

Odd Combination Goes Gunning for Warrant Buyers

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Dr. J. F. Reddy, the well known booster from the Rogue River valley, is a guest at the Oregon from Medford. J. V. McIntyre, cashier of the Bank of Eagle Point, and Frank Brown, a commissioner of Jackson county, also of Eagle Point, are guests at the Oregon. J. R. Nell, county judge of Jackson county, is at the Oregon from Jacksonville. With the other members of the county court, Judge Nell is in Portland for the purpose of arranging finances for Jackson county.

Noble Dr. Reddy! Public spirited Frank Brown! Devoted Mr. McIntyre! Dear old Judge Nell! Bless their darling pictures! With such an unselfish band of heroes knocking at the citadels of capital in Oregon's proud metropolis, there is indeed hope that the prediction made by District Attorney Mulkey in Medford Friday evening, that county warrants would be selling at par within ten days, is no added dream of a brain made mad by a bubble reputation gained in the extermination of many helpless blind pigs. Surely, Mr. Mulkey must have known the purpose of the Portland pilgrimage, else why would he have proclaimed with all the cocksureness of a concealed canary, that county warrants would be selling at par within ten days?

Again arises, like Banquo's ghost come back to plague us in our compounded perplexity over the strange ways and devious devices of Jackson county official procedure, that significant monosyllable—WHY?

Why did not the noble doctor, the public spirited commissioner, the devoted bank cashier, and the dear old judge get busy quite a while ago, before the majority of the mammoth illegal issue of county warrants had passed into the hands of the banks and their able allies, the professional warrant shavers. WHY?

Why was not some effort made to maintain the market for warrants at par, so that those who rendered value for them in labor and supplies in the first place could have sold them for a full hundred cents? WHY?

Why, unless for the benefit of the ninety-per-cent-and-less sharks, did the noble doctor, and the devoted cashier, and the patriotic commissioner, and the dear old judge delay their time of getting busy, in the chaste and discreet terminology of the Portland Journal's hotel reporter, at the game of "arranging finances for Jackson county?" WHY?

Ever and always that damnatory interrogation intrudes like a ghost to trouble joy, like a scythe to cut down our confidence in the altruistic motives of that queer quorumvirate, the doctor, the commissioner, the cashier, and the judge. Why—there's the rub—WHY?

Of course there is no taint of politics in the obelance made by the total estimate and the figures all accompanying the bid the county court justly allowed the contractors the benefit of this technical error. With this allowance the bid was \$2000 below the next highest bidder.

We can find no evidence of dishonesty and we have given all matters due consideration. We have found mistakes due to clerical errors, mistakes and carelessness and neglect of inspectors and other subordinates and carelessness in the purchase of supplies especially by supervisors and foremen.

We have not been able to have Mr. Harmon's accounts audited but we would recommend that the honorable court have this performed immediately for the best interests of all concerned and the county at large.

We would say however, in conclusion that the county court has violated certain technicalities of the law which requires that there be filed with the county clerk plans and specifications of public works constructed by the county along with detailed statements of expenditures. We can not approve of the methods used by the county court in the transaction of the business of the county nor of their administration as businesslike, doctor, the cashier, the commissioner and the judge—noble, public-spirited, devoted men that they are—at the altar of Mammon in Portland. A bas such an unworthy ideal! Political capital will not be made of the monetary capital that the doctor, the commissioner, the cashier and the judge hope to interest in Jackson county's depreciated warrants. Their attempt to "arrange finances for Jackson county" is as free of any selfish stain as is the

solicitude of a boa constrictor for something he has just swallowed.

But here's hoping the doctor, the cashier, the commissioner and the judge, who has such confidence in human nature that he doesn't consider written contracts or specifications necessary for county work—as we were saying, here's hoping they make good, and bring back a bundle big enough to buy the whole outstanding issue of illegal county warrants at something like the price they were bringing at the close of the despoiled mossback administration of Judge Dunn four years ago. There are mossbacks aplenty that wish them well in their extraordinary endeavor to bolster up the shipwrecked credit of Jackson county. Not only, at the present trying time, would real money be welcomed as a circulating medium in place of the ten-per-cent off paper issued by the Harmon-Neil-Davis "business administration," in such copious quantities, but the statements of one or two Jackson county banks would have a healthier appearance, perhaps.

But how can the doctor, the commissioner, the cashier and the judge—bless his patriarchal lilacs—hope to accomplish their laudable purpose without the aid of that master financial mind, ex-Commissioner George Davis? Why didn't they take George to Portland with them? WHY?

And from the vaults of the county clerk's office, where contracts and specifications for county bridge and road work are NOT on file according to law, to the vaults of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank, where we are assured the contract and specifications for the Central Point boulevard safely repose—with Judge Nell in Portland with the key—the echoes reverberate—why, why, WHY?

And county warrants are still Peruana on the market at ninety.

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March 27, 1912

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Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

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In the County Court of the County of Jackson, and State of Oregon.
In the matter of the estate of W. H. Caine, deceased.

Notice is hereby given the undersigned, the Administrator of the estate of W. H. Caine, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in said court, his final account of his administration of said estate; and that Friday, the 20th day of April, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the court room of said court, at the Court House at Jacksonville, in said county and state, has been duly appointed by the judge of said court, for the final settlement of said account, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file exceptions in writing to the said account and contest the same.

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