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### CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS.

The answer of the county court to the suit enjoining them from letting a contract for a new court house, when read side by side with their notice for bids, is to say the least strikingly inconsistent. The following excerpts from those two documents speak for themselves:

#### From the Notice.

Bids Wanted.—Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received up to 10 o'clock a. m. of June 2, 1906, by the county court of Crook county, Oregon, for the construction and completion of a court house building at Prineville, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications thereof made by W. D. Fugh, architect, Salem, Oregon.

#### From the Answer.

That the county court will not violate the constitutional prohibition in regard to the indebtedness of the county. That it is the intention of the court and that 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.

The notice calls for the "construction and completion of a court house building at Prineville", but when the county court is caught trying to sneak the court house contract through, and is held up at the point of an injunction suit, they brazenly allege that "things are not what they seem"—that their intention is only to let a contract for the foundation at this time. They might have made that story stick, if they had not been caught "with the goods."

### PUBLIC WHEAT SALES.

The farmers of Umatilla county are planning to have public wheat sales throughout the county, after the manner adopted by the wool growers of the country. To this end, the farmers of the county have pledged themselves to hold their wheat until these sales at the different wheat centers, at which sales bids will be received on the different crops and varieties of wheat. These sales will be competitive, just as the wool growers have sold their wool, and if they prove to be a success, they will doubtless become a permanent institution in that and other wheat sections.

Arrangements for these public sales are being made by an organization of farmers of that county, and this organization will also take up the matter of freight rates, grain sacks and all other subjects of interest to its members. Grain sacks in that county are now 10 1/2 cents and the price is still advancing.

### THE DALLES OPTIMIST.

We are glad to place upon our exchange list The Optimist, published at The Dalles by A. Bennett, the initial issue of which publication made its appearance last week. Mr. Bennett has already won considerable fame in the journalistic field in this state, his Rabbitville Items published in the Irrigon Irrigator having gained for him the title of "Mark Twain of Oregon." We predict success for the Optimist, if its name reflects the character of its editor, and we think it

does. Life always has a bright side for those who look for it, and there is no more profitable occupation than scattering sunshine, which is a part of the optimist's stock in trade.

Lost for an argument in upholding the new court house deal which the county court was trying to put through, the Crook County Journal, official organ and chief prestidigitator of the county court at \$300 per year, flies into a rage and denies in toto our statement that the present time is the most inopportune that could have been selected for building the court house, owing to the increased cost of labor and building material on account of the rebuilding of San Francisco. The Journal characterizes our statement as "a gross fabrication from beginning to end" and in doing so the Journal merely emphasizes its own asininity. The fact that building materials and skilled labor are in unusual demand, and that prices have gone up accordingly, is a matter of common knowledge, regarding which the Journal is respectfully directed to any daily paper or periodical of recent date.

The Crook County Journal denies that \$6 per day is paid the stone masons working on the new Prineville Hotel

building, but the Journal does not say what they are paid. Possibly it is only \$5.07. As to the "tainted smell", the Journal should not hold us responsible if all information from or about Prineville and the new court house deal has a "tainted smell."

### AUTOMOBILISTS REACH NEW YORK

Percy Megargel and his companion, the transcontinental automobilists who came through Madras last Fall, on their way to Portland via the Barlow route, have reached New York after a trip covering more than 11,700 miles. During their long trip they had thrilling experiences enough to fill several large volumes. At one time they were lost in a snow storm and blizzard, and nearly perished; at another they ran into quick-sand and barely escaped with their lives, the machine sinking under the sands and it being necessary to pull it out with several teams of horses. Experiences of this kind were of such frequency as to rob them of their novelty, but at no time did they encounter greater obstacles or endure more hardships, than upon their trip from this place across the Cascade mountains. At times they had to literally build their road, cutting out trees and filling in washed-out gullies, and finally, their food supply becoming exhausted, they spent three days practically without food.

Before buying your farm machinery, write to J. M. Foster, Wasco, Oregon. He has charge of the O. T. Company's assignment, and can save you money, if

Rev. J. K. Craig, who has been assisting in a revival meeting at Redmond, returned home Wednesday evening. He went to Antelope today, and will be accompanied home tomorrow by Presiding Elder Walton Skipworth.

## A NEW PIANO STORE BY FALL

EILERS PEOPLE VACATE BIG WASHINGTON STREET SALESROOMS.

New Lease Secures Entire Upstairs, but Occupancy Cannot be Obtained Until This Winter. Extensive Improvements and Alterations Planned—New Recital Hall to be the Best Appointed in the West. Further Particulars of the Big Deal.

From Portland Oregonian, June 18.  
It was indeed a busy sight to behold at the famous old "Quarter Block" yesterday. Even with the augmented delivery service of five large vans, which have been working night and day, it was impossible to deliver all the instruments which were sold last Friday and Saturday. Commingling with the draymen were the carpenters who commenced yesterday morning in deadly earnest to remove walls and partitions preparatory to the many alterations and improvements that are to be made.  
It does not seem to be generally understood, however, that Eilers Piano House is now practically out of the retail city business. The big store, like several of its fellow-stores in the same block, is vacant and awaiting for the new tenants.

As stated heretofore, we were fortunate in securing at the very last moment a new five-year lease on the upstairs of the block, but the upstairs portion is now occupied by Portland's leading business college, for which institution a fine, new building is now being erected on the corner of Tenth and Morrison streets. When the new building is completed we are to take possession of the old premises upstairs here. They will be converted into the most beautiful, most convenient and best lighted piano salesrooms in the United States.

Will Open in the Fall.  
But until these many changes are completed and possession has been secured, Eilers Piano House is compelled to remain out of the retail piano trade. As soon as possible after October 1 we shall commence work remodeling the upstairs premises. Convenient stairways and a modern elevator will be installed. Several very fine music studios on suite or single will also be provided. We shall have a fine recital hall, twice as large as our former one; a fine Aeolian and Pianola library room, and also talking machine parlors will be some of the noteworthy features.

The upper or western portion of the block formerly devoted to Aeolian hall will be remodeled and rebuilt, as an entrance to the new upstairs salesrooms, a portion also being devoted to show windows, delivery rooms and private offices of the various managers.

In the old Aeolian Hall is now located temporarily the Pianola subscription library, and in the front portion will be found the Oregonian Premium talking machine record distributing department.

Offices Will Remain.  
The new arrangement will not necessitate the removal of the general and wholesale offices to our wholesale quarters at Thirteenth and Northrup streets. A clever architect has solved the puzzle of their location by erecting a mezzanine floor in the north of the western portion of our new quarters, which is now being built. Here is where the city bookkeepers and also the general and wholesale accounting departments will be located. A commodious fire and burglar proof safety deposit vault is to be installed in another part of the premises. In short, by late Fall the establishment of Eilers Piano House will be as complete and as thoroughly convenient, as any in the Union, and probably equal to the very best of them in attractiveness.

Big Saving in Rent.  
And, best of all, the new arrangement will mean a saving in rent to Eilers Piano House of over \$39,000 for the five-year lease, an average of \$7,800 a year. This benefit alone will enable Eilers Piano House this Fall to offer pianos and musical merchandise on more advantageous terms than ever heretofore.

Telephone number remains as heretofore, "Exchange 23." City and country collections will be paid at the old office same as before, only that during alterations our offices will have to be shifted to various portions of the hall. It will be the aim of contractors to cause as little inconvenience as possible to callers. Dust and dirt will be carefully avoided, and our bookkeeping work will proceed with the very least interruption. The old street number, "351" will be retained—in reality it will be 353 though.

Temporary Display Rooms.  
We have arranged to inaugurate an automobile and carriage service between our present quarters and our wholesale department at the corner of Thirteenth and Northrup streets for the convenience of those who desire to purchase a Chickering, or a Weber, or a Kimball, or a Pianola piano, Pianola organ, etc., etc. Suitable temporary show rooms will be fitted up at the warehouse to properly display the instruments.

Pianos will also be supplied for concerts and rental, as heretofore, but all applications must be made at our downtown offices, 851 Washington street, as above, at the corner of Park—Eilers Piano House—always the biggest, busiest and best piano dealers, with stores in every important western city, including San Francisco.

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### J. M. Foster, Agent

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