

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Commissioners' Proceedings At the March Meeting.

General Bills and Claims Allowed. Tax Kicks Straightened Out and Many Matters Fixed.

The proceedings of the county commissioners for March 6, 7 and 8, 1900. The board of county commissioners pursuant to adjournment met on March 5th. All members of the board were present.

General Claims Allowed.

- The following general claims were examined and allowed: Allen Bros, publishing treasurer's tax notice. \$ 4.75. Abrams, W E clerk in assessor's office. 60.00. Beck, F W livery for sheriff. 3.25. B.linger, E E clerk in treasurer's office. 7.50. Bricker, J J livery for sheriff. 9.00. Brown, H J land lists for assessor. 3.10. Bailer, J L coffin for indigent. 25.00. Brown, J B plumbing at court house. 2.50. Bramwell Bros printing for county officers. 152.00. Buchman, Christ meals for jury. 12.00. Bakala, Frank repairs at courthouse. 25. Bishop, E repairing county bridge. 6.60. Case, Geo W, Jr deputy tax collector. 65.50. Canfield, R C printing school maps. 28.40. Carter, G B expense as deputy sheriff. 26.35. Commoner Printing Co, printing treasurer's tax notice. 5.00. Carley Bros repairing jail. 3.00. Codd & MacKenzie, electric lights for courthouse. 32.50. Corner, John F expense as auditor. 25.25. Collin, S E bringing insane man to Colfax. 3.00. Codd, William map sticks for county superintendent. 8.00. Canutt, Joseph expense as sheriff. 54.05. Codd, William lumber for Torrance bridge. 15.76. Clarke & Eaton, lumber for Elberton bridge. 18.47. Canutt, Joseph board of prisoners. 65.66. Curry, William expense as deputy sheriff. 2.50. Cooney, C W road work on Steptoe canyon. 10.00. Colfax Gazette, county printing. 41.00. Coop, John A care of indigent. 8.00. Divins, Dr W N care of smallpox patients. 30.00. Dunning, J W labor at county farm. 6.50. Elmer, C A expense as deputy sheriff. 39.25. Eitel, H C supplies for county farm. 65.50. Eitel H C supplies for county health officer. 2.00. Fritz, H G supplies for indigent. 13.52. Gleason, Mrs A cooking at county farm. 18.00. Giles, J H supplies for county farm. 15.50. Garfield Enterprise, publication of treasurer's tax notice. 8.75. Henry, O E care of Palouse smallpox patients. 80.00. Harrison, F R services as county fruit inspector. 5.00. Hinchliff, Charles N salary as county commissioner. 16.00. Herman, C W publishing treasurer's tax notice. 11.00. Hall, Oliver coffin for indigent. 5.00. Inland Tel & Tel Co rental and service for county officers. 51.75. Irwin-Holston Co supplies for auditor. 39.60. King, A E supplies for county officers. 3.93. Kelly, Walter road work on Steptoe canyon. 10.00. Lippitt, Julius supplies for inmates of jail. 9.75. Lennox, Geo H premium on insurance on courthouse. 20.00. Love, H M services as court stenographer. 35.00. McCoy, E R assisting at teacher's examination. 14.00. MacEachern, Joseph supplies for indigent. 17.55. Metropolitan P & B Co, supplies for assessor. 4.50. Onksdale Sun, publishing treasurer's tax notice. 4.50. Price, J E supplies for county farm. 18.70. Perkins, J A & Co premium on insurance on courthouse. 46.00. Payne, G B services for sheriff. 48.00. Powell, Albert janitor at teacher's examination. 3.55. Palmer, G W livery for sheriff. 22.50. Palouse Republic, publishing treasurer's tax notice. 8.75. Roberts, S C expense as superintendent of schools. 29.85. Roberts, R W expense as deputy prosecuting attorney. 13.15. Ruby, Charles road work in Steptoe canyon. 12.00. Richardson, Byron road work in Steptoe canyon. 10.00. Rosalia Citizen, publishing treasurer's tax notice. 5.00. St. Ignace Hospital, care of indigent sick. 33.00. Shoudy Bros, supplies for indigent. 20.00. Steward, A L expense as deputy sheriff. 89.60. Swank, Lewis J salary as county commissioner. 26.00. Siler, S B expense as assessor. 11.20. Tekoa Topic, publishing treasurer's tax notice. 7.50. Taylor, G W work in Steptoe canyon. 6.00. Woodin, C H supplies for inmates of jail. 1.00. Willard, A B salary as county commissioner. 21.75. Whately, W R road work in Steptoe canyon. 6.00. Windus, W J expense as treasurer. 15.10.

Coyote Scalp Bounty Claims.

- The following coyote scalp bounty claims were examined and allowed: Aschenbrenner, Phillip. \$ 1.00. Allen, Andrew. 1.00. Brown, Birtie. 1.00. Burns, Fred G. 1.00. Cunningham, E V. 3.00. Cochran, W H. 1.00. Chandler, William. 1.00. Cook, Thomas. 1.00. Entel, Jacob. 1.00. Funston, H E. 6.00. Gooch, J J. 2.00. Hitchings, C M. 1.00. Hodges, Fred. 1.00. Hoag, Verne. 1.00. Huntley, William. 14.00. Jones, Otto. 1.00. James, I W. 6.00. Long, Ira A. 1.00. Muir, W D. 1.00. McNeil, O P. 2.00. Mitchell, B F. 1.00. McMaslin, E A. 5.00. Mohney, J H. 20.00. Nowlin, W S. 1.00. Oliver, A N. 1.00. Parvin, J S. 1.00. Phelps, Geo H. 4.00. Propst, O S. 1.00. Roberts, H W. 1.00. Sells, G E. 1.00. Schreiber, F H. 1.00. Stone, G W, Jr. 1.00. Templeton, F. 2.00. Tempero, George. 2.00. Widner, G A. 2.00. Wright, L L. 1.00. Waters, C R. 7.00.

Road District Claims.

- The following road district claims were examined and allowed: W R Simpson, supervisor. 13 \$15.00. Thos Standley, road work. 13 4.00. Moscow Sawmill Co, lumber. 5 4.75. S Plyton, supervisor. 12 10.00. W B Blachley, supervisor. 13 20.00. M R McMahon, lumber. 23 14.25. James C Stover, supervisor. 23 14.25. A Valk, lumber. 24 5.53. Martin Zender, blacksmithing. 24 4.00. Elough & Waters, supplies. 24 2.24. Thos W Adams, supervisor. 26 29.50. Andrew J Allen, labor. 26 10.00.

- Willis F Adams, supplies. 26 4.00. A Snider, supervisor. 31 5.00. M H West, supervisor. 34 1.50. M E Choate, labor. 34 1.50. J C Cloud, blacksmithing. 38 1.75. C M Dyer, supervisor. 38 7.25. E E Crane, supervisor. 39 28.00. J R Lee, supervisor. 41 8.50. William Codd, lumber. 41 47.03. Wilcox & Fouts, blacksmithing. 45 3.50.

Tax Matters.

The application of A. E. Corlett, asking for the cancellation of certain personal taxes, for the reason that it was a double assessment, was granted.

The application of W. H. Harvey, the attorney for E. W. Quarles, asking for the cancellation of a part of the taxes on a tract in Pullman, was granted.

The application of U. E. Cronk, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 47 taxes on his personal assessment for 1899, was granted, for the reason that the property was not in that district at the time of assessment.

The application of E. O. Martin, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 74 taxes, was granted, for the same reason as the above.

The application of W. M. Franklin, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 114 taxes on his personal assessment, was granted, for the same reason as the above.

The application of John Entel, asking for the cancellation of a part of the personal tax of John Raffier, was granted.

The application of J. W. McVicker, asking for the refunding of school district No. 146 tax on his personal assessment, was granted, for the reason that his property was not located in that district at the time of assessment.

The application of Pat O'Neil, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 28 taxes on his personal assessment, was granted for the same reason as the above.

The application of J. E. Haun, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 105 taxes on the personal assessment of B. F. Haun, was granted, for the same reasons.

The application of J. C. Lawrence, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 36 taxes on a part of his personal assessment, was granted, for the same reasons.

The application of J. C. Earl, asking for the cancellation of the town of Elberton tax of 5 mills and school district No. 105 tax of 10 mills on his personal assessment, was granted, for the same reason.

The application of A. H. Crow, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 69 taxes on the 1899 personal assessment of Mrs. N. C. Crow, was granted, for the same reason.

The application of A. J. McCutchen, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 60 taxes on the SD of 22 1/2, was granted, for the same reasons.

The application of M. V. Crabtree, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 36 taxes on the personal assessment of J. R. Duncan, was granted, for the same reason.

The application of T. J. Harris, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 6 taxes on his personal assessment of 1899, was granted, for the same reason.

The application of S. Hilliard, asking for the cancellation of school district No. 61 taxes on his personal assessment, was granted, for the same reason.

The application of Tady, White & Co., asking for the cancellation of school district No. 114 taxes on wheat, to the valuation of \$2800, was granted, for the same reason.

The application of J. W. Breeding, asking for the cancellation of certain taxes in Palouse, was rejected.

The application of The Tacoma Grain Co., asking for the cancellation of taxes on a part of their personal property, for the reason that it was a double assessment, was granted.

The application of A. B. Ford, asking for the cancellation of a part of the tax on lot 11, block 4, in the town of Pullman, was granted.

The application of Georgia Courtney, asking for the cancellation of a part of her tax on wheat, valued at \$1260, was granted.

The application of George M. Miller, asking for the cancellation of taxes on \$250 of his personal assessment, for the reason that it was doubly assessed, was granted.

The application of David N. Bush, asking for the cancellation of the Pullman city tax on his personal assessment, was granted.

The application of S. C. Armstrong, asking for the refunding of six mills Colfax city tax on personal property of the Pacific Coast Elevator Company, was granted, for the reason that said property was located in the out-bonded district instead of the bonded district, as assessed by the assessor.

The application of C. B. Horen, agent for the Tacoma Grain Co., asking for the cancellation of personal taxes on a warehouse, was granted, for the reason that the warehouse was destroyed before the assessment was made.

The application of R. H. Lacey, asking that a description of certain property on the 1899 tax rolls be changed so that the taxes might be properly paid, was granted.

The application of F. P. Egan, asking that the assessment of certain property be changed from road district No. 12 to road district No. 14, was granted.

The application of Aho S. Watt, tax commissioner of the O. R. & N. Co., asking for the cancellation of certain taxes amounting to \$4.19, was granted.

The application of M. R. Fish, asking for the correction of a treasurer's tax receipt on property in Farmington, was rejected.

The county treasurer was directed to cancel all the special school tax in excess of eight mills in school district No. 14, and to refund the same where said school tax had been paid.

The county auditor was directed to draw his warrant for \$6.16, in favor of the county treasurer, in payment of the taxes of Mrs. C. E. Aldrich.

Appointment of Deputies. The following appointments of field deputy assessors were approved: George S Allen A D Baker. J R Cunningham J V Crisp. George W Case, Sr J W Cox. O S Daniels Charles Daggett. S S King T J Green. F M Hooper H W Howard. Charles Lakin Minor Lewallen. W H McTier Frank McClintock. John R Moys Ira N Nye. J M Propst Thos E Ross. Geo H Ross E E Smith. W R Simpson W A Wvver. Geo W Wvver O E Young.

Bonds Approved. The bond of F. E. Ellis, justice of the peace in and for precincts No. 44 and 52, and of Charles Reid, constable for precinct No. 30, were examined and approved.

Miscellaneous.

The claim of Wm. A. Inman, for expenses in a court case to Spokane, was examined and allowed. County Commissioner Hinchliff voted against the claim for the reason that there is no statute providing mileage or traveling expense for the prosecuting attorney.

The resignation of Deputy Auditor W. B. Hargrave was approved. On requisition of G. A. R. Post, Lee Miller was made a single allowance of \$25.

On requisition of G. A. R. Post No. 19, Mrs. Sarah Morgan was made an allowance of \$25.00, and \$10 per month till July 1st, 1900.

Charles Peterson was made an allowance of \$15 per month till further orders from the board.

On requisition of G. A. R. post No. 19, James Moulton was made a single allowance of \$5.00.

The county auditor was made an appropriation of \$50.00 and the superior judge of \$5.00 for the purchase of postage stamps.

The claim of B. M. Deatherage, for services for sheriff, was examined and rejected.

Insanity Cost Bills. The following insanity cost bills were examined and allowed: Claimed, All'wd Insanity of Susie K Jackson \$37.00 \$28.00. Insanity of Edward Ballaine. 27.00 18.60.

Road Matters. The viewers' report for the J. H. Ellis road was filed and time set for hearing for April 3rd, at 1 p. m.

The viewers' report of the Cole change in Monlux road was filed and the time set for hearing for April 3rd, at 10 a. m.

The viewers' report of the C. J. Swift road was filed and the time set for hearing for April 2nd, at 1 p. m.

The petition for the vacation of a part of the S. E. Finch road was heard and the petition rejected.

The viewers' report of the J. P. T. McCroskey change in the Luther Kerns road was filed and the time set for hearing for April 2nd, at 2 p. m.

The matter of advertising for bids for Monlux bridge was continued till the April meeting of the board.

The county auditor was directed to advertise as to the necessity of a county bridge where the Horlacher road crosses Cache creek in Whitman county.

The county auditor was directed to advertise as to the necessity of a county bridge at foot of Hamilton grade on Union flat.

The county auditor was directed to advertise for bids for a county bridge with a 65-foot span and 65 feet of an approach at Pullman.

Fifty dollars was transferred from the road and bridge fund to road district No. 24.

The prosecuting attorney was instructed to begin proceedings in the superior court to secure right of way across lands of Barua Heitstumann, in the matter of the proposed Gray road.

L. C. Roberts was appointed supervisor in road district No. 36.

Bills of Cost of Survey. The following bills of cost of survey were examined and allowed: J H Ellis road. \$14.00. Cole change in Monlux road. 8.00. C J Swift road. 12.00. McCroskey change in Luther Kerns road. 6.00.

Communication of C. N. Hinchliff. Honorable Board of County Commissioners: 1st. It being stated to me by a number of attorneys, and specifically by E. M. Warner, an ex-deputy under the present prosecuting attorney, that the position of deputy prosecuting attorney is unnecessary and uncalled for.

2nd. From a reliable deputy now in the employ of the county, I have been informed that he would accept and perform the duties of the clerk of the superior court, doing away with the expense of one deputy. From a source that is absolutely reliable, and from one who is familiar with the work in the auditor's office, I am informed that at least two clerks could be dispensed with and not impair the service in the least.

3rd. The former board made an order allowing the then sheriff, R. A. Sims, one riding deputy at a salary of \$100.00 per month, one office deputy who acted as jailer at a salary of \$75.00 per month. Ex-Sheriff Sims made, in the presence of Mr. A. B. Willard, present member of this board, and the writer, the statement that he was at a loss to always find work for that number of deputies.

4th. Dispense with the unjust and unreasonable system of bailiffs, and you have the following amounts of retrenchments: Deputy prosecuting attorney. \$ 75.00. One deputy clerk. 75.00. Two clerks in auditor's office. 120.00. One riding deputy sheriff. 100.00. One jailer. 50.00. One bailiff. 75.00.

Total per month. \$ 490.00. A total for twelve months. \$5880.00. As to the work and help required, I have assumed that the former sheriff performed the duties of the office. I have not examined the records as to the relative merits of the former and present incumbents. It may be possible that they will disclose a record of arrests and convictions sufficiently greater in number to offset and justify the extra help and expense. Believing the above authorities quoted to justify the following recommendations: That this board make an order directing that the number of assistants as stated in the above list be dispensed with, to take effect April 1st, 1900, with the exception of the bailiff, which is not under our control; but I again emphasize upon our former request that that part of the public service give the rest a rest to the relief of the tax payer.

Respectfully submitted, C. N. HINCHLIFF, Chairman Board County Commissioners.

P. S.—Since writing the above, on investigation of the records, I have found that one of the unnecessary employes has taken a tumble and laid off for a few days' rest of each month.

C. N. H. By a vote of Commissioners Willard and Swank, the above recommendation was rejected.

State of Washington, county of Whitman—ss. This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the proceedings of the board of county commissioners of Whitman county, Washington, for the session beginning March 5th, 1900, and ending March 8th, 1900.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal as clerk of said board, this 13th day of March, 1900.

[SEAL] JOHN F. CORNER, Auditor of Whitman county, Washington, and ex-officio clerk of said board. By MARK E. TAST, Deputy.

Call on H. W. GOFF for INSURANCE.

NAKED IN THE NIGHT

Chas. McDonald Broke Through Prison Bars.

Rigged an Ingenious Spanish Windlass and Sprung the Grated Window of His Cell.

Charles McDonald, the notorious thief who has for years given Whitman county trouble, and who has served one term in the Walla Walla penitentiary for horse stealing in this county, made an ingenious jail break Saturday night and cleared out for parts unknown. It is certain that he had outside help, as he left all his clothing except his hat in the jail and could not have walked barefoot and naked out of the county.

McDonald was arrested about a month ago by Sheriff Canutt on a charge of stealing wheat from John McAnce of Pleasant valley. His two brothers, James and Dan, were also arrested at the same time on the same charge and are still safely in jail awaiting trial for burglary. McDonald was confined in the woman's ward of the jail in order to prevent him holding communication with his brothers. This ward was a few months ago removed to the basement of the courthouse. The outside windows are not more than three feet from the ground on the rear end of the building. The prisoner was permitted at times to exercise in the corridor during the daytime, and it is believed some friend passed to him through the bars of the window the means with which to make his escape. These were a strong cord, two pieces of board and a pocket knife.

The cell in which he was confined has a grated window in one end about three feet wide and four feet in length. This is fastened on one side by a padlock in the middle only, leaving the corners loose. The window opens into the cell. The prisoner rigged up with the strong cord, the blankets of his bed and the two pieces of board one of these powerful and ingenious devices known as a "Spanish windlass." Attaching the strong cable made from the twisted blankets to the lower corner of the window, he set his windlass to work and sprung the corner in until he was able to crawl through the hole by stripping off all his clothing. Once in the corridor, he played exactly the same trick that William Herbert did when he made his famous escape during Sheriff Sims' term. Two of the outside bars of the window were worked loose and lifted until the bottom ends were free from the iron plate in which they were set. These bars were soft iron, instead of hard, stiff steel, as they should have been. When the bottom ends were free it was an easy job to bend one each way and leave a hole sufficiently large to crawl through. All of the escapee's clothes were left lying on the floor of the corridor and a pocket knife which must have been passed from the outside was left on the window sill.

All the sheriff's force were out of town the night of the escape except Office Deputy Elmer. So quietly was the work done that persons sleeping near were not disturbed.

McDonald is one of a notorious family who have been a constant expense and trouble to the county. His mother and one sister are in the Medical Lake asylum for insane, two sisters are in the reform school and a brother is in the Walla Walla penitentiary. He has been a notorious thief since childhood. His escape is a good thing for the county, if he is not caught, as he will not dare to return and his former neighbors will be rid of a plague.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the county. For sale by all druggists.

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