

Report of Grand Jury.

To H. M. D. Clifford, Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County:

We, your grand jury, duly impaneled and sworn at the May, '97 term of said court, respectfully report to your Honor that we have concluded our labors.

During our session we have found two true bills of indictment, and one not true bill, and in addition thereto have examined and investigated a number of accusations wherein the parties charged were not held to answer.

That we have examined the books of the treasurer and sheriff of this county as well as we could with our limited knowledge of bookkeeping, and the short time we have been in session, and the same appear to us as correct and neatly kept, and we find therefrom that the sheriff has collected and turned over to the county treasurer the following taxes since September last, to-wit:

October, on tax 1894	\$	8 25
" " '95		483 67
Nov " '95		277 53
Dec " '93		51 30
" " '94		171 37
" " '95		383 59
Jan " '93		37 26
" " '94		100 82
" " '95		60 51
Feb " '94		34 05
" " '95		357 52
March " '96		9023 80
April " '94		7 50
" " '95		97 15
" " '96		15779 36

We recommend that the county court cause the tearing down, removal, or other disposition of the old wooden jail upon the court house grounds, as the same is unsightly and actually dangerous to the court house and other buildings by reason of its liability to be set on fire.

Your grand jury have not deemed it necessary to the best interests of the county, on account of the expense of traveling, to go to the poor house to make an examination thereof, as no complaints have been made to the grand jury either in regard to the treatment, care or food of the inmates; but we have learned that at present there is only one inmate thereof, and by information satisfactory to the grand jury we have found that said inmate is well kept and well cared for by the party who has the contract for the keeping of the county poor.

Thanking His Honor, Judge Clifford, and the other officers of the court for the uniform courtesy with which they have treated us, we respectfully ask to be discharged for the term.

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