

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

COUNTY CAR IS CAUSE OF ROW

WHO SHALL USE THE SACRED AUTO?

Judge Springer Wants to Use the Famous Car, But Sheriff Elkins Says Nay—But the Road is Inspected Anyway.

(Special to The Bulletin)

PRINEVILLE, June 2.—The inevitable and the expected and at the same time the most promising and most fertile source of dissension, namely, who shall have the care, custody and control of the county auto, has fairly arrived and offers to be a frequent cause of contention between the sheriff's office and the county judge, at least until the county commissioners can lay down the rules for future observance.

The sheriff asserts that he, as chief executive of the county, should be the man behind the wheel at all times for if every official is going to drive that car then he wants nothing to do with it, for he will be blamed for all injuries by careless driving of the county's sacred juggernaut. On the other hand the judge assumes a prior right, not because he assisted so ably in purchasing it but because he naturally assumes and takes upon himself every affair in the county whether it relate to the moral conduct of the head of a family in Horse Heaven precinct or to prescribing the course of study in the county high school.

In order to get his six prisoners to the railroad last week the sheriff found it necessary to employ a chauffeur, as driving a big car and handling six convicts is work for more than one man. It was a capital idea from the judge's standpoint, and he bethought himself of a plan to inspect a county road in the Beaver Creek country immediately and before the sheriff could return by employing that selfsame chauffeur.

But on the return trip from the railroad the chauffeur had ripped a casing and before the machine could be repaired the sheriff returned and gave instructions that the county car was not going to Beaver Creek until it could be placed in adequate repair. The judge's ire was raised for that road must be inspected without delay. It hadn't been inspected for a matter of ten years, perhaps, but must now be investigated instantly and by the august head of the commissioners' court, for somebody might repair it in his absence.

Therefore, a private car was ordered, the road inspected, the interests of the county protected and the dignity of the county judge preserved even if the cost of the trip was enough to make a substantial start in improving the entire route from Paulina to Prineville, some 60 miles of road; providing, of course, the commissioners allow the judge's bill for auto hire.

And just at present the auto is tramping about the county with Commissioner Bayley and the good roads enthusiasts who are spying out routes for road construction after a county bond issue. All of which is rather adding insult to injury, as far as the judge is concerned.

DISCUSSES FREE TEXTBOOKS

County Superintendent Myers Looks on Them With Favor.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

PRINEVILLE, June 2.—County Superintendent Myers has issued the following statement to school patrons of the county:

"The last Legislature passed a free textbook law, by which, at the annual meeting June 16, districts may vote for or against free textbooks. If the various districts vote for free textbooks, it will be necessary to vote a small tax to pay for them.

"The average cost for the installation of free textbooks is about \$2.50 per child. The yearly up-keep, after the first year, will cost from 70 cents to \$1 per school child. The approximate cost by grades is as follows: 1st, .50; 2nd, .70; 3rd, .85; 4th, \$2.50; 5th, \$2.05; 6th, \$3.65; 7th, \$4.75; 8th, \$5.25.

"As this is the year for the adoption of new textbooks, it might be well to consider seriously the feasibility of free texts for each district. "No copy books, paper, ink, or pencil are included in this estimate. "The only comment I wish to make in reference to it, is that I am favorable to free textbooks, especially in the rural schools."

SPRINGER WRITES SAVAGE LETTER

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so great an outlay. So when Mr. Willis Brown consented to the effort, and (probably an) order was made requesting the clerk to write to all timber owners demanding a statement of the amount of timber on each legal sub-division for assessment purposes. Whereupon some weeks later the judge called upon the assessor and outlined the plan; he then learned most assuredly that the assessor had no sympathy with the undertaking. Upon the assessor's suggestion, the judge then called upon the county clerk to learn how he was succeeding. When the clerk assured the judge that he had paid no attention to the order whatsoever, the judge waxed wrathful and it immediately dawned upon his royal highness that Bayley was about the whole push about the court house and that whatever was accomplished not to Bayley's liking would be sprouted in exceedingly dry ground and so it has proven.

However, some good things have been accomplished. The timber cruising fund, \$12,899, has been turned into the treasury. The \$4000 in warrants which was issued to pay off some notes given by the commissioners and which was attached by parties to whom the county was indebted, has been cancelled; and some other economic actions have been had which in all aggregate nearly \$20,000 restored and saved to date. But the whole trouble including the cement yarn with which the genial commissioner stated (as I learned a month or so before it was touched off) that he had the judge silenced; in fact all the soil and mud exhibited by The Bend Bulletin and all the slanderous dirty yarns nursed by the toughs and encouraged by that classy journal, are the results of the judge's efforts at economy and law enforcement, which are not approved by Bayley and his followers.

"The issue clearly stated is simply this: Shall the county go glibly on paying out large sums of money for road improvement, timber cruising, etc., in which there is a possibility if not a strong probability that a few individuals will reap a rich harvest, or shall ever effort be made to accomplish such things as are necessary and practical at the least ex-

pense.

The Auto Affidavit.

"The auto affidavit seems to possess more merit than any thing so far dug up, and even it is entirely misleading in the form in which it is given: it evidently intends to convey the idea that Springer had pretended to be greatly opposed to an auto, something which Springer had never pretended to any one. Robinson was aggravated as were also the commissioners when they had to return to the county seat to give the order for the warrant, but it was their own fault. They bought the machine at the hotel, but neglected to state in court or to the judge at any time what the terms were. Mr. Robinson, I think, was in the court room during the session after the machine was bought but when he or any one else says that a request was made to the judge to order a warrant, it is absolutely and emphatically a lie. Like the other dirty yarns, it is told to satisfy the one man whom the judge is trying to persuade to roll down his sleeves and keep his hands where they belong.

(Signed) G. SPRINGER,
County Judge."

DOING THOROUGH WORK

Character of Metolius Valley Soils Being Determined by Experts.

J. Roy Harvey returned to Bend Sunday from the Metolius river country where a government party is making a classification of soils. "There are seven men in the crew engaged in this work now," said Mr. Harvey Monday, "and after July 1 there will probably be nine. The work is being carried on slowly and carefully, a thorough classification of the soil being made by A. T. Strahorn, expert from the bureau of soils. Frequent borings are taken and examinations of the depth and character of the soil made. When the job is completed, which will probably require all summer, full data will be had regarding this soil, the amount of timber on the land and other facts."

PETITIONS ARE FILED

Referendum Workers Proceed Against Five New Laws at Salem. (Special to The Bulletin.)
SALEM, June 2.—Five referendum petitions have been filed, and a

sixth was presented and was rejected by the secretary of state. Those filed are against the workmen's compensation act, the state university improvement appropriations aggregating \$175,000, the county attorney bill, and the sterilization measure. The petition rejected was against the measure regulating the practice of dentistry, and was refused by the secretary of state because it did not have the full text of the bill to be referred printed on it. Only the title of the act was on the petition, and the law states that the full text must be used.

John M. Taylor, who was sentenced to be hanged last December when four other condemned men went to the gallows and was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor West, will not have the chance of a new trial, as the supreme court has denied his petition. Taylor was convicted of killing Albert H. Perry and Robert Slettemyer in Harney county.

TENNIS PLAYERS ACTIVE

Prineville Men Not All Here Sunday. More Matches Scheduled.

Tennis players from Prineville were scheduled to come here in full strength Sunday, but owing to un-

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