

Grand Jury Report.

In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Harney.

To the Hon. Circuit Court: We, your grand jury for the county of Harney, at the regular October term, 1896, respectfully report that we have now been in session five days, and have found and returned one true bill of indictment, and one not true bill.

That we have made such examination of the records of this county as time and circumstances would permit.

That we recommend that in the future the county treasurer do not pay warrants drawn upon a particular fund with the moneys belonging to another fund; and that he refuse to pay out the county money except upon a warrant of the county clerk issued in the form and manner provided by law.

We further recommend that the sheriff be required to pay over his tax collections at the end of thirty days, as our statute requires; and that the county court require that each county officer handling public moneys should have his accounts audited and settled each two months before such officer's salary warrant is issued to him.

We also recommend that the county court of this county make an order that hereafter the sheriff serve no papers in civil actions until the mileage for serving the process or papers in civil cases has been paid to him by the interested parties; which mileage shall be turned over to the county treasurer as other county moneys collected by the sheriff; and that the county court provide a register of such actions in which the sheriff shall keep a careful account of his mileage, expenses and proceedings in such cases.

We find from the report of the expert recently employed by the county court, that ex-Sheriff Gittings is in default to the county in the sum of \$4,604.42.

That the present indebtedness of this county, over available resources is \$49,848.35.

We have examined into the manner and method of keeping the county poor, and have heard no complaint, nor have we any recommendations to make in connection therewith.

We have also examined the county jail, and have no recommendations to make concerning it, except that the county court provide an iron door or doors for the new county jail, now nearly completed.

We have also made enquiries as to the present condition of the county roads, and find no complaint.

We also approve of the present method by which the county road work is let by contract as far as practicable.

We, your grand jury, having examined into all matters coming before it, and having finished our labors as such grand jury, respectfully ask to be discharged for the term; thanking his Honor, M. D. Clifford, Judge of the Circuit Court, and the other officers of the court for the faculty with which the business of the term has thus far been conducted, and for the uniform courtesy this grand jury has met at their hands.

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. MCKINNEY, Foreman.

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