannot be taken to prevent the introduction of any contagious disease into our little community, and with smallpox reported on both sides of us, especial vigilance is required. One of the most important safeguards against the occurrence or spread of infectious or contagious diseases in any community is the adoption of strict sanitary measures. Madras was denied incorporation by the county court and for this reason has no local government which could prescribe or enforce the necessary sanitary measures, and it is therefore all the more incumbent upon every citizen of the community to do his or her duty in that direction.

A thorough cleaning up of the town and the free use of a liberal quantity of chloride of lime, which can be had at any drugstore, may save us from the visitation of some dreadful epidemic of disease. Old closets, places where drains empty, and all garbage heaps of every kind, should be looked after at once and treated to a liberal sprinkling with the chloride of lime, as these places are a constant menace to the health of the community.

This matter of the adoption of these sanitary precautions is important, and should not longer be delayed. Death lurks in those places where disease germs breed, and these unsanitary places are a menace to the life and health of every resident of the community. Aside from that, a purely selfish business view should prompt the adoption of these simple sanitary measures, which may prevent an epidemic of some contagious disease that would paralyze business in the town and retard its growth for years. The old saying that "An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure" was never better exemplified than in dealing with epidemics of contagious diseases.

RETIREES GRACEFULLY.

That was a weak little piece of by-play between the county court and the sheriff, last week, when the order of Judge Bradshaw enjoining the county officials from letting a contract for a new court house was not served by the sheriff until after the court had rejected the solitary bid which was presented. The injunction of the court was in the hands of the sheriff before noon on Friday, and the immediate purpose of the order of the court was to prevent the letting of a contract on Saturday morning, when the "bids" were to be opened. On Saturday morning the court met and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the solitary bid for the contract was rejected, after which the sheriff got busy and served the injunction on the members of

the county court, enjoining them from letting the contract. These are the facts heralded over the county by the Prineville papers, to show how careful of the county's interests the county court is, and how unnecessary the injunction suit was. These old tricks of theirs have fooled people so long that it doesn't appear to have occurred to them that anybody could see through their flimsy pretext. Nobody doubts that the contract would have been let but for the prompt action of the enjoining taxpayers, just as everybody knows that the delay in the service of the injunction was merely for the purpose of letting the county court retire as gracefully as possible from a very discreditable performance. The injunction answered its purpose, and the horse-play between the sheriff and the county board didn't fool anybody.

BUILDING AT A PREMIUM.

If the county court had sought out the most inopportune time to build a new court house, it could not have used more unerring judgement in the selection than to have chosen the present time for the purpose. Builders all over the Pacific Coast are meeting with difficulties in securing labor and materials, owing to the tremendous demand resulting from the destruction and rebuilding of San Francisco. Structural iron, building hardware and in fact building materials of all kinds have greatly advanced in price under the stimulus of this unusual demand, and it is even predicted that the rebuilding of San Francisco will be retarded by the failure of the supply to equal the immediate demand for these materials. There has even been discussion by the government of the plan of admitting all building materials duty free, in order to relieve the situation.

The same condition exists with regard to stone masons, brick masons and carpenters. Labor of this class is all flocking to San Francisco, where it has the promise of years of steady work at good prices. It is reported to be almost impossible to get stone masons in this state at all, and at Prineville now it is reported that three stone masons of ordinary ability, who are working on the new Prineville Hotel building, are demanding and receiving \$6 per day for eight hours labor.

These are not theories but actual conditions which any person bidding on the construction of the new court house would have to take into consideration. It means that the bid would have to be a good many thousand dollars higher for the construction at this time of such a court house as is planned, than would be required under normal conditions.

These altered conditions put a new phase upon the court house question, from that which was presented a year ago, and many of those who at that time were willing that Prineville should have her new court house, now say that they do not think the necessity for a new court house is so pressing that the taxpayers of the county should be required to pay a premium over and above its natural cost, in order to have the new structure at this time. And they say that to build now would be in utter disregard of economy or good business judgment.

AN EFFECTIVE MEASURE.

We learn from the Crook County Journal that the plans for the new court house are to

be returned to the Salem architect, to be altered so that the price will not exceed \$42,000, "without changing the general scheme of the building". The bid presented by the Portland firm of contractors on June 2 was for \$65,000, and if we can have just as good a new court house for \$42,000, the injunction suit was not unavailing, even if the county court should over-ride the protest from taxpayers from all over the county. It is not every day that the taxpayers of the county can save even \$23,000, which is the difference between the original plan and the substitute which is now proposed.

Those of the farmers of this locality who can attend the Farmers' Institute at Bend on the 19th of this month, should do so. A cordial invitation has been extended to them to participate in these meetings, one of which is held every month or so, and the benefit to be derived from this interchange of ideas on subjects of common interest to all who are engaged

in agricultural pursuits would certainly not be inconsiderable. Mr. A. M. Drake, of Bend, who is one of the promoters of these farmers' meetings in the irrigated district of the county, has requested us to extend an invitation to all of the farmers of this vicinity, to come to Bend and participate with them. A most pleasant and profitable day is in store for all who can avail themselves of the invitation.

The Crook County Journal refers to the bids "offered the court last Saturday by different contractors in Portland and Salem." The Review says there was but one bid, which everybody else in the county knows to be the truth of the matter. The Journal evidently intends to earn that \$300 paid it by the county court.

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