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No. 25.

DOINGS OF THE COUNTY COURT

Takes Over Hospital Grounds for a Poor Farm—Audits Usual Amount of Bills.

Court met Wednesday, September 13th, 1906, there being present: Hon. Stephen Jewell, judge; Hon. J. T. Logan, commissioner; Hon. M. A. Wertz, commissioner; and Hon. S. F. Cheshire, clerk.

In the matter of the repair of the lower bridge across Wolf Creek, the said matter is hereby referred to M. A. Wertz and he is hereby appointed to superintend the repair of said bridge.

Dr. J. C. Smith appointed as corner to fill vacancy made by the resignation of T. E. Beard.

Petition of R. M. Robinson, et al for road in Sec. 17, Twp. 37 S, R 6 W, view ordered, viewer to file report at next term.

Petition of John Wells, et al for a bridge across Sucker Creek at the Caldwell ford allowed and bridge ordered constructed.

Petition of J. C. K. McCann, et al for County road from residence of G. W. Lewis Sr. up Minnie Creek through the land of John Larson to the top of Sloan Hill, disallowed.

Petition of G. O. Grimmer et al for the repairs of the California Bar road, not granted.

Petition of E. N. Provolt, et al for county road to commence at N. E. corner of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 18, Twp. 35 S, R 5 W, running northerly through NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 18, Twp. 35 S, R 5 W and SE 1/4 Sec. 7-37 to intersection of county road, not allowed.

Petition of George Maurer for license to sell liquor in less quantities than one gallon in the town of Kerby, Oregon, granted.

Petition of Sam Alderson et al for road in Sec. 18, Twp. 34 S, R 6 W, heard on third reading of reports and petition granted.

Contract between Josephine County and Southern Oregon General Hospital in regard to hospital service for county poor to be terminated upon a conveyance of hospital grounds to Josephine Co., and payment of \$295 to S. O. Gen. Hospital by the county as compensation for services to date.

The Oregon Observer designated as the paper in which to publish the delinquent tax list for 1905 tax to be printed in nonpareil type at stipulated price of 20 cents per line.

Dr. G. H. Douglas employed as County physician at \$50 per month from and after September 15, 1906, as per terms of contract to be made and filed with the clerk.

In the matter of the payment of bills the following accounts were audited and allowed and the county clerk is hereby directed to issue county warrants in payment of the same:

Sam Eggers, work on Waldo road	\$158 00
Edmond Eggers, work on Waldo road	87 75
J D Smith, work on Waldo road	97 62
L H Childs, work on Waldo road	74 25
H Bergman, work on Waldo road	38 25
J Atkins, work on Waldo road	10 12
J H Bear, work on Waldo road	4 50
Mrs Ida Decker, mdse for Waldo road	30 00
J T Logan, lumber for roads	91 33
Sam Eggers, work on roads	15 00
Cook & Heffling, blacksmith, Waldo road	5 75
J R McKnight, mdse pauper	7 25
M Clemens, mdse pauper	13 25
Len Speaker, mdse pauper	9 70
Swinton & Oliver, surveying	31 40
R Record, blacksmith roads	2 00
H H Conger, assisting surveyor roads	4 00
N W Leabo, assisting surveyor	

roads	1 00
James Holman, justice fees, State vs McCune	6 29
O O Lund, witness fees, State vs McCune	1 00
Mrs M E Moore, witness fees, State vs McCune	1 00
J C Randle, witness fees, State vs McCune	1 00
J C Randle, constable fees, state vs McCune	4 70
James Holman, justice fees State vs Merritt	5 70
Thos. Croxton, witness fees State vs Merritt	1 60
J C Randle, constable fees State vs Merritt	7 70
James Holman, justice fees State vs Holt	3 95
J C Randle, constable fees State vs Holt	2 25
James Holman, justice fees, State vs Richards	5 90
J C Randle, constable fees, State vs Richards	8 50
Dan Robinson, witness fees, State vs Richards	1 00
N W Emerick, witness fees, State vs Richards	1 00
Wm Emerick, wit fees, State vs Richards	1 00
Alexander Enyaet, witness fees State vs Richards	1 00
C L Carey, witness fees, State vs Richards	1 00
J C Randle, constable fees State vs Cooper	17 50
J C Randle, constable fees State vs Mansfield	3 00
J C Smith, mdse prisoners	3 20
Churchill Shoe store, mdse prisoners	2 00
Wilson Mercantile Co., mdse paupers	53 95
G Karg, work on roads	17 00
R Gibson, work on roads	7 00
W Klum, work on roads	1 50
C E Harmon, envelopes	54 20
D P Love, supplies, Sec'y Board of Health	7 90
Fashion Stables, team hire	7 00
Rogue River Courier Printing State vs Jennings	24 00
Claud Chaloner, work on roads Rogue River Courier, printing	68 45
H A Rotermund, mdse paupers	30 33
H A Rotermund, mdse court house	8 95
Hair-Riddle Hdw Co., hdw for	12 30
G M Caldwell, blacksmith for roads	4 20
R L Moffit, work on roads	7 00
Jesse Law, nursing pauper	22 50
Virtue & Mackin, mdse for roads	2 25
James Holman, justice State vs Cooper	4 55
John Winders, nursing pauper Mrs J N Stephenson, nursing pauper	4 00
F M Ingram, milk for pauper	8 00
Grants Pass, Hdw, hdw for court house	3 10
George Gebers, work on roads Kinney & Truax, mdse paupers	11 25
C M Stites, crusing lands	17 00
J H Austin, 95 registrations	27 70
W J Russell, boarding prisoners	142 00
W J Russell, expense of telephone	93 00
Mrs Alice Weiser, nursing pauper	2 90
W J Russell, exp, livery hire	18 00
W J Russell, conveyance of prisoner	4 00
	3 00

Hop Picking About Over.

Hop picking is a thing of the past in most of the yards. The Reed, Reymor, Rebkopf, Hulbert, Holloway and Weston yards finished the latter part of last week and the first of this week. The Patten, De Armond and Ranzau yards have from three days to two weeks work yet before their hops are all under cover. The weather was fine during the picking season, with the exception of a few days rain, which was very disagreeable for the campers.

In most of the yards the hops were good and good wages were made by the pickers. In the Weston yard of 32 acres, the hops were exceptionally fine. About 40 pickers were employed in this yard and something in the neighborhood of 118,000 pounds of hops were gathered. All the way from 150 to 300 and 400 pounds per day could be picked in this yard and one lady reached the 500 pound mark one day and she and her mother together cleared \$118 in the three weeks they were in the yard.

HOOD RIVER MAN VIEWS ROGUE RIVER

Well Pleased With Valley as Fruit District But Says Growers Are Not Up-to-Date.

The Hood River News-Letter in its edition of September 7, gives the first of the subjoined articles and in the edition of the 14th gives the second article bearing on the trip of A. I. Mason, one of Hood River's leading apple growers, to Rogue River Valley as one of the speakers at the six fruit growers meetings that were held in this section of the valley under the auspices of the State Agricultural College and the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association. In these articles the editor of the News pays some nice compliments to Rogue River Valley and Mr. Mason says many kind things of the Valley, and of its great future as an equal to Hood River as a fruit district. He also makes comments on the antiquated and slack methods of growing and handling fruit here that is of profit to the orchardist of Rogue River Valley.

The articles above alluded to are as follows: "A. I. Mason has been doing things in Southern Oregon and writes Mr. Shephard, of the Apple Growers' Union, that the papers read at Grants Pass written by himself and Mr. Shephard were enthusiastically received, and every man jack of them wanted a copy of the papers."

"After the meeting the delegates were driven out to Eismann Brothers' place, where Mr. Mason says they found fine looking orchards. Their itinerary includes Grants Pass, Provolt, Murphy, Wilderville, Woodville and Merlin, in the order named; the meeting at Merlin being held today. It is too bad that the rush of fruit shipments kept Mr. Shephard at home, as he and Mr. Mason would have made a full team with dog under the wagon. Mr. Mason will be no 'spike' team alone, and we are well assured Hood River will be well represented."

"The Rogue River Courier, published at Grants Pass in the issue of August 31 gives nearly two columns space to a generous write-up of Hood River apples and the apple industry, taken largely from exchanges. It is in the main correct and that paper deserves great credit for giving a competitor such a complimentary notice. It shows that the editor, A. E. Voorhies, is broad minded enough to be above sectional pride and willing to give the 'the devil his due.' He prints a neat, newsy paper, the same size of the News-Letter, and it would be well for our fruit growers in this section, who can afford to, to subscribe for his paper to keep in touch with the next best fruit section to Hood River in Oregon, and in fact, a section which in some fruits equals our own."

"Among the visitors at Grants Pass in attendance at the Fruit Growers' meeting we notice the names of Dr. James Withycombe, Hon. W. K. Newell, president of the State Board of Horticulture; Professor C. I. Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural College, some of the most prominent growers of the Rogue River country and the president and manager of the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association; the president of the Medford Fruit Growers Union, indicating the general interest that is being taken in these meetings in Southern Oregon. We trust, and we know, that great good will be the result to everyone who attends these meetings with a view to make the best use of the information that will be given there. All of which means 'Better Fruit', better times, better Oregon, and of these educational gatherings we wish their number may increase and their 'shadders never grow less.'"

Cornering A. I. Mason in the O. R. & N. depot Wednesday, we worked the gentleman for the following information regarding his visit to Southern Oregon points in the interests of horticulture: Mr. Mason said: "The trip was a very pleasant one, and one which I believe will be of great benefit to the districts visited. The residents of the Rogue River Valley, as well as the outside world, are certainly ignorant of its possibilities. It is certainly a great fruit country. It is the greatest pear country in the world. The soil is a surprise to me, being a blue

black and quite sticky when squeezed up in the hand. Is very rich and trees look thrifty, where cared for. Their Comice pears were a marvel of beauty. The acreage being planted to trees there now is fully 50 per cent pears. Some large orchardists affirm if they were to plant other orchards they would plant nothing but pears.

"This part of Rogue River from a birdseye view is much the most beautiful section we visited. I found there more of the Hood River spirit than anywhere else on the tour. Much interest was manifested in the meetings and the people seemed hungry for information as to the best methods of culture and handling of their products.

"The orchards about Grants Pass, with the exception of the Eismann Bros.' orchards, were not in the best of condition. There was lack of attention more or less in the matter of spraying, showing too many wormy apples, and other detriments to first-class fruit raising. But the people: Well, we cannot tell it all. They are the finest lot of fellows you ever met. They took us in and treated us like kings. Three of the meetings were in the school houses and churches, and particularly at Provolt, Murphy and Wilderville they gave us great basket dinners and such spreads as they put before us never greeted our eyes before. It was a feast fit for the gods, as old Homer would say. But, returning to the orchards of the Rogue River Valley: While many of these were growing under adverse circumstances they showed that the soil would produce excellent orchards with proper care.

"The greatest drawback to the success of horticulture in the Rogue River Valley is the gold fever. Everybody seems to be crazy over the gold mines, but it is my opinion that more gold can be produced from the soil above the ground than there has been taken out of all the mines in that country. The territory adjacent

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KLAMATH COUNTY CONDEMNS BAD FRUIT

Inspector Prohibits Sale of Diseased Apples From Rogue River Valley.

The Rogue River Valley fruit men, under the name of the Southern Oregon Fruit Association, has been using Klamath Falls and Klamath county as the dumping ground for their diseased and decayed fruits and vegetables about long enough. Fruit Inspector Stearns has gotten after them with a pointed stick, and many shipments of stuff have been confiscated. They are destroying one of the best markets for their fruits and vegetables they have, for the people of this section will not be uncoined into purchasing such refuse as they are in the habit of sending here.—Republican.

Action on the part of any fruit grower, such as those described by the Republican, are reprehensible enough, but all the more so on the part of an organization, one object of which is supposed to be the raising of the standard of fruit grown and sold. However, the Republican strictures would seem to include all the growers in the Rogue River Valley. We are confident that a very small percentage of the fruit growers of the valley are guilty of the charge, and we do not believe that the few who are guilty have authority to use the names of any of the fruit associations in the valley, and it will probably be found that they are not members of these organizations. There are many boxes bearing the brand of the fruit growers' associations as well as those of private parties scattered throughout the valley and it is an easy matter for other parties to gather up these boxes and use them, thus conveying the impression that the fruit was sent out by the party whose brand the box bears.—Medford Mail.

Doubtless boxes bearing the brand of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers' Association have been taken to Klamath county by parties hauling fruit there to sell and as the fruit was all more or less infected with scale, codlin moth and other diseases the buyers in that county will take it for granted that the Association is sending out bad

fruit. Only a few boxes bearing the label of the Association have been sold in Grants Pass and hereafter none will be sold. The Hood River Association found boxes bearing their label being used by dishonest local and Portland dealers to enable them to sell inferior fruit as the Hood River best. The Hood River orchardists put a stop to this swindling practice by not having the Association's label printed on the boxes at the factory, but instead use a handsome lithographed label that is pasted on the boxes just before they are loaded in the car. This will be the last season that the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association will use printed boxes. Before the fruit season for next year begins the Association will have fine lithographed labels to place on all boxes and no labeled boxes will be allowed to go to the local markets.

Beautiful Indian Summer.

The weather for the past few weeks has been all that a Southern Oregonian could wish for. The light showers two week ago cleared the atmosphere and settled the dust and since then the weather has been gloriously beautiful and for a few days the heat has been almost as intense as in early Summer. It is prophesied by the knowing ones that the present "warm spell" will last for six weeks yet, and that the rainy season will not set in before the first of November.

The weather is one of the many things of which an Oregonian is justly proud and in spite of the fact that the rains of Oregon have earned for us the unenviable reputation of being webfoots, we are, never-the-less aware of the fact that we have one of the finest climates in the world and this year, as in former ones, we still have several weeks of prospective warmth and sunshine before the "webs" begin to grow, in readiness for the delightfully warm Winter rains with which Southern Oregon is blessed instead of snow and blizzards.

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