

HARRY HILL IS DEAD.

Hugh O'Kane has received a copy of a newspaper published at Battle Mountain, Nev., which announces the death of Harry Hill. Death resulted from pneumonia, says the clipping, after the deceased had "been on a protracted spree."

A few hours at a nice classy, clean, up-to-date place especially prepared for gentlemen, will remove all worry and troubles. The Metropolitan.—Adv

REPRESENTATIVE IN RACE AGAIN

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First state the amount of the proposed issue and the roads that are to be improved. In the matter of awarding contracts, Mr. Forbes made a vigorous fight for open competition, opposing amendments which would have limited the bidding.

When the anti-pistol bill was being considered, Representative Forbes saved it from death at the hands of the revision of laws committee (of which he was a member) by preventing the adoption of a meaningless substitute. He was a minority member of the committee but the House was made to see that the minority report was better and adopted it instead of the majority report.

As the end of the 40-day session drew near there was much work left unfinished. The question of remaining in session for 10 days longer came up in the House and Mr. Forbes' vote was cast in favor of extending the session, without extra cost to the state.

Secured Tumalo Appropriation. By far the most notable achievement of Mr. Forbes was his aid in securing the Tumalo Project appropriation. He introduced the bill providing for this and never let up in his efforts in securing its enactment.

Nothing of this character had ever been considered by the legislature, and that he was able to get the measure through was a notable victory. The next session of the Assembly will be marked by other irrigation questions of vital importance to the state, and especially to Central Oregon, and as Mr. Forbes is thoroughly informed on these topics his services in the House will be especially appreciated by those whose interests are the Deschutes valley and elsewhere where irrigation is a vital question.

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We have some very fancy choice candy, bought at a sacrifice, selling at wholesale. The Metropolitan.—Adv

THE EAST SIDE ROAD ROBBERY

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ing Springer to carry out the plan he urged in December and already it is rumored that Commissioner Brown is heartily sick of his bargain. Commissioner Bayley has acted in the belief that the West side would be given its dues later on and has written friends to urge that a full attendance be present at the meeting next Wednesday. At this, he hopes, an adjustment of this road difficulty will be effected. From the first he has been opposed to Springer's plans.

In considering the appropriation which is now so strenuously objected to The Bulletin has gone into the

records for the past year and made a comparison of the expenditures for road purposes which is presented herewith. In this table appear the valuations of the different road districts, the amount paid by each to the general fund last year on the basis of the 17.45 mill tax, the amount received by each for road work from the general fund and the percentage thereof, the amount paid to the special road fund and the amount received and the percentage and finally the vote cast in each road district at the last general election. The valuation figures are furnished by the county clerk, the amounts spent come from the recent report of Judge Springer's expert, and the amounts of tax and the percentage have been worked out by The Bulletin with the assistance of City Engineer George Young.

Table with 10 columns: NAME, Valuation 1913, 1913 Contribution to Gen. fund, Rec'd for roads from Gen. fund, Per cent. contribution received, 1913 contribution to road fund, Rec'd for roads from road fund, Per cent of contribution rec'd, Vote cast in dist. at last election. Lists various districts like Prineville, Ireland, Bend, etc.

In addition to the amounts shown in the table there have been spent on the roads these amounts, which are of a general nature.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Lists items like Rice (horse feed), Miscellaneous work, Hoffman road, Silver Lake road, etc.

tween ranges 15 and 16 (two miles west of Prineville) was valued at \$6,085,041, assessed at \$106,183.88 and received for roads \$103,349.06, while the southwest corner of the county, set off roughly by this line and one following the Crooked river, showed a valuation of \$4,180,966, a tax of \$72,967.80 and received for roads \$7,645.69.

From these figures some interesting comparisons can be made, not the least of which is in respect to the present appropriations. Two districts with a total valuation of \$629,254, which paid a tax last year for general fund purposes of only \$10,980.47, are to receive \$25,000 for roads, or over twice as much as the whole west side of the county received in 1913, and eight times more than the southwest portion.

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the court house was conveniently packed with Springer's friends.

Seeks Opinion in Vain.

In the meanwhile Judge Springer had been busy seeking legal opinions that would correspond with his idea of how the thing should be managed, not being at all particular in consulting his remarks with regard to alleged graft in the sheriff's office, a general laxity of conduct of the clerk's office and the extravagance in the assessor's office.

District Attorney Wirtz on the day the meeting was called was compelled to appear and argue the case of the State of Oregon vs. Logan McPherson in the Supreme Court at Salem and at the suggestion of Judge Springer he appointed L. M. Bechtell, deputy district attorney, with full authority to advise the different officers and to cope with the situation.

Springer Tries Again.

Still dissatisfied, Springer called up A. S. Bennett of The Dalles and asked him to be present on the following Monday. Judge Bennett pleaded business and refused to come but recommended Judge Thomas O'Day of Portland. Judge O'Day also refused to come but recommended H. E. Haney, chairman of the state Democratic central committee, who did come to advise the judge. Mr. Haney when he arrived, also advised the judge that the sheriff was the legal custodian of the rolls and he could not be compelled to turn them over to anybody whatsoever. The judge has since stated that he is not satis-

fied with the legal talent consulted and will continue his search for a lawyer who will say that the expert can take the tax rolls from the sheriff.

At the meeting Monday the taxpayers present endorsed everything that Springer proposed, wherefore Springer deemed himself exonerated. In view of the sentiment the commissioners were apparently unable to resist the judge. He made all motions, put them himself and his friends in the body of the court room passed them. Everybody voted. The expert's bill of \$412 was paid and he was retained to complete his work for \$10 per day for himself and a like sum for an assistant. He is now working on the tax rolls, being contented to work on one or more at a time.

Mr. Ball's first report was manifestly so unfair and unjust that he was called back to complete it. His report on the agricultural course at the high school, according to the admissions in the report itself, was not founded on any specific knowledge of it and was farcical. His report on the sheriff applied principally to the civil fees collected by that office which could not amount in a year to more than \$400 or \$500, while he never once attempted to look over the tax receipts or rolls involving several hundreds of thousands of dollars and in the correctness of which the taxpayers are most vitally interested.

Report Considered Political.

For this reason and others many in Prineville have looked upon the report of the expert as a political move entirely. It has been directed at all the offices and not to the sheriff's office alone. For instance, the report states that the county surveyor has collected \$300 or \$400 too much mileage and which Springer says should be returned to the county. It charges Assessor Foster with extravagance in the hiring of field deputies. Springer asserting that Assessor Foster should turn back at least \$2000 of the money so used.

In his legal conclusions the expert was nearly always wrong, according to Attorneys M. R. Elliott, M. E. Brink and other lawyers at Prineville. According to these attorneys, the sheriff is entitled to his fees, and they belong to him. The expert stated that the County Court could name the deputies for the water master, while the law is clearly contrary to that holding. Many such instances of the unreliability of the legal and of the report may be cited.

The officers who were investigated have made affidavits which are on file with the clerk charging that the expert was negligent and that he has charged sums twice for the same things; that the report is malicious and slanderous, incomplete and of very little value.

The incident that occurred between the sheriff and the expert has been injurious in some respects to the sheriff, for his act in taking the rolls from the expert has left the impression in many quarters that the sheriff feared investigation. But in view of the past incidents leading up to the act of the sheriff unknown to

the public and in view of his legal status, and the preservation of his standing, his friends believe the sheriff was justified in retaking the old tax rolls, although the act may have been totally unnecessary.

The expert is now working on the tax rolls and is expected to make a supplementary report soon. In one place in the report it states that Deputy Peoples of the sheriff's office was paid about \$900 for keeping the sheriff's docket, the work of two or three days. Inquiry would have brought to Mr. Ball's attention the fact that Deputy Peoples was engaged in the tax collecting department, often working long hours. According to Judge Springer, this was one of Ball's "little jokes" a humorous masterpiece, that he inserted for the amusement of the taxpayers, perhaps, Mr. Peoples is now Treasurer Jordan's chief deputy in the tax collecting department. Then again his report quotes the section of the code that makes the sheriff the tax collector of the county, for which among other things the county paid Mr. Ball and an assistant \$20 per day to tell them. Something that every school boy knows.

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NEW BUILDING NOW OCCUPIED

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right and is of the looless kind and electrically operated.

The show cases, of which there are 11, are of a design originated by Mr. Patterson himself. The shelving is of solid weathered oak and was manufactured especially for this store. Glass doors keep out all dust and protect the goods displayed. Two colonial art doors on either side add to the attractiveness of the interior.

The prescription department is separated from the main part of the store, and back of this is a large store room into which will come, by a door in the rear, all the stock shipments received. In the basement is the furnace which furnishes hot air for heating the store. Above the storage room is a balcony where Mr. Patterson will have his office. In addition to ample office room, there is shelving to take care of a large amount of stock.

The lighting of the store is by three large electric lamps suspended from the ceiling. They have glass reflectors and give a brilliant but soft light.

The carpenter work in the store and bank was done by K. D. McIntosh, and N. P. Weider had the painting contract. J. A. MacCloskey installed the two furnaces.

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