

KINDNESS WINS REWARD

John Casey, Suicide, Wills Property to Warren Brown.

That even a county official may get reward in this world as well as in the next for acts of kindness was evidenced last week at the county seat when a suicide left all his worldly goods, including a valuable ranch, to Warren Brown, county clerk, because Brown had befriended him at various times.

John Casey was the suicide. He extinguished his life via the "acid route" in a hotel lobby Sunday, first drinking a large dose of strychnine and then quietly sitting down before a stove, smoking his pipe until convulsions, and then death came to him. Casey, a resident of the Powell Butte country, was a hard drinker, and his death followed a prolonged debauch. He was nearly 70 years old, a Civil War veteran and an Oregon pioneer. He had no relatives, and it now develops that he would all he had to County Clerk Brown.

RANGE FOR 41,918 STOCK

Grass in the Mountains Was Excellent This Year.

A total of 41,918 stock were fed on the Deschutes National Forest during the past season under regular grazing permit, classified as follows: Sheep, 39,726; cattle, 2052; horses, 140.

The forest officers who have been in touch with range conditions this summer report that feed is rather better this fall than usual on account of the comparatively late spring and heavy rainfall early in the season. They also report that nearly all of the stock was in excellent condition on leaving the forest range this fall.

The sheep are all grazed along the summit of the Cascade mountains, high in the hills. Part of the number shown as running on the forest this year actually ran on the west slope of the Cascades, on the Cascade and Santiam National Forests, on account of the fact that range allotment in a large number of the cases, extends on both sides of the mountains. Most of the cattle are grazed lower down where the timber is more open and the feed more suitable to that class of stock. The localities supporting the largest number of stock are along the Metolius river, at Crane Prairie and in the vicinity of East Lake and Pine Mountain.

MORSON SAILS INTO SPRINGER

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ject was discussed, as was Mr. C. C. Chapman, representing the Portland Commercial Club, and Mr. Carl Gray, representing the railroads. I therefore know that your assertion that the college agreed to "carry on the work two seasons" is not unqualifiedly true. The agreement so to do was subject to the receipt of sufficient funds. It did not receive sufficient funds, therefore, it could not do so. Had you done your duty as an officer, the work could have been carried on, as I shall later show.

The \$10,000 to be raised as aforesaid, was divided as follows: \$5000 from the railroads, \$3000 by the Central Oregon Development League—to be raised in any manner the committee deemed best—and \$2000 from the Portland Commercial Club, conditionally. The railroads and the development league had a direct interest in demonstration work in Crook county—the Portland Commercial Club had only a remote and indirect one, and Mr. Chapman pledged the club simply as a friend to the county, should the work need the \$2000 before the Legislature brought relief. But the Legislature did bring relief at the session of 1913, therefore, only one season, the season of 1913, had elapsed before the relief came, and

during this one season there were sufficient funds and the Portland Commercial Club was, therefore, justified in not contributing the \$2000. I said relief came—no, relief did not come. Gross neglect of your duty, incompetency, and your apparent disinterestedness as a resident of the county prevented it coming. You are the direct and only cause, although you, yourself, are the effect of a lamentable political situation that needed a course now on a velvet carpet—my pencil seems to run to hogs.

I have charged you with neglect of duty, and I shall now proceed to the proof. You came to office on January 1, 1913. You were pledged to support demonstration farm work in Crook county. You knew the people of the county stood as a unit for the work, as did the other county commissioners know of it and approve of it. The Legislature passed within 60 days, or thereabout, after you assumed office, an act agreeing to appropriate any amount the county, through the County Court, might vote for this work. This was very liberal and encouraging on the part of the state, especially to new and sparsely settled counties, as is Crook, and it was your opportunity to do something for the farmers in which you profess so much interest.

If you know anything, and I am not going to charge that you do, you know that on meeting of the Legislature a bill was to be presented to stimulate demonstration farm work. If you say you did not know it, you expose your ignorance of important economic affairs of your county, and emphasize your brazen-facedness in asking the voters of Crook county to make you County Judge. Further, I must assume that you knew the bill became law in time for you to vote funds for demonstration work during the season of 1913. But you did not vote any funds with which to carry on the work, and when charged with neglect of duty you, with characteristic immodesty, say, in justification of your lethargy and indifference, "I would not vote money until the college presented detail expenditures of moneys already voted for surely the voters have a right to know what became of the money" and "the judge has a letter on file from the college officials saying that the failure to report the status of the matter was due to a misunderstanding between the college officials."

In view of the fact that you were pledged to support the demonstration work, in view of the assumed fact that you knew a law enabling you to vote for demonstration work was passed, and in view of your assertion that a college report was necessary

before you could avail yourself of that law in the interest of the farmers, what steps did you take to get the report?

Did you, between January 1, 1913, and the date of passage of the above law write to the college for such report?

Did you, thereafter and up to September 1, 1913, ask for such report?

Did you, as much as write a letter, or even drop a postal card to the college prior to September 1, 1913, asking for information of any kind on this matter?

If you did, kindly give the public the date of letter or postal in the "Springer Column," or elsewhere, together with the replies thereto. I dare you to do so. If you can do so—if you can show an honest effort to get this information at the proper time—you will be commended by the voters. If you can't do so, your "faith in the good sense of the voters" will avail you nothing.

I charge you with being elected on a platform, one important plank of which you did not carry out, nor attempt to carry out, while you drew pay from the county. I charge you with a cowardly and dishonorable act in attempting to throw on the shoulders of the Oregon Agricultural College the incompetency and neglect which justly belongs to yourself. I charge that the only attempt you made up to September 1, 1913, was to ask Professor Patterson (so you told me) who has no connection with the financial end of the Oregon Agricultural College to send you the detailed statement. He did not. You took no further notice of this important matter until September 1, 1913, when I myself goaded you into writing for the information.

The college may not have done its duty. This does not excuse you, nor will it, for neglect of yours. No person wishes to inflict on you an injustice, nor will the county submit to one from you. But the situation shows either that you did not honestly want the report, or that you were incompetent or remiss. The first position, in view of your defense, shows you to be hypocritical; the second, unworthy the respect and confidence of Crook county voters. Choose for yourself, Judge. "You pay your money and takes your choice. If I be permitted to express personal opinion, I should say you are hypocritical, incompetent and remiss."

But does failure on the part of the Oregon Agricultural College to send detail expenditures justify your failure to supply funds for 1913? Had you any reason to believe the funds previously voted had been improperly expended? You had not. Did any of the taxpayers of Crook county ask you to withhold further appropriation until the report was received. Not one. Do you know that President Kerr, and Professor Scudder have reputations superior to your own, and are gentlemen and scholars, to whose care each year are intrusted tens of thousands of dollars, and that not one charge even by the bravest or the most cowardly has ever been made against the integrity of either? You do, sir, you well know all these things, if you, yourself, may be accepted as authority, because you told me so. Your defense in the entire matter is dishonorable and your conduct cowardly in attacking the Oregon Agricultural College. You stated when in conversation with me that it was your custom to get such reports before voting further money, but in this case, Judge, I fear that

"Custom doth reason overrule And serves as reason only to a fool." The letter from the college officials, to which you refer as being on file and admitting some misunderstanding on the part of the officials, is dated September 23, 1913, about nine months after you became Judge. In this letter President Kerr states, inferentially, that only at this date was he aware that the report had not been sent you, and ordered that the same be forwarded at once. It was forwarded at once to you and to every paper in Crook county, all of which show honesty of dealing and integrity of purpose—I wish I could say this of your treatment of this matter. In a letter to me addressed by Professor Scudder, in reply to mine of early September, 1913, he says that "any person at any time by applying to the business office may have a report of the expenditure of this work (the Crook county demonstration work) or any other expenditure from any fund." It is, therefore, apparent from these letters that had you done your duty, as clearly it was your duty to do, the matter would have been drawn to the attention of the proper college officials in early January, 1913, and what you allege to be an extremely require in the interest of the voters, could have been obtained for the price of a postal card. Yet you did not send the postal! but prefer to sit in your office chair, draw around you official robes that may become your political shroud—robes that may reach your toes but can never reach the tops of your ears—and with bombast, vociferation and intolerable egotism exclaim, "The County judge therefore has no further to say," antagonizing the state institutions.

Yours truly,
(Signed) J. E. MORSON.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 13, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Robert B. Gould, whose postoffice address is Bend, Oregon, did, on the 20th day of January, 1913, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 0111190, to purchase lots 2 and 3, section 19, township 17 south, range 12 east, Willamette

Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars, the timber estimated 125 M. board feet at \$0.76 per M., and the land \$11.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 24th day of January, 1914, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

H. FRANK WOODCOCK,
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 8, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Hattie L. Huntington, of Bend, Oregon, who on July 27, 1908, made homestead entry No. 0260 for sw 1/4 sec 4, section 32, township 19 south, range 11 east, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, on the 19th day of December, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses, Fred A. Shonquest, David Hill, Peter Segglung, John W. Usher, all of Bend, Oregon.

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