

SPRINGER USES HIS COLUMN

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To the Tax Payers of Crook County, Oregon:

Greeting:

As the County Court has been criticised from time to time for its failure to appropriate money for demonstration work; I take this opportunity to give you the facts in the case. About two years ago, at a meeting of the Central Oregon Development League, held at Prineville, the matter of demonstration and experimental work was taken up and a subscription of \$10,000 was made for work as I understand in Crook county. The contributing parties being the two railroads, \$2500 each, the Portland Commercial Club \$2000 and Crook county \$2000, in all \$10,000, for which sum the Oregon Agricultural College agreed to carry on the work for two years. About the 15th of April, last, Mr. Powers, the party representing the College in this work, was in Redmond and I prevailed on him to come to Prineville, that we might learn something of the status of the matter. When I learned to my surprise no one seemed to be looking after the matter particularly as to collecting the contributions. Crook county had paid its contribution in full and Mr. Powers informed me the railroads had paid up but no effort and perhaps no demand for the remaining \$2000. I requested Mr. Powers to see the head men of the college and furnish me an authoritative statement that I might take the initiative in the financial department and gather in the balance of the funds. This he agreed to do but to this date I have heard nothing from him or the college officials.

I withheld this public explanation of the case in the hope we might get matters straightened out in a quiet way, but as the college has failed to answer my letter of some weeks since, written with a view of getting together for demonstration work for next season, I think best the tax payers should know the situation.

The matter in a nutshell is about as stated in last week's issue of the Deschutes Valley Tribune. The Oregon Agricultural College contracted to carry on the demonstration work in Crook county two years for \$10,000. The college has received

\$8000 and the work was done one season, but little or nothing done the past season.

If I cared to plead the case of the County Court, I would put a conundrum in this way: If it costs \$100 per acre to farm scientifically, how long will it take the dry farmers, who are unaided, to make a fortune?

But it is not a matter of great importance that the people should know who is to blame, what is needed is intelligent preparation for next season. Under the old law authorizing experiment stations, the college was required to publish reports for distribution. In this case, the stations were created without state aid and there is no state law requiring a statement of receipts and expenditures. But the law of common decency, the custom made law of business, requires that those who handle money contributed for any purpose, shall account to the contributors. As the County Court for the people contributed \$3000 it feels under obligation to the people to report results, and in view of the present unsatisfactory status of the previous investment, we feel that we should have a definite understanding as to what shall be undertaken in future, and the failure of the college to respond to the request for such an understanding is responsible for the failure to have the work under way for next season.

The court is a unit in favor of demonstration work, but want a distinct understanding as to the extent and character of the work to be undertaken.

G. SPRINGER, Judge.

The Bulletin has written to President Kerr of the O. A. C. for a statement of that institution's version of the matter, and doubtless will be able to set it forth next week.

BEND SCHOOL NOTES

Tuesday afternoon the high school had a spelling match, the following taking part: Hazel Thorson, Margaret Schreder, Leona Springer, Esther Fox, Gladys Brandenburg, Frances Steidl, Hattie Dick, Maydew Triplett, Marie Fox, Lloyd Kelley, Claire Hunter, Evelyn Bedient, Violet Young, Susie Kelley, John Steidl Jr., Floyd Reynolds, Ruth Caldwell, Emma Murphy, Lloyd Kelly was the last one left standing.

Miss Cowies delivered a short talk on the "Relation Between Portland and Other Great Cities."

The high school boys divided into two teams Monday night and played basket ball.

Marjorie and Dorothy Smith entered school Monday, Marjorie being a freshman and Dorothy a senior. They are daughters of R. W. Smith, the new lawyer from Centerville, Iowa.

A school entertainment is now being arranged.

FISH LICENSES IN 1912, 1490

GAME WARDEN FINLEY ISSUES BOOKLET

Work of State Commission Described in Attractive Publication—In 1912

There Were 7,440,546 Fish Planted in Oregon Streams.

An extremely attractive booklet has just been issued by William L. Finley, State Game Warden. It is beautifully printed and well illustrated with interesting views dealing with Oregon's game and fish resources.

In amount of fishing license fees collected Crook county ranks fifth among Oregon counties. The number of anglers licenses collected here during 1912 was 1490. Among the 33 other counties those which exceeded Crook are Multnomah, Jackson, Lane and Marion. One non-resident angler's license was all that Crook county could show under this head. The hunting licenses issued in Crook for the year were 707, bringing the cash revenue for the county up to \$2,204. The total amount collected in the state was \$85,779.

The revenues derived by the game department from fines for the half year ending December 1, 1912, was \$13,190.

For the half year above mentioned Crook county received 76,700 trout fry, out of a total for the state of 7,385,436. For the entire year of 1912 the number of game fish distributed (bass and trout) totaled 7,440,546, as against 1,905,840 for 1911.

The brochure gives some account of the workings of the Oregon game and fish commission, and a description of the work it is doing.

SEWER DRAWINGS FILED.

Engineer R. E. Koon has filed with the city recorder and the city engineer drawings showing a complete record of sewer construction. Each set consists of 33 drawings 22 by 33 inches in size and shows the location of all connections and sewer appurtenances; also, the nature and depth of the excavations made for the construction of the sewer. The entire set comprises not only records of completed work but also complete plans for proposed future extensions.

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