

MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Official Report, Jan. (1900) Term

In the manner of the application of E. Schott for liquor license for one year in Sublimity precinct—

Granted. In the manner of the petition of Geo. H. Letellier et al., for county road in district No. 76—

Dismissed. In the matter of the report of J. E. Ross Commander Sedgwick Post No. 10, G. A. R.—

Approved. In the matter of the notice of H. I. Brown, Commander Sedgwick Post No. 10, G. A. R. to undertake relief of indigent soldiers, and bond—

Approved. In the matter of changing the name of Garfield Voting Precinct—

Ordered that same be changed to Scotts Mills. In the matter of changing boundaries of various voting precincts—

Ordered that said changes be made in accordance with the law, precincts subject to change being Silverton, North Silverton, South Silverton, Sublimity, Silver Falls, Sidney, Salem No. 1, 2, 3, 4, South Salem, Prospect, Jefferson, and Yew Park.

In the matter of the appointment of a janitor for the court house—

Ordered that J. G. Moore be appointed at a salary of \$40.00 per month. Jury account—

On this day it is ordered that claims of F. L. Pound, L. F. Butler, and O. H. Gilbert be disallowed.

In the matter of the petition of C. Farlow et al. for the location of a county road—

Established. In the matter of the petition of W. H. B. Stewart et al. for a new bridge over the Santiam at Minto—

Disallowed. In the matter of the petition of Jos. Rubens et al. to unite and form road districts 17 and 18 into one voting precinct and one road district—

Disallowed. In the matter of claim for scalp boundaries—

Ordered that the following claims be and the same are approved: G. E. Beringer, 4 coyotes, \$2.00; A. I. Eoff, one coyote, \$2.00; J. W. Cox, 3 wild cats, \$6.00; J. W. Cox, 1 wild cat, \$2.00; H. B. Cox, one wild cat, \$2.00; J. N. Robertson, 2 coyotes, \$4.00; John Robens, 2 coyotes and 1 wild cat, \$6.00.

In the matter of the report of the survey of a portion of the Territorial road from Boone's Ferry to the Territorial road leading from Salem to Oregon City—

Approved. In the matter of the petition of Nathan Wade et al. for a public gateway from his residence to a public county road—

Settled and dismissed. In the matter of the petition of J. D. Bennett et al. for the vacation of part of Auburn Add to Salem—

Continued to February term. In the matter of publishing court proceedings for the ensuing year—

Ordered that the Salem Statesman and the Capital Journal be selected as the papers for publishing the proceedings of this court for the year 1900.

In the matter of compensation of S. E. Howard as day janitor for the court for a period of one month—

Ordered that the clerk draw a warrant on the treasurer in the sum of \$40.00 payable to Mr. Howard for such services. Supervisor's account—

Ordered that the following claims for supervisors be and the same are allowed and their reports are approved:

Table listing names and amounts for supervisors' accounts, including John Willis, B. F. Hall, I. C. Needham, etc.

Table listing names and amounts for E. T. Malvin, G. Baurneid, C. C. Dike, etc.

In the matter of the offer of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. to pay the taxes on certain property advertised for tax sale—

Rejected. In the matter of the change in the boundary of the several road districts throughout Marion county—

Ordered that said boundaries be changed to conform to the precinct boundaries in accordance with an Act passed by the legislature of 1899.

In the matter of designating divisions of county roads running on boundary lines—

Ordered that the roads running on boundary lines be divided as follows: On lines running north and south the north one-half shall be controlled by the district on the east and the south one-half by the district on the west.

On lines running east and west, east one-half to be controlled by district on north and west one-half by district on the south.

In the matter of the contract for furnishing lights for the court house for the year 1900—

Contract let to Salem Light and Traction Co. at a rate of \$35.00 per month.

In the matter of selecting a list of jurors to serve during the year 1900.

The court proceeded to select 200 jurors from the list of tax payers of Marion county to serve during the year 1900.

In the matter of the establishment of Horseshoe Lake Drainage District—

Ordered by the court that said district be established in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

In the matter of a resurvey of the Salem and McKinneys Mill county road.

Ordered that the county surveyor resurvey said road on Thursday, January 18, 1900.

In the matter of the establishment of a justice district to be known as Jefferson District—

Ordered that the Sidew precinct and Jefferson precinct be embodied into one justice district with Jefferson the place of holding court, to be known as Jefferson district.

In the matter of the change in Silverton voting precincts with relation to the Silverton justice district—

Ordered that the Silverton justice district is not effected by the change in the Silverton voting precincts.

In the matter of the appointment of judges and clerks of election for the precincts in Marion county to serve for a term of two years—

On this day the court appointed the judges and clerks of election to serve for the years 1900 and 1901.

In the matter of the tax levy for 1900—

Ordered that tax levy for 1900 on all taxable property in Marion county be and the same is fixed at the following rates:

Table showing tax rates: General county fund, 10.4 mills; State school fund, 5.00 mills; Indigent soldiers fund, 1 mill; State levy, 6.3 mills.

Total claim allowed ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Table listing names and amounts for road and bridge account, including Mortensen & Hansen, Schindler & Brodie, etc.

BICYCLE ACCOUNT. H. T. Bruce, \$2.00 \$2.00

PAUPER ACCOUNT. B. H. Bradshaw, \$20.50 \$20.50

Table listing names and amounts for pauper account, including T. Holverson, W. H. Byrd, etc.

Table listing names and amounts for F. S. Dearborn, C. B. Irvine, Patton Bros, etc.

COURT HOUSE ACCOUNT. Otto Hansen, \$6.50 \$6.50

Table listing names and amounts for court house account, including Salem Steam Laundry, Bernardi & Dunsford, etc.

POSTAGE ACCOUNT. A. L. Downing, \$1.24 \$1.24

Table listing names and amounts for postage account, including W. W. Hall, G. P. Terrell, etc.

ELECTION ACCOUNT. Glass & Prudhomme, \$44.20 \$44.20

Table listing names and amounts for election account, including F. W. Durbin, M. E. Pogue, etc.

LEGAL ACCOUNT. M. E. Pogue, 55.65 55.65

Table listing names and amounts for legal account, including G. G. Bingham, J. H. McNary, etc.

CRIMINAL ACCOUNT. State vs. Geo. Loyd, 7.00

Table listing names and amounts for criminal account, including N. J. Judah, Mrs. Battersby, etc.

SHERIFF'S ACCOUNT. Mrs. D. W. Gibson, 5.00

Table listing names and amounts for sheriff's account, including Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. J. Musser, etc.

State vs. Rube Patty, 6.70

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. Rube Patty, including H. A. Johnson, D. C. Minto, etc.

State vs. W. B. Gray, 2.30

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. W. B. Gray, including H. A. Johnson, D. C. Minto, etc.

State vs. Geo. Wilson, 7.05

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. Geo. Wilson, including H. A. Johnson, D. C. Minto, etc.

State vs. A. B. Reed, 7.40

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. A. B. Reed, including H. A. Johnson, D. C. Minto, etc.

State vs. A. Naught, 10.00

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. A. Naught, including H. A. Johnson, D. C. Minto, etc.

State vs. R. Kirk, 7.30

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. R. Kirk, including H. A. Johnson, D. C. Minto, etc.

State vs. O. Drake, 8.40

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. O. Drake, including H. A. Johnson, D. C. Minto, etc.

State vs. W. O. Smith, 7.00

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. W. O. Smith, including R. C. Ramsby, Jas. Langly, etc.

State vs. Bruno Heinman, 16.00

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. Bruno Heinman, including H. T. Hayes, L. Knowles, etc.

State vs. R. Kirk, 7.30

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. R. Kirk, including C. L. Ogle, A. B. Haverly, etc.

State vs. R. Kirk, 1.00

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. R. Kirk, including W. Durant, Sam Hardcastle, etc.

State vs. R. Kirk, 20.60

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. R. Kirk, including John Gates, M. Festler, etc.

State vs. R. Kirk, 1.00

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. R. Kirk, including E. L. Remington, F. C. Laccell, etc.

State vs. R. Kirk, 1.00

Table listing names and amounts for state vs. R. Kirk, including J. J. Hall, Robt. Cooley, etc.

HIS LIFE IS ENDED

J. E. WILLARD, ACCUSED OF MURDER, HAS HANGED HIMSELF.

Deed Committed About 10 O'clock Yesterday Morning—Coroner's Jury Examines the Officials.

(From Daily, Jan. 21st.)

Jos. R. Willard, accused of the murder of T. D. Perry, committed suicide by hanging in the Marion county jail about 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Deceased left a note for his wife, assigning physical disability and financial ruin as a cause for self-destruction. It was purely a case of premeditated suicide, the findings of the coroner's jury being corroborative thereof and exonerating the sheriff and his deputies from all blame.

Willard's actions of late have been such as to excite the suspicions of Sheriff F. W. Durbin and his deputies, who have exercised every precaution to prevent just such a scene as was so successfully enacted by the prisoner yesterday.

Willard appeared to be in his usual cheerful frame of mind, his actions by no means indicating the determination to end his life that must have possessed him. Together with his fellow prisoners, Willard was engaged in organizing a kangaroo court, which diversion it was expected would serve to pass the time.

Suddenly he was missed from the group which was assembled in the southwest corner of the jail corridor. Wm. B. Gray, a hypo fiend, who is serving a sentence for larceny, went in quest of his fellow prisoner, who had been elected judge of the "court."

Gray was horrified to find Willard's lifeless form suspended from a water pipe in the closet at the northeast corner of the jail. He gave the alarm by a series of yells which immediately brought Deputy Sheriff Colbath, County School Superintendent W. Jones and others of the county officers to the scene.

Willard's body was promptly cut down and a physician summoned, but life was extinct when the body was discovered, the subsequent efforts of Dr. J. N. Smith to resuscitate the lifeless form proving unavailing.

Willard had procured a rope about four feet in length from a window-sash in the jail corridor. Having secured the rope he went to the closet in one corner of which two water pipes, one having a diameter of about five inches and a smaller one of probably an inch in diameter, pass from the floor to the ceiling, where the smaller pipe changes its course and runs the length of the room, about four inches from the ceiling.

The prisoner scaled the two water pipes to the ceiling, where, having properly adjusted the rope to his neck and to the small horizontal pipe, he released his grasp, sustaining a drop of about two feet. When found, his feet were fully four feet from the cement floor.

The only statement of any kind left by the deceased was a brief note addressed to his wife, which was written in a small note book, afterwards found on his person. The note was as follows:

"Dear wife: Physically broken down and financially ruined as I am, I feel that I would be a burden to you and the children for the rest of my life. Save what little you can. It will be but a trifle, but will serve to keep the wolf from the door for a time."

Upon the request of Deputy Sheriff Colbath, Coroner A. M. Cough held an inquest at his undertaking parlors, No. 107 State street, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The following jury was summoned: O. Green (foreman), W. W. Hepburn, Jesse George, Jacob Leidinger, F. R. Davis and W. H. Armstrong.

Wm. B. Gray, who discovered the body, was the first witness called. He told of finding the body in which life was extinct when discovered. He explained his theory of the manner in which the suicide accomplished self-destruction, which was substantially as given above.

Deputy Sheriff B. B. Colbath was called to the witness chair and told of answering the alarm and finding the body. He explained the location of Willard's body when found. A sack was taken from the window in the jail corridor and with this agent, Willard ended his life. The guard was taken off of Willard about two weeks ago, but a fellow prisoner has since shared the same cell with him every night, he being granted the freedom of the corridors during the day.

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DELEGATES ARE NAMED.—The Workingmen's McKinley Club met at the city hall at 7:30 last evening, having been called to elect delegates to the state convention of the Republican League.

SERIOUSLY ILL.—Mrs. Mary Martin, nightwatch at the asylum, was called to Portland yesterday morning to attend at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Julien, who has been in poor health for some time and who is now thought to be in a critical condition.

FATE OF RILEY'S YELLOW DOG. Benevolent Physician Has a Lesson in the Value of Experience. He was a young physician, with a ground-floor office in the poorest quarter of his city, a good deal of leisure on his hands, and a youthful desire to do good.

WHAT THE LAW DECIDES. State taxation of copyrights is held, in people ex rel. A. J. Johnson Company vs. Roberts (N. Y.), 45 L. R. A. 126, to be invalid on the ground that copyrights, like patents, are protected therefrom by federal law.

THE STRATEGIST IN TOWN. As thro' the Strand at eve we went, The Strategist and I, We taught the generals their trade, We threw Von Moltke in the shade.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. Wedlock was never intended to be bolted. In the world's great drama the ocean plays the principal role.

STATES OF BIRTH.—Prof. J. S. Graham, principal of the North Salem public school, one day last week took a record of the places of nativity of the pupils attending that school.

Frank Dearborn's condition, which has been serious for some time, was reported unimproved last night. Mr. Dearborn has been ill with typhoid fever for ten weeks.

Dr. Penner's GOLDEN RELIEF. A TRUE SPECIFIC OF ALL INFLAMMATIONS. Sore throats, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc.