

Commissioners' Court February

Term

The County Commissioner's Court was in session for the regular February term on Wednesday of this week, Judge Coad and Commissioners Riddell and Teal being in attendance. Orders were made as follows:

ROAD DISTRICTS RECEIVES MONEY

Money was ordered transferred from the General Fund to road districts as follows:

District No. 2	\$124.89
District No. 3	15.50
District No. 4	44.89
District No. 8	3.52
District No. 9	98.11
District No. 12	35.66
District No. 14	17.79
District No. 17	44.02

George W Chapman was appointed Constable in District No. 5 to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of the former Constable from the district.

WOOD CONTRACT AWARDED

Bids were opened for the furnishing of 50 cords of oak and 50 cords of fir wood for the Courthouse, and were found to be as follows:

Bidder	Oak	Fir
C Domaschofsky	\$3.75	\$2.45
Estell McCarter		2.49
B M Guy	3.85	2.50
Morris Hughes		2.74
E G Erickson	3.90	2.60
G E Lawrence	3.88	2.49

Contract awarded to C Domaschofsky, his bid being the lowest and the price reasonable.

NEW ROAD SUPERVISORS

Ordered that Ira Hooker be appointed Road Supervisor of District No. 19, William Shewey having declined to qualify.

Ordered that John Loy be appointed Road Supervisor of District No. 9, G A Wells having declined to qualify.

Ordered that W N Jones be appointed Road Supervisor of District No. 20, G W Baum having declined to qualify.

ROAD CLAIMS ALLOWED

Chester Guthrie	\$ 60.77
J N Jones	186.52
W C Williams	10.55
I F Yoakum	2.04
Mrs. John Compton	6.35
R M Wade & Co	3.50
Willard Cauthorn	6.60
R M Fowle	1.65
Falls City Lumder Co	3.25
W H McDaniel	5.10
W E Goodell	1.85
Leopold & Voelpel	1.00
Craven Bros	2.45
M W Mix	12.65
W E Goodell	20.00
H W Clifford	495.10

PAUPER ACCOUNT

C E Huntley	\$ 80.50
C A Robinson	12.00
D G Meador	11.50
West Salem Supply Co	10.00
C L Crider	4.85
Simonton & Scott	11.00

COURTHOUSE AND JAIL

Northwestern Corporation	\$26.50
Dallas Water Co	10.70
F J Coad	22.50
J M Grant	3.00
W W Ullrey	2.50
Adams & Brobst Co	4.00
S M Ray & Co	1.35
A P Starr	1.25
Dallas Telephone Co	7.30

CURRENT EXPENSES

Dr V C Staats ex insane	\$ 5.00
C G Coad postage	129.86
Polk County Itemizer printing	24.01
Glass & Prudhomme Co supplies	10.05
C Stafrin supplies	4.65
R E Moore & Co supplies	3.70
W P Fisher indigent soldier	25.00
Polk County Observer printing	157.53
O E Focht justice court	2.00
F K Hubbard justice court	3.00

Report of Spelling Contest for the Rural Schools

This contest was held January 14, but owing to the fact that many teachers were slow about sending in the papers, the report could not be made until the present time.

The contest was for grades from the fourth to the eighth inclusive, and 38 out of the 52 rural schools took part in the work, and every school in the country ought to have taken part as the spelling in all schools must be improved and this is one of the best ways possible to cause the children to take an interest in the work. All teachers who have taken up the work report that the children are taking much more interest in the study of spelling and are improving in their spelling.

The report of the winning schools is as follows:

Fourth grade—first, Concord school, 100 per cent; second, Etna, 99.5 per cent; third, Mistletoe, 97 per cent.

Fifth grade—first, Parker, 100 per cent; second, Mistletoe, 98 per cent; third, Concord, 97.5 per cent.

Sixth grade—first, Eola and Parker tie 100 per cent; second, Etna 99 2-3 per cent; third, Spring Valley, 99 per cent.

Seventh grade—first, Highland 94 per cent; second, Concord, 92 per cent; third, Gooseneck, 82 per cent.

Eighth grade—first, Parker, Etna and Mistletoe tie 100 per cent; second, Buttler, 98 per cent; third, Eola, 95 per cent.

The next test will be given February 18, and it is hoped that every school will go into the work this time as it will be of great benefit to the children. Each of the winning schools will be sent a small flag which they will be allowed to keep until the report from the next contest, when the flag will go to the winning in that contest. In case the same school should win twice in succession in any one grade they will be given the flag permanently.

Teachers, parents and children, if we all get together in this spelling work, we can soon improve the spelling so that the children will not have any reason to be ashamed of their spelling and so that the business men will not have to complain about the spelling that the boys and girls will do in the next few years as they are complaining at the present time and have a just right to complain. We must improve this line of school work.

Yours for better spelling,
H. C SEYMOUR,
School Supt., Polk County, Ore.

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