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## FACTS VS. FICTION

Street's Noisy Utterances Proved False.

STATEMENT WITHOUT PROOF

Long Winded Article against County Division Contains Neither Argument Nor Good Sense.

The rancher-preacher-peddler, the Reverend H. M. Street of Sisters, rushes into print in the Prineville papers in a wordy attack on county division, and incidentally calls The Bulletin a liar in no uncertain terms. If The Bulletin so desired it could hurl back at the reverend gentleman as nasty and scurrilous a set of epithets as he seems so proficient in using. It could engage in a controversy on a level with a street brawl where the man with the foulest mouth and most blatant utterances is considered the strong man. Such procedures, however, are beneath the dignity of an honest person and a decent publication—notwithstanding Mr. Street's use of such methods—and The Bulletin will confine itself to proving that the reverend gentleman is entirely unacquainted with the subject that he discusses. The Bulletin dislikes to call any man a liar; to flare back at Mr. Street with his own epithets would only be a loss of our own self respect. Hence, we do not say that the Reverend Street is a base prevaricator, but rather that he does not know what he is talking about.

A perusal of his article will show many statements made with no proof. Those that deserve notice—if any of them do—The Bulletin will treat as follows:

1st. He makes the statement that holders of property for speculative purposes in the new county seats would be benefited; others would suffer a greater tax. In the proposed Deschutes county there is now a valuation of more than \$3,000,000. This is a matter of fact, not mere wordy statement. The figures are based on the assessment for 1906 for Crook county. This will yield \$45,000 at the present levy of 15 mills—more money than the new county would need. In fact, it could be run at a lower levy than the old county now demands. Thus Mr. Street's statement of a greater tax burden is shown to be false—not by mere mouthings but by a statement of figures taken from Crook county's assessment roll.

2nd. His second statement is that disgruntled office seekers are working for the division in the hope of getting an office. We challenge the reverend gentleman to name a single man from Bend, Laidlaw or Redmond who has taken a prominent part in this agitation who has ever sought a Crook county office. They are not the office seeking class. Such statements are little above the twaddle of an imbecile.

3rd. On a par with the above statement is the one that many favor division in order to spite Prineville business men who have refused them credit. What silly rot! A hurried canvass of Western Crook showed that 93 per cent of the population favored division. This is a statement that can be proved by counting the signers of the petition for county division. When The Bulletin makes that statement it states a fact—not a street rumor. Mr. Street would thus have it that 93 per cent of the people have been refused credit by Prineville merchants. What a "slam" on the characters of his neighbors—and incidentally what twaddle.

4th. He states that it would cost three times as much to keep up three groups of county officers and three sets of county buildings. Grant that it does, and we still can show that it would be cheaper for the tax payers of Western Crook to

have county division. Under the assessment for 1906 Western Crook must pay fully half of the tax burden, or \$44,192.30. This again is from figures taken from county records. As stated above that is more than the new county would need. So the argument of increased taxation has no terrors for Western Crook. It will be only a matter of justice, if division forces a higher tax on the people of Prineville with their stocks of merchandise and valuable ranches heretofore sworn in to the assessor at such criminally low valuations. And as The Bulletin has previously stated, there will be a great saving in the mileage of jurors, witnesses and citizens to and from a nearby county seat.

5th. Mr. Street asks if the county officers are not capable of doing the work for the whole county and dwells on the efficiency of their work. With the present sheriff, clerk and treasurer, The Bulletin has no fault to find. They are efficient men. However, proof that they can not take care of the growing county business is shown when it is known that County Clerk Brown is now two months behind in his work. A representative of a large timber firm at Bend was forced, in order to get his papers recorded, to hire a man and pay him out of his own pocket to do the work. He had previously sent a fee with the papers to be recorded. Hence, he was forced to pay two prices to get work done that should have been done by county officials.

Deeds sent from Bend a year ago to be recorded have not yet been returned. Two months salary of the preceding clerk—\$300—was re-

## BURNED TO DEATH

A Life Goes Out in Shocking Manner.

PIONEER OF CROOK COUNTY

Supposed That Bed Clothes Caught Fire and Suffocated Sleeper—Body Burned to a Crisp.

Leander Dillon met death by suffocation at Prineville last Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. The old man had been drinking during the day and was helped to bed about midnight. It is supposed the bed clothing caught fire from his pipe. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death from suffocation, the smoke first suffocating the old man and later the flames burning him to a crisp. The accident happened in a wagon fitted up as a camper's wagon by Dillon and in which he had a bed. The wagon stood in the Dillon feedyards, close to the stable.

About 12 o'clock Sunday night a workman at the barn—by name Smith—heard someone putting the old man to bed. Three hours later he was awakened by the report of two cartridges exploding. He at once saw the wagon was afire and ran to it in an endeavor to save Dillon. As he looked into the wagon he saw that the old man was already dead from his burns.

## WILL REASONABLE MEN BE FOOLED?

It is more important that there be a new county than that Bend shall be the county seat. That is, the new county movement is not merely for the purpose of helping Bend. But Bend is the only incorporated town in the proposed county, it is centrally located and easy of access from all directions. Therefore it does not seem unreasonable that it should be named as the temporary county seat, granting free expression of the voters on the selection of permanent county seat before there shall be a dollar expended in county buildings. If this is not fair and reasonable will somebody please tell us what is?

The opposition to the new county having no merit of its own, not a reasonable leg to stand on, will try to break up the new county forces by any sort of means. Will reasonable men be fooled in this way? Which will govern, reason or prejudice?

tained by the county court to pay for recording documents that he had failed to record. More evidence of the efficient way in which Crook county's business is done. Clerk Brown offered to clean up all this back work for reasonable pay. Judge Bell refuses to pay him, though he retained \$300 for that purpose. But, you see, that \$300 must go into a new court house. That's the highly efficient manner in which our county business is done.

6th. Mr. Street refers us to the records and says that last year \$17,000 was spent on roads, and that Western Crook received \$5,000 more than Eastern Crook. An expert could find record of only \$5,400 spent on roads—the amount the road master's voucher calls for. Of this, only \$296.50 was spent on roads in the proposed new county during 1906. That was all an expert could find on the records. Mr. Street speaks of the road work done in Western Crook very highly, while every man hereabouts asks where it has been done, they having seen none of it. Does the reverend gentleman know that not a bridge in the new county has been built but for which the citizens contributed practically the entire cost? Such is a fact, however. On the other hand when a bridge was wanted across Crooked river at Prineville, the corporate limits of the city were drawn in so that the county would have to pay for the new bridge and the new grade leading out of Prineville. Prineville's city limits originally extended beyond where the steel bridge now stands.

7th. The statement is made that

couple took their positions beneath a prettily decorated bell and Rev. Tavenor read the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride was gowned in a dress of cream mouslin de soie while the groom wore the customary black. After the ceremony a splendid wedding supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer left on the Tuesday evening stage for Silver Lake where they will be at home to their friends after March 25.

This wedding is one in which The Bulletin takes special interest, inasmuch as both these young people have, at different times, been faithful members of its force. Mr. Spencer is now editor of the Central Oregonian at Silver Lake, which position he has held since last summer. The Bulletin heartily concurs in the remark made by a friend of these young people when he said: "Mr. and Mrs. Spencer will be an honor to the community where they live and to any community they might choose to visit, for they are estimable young people."

## DYNAMITE EXPLODES.

Man Killed, Wife Badly Injured, and House Burned, near Madras.

A disastrous explosion of dynamite occurred about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the H. J. Bachmann place nine miles west of Madras, whereby Mr. Bachmann was killed, his wife badly injured and their house burned. Mrs. Bachmann will recover from her wounds.

Bachmann was thawing four sticks of the explosive in the kitchen stove oven, and poked one of them to see if it was getting soft. Whereupon the four sticks exploded. Bachmann was struck just over the eye by a piece of flying iron, which penetrated the socket about an inch. Another piece struck him on the forehead and fractured the skull. There was also a compound fracture of the right leg below the knee. He died within a few hours, death being due to his having breathed fire and smoke from the explosion.

Mrs. Bachmann was in the room and was severely scratched on the face. She was badly wounded in the right groin, a diamond shaped piece of iron penetrating the groin about 1 1/2 inches. Her left knee was wounded in five places, and a piece of iron was driven into the bone about one-half inch. The lower leg was badly shattered.

In this frightfully wounded condition Mrs. Bachmann helped her husband from the burning building. Dr. Snook of Madras was called at once and later Dr. Edwards of Prineville was summoned to assist.

## OLD INDIANS DIE.

Joe Lane and His Wife Die Within One Day of Each Other.

Two deaths occurred on the Wapinitia reservation last week, old Joe Lane, a well known Indian, and his wife having died within a day of each other. They had both been ill for some time with pneumonia. The wife died first, and while the Indians were burying her remains, the husband died at home where he had been left alone. After the burial of the wife several of the Indians went back to the house to look after Joe, and to attend to his horses and cattle of which he had quite a number, and when they went into the house they found the old man lying on the floor dead. He had evidently arisen from his bed during their absence, and while trying to cross the floor had fallen. Joe Lane and his wife both had valuable allotments of land on the reservation, and in addition they owned quite a number of cattle and horses.

Most of the illness recently reported on the reservation was the result of exposure during the recent cold weather. Superintendent Covey says that there is very little sickness there now.—Madras Pioneer.

## Land to Clear.

Parties engaged in clearing lands are invited to submit figures on cost of clearing 55 acres in S 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 22-17-12, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Bend, Oregon.—H. SPRING, Wilbur, Washington. 46-49

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