

DAILY GAZETTE-TIMES
CORVALLIS, BENTON COUNTY, OREGON

MAY 8, 1913

Tharp & Smith landed the contract for painting the county court house. But two bids were submitted, one for more than \$400, and the Tharp & Smith bid for something less than \$300. This firm will also paint the new Willamette steel bridge.

Benton County Republican

Corvallis, Oregon

May 8, 1913

REPAINTING COURTHOUSE

Bids for repainting the Benton Co. courthous will be received by the county court tomorrow. Both the exterior and the interior woodwork will be painted. The structure has not received a stroke of the painter's brush since it was built, 25 years ago.

New steps leading to the east entrance have been built and the Corvallis Concrete Co. is today replacing the concrete caps on the flue tops.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Yesterday's Oregonian presented an item under the heading "Twenty-five years ago today," that read: "The citizens of Coravllis included in their celebration of the Fourth the laying of the cornerstone of a \$70,000 courthouse. Judge Kelsay delivering an appropriate address. The stone was placed in position by John Robertson and Thomas Mann, of this city. It was pronounced plumb, square and level by D. D. Neer, the architect."

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LOCAL ITEMS

Thorp & Smith have just finished painting the court house, and it looks like they have done a good job. At least they have made it "whiter than snow" from the top of the flagpole to the capstones of the entrance balustrade. The paint has certainly improved the looks of this massive building, which had become dingy in twenty-five years.

Weekly Gazette-Times

Corvallis, Oregon

July 18, 1913

COUNTY COURT ALLOWANCES

The following bids were allowed by
the County Court at the July term,
1913.

Tharp & Smith, painting C.H. 225.00

WEEKLY GAZETTE-TIMES

CORVALLIS, OREGON

JULY 31, 1914

WHY NOT FIX UP THE COURT HOUSE GROUNDS RIGHT?

Curbing is now being laid on the east side of the court house block. Fourth street, between Monroe and Jackson, is to be paved. The cost of placing the curbing on the north side of the court house block would cost less than \$75, and might well be put in, the parking leveled and the street graded. If the county court could see its way clear to putting the court house ground into proper shape by getting rid of that old jail, leveling off the lawn, and placing some seats about, the public would rise up and call it blessed. There has been more or less fiddling with the court house property the past several years, and still it lacks. The expenditure necessary to complete the work there would be so small, and the final result so splendid, that there seems no good reason for further fiddling.

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People and Events

A new counter in the County Clerk's office adds materially to the appearance of the office as well as serving a very useful purpose. It is to be wondered how the County Clerk got along for so many years without it.

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MARCH 24, 1915

BAIN IS FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED

Looney Case Now On--Court House Square Is To Be Beautified.

Wilbert Bata, of Alpine, tried yesterday on an indictment found by the grand jury, was found guilty of pointing or aiming a loaded revolver with intent to do injury. He will be sentenced by Judge Skipworth tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Looney case is occupying the court house arena today. George Looney, it will be remembered, was arrested here some time ago and

held on a charge of too free use of a knife on and about the person of Jake Hulbert. The grand jury returned an indictment against Looney on the charge of assault, and it is this case that is being heard today.

After exhausting the regular panel and calling a special venire of six men, the following jury was selected to hear the case:

H. I. Bristow, J. A. Park, T. A. Logsdon, J. M. Howard, I. N. Roderick, J. S. McCreedy, J. J. McHenry, T. W. Cooper, G. C. Peck, David Whaley, J. F. Emmett, C. M. Swartley. Mark Weatherford and G. W. Deaman are defending Looney. The state is represented by Clarke & McFadden.

Beautification Now.

Prof. A. L. Peck, landscape gardener at O. A. C., has prepared plans, which have been approved by the county court, for the beautification of the court house square. The plan calls for the addition of a number of trees and the planting of nearly six hundred flowers, vines and shrubs. The trees now in the court yard will not be disturbed, but a few new trees will be planted within the square, and the plans call for about thirty trees to be planted around the square, in the parkings. The kind of trees to be planted in the parkings has not been determined, Judge Malone having stated that a conference committee has been appointed to confer with property owners on both Fourth and Fifth streets, and endeavor, if possible, to agree on uniform tree planting for these streets.

Flowers and shrubs of various types and varieties are to be planted at the corners of the walks, near blank spaces of walls, about the jail, and wherever there is space that can be beautified by the addition of a flower or shrub. Of these when the work has been accomplished, about 500 will have been planted.

The first work toward the beautification of the court house square will be done at once. That will be the planting of approximately seventy Boston ivy plants, which will be trained on the walls of the court house and jail. No other planting will be done this spring. The ground will be prepared this fall for all the other plants, and a year from now the court house will present an entirely different appearance.

The new counter in the county clerk's office, mentioned in yesterday's Gazette-Times, is the old counter that was used in the Watters real estate office for a number of years. About a year ago Virgil E. Watters, former county clerk and judge of this county, but now a resident of Coos county, presented the county with this counter for use as the county court should see fit. The counter was placed in the court house basement, where it remained until a few days ago, when it was brought up to the clerk's office. The counter, somewhat remodeled, was then stained and varnished.

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The court house is being rewired this week, the contract having been awarded to Cole & Cummings. The wiring of the building was condemned a year or two ago by the underwriters, but was not attended to until now.
