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**DOINGS AT THE COURT HOUSE**

**Items of Interest to the Taxpayers of Josephine County  
From the Various County Officials**

**Hitch in Big Bridge Plans**

When the County Commissioners advertised for bids for the building of the much needed bridge over Rogue River, here in Grants Pass, they very thought that they were doing a wise thing in asking each contractor, who put in a bid to offer in addition a plan of his own for the big structure, hoping thereby to profit by the inter-change of ideas regarding this im-portant matter. All went merry as a wedding bell until along came Dis-trict Attorney Reames and when he said that it was his private opinion that this plan would be illegal, as the Oregon state law expressly pro-vides all bids shall be open for com-petition and if a bidder offers his own plan and bids on it, he is practically shutting out the others. However, Mr. Reames promises to hand down a written legal opinion regarding this matter and now the Josephine com-missioners are unanimously awaiting his advice. In the meantime they have called off the date and made a new one for the presenting of the bids.

**Next Meeting Important.**

The first meeting of the county commissioners in the new year will be one of more than ordinary impor-tance, as many matters of more than passing interest will then be taken up and acted upon. This list includes the fixing of road district boundaries; passing upon and fixing the amount of the tax levies for the various school district and for the county at large the receiving and inspection of Sheriff W. J. Russell's annual report; the annual report of County Health officer Dr. D. P. Love; the drawing of the list of jurors who will do duty during the year 1908 in the circuit court; appointment of viewers of the various road matters that are more than likely to come up during the year to come; also the appointment of road supervisors for the different districts; judges and clerks for the three elections and any special ones to be held during '08 will be chosen and the selection of stock and fruit in-spectors. Other matters of much im-portance will probably claim the at-tention of the board thus making the first meeting one of considerable im-portance.

**The Clerk Will Be Busy.**

County Clerk S. F. Cheshire and his assistant, Deputy E. S. Veatch, have been enjoying a bit of a vaca-tion, while the holidays were on, but now they are making up for the leisure spell and are putting in some very hard licks, endeavoring to keep the work right up to date. But this is not what is causing them to look a bit worried, but it is that the Clerk is going to have a big lot of extra work entailed upon him by reason of the three elections which are sched-uled for the new year and the regis-tration which will have to be looked after. This of itself is a no small undertaking. Then registration books will be opened January 1 and from that date until May 15 the voters throughout the county can have their names thus enrolled, when the pri-mary for the county election is to come off. The they will again be opened for the regular election in Josephine county, which is scheduled for Monday, June 1. Then they will again be opened for the national bat-tle of ballots, which is to occur Tues-day, November 3. All of which will result in much extra labor for the Clerk and his deputy. But they are equal to lots of hard work and will be fully able to cope with this extra labor.

**School Clerks Derelict.**

County Superintendent Savage in-forms the Courier that a few of the clerks of some of the school districts are still derelict about the important matter of making their reports. He says if they only realized that the question of those districts receiving any financial support from the county, depends on this very report they would not be thus dilatory. The tax levies for the various districts will be passed upon by the county com-missioners at the first meeting in January and unless these reports are in the hands of Superintendent Savage before that time, he will be unable to make any report to the board for those particular districts. He mentions the following as being "the ones thus de-layed, district No. 24, Merlin; No. 27, Wolf Creek; No. 44, Deering; No. 49, Granite Hill. This is a matter in which the law is very explicit as to what the duties of the school district clerk are and there is no alternative for Superintendent Savage but to be governed accordingly. He has given due notice and used his best efforts to

**secure the desired reports, but all to no purpose. Now he will have to leave the matter in the hands of the county board for such action as it may see fit to take in the premises.**

**Would Be Uncle Sam's Subject.**

Morris Marks, who gives his place of birth as Keene, Russia, and who is a resident of Grants Pass is dis-covering that there is considerable "red tape" attached to becoming a full fledged subject of Uncle Sam. He has, in complying with the law governing such matters, posted his notice at the front door of the court-house, setting forth the foregoing facts, and also that he came to the United States January 1, 1895, land-ing at Skagway, Alaska. He will ap-ply to the circuit court of Josephine county on or about April 20, 1908 for the citizenship papers desired and he names as witnesses as to his fitness for such honors: Joseph E. Verdine and George W. Kearns, of this city.

**From the Higher Court.**

Three cases appealed to the supreme court of Oregon from the circuit court of Josephine county have lately been passed upon. Three of them where reversed and the other was affirmed. One of the cases was en-titled Rolla S. Knapp, appellant, vs. Edgar T. Wallace et al., defendants. The case was reversed, Judge Eakin giving the opinion, holding that the defense of the former foreclosure suit was ineffective, because insufficient service of the summons in that case was had. Now the case will be brought back for a new trial in the lower court.

**Very Little Dirt Moving.**

The transfers of real estate are still being made not so very briskly, as may be indicated by the deeds that are being placed on record in the county clerk's office. The following transfers have been placed on file in that office during the past week: Jennie Ems et mar to James Deveny, lots 5 and 6, block 8, O T S, Grants Pass, \$500.

Josephine County to J E Farmer, part of sec 30, tp 33 s, r 6, \$2.77.

J W Hamlin et ux to J W Riley Investment Co, 2.33 acres in sec 19, tp 3a, r 5, \$1250.

J W Branch et ux to George A Thompson et ux, 3 acres in sec 17, tp 36 s, r 5, \$2000.

Sylvester Hamlin, single, to R R Turner and Chas F Angenstein, 80 acres in sec 28, tp 6 s, r 5, \$200.

Flora A Dudley, widow, to Ernest C Macy et al, 39.93 acres in sec 5, tp 36 s, r 5, \$1000.

O S Blanchard et ux to H L Andrews, 15 acres in sec 24, tp 36, s r 6, \$150 cash and the joint assumption of a mortgage of \$1350.

W C Long to Mark Hull et al, part of sec 4, tp 35 s, r 5, and other property, \$5000.

A M Lamar to A Bartlett et al, lot 10, block 47, Grants Pass, \$300.

**Various Minor Matters.**

A marriage license has been issued to Parker A Barry, aged 25, native of Sacramento, Cal., resident of Gazelle, Cal., and Miss Bessie A Doney, aged 23, native of Smithson, Cal., and resident of Provolt, Oregon.

The county court has, after due in-vestigation found that Elsie Miller, the 8-year-old daughter of B W and Josie Miller "is a dependent child" and that her mother "is a drunken and disreputable character," and that "it is requisite, that she be com-mitted to the care of her aunt Mrs G W Pernoll of Josephine county for care and disposition."

February 23 1908 is the date fixed by the court for the final hearing of the matters of "the estate of Grace Curtis, deceased.

John Daveny, aged 30 years, has been appointed administrator of the estate of James Deveny who died November 23, 1907 leaving property valued at \$3000. He is required to give a bond in the sum of \$4000.

County Superintendent Savage put in a portion of last week's visit to the Kerby and Althouse sections and he had an excellent chance to test the roads put down by the various super-visors out that way and he says that the bottom almost fell out of some of it. He was delivering library books to the schools out that way.

An execution for \$136.90 and \$4.70 costs has been issued at the instance of J N Johnston, in the case of F F Johnson vs William P Wright.

Johan Jensen has sued O O Lund on two promissory notes, one for \$733, dated September 7, 1904 and the other for \$300, dated January 2, 1905.

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**The Thing to Think About.**

Captain Coffin, one of the old time whalers of Nantucket, had a thrilling experience with a big sperm whale in the south Pacific. He had fairly har-pooned the whale when the monster turned, crushing the boat in its enor-mous jaws and scattering the crew in-to the waves. The captain found him-self in the whale's jaws, but managed to wriggle out and was rescued with his men luckily uninjured.

**Higgins—I see Tighs is wearing a mourning band on his hat. I wonder if it is for his first wife? Wiggins—Of course not. He married again last month. Higgins—Yes, I know he did, and I am under the impression that he is just beginning to feel his bereave-ment.—Chicago News.**

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