

OGDEN DEPARTMENT.

A BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND IN PERIL.

Change in the County Officials—County Clerk's Assistants—Weber County Finances—Sportsmen—Brevities.

Yesterday morning the six-year-old son of John Casey was shot through the abdomen, and is in a critical condition. Mr. Casey, who is employed at Kemmerer, was at once telegraphed to and he is expected home today. Not much can be learned of the particulars of the shooting, but it seems that the little boy had an airgun and was playing with some companions. They were scuffling, the boy Casey holding the gun in his hands, when it was discharged. The ball entered toward the lower part of the abdomen and ran up into the lower and back part of the chest, but has not yet been definitely located.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Change in the Officials of the County.

The usual biennial change took place at the county courthouse yesterday. The old officers held their places until noon, when the new officials appeared and without any ceremony whatever the various offices were turned over, each to its own new occupant. In the Treasurer's office County Treasurer Chambers turned the office over to himself, reversed positions in his chair and the new Treasurer settled himself to perform the duties of the office which his predecessor had performed so satisfactorily to the people during the preceding two years.

In all the other offices new men took their places and new strange faces are seen which will soon become familiar to the public doing business at the courthouse.

Of the retiring officers it may be said that they were capable men in office, and that they discharged the duties of their respective positions in a manner creditable to themselves and their constituents. Those who have done business at the county courthouse during the past two years know and appreciate the capability and integrity of the outgoing officials.

The new officials are particularly capable men whose reputation is such that the people are assured of an honest, capable and economical administration of county affairs. They enter upon the discharge of their duties with the confidence of the people and with the prospect of a pleasant two years' service.

The old Board of County Commissioners met yesterday morning and took up a small amount of business.

The salary of the old county officials was allowed for the two days in January, 1903.

The annual reports from those officials who had not previously reported were filed.

Commissioner Seaman reported that as the auditing committee of the board he had inspected the business of each office and had found everything in first-class condition.

The annual report of County Clerk and Auditor Farr was read and filed, the principal items of which in recapitulation are shown in another place.

The matter of whether the charge made by Clerk Farr for his services as referee in a certain county matter was a county fee, or belonged to Mr. Farr, individually, was referred to the County Attorney.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved and the board at noon adjourned sine die.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the old board, the new County Commissioners met and organized by electing Commissioner L. R. Adams chairman.

An order of business was adopted similar to the one used by the former board.

Commissioner Adams was made the Committee on Poor and Supplies; Commissioner Smith the Committee on Tax Matters and Commissioner Screen the Committee on Poor Farm.

The division of the county into commissioner road districts was deferred until the next meeting.

Then came the interesting part of the proceedings, the confirmation of deputies for the various offices. County Clerk Hollingsworth led off and presented the names of his deputies in the following communication:

"To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Weber County, Utah—Gentlemen:—I beg leave to inform you that I have this day appointed the following named deputies and assistants in the County Clerk's office, to wit: L. J. Holther and L. P. Cahoon, deputies, and Miss Eleisa Child stenographer and copyist. I will, at your next meeting, advise you of the appointment of another deputy.

"The clerical force in the Clerk's office will, therefore, consist of three deputies and one assistant. In this connection I desire to say that this is a reduction of one deputy and one copyist from the present force. But if at any time I find that I have insufficient assistance to properly transact the business of the Clerk's office I will so advise this board. Respectfully,

"CHARLES R. HOLLINGSWORTH,
County Clerk."

The nominations were promptly confirmed.

The following nominations of deputies by Sheriff Layne were confirmed: Meroni Screen, Joseph Bailey and Joseph Belmont.

John W. Gibson, County Assessor, nominated Dan W. Ellis as his chief clerk, and the nomination was confirmed.

County Recorder Henderson named Mrs. E. C. West and David Mattson as his deputies, and they were confirmed.

The matter of salaries for the deputies was left over until another meeting, and the board took a recess until this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Weber County Finances.

The Auditor's report for 1898, shows the following figures:

Cash on hand, January 1, 1898 .. \$ 70,107.15

Receipts from all sources .. 115,055.49

Total .. \$185,162.64

DISTRIBUTION BY WARRANTS.

For salaries .. \$ 30,521.07

Maintenance of officers .. 5,103.01

Interest on county warrants .. 567.62

Criminal .. 1,138.74

Civil jurors' fees .. 3,235.59

Roads, rivers and bridges .. 15,591.25

Interest on bonds .. 7,500.00

Interest on loans .. 3,300.00

Library .. 182.20

Poor account .. 6,394.50

Hospital .. 1,591.14

Bills receivable .. 6,400.00

Miscellaneous .. 20,453.74

Total .. \$102,419.31

Warrants redeemed, to December 31, 1898 .. \$ 50,777.23

Warrants outstanding to December 31, 1898 .. 31,582.55

Assets.

Cash on hand, in various funds, January 1, 1899 .. \$ 60,589.80

Amount due from State .. 2,888.50

Inventory of property of Weber county .. 90,004.45

Amount invested in tax sale certificates and tax deeds (certificates) .. 50,000.00

Value iron and steel bridges .. 20,050.00

Securities held by County Treasurer .. 907.22

Bills receivable .. 17,662.90

Total .. \$258,909.06

Liabilities.

Bonded indebtedness .. \$100,000.00

Floating indebtedness .. 40,000.00

Interest on floating indebtedness .. 1,000.00

Interest and witness fund .. 1,134.50

County school fund .. 2,933.13

Redemption fund .. 2,933.12

School tax refund fund .. 548.65

Decedent's trust fund .. 37.27

State district school fund .. 11.94

Warrants outstanding .. 31,582.55

Assets over liabilities .. 23,162.29

Total .. \$258,909.06

This report of Auditor Farr was finished yesterday morning by the diligent help of Deputy Willard Hamer.

Sportsmen's Meeting.

The following call was issued yesterday for a meeting of sportsmen:

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 2, 1899.

A few local sportsmen think it very advisable that some steps should be taken at this session of the Legislature looking

to the further protection of the fish and game of this State. With this end in view they wish to have a meeting at Browning Bros. store, Wednesday, the 4th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m. You are respectfully requested to attend. Yours very truly,
J. L. LEDWIDGE,
Secretary Weber County Sportsman's Association.

Brevities.

A. J. Weber was in Salt Lake City yesterday.

C. E. Hoyt of Salt Lake City was in Ogden yesterday.

Hon. F. L. Williams was an Ogden visitor yesterday.

Mail carrier E. D. Stone is quite ill with inflammation of the bowels.

The Columbia club kept open house yesterday, and received a large number of callers, principally ladies. The day was very pleasantly passed.

One drunk was run in and another assessed \$2.50 yesterday in Police court.

W. C. Cates of Logan spent Sunday in Ogden visiting his relatives and friends.

Mr. Chase, who had his leg broken some weeks ago, suffered the loss of that member yesterday, it being found necessary to amputate it.

John McManis, superintendent of the Montana division of the Oregon Short Line, is in Ogden. He is receiving the congratulations of his many friends over his promotion. John is a thoroughly capable railroad man.

Rev. E. B. Sutton, national Gospel and temperance evangelist, and an old G. A. R. man, will speak this evening at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church, and Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church.

The Healer at the Springs.

Mr. J. Landers, the healer, has changed his place of residence from Ogden to the Hot Springs, where Mr. F. J. Hirt, the new manager, has made arrangements for him to treat all patients at the hotel free of charge. The healer is well known to the people of Ogden, as well as all over the United States, as his testimonials show. Hoping Mr. Landers' friends will come to see him at the Springs, as he has better accommodations to meet them, as everything is first-class at the hotel. For special hotel rates write F. J. Hirt, general manager.