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STANDING PAT.

The Crook County Journal has made much sport of the contention of Western Crook county taxpayers, that the building of a new court house at this time would be in violation of the constitutional provision against counties incurring an indebtedness exceeding \$5000, and when we stated that there was less than \$20,000 in the county treasury available for such a purpose, the Journal man threw up his hands in horror at such ignorance. And then the county official paper proceeded to inform us that there was more than enough money on hand, with which to build a \$45,000 court house, and without incurring any indebtedness whatever. For the Journal's information, we publish the following affidavit from the deputy county treasurer, and particular attention is called to the date of it:

State of Oregon } ss
 County of Crook }

I, O. B. Gray, being first duly sworn, say that I am the duly appointed and regularly acting deputy county treasurer of Crook county, Oregon.

That I have the custody and control of the books and records of the Crook county treasurer's office and now have said books and records in my possession.

That there are \$18,867.63 of unappropriated money in the general fund of said county as appears from the books of the said treasurer's office and that said books show no outstanding warrants against Crook county, Oregon.
 (Signed) O. B. GRAY.

Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of June, 1906.
 (Signed) M. R. ELLIOTT,
 Notary Public for Oregon.

If the statement of the deputy county treasurer does not satisfy the county official organ, the editor is referred to the records of that office, to which he referred us with a wave of the hand several issues ago. We "stand pat" on our assertion that there is less than \$20,000 in the county treasury, available for a new court house.

A SPLENDID PUBLICATION.

"Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Their Resources" for 1906, gotten out by Rinaldo M. Hall, the clever advertising agent of the O. R. & N. Company, is by far the best publication ever put out as an advertisement of the Pacific Northwest. As the title indicates, this publication covers the states of the Pacific Northwest, and their resources, giving much information about the great northwest country and the towns and different localities reached by the Harriman lines, and it will be of inestimable benefit to the homeseeker in this great northwest country. The publication is also profusely illustrated with half tone cuts of familiar scenes in the northwest. Copies of this book may be had free, by sending four cents in stamps for postage to A. L. Craig, G. P. A., Portland, Oregon.

A pleasant little dance was enjoyed by the young people of Madras, at the Madras Milling Company building on last Saturday evening. The dance was gotten up for the Prineville ball team, which was expected on Saturday afternoon, but the Prineville boys were unable to reach here until Sunday morning and the dance was attended principally by a home crowd.

COURT FILES ANSWER

MOVES TO DISSOLVE THE INJUNCTION

Say It Was Intention To Build Only Foundation Now, And Then Wait For Money to Finish Building.

Through their attorneys, M. E. Brink, George Barnes and M. R. Elliott, the county board has filed a motion to dissolve the injunction recently granted by Judge Bradshaw, enjoining them from letting a contract for a new court house at Prineville. The motion will be heard by Judge Bradshaw at chambers in The Dalles, on July 10. A copy of the answer follows:

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Crook County:

Charles S. Renson, Plaintiff,

vs.

W. A. Bell, county judge of Crook county, Oregon, and M. D. Powell and S. S. Stearns, county commissioners of said county, constituting the County Court of said county, for the transaction of county business, Defendants.

Comes now the defendants above named and, answering plaintiff's complaint, admit, deny and allege as follows, to-wit:

Admit that the defendants are the county judge and commissioners of Crook county and that they constitute the county court of said county for the transaction of county business.

Admit that the defendants, acting as such county court, have advertised for bids as alleged.

Admit that the defendants, as such county court, intend to enter into a contract for the construction of a court house for said county unless prevented by injunction.

Deny that the defendants, as the county court for Crook county, Oregon, for the transaction of county business or otherwise, intend to or will contract an indebtedness in excess of \$5000 or any indebtedness whatever, or that the cost of construction of said court house will exceed the amount of money in the county treasury including all claims against the county, or that it will create an indebtedness of \$5000.

Denies that the county now has a court house sufficient for the transaction of the business of the county.

Denies that the erection of the proposed court house will damage the plaintiff or any taxpayer.

Deny that the construction of the proposed court house is opposed by a majority of the taxpayers of Crook county, or that there was any effort or intention of preventing any and all persons from learning any action of the county court, each step in the proceeding was made a matter of public record.

Deny that the notice for bids was inadequate or not published in the best manner possible, but allege that in their best judgment it was published where most likely to produce favorable results.

Deny that plaintiff was or could be damaged by the publication of said notice.

For a further and separate answer to plaintiff's complaint, the defendants allege:

That the present court house of Crook county is an old wooden building and is totally inadequate for the business of the county. That there is no suitable rooms for county officers, no suitable jury rooms and that the records of the county are constantly endangered from fire and that it is necessary that the county have a new court house.

That it is the intention to build a court house at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00.

That there is now in the county treasury, properly applicable to this purpose, \$18,867.63 and \$4500.00 in taxes not collected exclusive of all warrants or claims of every description against the county.

That the county has not one dollar of indebtedness.

That the court house can be completed without increasing the rate of taxation and even with a slight reduction.

That 180 of the heaviest taxpayers of the county petitioned the county court one year ago to build a new court house and have repeatedly urged it since. That said 180 taxpayers pay more than half of the total tax of the county.

That the county court will not violate the constitutional inhibition in regard to the indebtedness of the county. That it is the intention of the court, and they will, let the contract and construct the foundation of said structure with the money now available and build the superstructure after the money is on hand properly applicable to this purpose.

Wherefore, the defendants having disclaimed any intention of violation of the constitution of the state of Ore-

gon, pray for a decree dissolving the injunction issued in this suit and that said suit be dismissed.

(Signed) M. E. BRINK,
 GEO. W. BARNES,
 M. R. ELLIOTT,
 Attorneys for Defendants.

State of Oregon } ss
 County of Crook }

I, W. A. Bell, being first duly sworn, say that I am one of the defendants above named, that I know the contents of the foregoing answer and the same is true as I verily believe

(Signed) W. A. BELL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of June, 1906.

(Signed) M. R. ELLIOTT,
 Notary Public for Oregon.

Don F. Steffa was in Madras several days during the latter part of the week, the guest of D. P. Rea. He left on Sunday morning to go to Bend, where he attended the big celebration on Tuesday as correspondent for the Portland dailies.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR ELECTED

An election was held in Madras school district, last Monday, to choose a successor to M. C. Mason and S. E. Grey, whose terms as director and clerk respectively expired at this time. Two candidates were named for director, A. S. Phillips and N. H. Pinkerton, and after a closely contested race Mr. Pinkerton, was elected by a vote of 20 to 17. The director will hold for a term of three years. Mr. Grey was the unanimous choice of the meeting for clerk, and was re-elected for the ensuing year. A motion was made at the meeting by D. P. Rea, that a detailed statement of the collections and expenditures of the school fund be published by the clerk, for the benefit of those in the district who might care to know to whom and for what purpose disbursements had been made. The Pioneer has offered to publish this statement without charge to the district, and the chairman directed the secretary to publish the statement.

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