

No 537

in

Circuit

Court

John M Welch

Plaintiff

vs

S S Meowman
Et al

Defendant

Action for

Money

Docket

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Baker & Baker

Attorney for Plaintiff

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Attorney for Defendant

Record of the Case

1884

January 12 Order for leasing
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March 5 Lease sent to A. C. Smith
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July 12 Order for inspection
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1885 May 15 Order to remove Sod, Gates
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July 25 Modification of former order
providing for terminative lease
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WITNESSES.

Road
To be the Leasing of Wallowa Canyon

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In the month of January a
portion of the County Road
known as the Indian
Valley and Willow Road.

Now at this time the
same forming on to be known
and it appearing to the
satisfaction of the Court
that there is little or no
labor along that portion
of the County Road leading
from Indian Valley in
Union County to Willow
Valley in said county known
as the Indian Valley and
Willow public Road between
the head of the Willow
Canyon on the north east side of
the Willow River and
the top of the hill or
grade on the south west side of
said River a distance of
about fourteen miles;
now therefore it is hereby
ordered by the Court that,
that portion of County Road
known as the Indian Valley
and Willow public Road

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Shaffer Ranch at the
front step, head of the
Halloway Creek on our South West
side of the Halloway River
to the top of the hill or
grade on the South side of the
Halloway River a distance of
about fourteen miles to
be owned by the County, to some
responsible person or persons
for a period of five years
with the right to place at a
convenient point upon said
road ~~not more than two~~ one
tree of any size portion of
said road to be placed
by such lessor in good
repair within a reasonable
time upon the grade of
said road now established
and to be kept in such
good repair during the time
the board of such lessor. The
bed of said portion of said
road to be composed of dirt
~~and~~ or gravel and the
same to be of sufficient
width to allow wagons
and teams to ^{safely} pass and repass

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and the owner must
take such care subject
to the condition that he
will hold the company harm-
less during the time of
such lease from any
and all damages occasion-
ed by reason of negligence
or otherwise in keeping
said portion of said
Road in good repair.

And the County Clerk is hereby
 directed to cause this order
 to be published in full in
 the Mountain Sentinel a
 weekly news paper of general
 circulation published at Union
 in said County for a period
 of four weeks together with
 a notice therewith for a like
 period that such bids will
 be received at the office of
 the County ^{of Union County One} Clerk, for the leasing
 of such portion of said road
 up to one o'clock P.M. of the
 day of 1884. That such
 bid must be accompanied
 by an undertaking, executed by
 two or more sureties in
 the sum of \$2000 to be
 void upon the condition
 that the bidder of the sum
 is awarded to him, will,
 within ten days thereafter
 enter into the contract for
 keeping the road and
 give the ~~the~~ undertaking
 to secure the performance
 thereof as by law provided.

Government duty

To the Honorable County Court
of Union County, of the State of
Oregon The undersigned would re-
spectfully submit the following bid
for the lease of the Wallowa Canyon
Public Road as per advertisement by
your honorable Board in the Mount-
ain Sentinel To wit for single
toll or the toll on sheep hog or goat
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ Cent, one and one fourth cent per
each head for each horse mule ass or
cow bridle four such tolls for each
man or woman on horseback ten
such tolls for each 2 wheeled
vehicle twenty such tolls for each
four wheeled vehicle forty such
tolls, every sled or sleigh to be
deemed a four wheeled vehicle

A. H. Smith

Bid for the Name
Breed

Bid of H. C. Smith
for clearing Willow
Canyon Roads

Dated March 5, 1884
Mr. G. Wright Esq
By C. H. Bell Kelly

Know all men by these presents
that I A C Smith as principal, and
Thos A Reavis M^r P Reavis & D B Reavis
as Sureties are held and firmly bound
unto the County of Union of the State of
Oregon on the penal sum of (\$2000)
two thousand dollars for the payment of
which to the said County of Union shall and
truly to be made me also hereby bind ourselves
our heirs executors and administrators fully
by these presents

A C Smith
Thos Reavis
Thos A Reavis
D B Reavis

The Condition of the above Obligation
is such that if the lease of the Oregon
road is awarded to the above named
A C Smith - that he will within ten days enter
into a Contract for the keeping of said road
and of one the undertaking to perform the perform-
ance thereof as by law provided - And in case
the said A C Smith shall comply with the
foregoing Conditions the its Obligation
to be null and void, otherwise to be
full force and effect

A C Smith
Thos Reavis
Thos A Reavis
D B Reavis

Book of H. C. Smith
on Bell plantation
Willow Canon Road

Filed March 5, 1884
H. C. Smith Clerk
C. J. Webb Notary

Fourth Judicial Day

Saturday January 13th 1884

In the matter of a County
Bridge across Lower Powder
River between Union and
Baker Counties.

Now at this time come the Viewers heretofore appointed by this Court in the matter of the proposed County Bridge across Lower Powder River between Union and Baker Counties and present to the Court the report of their proceedings in the matter together with a plan, specifications and an estimate of the cost of erecting said Bridge, and the Court having duly considered the same, and being fully advised in the premises. It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that said report be accepted and said plan and Specifications be adopted by this Court as the plan and specifications upon which said Bridge shall be built, and that the amount of said estimate herewith £1006 9⁹ be appropriated for the purpose of erecting such Bridge. And it is further ordered that a certified copy of said report, plan and specifications and of the order of this Court be transmitted to the County Court of Baker County for the action of said Court as required by law.

In the matter of Leasing a portion of the County Road known as the Indian Valley and Willow Road.

Now at this time this cause coming on to be heard and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that there is little or no labor along that portion of the County road leading from Indian Valley in Union County to Willow Valley in said County known as the Indian Valley and Willow public road between the head of the Willow Canyon on the North East side of the Willow River and the top of the hill or grade on the South West side of said River a distance of about fourteen miles. Now therefore it is hereby ordered by the Court that that portion of County Road known as the Indian Valley and Willow public road from the Shafter Ranch at the head of the Willow Canyon on the North East side of the Willow River to the top of the hill or grade on the South West side of the Willow River a distance of about fourteen miles be leased

South Judicious Day

Saturday January 12th 1884

by the County Court to some responsible person or persons for a period of five years with the right to place at a convenient point upon said road one toll gate. Said portion of said road to be placed by such lessee in good repair within a reasonable time upon the grade of said road now established and to be kept in such good repair during the term of such lease. The bed of each portion of said road to be composed of dirt or gravel and the same to be of sufficient width to allow wagons and teams to conveniently pass and repass; and the lessee must take such lease subject to the condition that he will hold the County harmless during the term of such lease from any and all damages occasioned by reason of negligence or otherwise in keeping said portion of said road in good repair. And the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause this order to be published in full in the Mountain Sentinel a weekly newspaper of general circulation published at Union in said County for a period of four weeks, together with a notice herewith for a like period that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the County Clerk of Union County Oregon for the leasing of such portion of said road up to one o'clock P.M. of the 5th day of March A.D. 1884. That such bids must be accompanied by an undertaking executed by two or more sureties in the sum of \$2000 & to be void upon the condition that the bidder, if the lease is awarded to him, will within ten days hereafter, enter into the contract for keeping the road, and give the undertaking to secure the performance hereof as by law provided.

In the matter of the County
Road petitioned for by R. Z.
Eakin, John McLean and others

Now at this time is presented to the Court the petition of R. Eakin, John McLean and fifty six other Citizens of Union County praying for the location of a County road as follows: commencing at a point 160 feet north of the south west corner of the north west 1/4 of section 19 in Township 4 South of Range 40 East of Willamette Meridian running thence forth 130 feet to the said south west corner of the North West 1/4 of section 19 S. 4. South Range 40 East then commencing 30 feet north of said corner and running

First Judicial Day

Wednesday March 5th A.D. 1884

In the matter of a proposed
County Road petitioned for
by Rollin Park and others.

Now at this time is presented to the Court the report of the Receiver herebefore appointed by the Court upon the above entitled road accompanied by the report of the Surveyor and field notes and plat of the survey, which report is read in open Court for the first time and pursuant to the provisions of the Statute in such cases made and provided and whereupon it is ordered that said reports be laid over for a second reading on another day of this term.

In the matter of a proposed
County Road petitioned for
by D. L. Gribben and others.

Now at this time is presented to the Court the report of the Receiver herebefore appointed by the Court upon the above entitled road accompanied by the Report of the Surveyor and field notes and plat of the survey, which report is read in open Court for the first time and pursuant to the provisions of the Statute in such cases made and provided it is ordered that said reports be laid over for a second reading on another day of this term.

In the matter of leasing a portion
of the County Road known as the
Indian Valley and Willow Road.

Now at this time the Court proceeds to the consideration of this matter, and the time having arrived for opening proposals for said lease, the same are now here opened by the Court, and it appearing to the Court that the bid of A.C. Smith is the only one presented and that the same is a fair and reasonable proposition, and that said bid is in conformity with the provisions of law and states the unit toll proposed, vizt: 1/4 cents on a sheep or hog: And the Court having fully and carefully considered the matter and being satisfied that it would be for the best interests of the People of the County that the said bid should be accepted. It is ordered by the Court that said lease be granted to said A.C. Smith upon his bid aforesaid for the term of five years from the first day of April A.D. 1884, and that the Clerk of this Court prepare a lease and contract for signature by said Smith upon

First judicial Day

Wednesday March 5th A.D. 1884.

The terms and subject to the Laws of the State of Oregon, and the former order of this Court; said Contract and lease to specify the termini of the portion of the road leased and contain all the things necessary to be contained therein as required by the Statute in such case made & provided And it is further ordered that said Lessee enter into Bonds with two or more sufficient sureties in the sum of \$4000.- Conditioned for the faithful performance of said lease and the conditions thereof.

Whereupon the Court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Sixth Judicial Day

Saturday July 12-1854

In the matter of bills against
the Estate of Bryan known
widet-Paupers

Now at this time it appearing to
the Court that there are bills for the keeping of non residents-Paupers
which have been paid by this County that are chargeable
to the State, now therefore it is hereby ordered that
the County Clerk of this County examine and make out said
bills properly certified accompanied with the necessary
proof and forward the same to the Secretary of State
that this said County of Yenow may be entitled to the proper
credit therefor

In the matter of Willow
Canyon County Road leased
to A. C. Smith

Now at this time it appearing
to the Court that it is necessary that some
suitable person should be appointed and
authorized to inspect the Willow Canyon County
Road, here tofore leased to A. C. Smith under
contract and see that the conditions of said
contract are complied with, and it satisfactorily
appearing to the Court that John G. Standley is a
suitable person, therefore it is therefore hereby
ordered that said John G. Standley be and he is
hereby authorized and appointed on behalf of the
County to inspect and require of said A. C. Smith
that all of the conditions of said contract be
complied with according to the condition and
terms therein specified

Third judicial day Friday May 10th 1886

In the matter of the
Credit to A. G. Benson 3
Treasurer

Now at this time comes
A. G. Benson Treasurer of this County and presents
to the Court Leounty Warrants of the face value
of \$ 21309⁸⁷ with interest thereon amounting
to \$ 1329⁶⁵ which are cancelled in open Court
and it is ordered that said A. G. Benson
shall have credit on his account to the
full amount of the principal and interest
to wit \$ 22639⁵²

In the matter of the lease of
of the Wallowa Canyon wagon road

Now at this time this matter
comes up for hearing upon the contract for the
leasing of the Wallowa Canyon wagon road as
entered into by the lessees of lessee of the first
part and A. C. Smith of the second part and
it appearing to the Court that the said A. C.
Smith said party of the second part has failed
to comply with the terms of said contract in
putting the said wagon road in the condition
as required by the terms of said contract It
is therefore hereby ordered by the Court that
the said A. C. Smith open and keep open or
cause to be opened and kept opened the gate which
said Smith has heretofore erected at the Wallowa
Bridge as a toll gate, or any other gate or gates
that he the said Smith may erect or may have
erected at any other point on said road, and
allows all persons travelling upon said road
to pass through said gate or gates without
molestation. And that he the said A. C. Smith
be and he is hereby restrained and forbidden

Third judicial day.

Friday May 15th 1883.

from receiving any toll from any person travelling
on said road, until he the said defendant has put
said wagon road in the condition required by the terms
of said contract, at which time he may resume
taking toll.

In the matter of the right of way over and across certain creeks
ready to the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company

Now at this time this
matter comes up for hearing. And it appearing
to the Court that the Oregon Railway and Navi-
gation Company has not put certain wagon
roads over and across which its line of Railway
is constructed in the condition as required by
and stipulated in the terms of the grant of
right of way heretofore made by this Court on
the 16th day of May 1884 to the said Oregon
Railway and Navigation Company and especially
has said company failed to comply with the
terms of said grant of right of way in respect to
the wagon road known as the Pyle Canyon wagon
road. It is therefore hereby ordered by the Court
that said Oregon Railway and Navigation
Company be notified of its non-compliance
with the terms and stipulations of said grant
of right of way. And that said Company be
and it is hereby requested to put said
Pyle Canyon wagon and all other roads over
and across which its said line of Railway passes
in the condition as specified in said grant
of right of way.

Eighth judicial day

Saturday July 25th 1885

In the matter of a change }
in Road District No. 23 }
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Now at this time it appears to the Court from the representations of parties interested that it would be to the best interest of all persons concerned and to the taxpayers in Road District No. 23 to have said Road District changed so as to include more territory and it appearing that said Road District can be so changed as to include a greater area without interfering with the boundaries of adjoining districts. It is therefore hereby ordered and considered that said Road District No. 23 be and the same is hereby changed so as to include the North half of Township 8 South Range 45 East of the Willamette Meridian and also to include Township 7 South Range 45 East of the Willamette Meridian and Township 7 South of Range 44 East of the Willamette Meridian and said Townships and parts of Townships are hereby made and established as a part of Road District No. 23 Union County Oregon.

In the matter of the
lease of the Wallowee }
Toll road }
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Now at this time this cause came on to be heard upon the motion of A. C. Smith Lessee of the Wallowee Canyon Toll Road to vacate the order of this Court made heretofore to the effect that said A. C. Smith Lessee stop taking toll on said road until full compliance with terms of said lease on the part of the said A. C. Smith or the further order of this Court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Lessee A. C.

Eighth judicial day

Saturday July 25-1885

Smith has substantially complied with the terms of said lease if is therefore ordered that said order be and the same is hereby vacated amended & set aside. And upon the motion of said Lessee A. C. Smith and upon his consent given and entered in open Court thereto It is hereby ordered that said Lease of the Wallowa Canyon Toll road be and the same is hereby modified as follows 1st that said Lease shall terminate Nov-1st 1885- 2nd that said Lessee A. C. Smith shall continue to work upon said road from this date up to Nov-1st 1885- keeping one good hand employed thereon up to that date 3rd that said A. C. Smith shall continue to take and receive Toll upon said road to said Nov-1st 1885- as provided in said lease at which date he shall surrender said lease to this Court and he and his bondsman shall be discharged from all further liability thereunder

Whereupon Court adjourned for the time

A. C. Craig
Court Clerk Judge