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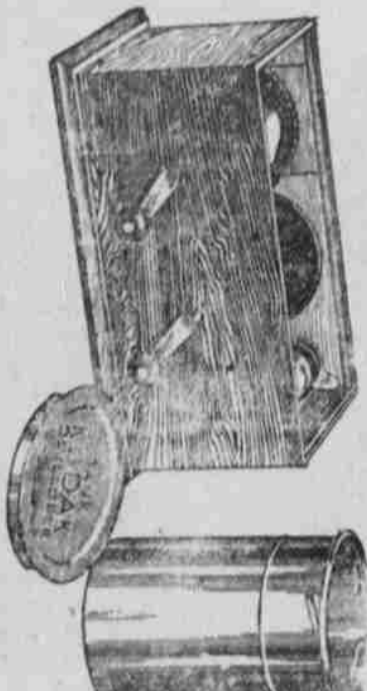
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NEW COURTHOUSE FINISHED, COST \$74,960

Building Completed Ahead Of Time
--Contractor Shipp Highly Complimented

Crook county's new courthouse, which has just been completed by the contractor and accepted by the County Court, cost the county \$74,960.16. There is no better or more conveniently arranged building of its kind in the state, and only one other courthouse building, that in Baker county, cost more than the Crook county building. The contractors have been paid in full for the building, with the exception of about \$1000, which amount is still due Mr. Shipp for extras about the building, not included in the original contract or specifications.

The contractor, J. B. Shipp, enjoys the unique distinction of having fully completed his contract before the time limit had expired. The county was thereby enabled to hold the May term of the Circuit Court in the new building, saving the county some expense and much inconvenience. In accepting the building for the county, the County Court took occasion to compliment Contractor Shipp very highly upon the manner in which he had carried out his contract, and to thank him for a number of "extras" not called for by the specifications, but which were furnished by Mr. Shipp without cost to the county. These extras amounted to \$371.50, but were supplied by the contractor without charge. In addition to this, extra work and materials amounting to \$284 were supplied by Bernardi & Dunsford, the contractors for the plumbing, without charge to the county.

While the new building is to be equipped and furnished throughout, the County Court has only purchased for the present such furniture as is absolutely necessary for furnishing the offices of the county officials. This furniture will be in position by the middle of June, but no payments thereon will become due until next year's taxes are collected. The purchase of other equipment will be deferred until there is more money available in the county treasury.

NOTE CLEARS MURDER MYSTERY AT REDMOND

Worley Was Degenerate--Murdered Wife, Burns Home And Then Kills Himself

The mystery surrounding the death of Louis H. Worley and his wife at Redmond last week was partially cleared up by the discovery of a note left by Worley, in which he stated that he had killed his wife and intended to kill himself. He offered justification for the act in the statement that his wife had stolen money from him and was going to leave him, and that he thought they would "all be better off dead." From all accounts, Worley was a degenerate, and when Mrs. Worley discovered this after her marriage to him and refused to live with him as his wife, he killed her and piled bundles of straw on her body, set fire to the building. Then he went to the barn and killed himself.

Mrs. Worley formed an acquaintance with Worley by correspondence, brought about by a mutual acquaintance who was a neighbor of Worley's. She came to Crook county on May 5, and after a short courtship by Worley, married him, the wedding taking place on the Wednesday before the murder.

BAPTISTS MAY BUY OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

The members of the Baptist congregation at this place have under advisement a proposition for the purchase of the old school building, for use as a church building for that denomination, and it is understood that the deal has practically been decided upon and will be closed as soon as the matter can be arranged. The directors of the school district have no authority to dispose of the building, unless the district shall vote such authority to them, and a meeting will probably be called at an early date to submit the question to vote. The price agreed upon is \$400, which is a very small price for the building, but more than could be realized out of the building if it should be torn down for the lumber there is in it. If sold, the \$400 will be added to the fund for the new building, and will be a

welcome addition as the directors are having some trouble in getting plans for a building such as they want, to cost within the \$3000 provided by the recent bond issue.

If the building is purchased by the Baptist church, it will have been secured at a very low figure, and with a small expenditure they can convert the building into a very comfortable church building. It will be moved from its present location if sold, as the new school building will be built on those lots.

NO ACTION TAKEN UNTIL AFTER JUNE 6

Deschutes Right of Way Awaits Decision Of Motion Filed By Private Power Companies

Washington, May 20.—Land Commissioner Denney today stated that his office would be unable to act upon E. H. Harriman's application for right of way for the upper 60 miles of the Deschutes Railroad, pending action by Secretary Ballinger upon a motion for review of his recent decision dismissing the protest of private power companies against the granting of any right of way for a railroad up the Deschutes canyon. This motion for review cannot be acted upon before June 6, and it would be useless for the Land Office to approve maps for the upper 60 miles of road while this question affecting the lower stretch of right of way is undisposed of.

Mr. Ballinger has previously held that private power companies have no valid ground upon which to protest against granting right of way across government land, and it is assumed that he will deny the motion when it reaches him.

MRS. FRANK ELKINS DEAD

Mrs. Lou Elkins, wife of Sheriff Frank Elkins of this county, died at her home at Prineville, on Friday, May 21, 1909, Bright's disease being the immediate cause of her death. Deceased was 36 years of age. Funeral services were held at Prineville last Sunday, the body being laid at rest in the cemetery at that place.

Although Mrs. Elkins had been in poor health for some time past, and during the past month or more her condition was known to be very critical, the news of her death which reached here by phone message last Friday, came as a great shock to her relatives and friends in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins and their family lived for a number of years at their ranch on Agency Plains, and during their residence in this section Mrs. Elkins greatly endeared herself to a wide circle of friends, by her many lovable traits of character, and the report of her death brought genuine sorrow to them all.

Sheriff Elkins has the sincere sympathy of his friends in all parts of the county in the great loss which has come to him. In addition to her husband and two little children, Mrs. Elkins left a number of other relatives in this county to mourn her death.

WILL UTILIZE OLD COURTHOUSE

The Crook County High School has been given permission to use the old courthouse building for the ensuing year to accommodate the Normal Department, which has just been established in the High School. The building will be moved to the high school grounds, and the cost of moving it, together with fitting the building for its new purpose, will be paid out of the high school fund.

ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Will Ship More Hogs

Stroud Bros. and Davenport this week shipped two carloads of cattle to Portland. Tom Stroud and William Davenport accompanied the shipment and upon their return will gather up a carload of hogs which have already been bought from among the ranchers in this county and will take them to the city. Porkers have been selling in Portland as high as \$8.90 live weight.—Prineville Journal.

Salmon Running in Ochoco

Salmon are running in Ochoco creek this season for the first time in many years. This trout has in many ways the appearance of a steelhead salmon, being without the red scales almost entirely, although the meat is pink. It follows salmon to their spawning quarters in order to feed upon the eggs, and its presence in local waters would indicate that salmon have come into Central Oregon once more. The native rainbow trout will not eat salmon eggs.—Prineville Review.

BIG FARMERS RALLY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

President F. A. Sikes Of State Organization Will Attend--Large Crowd Expected

The county Farmers Union will hold a big rally and picnic at Madras Wednesday June 9, at which time President Sikes of the State Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union will be present.

Preparations are going ahead to make this gathering of farmers a memorable one, and many tillers of the soil from all sections of the county are expected to be in attendance. Sanford's hall is engaged for holding the meeting of the union on that occasion, and at noon a big basket dinner will be served to all who attend the meeting. The officers of the county union, who have the arrangements for the picnic and rally in hand, are sparing no pains to make the occasion a pleasant one for all who attend.

DRILLING RESUMED FOR OIL ON GRIZZLY SLOPE

Strike Strong Flow Of Water--Rises 275 Feet In Well--Making Good Progress

Drilling has been resumed on the well which is being put down by the Madras Oil & Gas Company on the West slope of Grizzly, and the officers of the company say they hope to continue work now without further interruption, until they strike a "gusher." There have been several annoying interruptions in the work, which has on that account made slow progress during the last few months. At a depth of 175 feet the work was suspended for some time, as it was found necessary to secure heavier machinery. With the arrival of the new machinery work was resumed, but was again discontinued in a short time. Drilling was resumed again last week and they are now making good progress.

The drillers are having some trouble with water, which rises so rapidly in the hole as to make it difficult to "muck out." It is said that overnight the water raised 275 feet in the hole, which will give some idea of the amount of water they have to handle. In order to obviate this difficulty it has been found necessary to sink the casing with the drill. The work is now in charge of Frank Loveland and John Moore, and the latter has had much experience in sinking oil wells. The well on Grizzly is down some thing over 300 feet.

MISS ETHEL KLANN WINS SILVER MEDAL

The second Silver Medal Contest was held at the Methodist church Tuesday evening with six contestants, the medal being awarded by the judges to Miss Ethel Klann. Those who contested for the medal were Ethel Klann, Melba Kidder, Susie Cowherd, Jennie Harper, Elsie Northrup and Roth Clark, and the judges were instructed to grade them upon five points—voice, articulation, gesture, memory and general effect. All of the contestants had good selections and spoke in a most pleasing manner, and Miss Klann won the award in a very close contest. The judges were Rev. Dickey of Warm Springs, Prof. W. R. Cook and Max Lueddemann, the medal being presented by Mr. Dickey in a very pleasing speech, in which he took occasion to compliment all the contestants upon their efforts.

In addition to the declamatory contest, a musical program had been prepared, Miss Clara Horney singing a solo, and several selections being rendered by the choir.

BIG PRICES AT WOOL SALES

The first wool sales at Shaniko this season were held last Friday, and about 500,000 pounds were sold. The prices ranged between 21c and 22 3/4c per pound, the latter price having been paid to Marmaduke Maxwell, a Shaniko sheepman, for his clip of over 35,000 pounds. These prices are fully 5 cents per pound better than the prices paid last season, and they are several cents higher than has been paid for any of the Shaniko wools at private sale. The woolgrowers in the Shaniko district inaugurated the sealed bids plan of selling wool in this state, and they are pleased at the result of the first sale held this season, which demonstrates the advantages of that plan.