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CORVALLIS, OREGON

FEBRUARY 1, 1938

Faithful Court House Clock Tires And Goes on Strike

The court house clock went on strike last night.

And how! The old faithful servant struck and struck and struck, 72 times to be exact, much to the disgust of nearby residents whose sleep was handicapped by the strike, which occurred at 11 o'clock and lasted for about 10 minutes before the clock got tired and quit striking.

Nobody could tell definitely the reason why the mechanism got twisted but it did and the clock struck until the weight which runs the bell lost all its power and ran down.

This morning nobody could tell for sure just how many times the clock would strike each hour and for the time being at least the advice is not to set your watches by the number of times the bell rings. The clock is still telling the correct time with its hands, however.



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FEBRUARY 3, 1938

Town Clock Strikes

When the Benton county court house clock, a veteran of 50 years of striking, really goes on strike it lets everyone within hearing distance know of its activities. Not to be outdone by the labor unions, the county's mechanical timekeeper struck 72 times in succession, starting at 11 o'clock Monday night. It was stilled only when the weight causing the chime ringing lost power and ran down.

"Watch Doctor" William Konick, called Tuesday morning by Commissioner Malone, diagnosed the ailments of the timekeeper as a case of "worn cable" due to fifty years of consistent chiming.

He recommended replacement of old organs and a general re-conditioning. Although the chiming has been temporarily halted until repairs are made, the time piece still serves its purpose, but is now in a class with the odorless skunk, the tailless dog and the hornless cow.

There are a number of ol' timers who say "the old town ain't the same since the 'ticker' quit chimin' ". But, there are also a number of persons, especially residents in a nearby hotel, who don't miss the chiming a bit, especially during the wee hours of the night and in the early morning.

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MARCH 7, 1938

Veteran Official Due To Come Here Tuesday

J. E. Wilson, liason representative of the Red Cross to the veterans' administration facility, will be at the Red Cross office in the court house tomorrow, it was announced today by Mrs. M. L. Martin, local chapter secretary.

Veterans wishing to make service claims or seeking information on the matters can confer with Wilsod at that time. Wilson is from the Portland office.

New Office of Relief Unit Is Open for Work

Committee Moves in Quarters in Court House Basement

Benton county's new relief office, located in the basement of the county court house just beneath the Fourth street entrance, opened for business today in its spic and span new quarters, under the direction of Mrs. Juanita Manning.

Much more compact, modern and convenient than the old location in the Smith building on Third street, the new office is provided with a large waiting room, private offices for case workers and interviewing rooms where applicants for aid can be examined.

In addition to these new rooms, a large storeroom for handling of commodities has been constructed.

Rooms Modernized

All the rooms have been equipped with modern fixtures and indirect lighting and bright paint has been

applied to all, thus creating a far cry from the old basement with plain walls, unsealed rafters and plenty of cobwebs.

At the same time that the relief office was installed in the front section of the 50 year old court house, the rear half of the structure received an up to date treatment. Portions of the basement which had not been used for anything in particular never had cement floors but these are now provided for the entire area.

Members of the county court expressed themselves as being very satisfied with the new work which has been done and room has been provided in the basement for installation of several more modern offices if and when the need arises.



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FEBRUARY 16, 1939

Courthouse and City Hall News

- Pioneer Flag Up

Court House Flys Pioneer Flag

In case some of you were wondering why the court house flag-pole changed flags for last Tuesday, it was in celebration of the day that Oregon joined up with the United States of America—just 80 years ago last Tuesday and, apparently, is not sorry about it yet. The date, in case it has slipped your memory, was February 14, 1859.

Every Feb 14th the flag of Oregon, which measures 6 feet wide and 10 feet long, and has the seal of the state on one side and the picture of a beaver on the other flys over the court house.

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AUGUST 10, 1939

Courthouse and City Hall News

The county court house is getting a little renovating these days with new linoleum being laid in the first floor corridors. Now it has that finished look you read about in the magazines.

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AUGUST 28, 1939

What's Going On.

Staff Shivers — County office workers complained of the cold this morning, at least the feminine contingent. Without heat due to the installation of the new boiler and sawdust burning unit, the workers had to be content with the word that the new furnace would be ready for action in about a week.

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AUGUST 31, 1939

What's Going On.

Furnace Ready — The heat's on. For the first time in nearly a month the furnace at the county court house resumed work this morning, with a new boiler and converted from a wood burner into a sawdust burner.



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SEPTEMBER 14, 1939

Courthouse and City Hall News

- New Boiler in
- Motorcycle Cop On
- \$5,940 in Permits
- Four Traffic Cases
- No Fire Calls

Installation of a new heating boiler for the Benton county court house was completed this week by contractor Curly Moore of the Beaver Plumbing shop. Work was first started early in August. Contract figures for the new heating unit ran around \$2500.

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