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COUNTY COURT DEFERS FINAL ACTION

Where Will Money Come From In Case Contract Is Let Within The Next Year Is Problem.

It is reported from the county seat that the county court has taken under advisement the matter of letting a contract for a new court house for Crook County and that final action in the matter will not be taken until the January term of the court. Bids for the contract have been opened by the court, and while the exact figures have not been made public it has been given out that no contract for the court house will be let at a figure to exceed \$40,000.

The first opposition to the building of a new court house arose in Western Crook over the secret methods employed by the county court in getting the measure through that body and in advertising for bids. No mention of the proposal to build a new court house appeared in the county official paper, either as a news item or in connection with the report of the county court proceedings, until after the uncovering of this purpose through the discovery of an advertisement for bids for the contract in the classified ads department of a Portland paper. Even at the county seat prominent business men and taxpayers knew nothing of the purpose, and one of the most prominent business men of Prineville is authority for the statement that the first knowledge he had of the matter came through a communication from a Portland firm, who had seen the call for bids in the Portland paper. The people of Western Crook were aroused by these high-handed methods, and an injunction was asked and secured in the Circuit Court, enjoining the county court from letting a contract. At the final hearing of the injunction suit, the county court was permanently enjoined from letting any contract whereby an indebtedness of to exceed \$5000 would be incurred by the county. It has always been contended that had the county court submitted to a full and free discussion by the taxpayers of the county, the matter of making a reasonable expenditure for a new court house for this county, very little opposition to the measure would have developed.

Whether or not the county court can now let a contract for even a \$40,000 edifice is a question which requires an examination of the county finances to answer. The court is permanently enjoined from letting any contract which would create an indebtedness of to exceed \$5000, and unless there has been a decided improvement since the last report of the county treasurer, it is not apparent how the county court can let a \$40,000 contract at the January term. The next tax-roll is not collectible until the first of April, and unless the levy to be made in January shall continue the present high rate of taxation, it is a source of speculation as to where the money is to come

from at any time within at least another year. This year's tax roll is practically double that of last year, the increase being due principally to the increased valuation placed upon property by the assessor, with the understanding that the rate would be lowered. It is not conceivable that the county court will dare maintain practically the present high rate upon a valuation double that of last year, although it has been freely charged that an attempt will be made to do so for the purpose of creating a fund for the new court house.

FLOODS ON MATOLES

While western Oregon and Washington are enjoying their floods caused by the chinook of last week, Central Oregon is having the same, though in a lesser degree. The Matoles rose a full four feet a week ago Monday, and has resumed its normal stage only in the last day or two. Squaw creek on Friday greatly resembled Crooked river in a freshet and fording the stream was at first impossible and later difficult. The Deschutes, however, remained unchanged throughout Chinook and rains. Its waters rose about four inches last week but remained as clear as usual, so that no flood could be noticed except by placing marks in the river.—Review.

CROSSED QUARTZ STRINGER

Jack Church was in town last Friday from Haycreek, where he is working in the tunnel which the B. S. & L. company is running in the hill two miles south of the company's headquarters. The tunnel is now in something over a hundred feet, and will be pushed a few feet further. Indications of mineral were found there on the company's land, good enough to justify some prospect work. So far as can be learned no rich strike has been made, but it is reported that a small "stringer" of quartz carrying good values was crossed by the tunnel.

FOUND \$20 BILL

Oliver Phillips found a twenty-dollar bill, lost by Dr. U. C. Coe, of Bend, last week, and brought it to the Pioneer office in response to a notice of its loss which appeared in the paper. Dr. Coe generously instructed us to present \$5 to the finder as a reward. It was fortunate for him that the money was picked up by a little man of fine principle, who immediately began a search for the owner of the bill.

ALL GAIN, NO LOSS

Proposed Direct Daily Mail Service
Benefit to Many, Injury to None.

Referring to the proposed change in the mail service for the Deschutes river valley, the Bend Bulletin says: "Settlement and development in the Deschutes valley leads us naturally up against the necessity for better mail service. The plan will take nothing from any other locality, will add nothing to the total expense of serving this region and will vastly benefit a large number of people and important business interests. It is a happy arrangement and ought to be promptly approved and put in operation."

MARKSMEN TRY LUCK

NUMBERS ATTEND BIG TURKEY SHOOT

Rea and McTaggart Get Most Turkeys, While John Whiteman Makes Best Individual Shot.

Half a hundred marksmen braved the raw, cold air on Tuesday afternoon, to try their luck at the big turkey shoot given by G. L. Paxton, and the matches of six made up to shoot for each of the turkeys were quickly filled and could have been filled several times over. Jack McTaggart, Don Rea, Geo. Windom, Louis Vaulrath, John Whiteman and T. P. Monroe were the winners of turkeys, McTaggart and Rea each winning two. The best individual shot was made by John Whiteman, who at forty yards off-hand drove the tack in the center of his target. Rea and McTaggart made the next best shots, each winning two turkeys and McTaggart being a close second to Rea in each of the matches which the latter won.

The shooters had the privilege of shooting with a rest at sixty yards, or off-hand at forty yards, and while many of them availed themselves of the privilege of taking a "rest", each of the matches was won by one of the off hand marksmen.

A. P. DAWSON IS DEAD

Body Found By a Neighbor Near Dead Man's Residence At Lamonta.

Abraham P. Dawson was found dead on his ranch at Lamonta Tuesday, Nov. 20th. When the body was discovered by a neighbor life had been extinct for some thirty-six or forty-eight hours. A messenger was at once sent to notify the proper county officials at Prineville. Sheriff Elkins, Judge Bell and Dr. Rosenberg left that afternoon for Lamonta.

The body was found lying face downward about 300 feet east of his house on a road leading to some haystacks and a well. A coroner's inquest was held and after making a careful examination of the circumstances surrounding the death it was decided that Dawson came to his death from a stroke of apoplexy. Death came swiftly. He fell forward on his face and breast and died without a struggle.

Dawson was about 50 years of age and was unmarried. He was a most eccentric person and was generally avoided by his neighbors. He was indicted at the last term of district court for assault with a dangerous weapon upon the person of A. Ad Keller. The case was continued so that he might have time to get his witnesses.

Dawson lived in Crook county for twenty years. He has a brother and nephew in Missouri and an effort will be made to find them.—Crook Co. Journal.

NO THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thanksgiving services will not be held in Madras today because of the inability to secure a suitable building for the purpose. The churches have been using the schoolhouse as a place of worship and for the various services, but the board of directors of the Madras school has recently made a ruling that the schoolhouse may hereafter only be used by the churches for their regular Sunday services.

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