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WAY PAVED FOR PROPER AUDIT

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO ACT

His Men Fired by Court Over Springer's Protest—Taxpayers Demand Action—Expenses to the County So Far Over \$1,200.

REAL EXPERTS NOW AT WORK.

PRINEVILLE, March 11.—J. Y. Richardson, chief accountant of the state department of insurance and E. M. Smith, of the department, have arrived in Prineville to audit the county books as requested by Commissioners Bayley and Brown over Judge Springer's protest. It is understood that when Springer saw that the state audit was unavoidable he telegraphed the insurance commissioner asking that his men be sent "to approve" the work already done by "expert" Ball. Commissioner Ferguson, however, in going into the audit as a new affair, taking nothing for granted and when his men are through they will report direct to him.

A. McE. Ball, the "expert" imported by County Judge Springer to investigate his fellow officers, lost his job on the chuck wagon at the meeting of the court last Wednesday and the same time the way was paved a complete and thorough examination into the county affairs by an ousted state official, the insurance commissioner, designated by statute to do the work. The action came in a matter of an hour and a vain attempt by Springer to retain Ball and vent the appeal to the insurance commissioner demanded by the taxpayers present in the court room. In one respect the action came too late, for during the session Springer's plea put in his bill for \$1,969.75, additional to the Springer's lawyer's fee of \$125.00, and the special session cost probably \$50.

All through the forenoon people arriving in town for the session the court and rumors were flying everywhere that in the course of the "expert" Ball from the tax roll was supposed to be examining and in the payroll as well. According to those who had seen Ball's men in their study of the former document was merely a game to keep in touch with the latter, and they began to think that even if someone had ten away with some county coin it did be cheaper to let him keep it than to have Ball look for it.

Meeting of Taxpayers. Some 20 or 25 men gathered for a session early in the afternoon and ended to statements from several of the county officers who had been asked by Ball, giving their side of the matter. Deputy Van Allen of the city's office, who had come in for particularly severe criticism in connection with the delinquent tax matter, devoted particular attention to a saying that in 1908, when the 1907 tax roll was balanced, there was

found to be delinquent \$15,824.11, of which \$3931.74 had since been paid and \$7580.49 permanently enjoined, leaving a balance of \$4291.88. Of this amount, reckoning on the basis established by like cases, probably all but 10 per cent was uncollectible as being double assessment, which left slightly over \$400 due.

With these facts explained, the following letter by Springer to the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, the sheriff's sureties, disclosed the malignant inaccuracy of the judge:

"Gentlemen: A partial investigation of the delinquent tax rolls discloses the fact that there are several hundred thousand on such list and the important matter at this moment is that nearly twenty thousand on the 1907 tax roll will be outlawed on May 1st next. From a speech by

ELKINS SERVES WARRANTS

Sheriff Himself Arrests Carmody and Proprietors of Metropolitan.

Further developments in the prosecution of the pool halls on account of Sunday opening occurred last Sunday when Sheriff Elkins came over from Prineville and personally served warrants of arrest on Dennis Carmody and on Innes, Davidson and Bartlett of the Metropolitan. This was for being open on the Sunday preceding, the Metropolitan having been closed last Sunday.

According to these defendants they expect to be tried in the justice court in Prineville some time this week, there having been no arrangements made for trial in the circuit court now in session.

SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE

Deputy Sheriff's Office is Busy After Law Breakers.

An unusual amount of business has been going on in the local deputy sheriff's office in the past week covering arrests and arrangements for arrests in other towns.

On complaint from Texas C. L. Lomax was arrested for stealing a male before he left that state a few months ago and is now in the jail at Prineville awaiting the arrival of the sheriff from his former home to take him back for trial. He came to Bend in January and was arrested at that time but was not held because the papers were delayed in coming from the Texas officials. He recently took a trip to Lakeview and on his return was arrested.

A. C. Lundberg, who was here from Seattle about two weeks ago talking of putting in an auto truck service, cashed a few worthless checks before leaving town, all coming back with protest fees to pay. A warrant was issued for Lundberg and he was caught in Seattle but not held, on his reimbursing the local men who had cashed the checks for him.

Some time ago D. W. Reeler of the Millikan neighborhood lost a valuable wagon, it having been taken from his claim during his absence. On Monday Deputy Sheriff Wenandy went out into the country to gather in a number who were thought to know something about the theft. They were all taken to Prineville to testify before the grand jury, while Lee Riggs, of Hampton, was taken, charged with the theft.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE.

The Irish will hold their fourth St. Patrick's day ball in Sather's Hall on Tuesday evening. The committee of arrangements have made preparations to give their guests an enjoyable evening. Music for dancing will be furnished by Forrest's orchestra.

CREAMERY PLAN IS ADVANCING

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED TO ACT

Farmers and Business Men Hear Further Discussion of Project—Cows in Neighborhood Number 400—Luncheons Held Weekly

Further discussion of the co-operative creamery project occupied the time at the Commercial Club luncheon on Saturday and another step toward carrying out the plans was taken. Only about half as many attended as had been present at the preceding meeting but there had apparently been consideration of the subject in the past week and a more concrete and definite discussion resulted.

Reporting on the number of cows in the territory adjacent to Bend, Dr. P. H. Dence said there were about 400, of which 40 were in the Arnold district, 75 at Alfalfa, 90 in the Grange Hall neighborhood and the rest on the Bear Creek road out of Bend. Of these he believed that about 80 per cent, only could be looked upon as producers for a creamery. In his opinion it was necessary to make a further investigation of the subject to learn more about costs, charges and methods of management in other places.

Robert B. Gould, manager of the Commercial Club, read the form of subscription that had been circulated

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CIRCUIT COURT WORK IS LIGHT

DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY

Two Suits Against City of Bend Resulting From Sewer Construction Injuries Have Still to Be Tried—Crooked River Cases Settled.

The work of the Circuit Court, which convened at Prineville Monday, has been very light and is already practically finished. In two of the criminal cases the defendants pleaded guilty and in another the defendant was bound over to the next grand jury. The different civil cases have taken little time, most of them going over for amendment so that trials will not be held until the next term of court.

George Hobhouse, who was charged with arson, having burned a haystack belonging to John Wilson, pleaded guilty, as did also John and Charles Kotzman who had been indicted for burglary. These latter defendants were arrested early last week and a large quantity of home-steader's property found in their possession. The case against Lee Riggs who was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Wenandy on Monday in Hampton, was continued in order to give the state time to obtain further evidence.

The civil case of Jones vs. Erickson resulted in favor of the plaintiff. Two cases against the city of Bend brought by John Linster and the heirs of Richard Wilce were up, in the former the plaintiff being given

leave to file an amended complaint and the defendant's demurrer in the latter being overruled. No results were reached in the several cases by the C. O. I. Co. against settlers, that against Cole E. Smith being referred and the others passed.

This afternoon the court is taking up the Crooked River water adjudication cases.

BUILDING IS SAVED.

Fire was discovered last Thursday night a few minutes before 10 o'clock in the J. P. Johnson building, on the third floor. It had caught from a fire. A line of hose was soon laid and carried up into the building and the fire put out. Most of the damage done, amounting to several hundred dollars, was by water. There was a fine pressure, a stream being thrown from a second line of hose 15 or 20 feet above the top of the three story building. Repairs are now being made and a new roof being put on.

TEN BAR RANCH SOLD; PRICE PAID IS \$65,000

Property East of Bend Owned by Stearns, Biles and Downing Bought By D. J. Finn of Portland.

The largest realty transfer recorded in Crook county for many moons was put through in Portland last week, when the Ten Bar ranch, 10 miles east of Bend, changed hands at a price reported to be \$65,000.

The purchaser is D. J. Finn of Portland. The former owners were Jesse Stearns, A. H. Biles and F. O. Downing. The deal was made chiefly through Max Lueddeman, formerly a resident of this country and one-time owner of the Madras Pioneer, who is now in the real estate business in Portland. The new owner will occupy his property in a month or so.

The ranch, which is one of the finest in this section, includes 640 acres of irrigated land, 400 acres of it in alfalfa, and is thoroughly stocked and equipped.

SWALLEY DITCH ELECTION

New Officers Chosen at Meeting in Deschutes Saturday.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Swalley Ditch Co. held in Deschutes on Saturday officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Charles Boyd, president; Wilbur K. Hummel, vice-president; and George S. Young, secretary. L. A. Bradenburgh was elected a director to serve with the two first named. The company adopted a new policy in respect to maintenance fees, deciding to levy this year according to the irrigable acreage and not the acres in crop as in past years.

The question of back assessments was considered and the manner of collecting them left to the directors with power to act. Today the directors are making an inspection of the ditches of the company to decide on the needs in the way of repairs and changes.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN.

The Bend Odd Fellows gave a party Monday evening in honor of U. N. Hoffman, vice grand of the lodge, who is leaving Bend this evening. The Rebekahs were invited and an enjoyable evening was spent by the 50 or more persons present. Card playing was indulged in during the first part of the evening, followed by dancing. Forrest's orchestra furnished the music.

VOTERS UNITED FOR R. H. BAYLEY

COMMISSIONER WILL RUN AGAIN

At Redmond Meeting Support of West Side Districts is Pledged to Laidlaw Man—No Other Candidates Endorsed by Delegates.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

REDMOND, March 10.—At a meeting held here tonight, in which the west side territory was well represented, it was unanimously decided to support R. H. Bayley of Laidlaw, present county commissioner, for re-election. Not only a solid support was pledged Mr. Bayley by the representatives of the various sections, but steps were taken to go to work actively for him in a campaign which will have behind it the united backing of all west-side voters and a large body of eastern men who feel that this territory is entitled to representation in the County Court.

M. A. Lynch of Redmond acted as chairman and E. M. Lara of Bend as secretary. A dozen Bend men had stood down, and there was good representation from Madras and Culver, while the sentiments of Laidlaw and Sisters had already been recorded without special need of representation.

The purpose of the meeting was outlined; to get together on candidate for the commissionership. The chairman, first stating that Redmond had no axe to grind, called on the Bend delegates for suggestions. G. P. Putnam expressed the opinion that Mr. Bayley's record and ability left no room for doubt that he was the man all the west side wanted. Other speakers, including representatives from Redmond and Bend subscribed to the sentiment, and a resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing Mr. Bayley.

The question of endorsing other candidates, among them P. J. Dougherty of Redmond for treasurer, was advanced. This, however, met with considerable opposition; the wisest policy it was decided, was to concentrate on Mr. Bayley, eliminating friction or wasted effort elsewhere. Many agreed although this side of the county undoubtedly was entitled to several offices. Mr. Bayley's candidacy was bound to meet with greater approval on the east side if no effort was made to "hog" just now.

Those in attendance from Bend were: C. E. Hudson, R. Ferrell, R. B. Gould, Frank May, W. W. Faulkner, Claude Mannheim, T. H. Foley, U. C. Coe, O. M. Patterson, E. M. Lara and G. P. Putnam.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Preparations are under way for holding a meeting here of all the Odd Fellows' lodges of Crook county on Monday, April 27. The occasion is the 25th anniversary of the founding of the order. Invitations are being sent to the Laidlaw, Redmond, Prineville, Culver, Terrebonne and Madras lodges, and all of them are expected to send delegations.

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