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Secretary of the Interior Has Prepared Plans and Specifications for Court House and Jail

Again the all-important question of building a jail and court house for this county is being revived. The county commissioners some time ago informed the Secretary of the Interior that they desired the Department to make such plans and specifications for a court house and jail as the Secretary would approve, and forward them to this city for the commissioners' approval. This the Secretary has done.

Gerald H. Mathis, of Lawton, whom the Government has assigned to superintend the construction of all public improvements to be made in this city wherein the Government is interested, has notified the commissioners that he has received from the Secretary the plans and specifications for the jail and courthouse, as requested by the commissioners.

The county clerk, W. L. Robbins, has written to Mathis asking him to come to this city next Monday to meet with the commissioners and to submit the plans prepared by the Department. If these plans are approved by the commissioners, they state that the work of construction will soon follow.

The specifications, it is understood, call for a \$30,000 court house and a \$10,000 jail. This amount, if properly expended, will make creditable buildings.

The commercial club has been making an effort to have the jail built elsewhere in the city than on the court house square. This question was brought up before the commissioners yesterday but was not definitely disposed of, owing to the opposition of Commissioner Tripp, who is willing to have the jail built elsewhere than on the square, but is opposed to using the county fund for purchasing a lot to be used for that purpose. The other commissioners have not committed themselves either one way or another. Therefore the question remains unsettled.