

# Photographic and Pen Pictures of County's New Men in Office

If the electors of the state of Oregon were clannish and insisted on the "made in Oregon slogan," scarcely one of the men elected to office to carry on Union county's business would have been successful. A glance at the brief biographical sketch of these men will reveal to the reader that nearly every one came from some state in the U. S. other than Oregon, or even from a foreign country. It is well that men are not so narrowly insistent on home production, for in the end all have to come from the garden of Eden, from Adam and Eve. It would hardly be in consonance with the policy of state or nation to voice this policy of exclusion from office on the ground that he or she first saw the light of this world in some other subdivision of the U. S.

Oregon is trying to bring into the state men of courage and brains to help swell the force now at work trying to convert the entire state into one huge farm or pasture.

It is fortunate that in the end the main insistence is fitness on the part of the candidate. An upright character and ability are all the citizens require the office seeker to invoice to them. That has been done and they have been entrusted with the conduct of affairs.

The great percentage of the men now in county offices are men who have been in the whirl of active life. None seems to have been born with a golden spoon in his mouth or rocked in a cradle of rose petals. Some of them have had the advantage of higher education and others have received their training in the school of active life. Nearly all of them have been men of travel. Travel gives breadth of vision and the proper insight into affairs.

If their histories were told in detail it would make interesting reading. If you sat down to a quiet conversation with Representative Forsstrom and had him relate to you the scenes that have imprinted themselves on his memory you would likely feel like taking the next train for all of the places mentioned by him. Or suppose you had come into La Grande on the first passenger train with County Treasurer Frawley, then conductor and with O. W. Moon, still in the service of the O. W. R. & N. who had the distinction of holding the throttle on that memorable trip you would think the newer generation had little or no distinctive history to speak of. You would have seen cattle roaming over the valley and perhaps deer coming right on the track. La Grande was then a country town with much of the real western spirit. Some of this history includes trips across the plains and the mountains in ox-wagons, when the gold fever had taken hold of the eastern people and had forced them in quest of the yellow metal.

Most of the men are of middle age and are in the prime of life. Most of them have been in the public eye and their records are acceptable to the county. With an encouraging word the citizens wish them success.

**Judge Henry Has Notable Career.**  
J. C. Henry, now serving his second term as county judge, and elect-

**J. C. HENRY, COUNTY JUDGE OF UNION COUNTY.**



For years the leading furniture dealer of the county he has built up an acquaintance prior to political activity that is as large as any of the county's citizens.

ed on the Republican ticket, was born in Pine Grove, Schuykill county,

Pennsylvania, in 1845. In the course of the year 1854 he moved to the western part of that state locating at Smithport. At the commencement of the civil war he enlisted in the 184th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry and served two years and three months, coming out with the rank of first lieutenant. He saw active service at the battle of Fredericksburg, White House landing, the second battle of Bull Run and was at Appomattox court house on the memorable occasion of Lee's surrender to General Grant. At the close of the war he moved to Jonesville, Mich. and lived there one year and a half. In the early part of 1867 he left Michigan and made his home in South Bend, Indiana.

In 1877 he was taken with the desire for a new home and came to Ogden, Utah, on the train. From there he was compelled to travel five days and five nights on the lumbering stage until he saw the fertile stretches of the Grande Ronde valley. Upon his arrival in La Grande he was employed to construct the wood-work for the Camp Carson gold mine some 62 miles up the Grande Ronde river. On his return from that field of labor he worked for the late W. J. Snodgrass, and remained in his employ for 14 years.

During his long stay in La Grande he has held the offices of mayor, councilman, school director, coroner and county judge, being elected to the last office in 1906. He is now serving his second term of office. Mr. Henry has ever been a Republican and looks forward to the re-organization of the party with the fond hope of the man who has the courage of his convictions.

### The New Assessor.

Ulysses G. Couch, elected on the Republican ticket was born in Linn county, Mo. in 1864 soon after Gen. Grant was appointed Lieutenant General and commander in chief of the Union army.

He came with his parents from Linn county, Mo. in an immigrant car over the Union Pacific to Kelton, Utah and the remainder of the way by team and

**U. G. COUCH, NEW ASSESSOR OF THIS COUNTY.**



The farm was his school, the plow his toy—as a boy, but he is now a comfortably rich owner of the same sort of soil he toiled on in the pay of others, as a boy.

wagon over the old stage road to the Grande Ronde Valley, Oregon in the fall of 1876.

He then settled on a farm near Island City, attending district school at Moss Chapel and Island City during the winter months and spent the balance of the year working for different farmers in the neighborhood. After passing out of his teens he worked for the I. C. M. & M. Co. for three years in the flouring mill.

He was married to Mary M. McCall in 1890. To this union were born two children, Elsie and Ray.

He commenced buying grain for the Pacific Coast Elevator Co. of Portland in 1890 having been in their employ continuously to the present time.

### U. of O. Grad in Office.

James F. Hutchinson, elected on the Republican ticket was born the 18th of January, 1880, on a farm in Baker county. From 1886 he has been a resident of Union county. He is a graduate of the high school and is a graduate of a business college of Portland. In his latter years he was

graduated from the Pacific University and the University of Oregon.

During the last ten years he has

**JAS. F. HUTCHINSON, COMMISSIONER OF THIS COUNTY.**



Though born in Baker county, Union county has been his adopted home since '86. He springs from one of Union's wealthy families.

been engaged in farming and cattle raising in Union and Baker counties.

### Former Railroader Is Treasurer

John Frawley elected county treasurer on the Republican ticket, was

**JOHN FRAWLEY, COUNTY TREASURER FOR YEARS.**



This old-time republican was conductor on the train that brought the first passengers into La Grande.

born in the state of New York in May 29, 1856. He came to La Grande as a conductor on the O. R. & N. railroad.

Mr. Frawley has the distinction of having brought the first passenger in to La Grande on a railroad. He was first elected to the office of county treasurer in 1898.

### Ed Kiddle Active Man.

Edward E. Kiddle, elected to the senate on the Republican ticket, first saw the light of day in Warren Illinois in 1862, of English parentage. When he was 9 years of age he went with his parents to Southern Missouri and lived in the states of Missouri

**E. E. KIDDLE, JOINT SENATOR OF THIS DISTRICT.**



Few Masons attain the prominence or have the honors thrust upon them that Mr. Kiddle has. At home he is ranked as the premier flour maker.

and Kansas in the neighborhood of Kansas City, until 1886. In 1884 he was married to Emma Walling at Hamilton, Mo. He has two sons and two daughters living.

In 1886 he was attracted by the publican ticket, was born in Sweden

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and engaged in the milling and livestock business. Ten years later he moved to Island City and became the president of the flouring mill companies of Island City, Union, La Grande, lumber, Elgin. Last August he retired from the active milling business but still holds an interest in it as before. Mr. Kiddle has been mayor of Island City for the past ten years and member of the school board for the past 15 years. He has always been a Republican but has never taken active interest in politics before.

### Hugs Well Known Clan.

August Hug, elected on the Republican ticket, was born in Southern Utah, in Santa Clara Washington county, and lived there until his thirteenth year. In 1880 he came with his parents to this valley settling at Summerville and worked on his father's farm. In 1898 he moved to Elgin and in the following year married Miss Rhoda Fine. He has no children save an adopted daughter of Ross Walker's.

He attended public school in Elgin. His father came from Zurich, Switzerland and his mother from Schleswig Holstein in 1852. They at first settled in Southern Utah and then came to Oregon. His parents were of the Mormon faith but did not affiliate with the Mormons of Utah.

Mr. Hug was manager of the Elgin

**SHERIFF AUGUST HUG, NEW IN POLITICS.**



Among those holding office in this state, August Hug has had about as little practice in politics as any one. But he has always advocated the Republican cause, and his wide acquaintance and upright life were his forte.

warehouse up to the time of his election.

### Forsstrom A Traveler.

C. J. Forsstrom, elected on the Re-

**C. J. FORSSTROM, REPRESENTATIVE FROM UNION COUNTY.**



Globe trotter of prominence before coming to Union county to build up financial success.

publican ticket, was born in Sweden on the 25th day of Sept. 1878; educated

there and graduated from the high school in 1896 came to this country in 1898; took a business course in Bangor, Maine at the Shaw Business College and finished there in April 1899, working as bookkeeper and clerk in Carabou, Me., until May 1901. On June 1 of that year he got a position as traveling companion and private secretary with Dr. J. P. Oliver of Boston. He spoke at that time, besides the Scandinavian language, French, German and English. While in that capacity he crossed the Atlantic Ocean four times and visited all the European capitals, Asia Minor and Africa and returned to Carabou, Me., in December 1902.

In 1903 he bought the business of his employer where he had worked up to May, 1901. He came out west in 1905 and located at North Powder and has been in this county since except for six months while staying at his home in Joseph.

### Darley a Recent Arrival.

C. T. Darley, the present incumbent of the office of county surveyor

**C. T. DARLEY, CIVIL ENGINEER NOW IN OFFICE.**



Mr. Darley had the endorsement of a handful of political parties and won his political spurs hands down.

elected on the Republican ticket, is one of the newer factors in the rebuilding of the Grande Ronde country. He staked out the Meadow Brook irrigation project and built the Riverside park dam, and has been active in construction and contract work since his arrival in his valley. He will find much to do in the years to come. He was elected to the office he now holds last November at the general election.

### Constable Is Warrior.

Constable Faulk, whose initials

**M. J. FAULK, VETERAN SOLDIER AND OFFICER.**



Constable Faulk was re-elected in November, but like the term before, didn't spend a cent in campaigning.

are M. L. is getting along in years these days but he slays his quota of

deer annually though his legs are stiffer by the growth of sixty some years of bone fiber, than when he was a soldier brave. He likes to recite the days of war and his comrades admit that Faulk was a daring soldier in blue; since coming to Oregon he has been prominently identified with the G. A. R., and the three things that interest him most are criminals, G. A. R. and hunting.

### Bragg Veteran Pedagogue.

E. E. Bragg who has been holding down the office of county superintendent

**E. E. BRAGG, SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY SCHOOLS.**



For many years Mr. Bragg has been a plodding wheel horse of the Democratic party in his precinct, county, state and nation.

ent of schools, and who was recently re-elected on the Democratic ticket, was born in Illinois in 1867. He lived in that state attending high school at Sullivan, Illinois and later the normal school at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. In 1890 he emigrated to Oregon settling in the Grande Ronde valley. In 1898 he was elected for the first time to the position which he now holds.

In 1892 he married Jean Smith, and has two children, Zoe, aged 19, and Edith aged 11. Mr. Bragg has been connected with educational work all his life. At the present time he is a member of the text commission of Oregon, and prominent in the councils of the Democratic party.

### Miss Linebarger Married.

Ladd Canyon, Jan. 14.—(Special)—No doubt a good many will be surprised to learn that Miss Minnie Linebarger, eldest daughter of Joseph Linebarger, who lives at The Park, was married to Alvin Lowman on New Year's day. Although they have been married for several days it seems as though the news has just leaked out. Mrs. Lowman was chief cook in the diet kitchen at Hot Loko for some time before her marriage and her husband was formerly a school teacher and is at the present time studying to become a chiropractor.

The happy couple are making their home in La Grande, and their many friends wish them a bright married life.

### Best Cough Medicine for Children.

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