

THE Nicaragua canal amendment to the river and harbor bill, as finally agreed upon, authorizes the president to appoint a commission of engineers to investigate the Nicaragua and Panama canal routes, and report to him in time for him to report to the next congress, and appropriates \$1,000,000 to pay expenses.

NOTHING but good words are heard of the appointment of ex-Governor Merriam, of Minnesota, to be superintendent of the census, although his nomination did not reach the senate until a few minutes before final adjournment, it was promptly and unanimously confirmed. His business career leaves no doubt of his making a success of the census.

THE new army bill gives the president discretion in the matter of recruiting our army from the natives of any of the islands occupied by us, and, unless something occurs to make such a step inadvisable, it is extremely likely that many Cubans will soon be wearing Uncle Sam's uniform. To enlist a few thousand Cubans in our army will be killing two birds with one stone; it will reduce the number of Americans who will have to be kept on the island during the sickly season, and it will give employment to many who might become troublesome if unemployed.

THE appropriations made by the congress just closed were large in the aggregate, but if any man can point out any particular appropriation that was not needed, he has not yet done so. A large proportion of the total was for the war, and to meet expenses consequent thereon. For several years the condition of the treasury, owing to four years of democratic hard times, made it necessary to scrimp the appropriations for public buildings, many of which were badly needed; these have been provided for, as well as important river and harbor improvements. The republican party has always believed in liberality in these two classes of expenditures, when the condition of the treasury would justify it.

CONSIDERING that they controlled only one branch of the fifty-fifth congress, the republicans have every reason to be proud of the record left by that congress, which has been in several respects one of the most remarkable in our history, and which has played an important part in the world's history. It did not meet all the expectations of the country, but it did much that was good and left undone many things it was urged to do that would have been bad and unwise. It was wise enough, for instance, to leave the president a free hand to deal with the Philippines while we are finding out what will be the best thing to do for them. President McKinley fully appreciates the extent of the responsibility thus placed upon him, as well as the great compliment implied by this confidence in him, and will, in accordance with his usual custom, move cautiously in all that he does. His administration has been remarkably free from mistakes in matters of importance, and it requires no gift of prophecy to say that his official acts will justify the confidence reposed in him by congress and by the people.

COUNTY COURT.

Proceedings of the Regular March, 1899, Session.

Court met in regular session at the court house in Heppner on Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1899, the following officers being present: Hon. A. G. Bartholomew, judge, J. L. Howard and J. W. Becket, commissioners, Vawter Crawford, clerk, and E. L. Matlock, sheriff. After due proclamation of opening court had been made, the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The court considered and allowed the following bills against the county: Glass & Frudhonne, stationery ac. \$30.00; Miss A. M. Lang, expense ac. 17.80; Heppner Light & Water Co, same 18.00; E. L. Matlock, same 28.10; Boys and Girls Aid Society, pauper ac. 35.00; J. W. Matlock, court house and jail ac. 95.00; Heppner Gazette, stationery ac. 50.24; W. L. Smith, deputy clerk's salary 106.66; C. H. Hens, pauper ac. 40.00; E. L. Matlock, treasurer's salary 46.00; M. Lichtenthal, sheriff's salary 600.00; E. R. Hutlock, county physician's salary 76.66; J. W. Matlock, deputy sheriff's salary 156.04; A. G. Bartholomew, county judge's salary 150.00; John Her, county expense ac. 4.00; James Hager, pauper ac. 10.00; Rhea & Welch, same 10.00; Vawter Crawford, clerk's salary 400.00; J. W. Hermer, school superintendent's ac. 9.00; J. W. Shipley, same 116.70.

Wm Barton, pauper ac. 137.00; W. J. Davis, road and bridge ac. 140.00; J. L. Yeager, pauper ac. 28.00; Inland Telegraph & Telephone Co, county expense ac. 3.50; Noble & Co, court house and jail ac. 7.00; J. R. Simons & Son, road and bridge ac. 10.00; E. W. Bartlett, expense ac. 4.00; Sarah E. Shipley, pauper ac. 16.00; D. C. Aaron, expense ac. 1.50; M. Lichtenthal, same 2.80; W. H. O'Dell, same 1.50; B. F. Vaughan, same 10.00; Gilliam & Babes, road and bridge ac. 6.25; Slocum Drug Co, pauper ac. 19.05; Margaret Garnsey, same 54.66; Brown & Hughes, same 13.25; T. R. Howard, same 11.45; P. C. Thompson & Co, same 30.00; Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, stationery ac. 9.95.

In the matter of the proposed road, No. 148, on the petition of Jacob Bortzer and others, the report of the viewers appointed at the January term to assess the damages claimed by D. W. Fagalde and Ed Holloway, as a consequence of this road being opened, being under consideration, and the said viewers having reported that they allowed damages to D. W. Fagalde in the sum of \$110, the court accepted the report, but decided that the proposed road was not of sufficient value and benefit to warrant the county in expending this sum, and the prayer of the said petitioners was denied. It is the sense of the court that a more convenient and less expensive road in this neighborhood can be viewed and laid out.

The petition of J. A. Woolery and 50 others, praying that the town of Ione may incorporate, was presented, and the proceedings being in all respects lawful and correct, the prayer of said petitioners was granted, and Monday, the 10th day of April, was fixed by the court as the day for holding the special election. E. G. Sperry, C. T. Walker and Mat Halvorsen were appointed to act as judges, and S. P. Haney and Frank Engleman as clerks, to act at said election. Thereupon court adjourned until tomorrow, at 9 o'clock a. m.

THURSDAY—2D DAY.

Miscellaneous bills against the county were allowed as follows: W. Snyder, pauper ac. \$28.50; Wm Ayers, same 5.00; Wells & Co, court house and jail ac. 2.75; T. W. Morgan, drawing precinct jury 3.00; J. D. Ball, assisting to draw precinct jury 2.00; R. Estab, same 2.00; E. M. Stuart, stationery ac. 2.50.

At this time the clerk presented the certificates of W. A. Richardson, of his appointments of J. W. Morrow, G. W. Phelps and C. E. Bedford as district attorneys in the following cases, respectively: State vs. T. C. Aubrey and Dave Dean, State vs. Wm. Anderson, and State vs. John Morgan, Joe Creswell and Judd Hart. The clerk having issued script upon the presentation to him of the certificates above mentioned, the court ordered that the said issue of script be, and the same is, confirmed.

The cost bill in the case of the State of Oregon vs. John Morgan, Joe Creswell and Judd Hart, was presented by Justice Richardson and ordered paid, as follows: W. A. Richardson, justice's fees \$7.65; E. L. Matlock, care of prisoners and money advanced to pay constable fees in Grant county 26.25.

The cost bill in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Wm. Anderson was ordered paid, as follows:

W. A. Richardson, justice's fees \$14.75; George Gray, constable fees 23.85; Eugene Jones, special constable fees 7.00; J. S. Anderson, witness fees 7.50; Joe Gordon, same 7.50; C. O. Curtis, same 7.50; G. D. Anderson, same 6.50; Jim Hardisty, same 5.50; Thomas Pettjohn, same 1.70; Fred Bremer, same 7.50; John McAllister, same 1.50; Jim Jones, same 1.50.

The report of Ben H. Parker, supervisor of road district No. 36, was presented, accepted, and B. H. Parker re-appointed for the year 1899. Bill for services ordered paid as follows: Ben H. Parker, road and bridge ac. \$20.00.

J. A. Waddell, as supervisor of road district No. 18, presented his report and the same was accepted, and Pat Barry was appointed for the year 1899. Bill for services paid as follows: J. A. Waddell, road and bridge ac. \$20.00.

The report of J. D. Ball, supervisor of district No. 14, was presented and accepted; Perry J. Miller was appointed for the year 1899. Bill for services paid as follows: J. D. Ball, road and bridge ac. \$40.00.

Stacey Roberts, supervisor of road district No. 24, presented his report and the same was accepted, and reappointed for the year 1899. Bill for services paid as follows: Stacey Roberts, road and bridge ac. \$22.00.

In the matter of appointment of supervisors in road districts where no appointments had heretofore been made for the year 1899, the following districts were supplied: No. 20, D. S. Barlow; 34, A. H. Stamp; 15, Herbert Olden.

Marion Evans having resigned the appointment of supervisor in district No. 17, John Her was appointed to fill the vacancy; R. M. Hart also resigned the appointment in district No. 22, and Pat Quaid was appointed for the year 1899.

W. B. McAllister, supervisor of district No. 10, presented his report, which was accepted, W. B. McAllister re-appointed, and bill for services allowed as follows: W. B. McAllister, road and bridge ac. \$21.00.

In the matter of the change in a portion of road No. 106, which had been heretofore granted upon the petition of R. K. Simpson, the viewers and surveyor at this time presented their reports which were accepted by the court, and the said viewers discharged; the said change in the road to be made when R. K. Simpson pays the following items of expense in connection therewith in accordance with the provisions of his bond heretofore given and filed in this matter:

Alex Young, viewer \$3.00; Garrett M. Akers, viewer 3.00; Julius Keithley, surveyor 8.00. At this time the court took up the matter of appointing a stock inspector for Morrow county for the year 1899, upon the presentation of the application and petition of Oscar Shaffer, and the specifications of W. D. Lord, Henry Schwaetinger and Patrick Kikiney. The petition of Oscar Shaffer was granted

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and he was given the appointment. Miscellaneous bills against the county were allowed as follows: W. A. Richardson, drawing precinct jury \$3.00; Frank Rogers, assisting to draw " 2.00; A. M. Slocum, " " 2.00; G. W. Phelps, criminal acct., \$10, allowed 7.00. Thereupon court adjourned until Friday at 9 o'clock a. m. FRIDAY, 3D DAY. A warrant was ordered issued to the sheriff for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1894-5-6-7. In the matter of the redeemed county warrants of Morrow county, the court checked up the register of the same as it was presented to them by the clerk, and found the records of the redeemed warrants, together with the amount of interest paid, to be correct. The following miscellaneous bills against the county were allowed and ordered paid: Mrs. John Hager, pauper acct. \$28.50; R. C. Wills, county expense acct. 11.00; J. W. Beckett, commissioner's salary 18.00; J. L. Howard, same 28.00; A. M. Slocum, road and bridge acct. 5.85. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become famous for its cures of these diseases, over a large part of the civilized world. The most flattering testimonials have been received, giving accounts of its good works; of the aggravating and persistent coughs it has cured; of severe colds that have yielded graciously to its soothing effects, and of the dangerous attacks of croup it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for whooping cough has shown that it robs that disease of all dangerous consequences. Sold by Conser & Warren.

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