

LOCKLEY GETS TOM JOHNSON

WRITER TELLS LIFE HISTORY OF UNION COUNTY MAN.

During Lifetime, Has Been Sheepman, Sheriff, Hotelman, Farmer and Stockman.

Tom Johnson's history, past, present and future, was given some light this week, in the Oregon Journal, in one of the characteristic Fred Lockley interviews. The article reads as follows:

"Tom Johnson lives at La Grande. Up in Union county they call him 'T. B.' In answer to my question as to where he was born, he said: 'I was born in Missouri, 60 years ago. Now, laugh; darn you! It's no fault of mine I was born in Missouri. I came to Oregon when I was three years old. What more could you ask?'

"Things were in a pretty rough state in Missouri during the Civil war; some were for the Union and some were against it. It separated families and made bitter enemies of old neighbors. My father hitched up a mule and a cow to an old wagon and we pulled out for Oregon. This was in 1833. He settled first in Lane county, but in less than a year he went back across the mountains and settled in the Grande Ronde valley. In 1855 my father bought a place about a mile and a half south of Union. There were 11 of us children; all but two of our family are still living. My brothers and sisters are scattered all over the West.

"How did I get my education? Well, I haven't much, but what I have I got herding sheep. I put in six years as a shepherd. Most of the time that's a mighty lazy job; you just have to sit in the shade of a tree or in the lee of a clump of sagebrush and see that the sheep don't wander away. Once in a while you send the dogs out to round them up, but you sure have plenty of time on your hands. I always used to carry a book in my pocket and I put in a lot of time reading or studying. In 1879 I trailed two bands of sheep, about 6000, from Eastern Oregon to Montana. Sam Kipper and Newt Carney had owned them. I had two herders to help me, and some good dogs. A good sheep dog is worth half a dozen men; he doesn't go on a strike nor get drunk nor leave the sheep, and all he wants is his board and a few kind words. I put in the next year and a half on the Yellowstone river and around Helena. In 1881 I came back to Oregon. I was 21 years old. I bought a half interest in a band of sheep owned by John Dobbin, an uncle of Jay Dobbin of Walla Walla county. For the next 25 years I ran sheep. The most I ever owned at one time was 8200.

"I married Ida Bell Blake. She was born near Lone Pine, in the Grande Ronde valley. Along about 1892 I was appointed deputy sheriff by C. C. Pennington. When Pennington resigned, after three years and a half of service, I filled out his unexpired term. After that I ran a hotel in La Grande for a while, and in 1908 I bought a farm. I have leased my farm to my son, L. B. Johnson. I am a stock dealer, and have been for five years. I have four children—three boys and a girl. If you ever want to get a line on all the old-timers—the Hoffmans, the Taylors, Greens, the Phys, the Geers, the Stewarts, the Wrights, or any of the rest of the old-timers up there—I will sure be glad to tell you what I know."

Bears Favored by Nature.
In the woods of India are found many small brown bears that are known as the honey bears, because of their love of honey and their continued search for the hives of wild bees. These bears are fitted by nature to get the honey, two of the upper incisor teeth being missing, and their lips are very extensible.

Small Things Cause Discard.
It isn't the long journey on foot that makes you footsore but it is the grain of wheat in your shoe or the wrinkle in your sock. It isn't the thousand miles your auto runs that wears it out but the grain of sand in the bearings. Little things make discard. Little things make our happiness.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Bills audited and allowed by the County Court, March Term, 1921.

Western Union Tel. Co., 75
Telegrams, 75
Alham Sta. & Print. Co., 16.25
Supplies for Sheriff's Office, 44.50
E. E. Briggs, Supplies, 6.48
Hushong & Co., Supplies, 68.80
Glass & Prudhomme Co., 216.25
Record Book for Assessor, 125.00
City of La Grande, Rent and Water Rent, 22.50
W. A. Benson, Electrical work at Court House, 6.48
Hansen, Nollan & Harris, Labor, 15.00
Standard Oil Co., Supplies for Court House, 15.00
La Grande Printing Co., Printing, 15.00
Public Land Co., Public Land entries, 15.00
Remington Typewriter Co., Carbon Paper, 3.00
H. V. Kuhn, Fuses for cash register, .00
Irvin Koyle, Hauling ashes from Court House, 2.00
Silverthorn's Drug Store, Squirrel Poison, .50
Leighton's Welding and Machine Works, Repairing chair, 1.00
John Anthony, Meals for Jurors, 7.50
Nelson Printing Co., Printing for District Attorney, 27.25
C. S. Moore, Autopsy—Jew Shue, 35.00
W. H. Bohnenkamp, Ambulance—use of morgue, 18.38
Hal Bohnenkamp, Coroner services, 5.00
A. E. Ivanhoe, Stamps for School Supt's office, 5.00
Snapp La Grande Pharmacy, Medicine for indigents, 1.50
John Warnstaff, Butchering for Poor Farm, 2.00
Mitchell & Brinkman, Labor on Poor Farm, 1.25
Jones & Jones, Meat for Poor Farm, 2.00
Clyde L. Kiddle, Supplies for Poor Farm, 18.50
G. E. Luper, Salary Supt. Poor Farm, 85.00
Standard Laundry, Standard Laundry, 1.25
N. K. West, Supplies for poor farm, .85
J. C. Penney Co., Merchandise for poor farm, 17.91
T. W. Faulk, Relief and Hall rent—G. A. R., 68.50
Boys & Girls Aid Society, Monthly Allowance, 10.00
Pacific Rescue & Pri. Soc., monthly allowance, 10.00
Louise Zorn, County Nurse Salary, 143.75
Inland Motor Company, Storage and supplies for County Nurse, 35.10
Chas. B. Orsi, Services as Deputy Scaler, 32.62
W. & L. E. Gurley, Current Meter for water master, 133.75
Union Co. Library Board, Expenses for February, 394.44
H. P. Oliver, Services Auditing County Records, 49.00
Alex Slater, Cash paid out for indigent, 20.40
Hessie Kelly, Services registering Vital Stat., 1.25
Grace Rose, Services registering Vital Stat., .75
Kate Gilmore, Services registering Vital Stat., 5.00
Dr. Malcolm Irvine, Services registering Vital Stat., 2.50
Dr. W. D. Butler, Services registering Vital Stat., 5.25
Hanson Map & Blue Print Co., Supplies for County Surveyor, 77.54
Eastern Ore. L. & P. Co., Lights and Power, 55.80
J. D. Lynch, coal for Court House, 27.47
Grande Ronde Hospital, Hospital services for indigents, 107.50
G. L. Biggers, Professional services, 9.00
O. W. R. & N. Co., Storage on filing cabinets, 1.95

K. Ingram, Work on roads, 25.00
L. E. Ingram, work on roads, 26.50
Dave Thorn, work on roads, 26.00
Rby. Ward, work on roads, 6.10
Elmer Gilkerson, work on roads, 4.00
John Ferguson, work on roads, 4.00
Walter Palmer, work on roads, 4.00
John E. Birney, Expenses for Remington Typewriter Co., 3.25
F. J. Foley, Rent for Roadmaster, 20.00
Home Ind. Telephone Co., telephone services for Roadmaster, 5.25
Inland Motor Co., Storage for Trucks, 21.75
L. B. Hyatt, Posts for highway, 153.75
C. W. Manning, Supplies for Road Machinery, 50.85
F. L. Lilly, Supplies, 5.59
Oregon Trail Garage, Gasoline for trucks, 7.29
Russell Grader Mfg. Co., Machinery extras and express, 23.52
Peenoughly Mch. Co., Supplies for road machinery, 60.82
La Grande Iron Works, Repairs for road machinery, 21.85
John Martens & Sons, freight service, 11.13
Frank Cleavenger, transfer service, 1.25
Frank K. Wilson road work, 20.10
J. E. Hall, do, 68.40
Guy Hall, do, 28.00
J. E. Mitchell, do, 7.50
Horace Launis, do, 5.62
Leighton's Welding and Machine Works, do, 15.50
W. L. Briggs, do, 3.50
Ellis Horn, do, 44.00
George Cross, do, 2.00
Dell Cross, do, 2.00
L. L. Cross, do, 2.00

Ellis Hinghammer, do, 2.00
Mrs. J. O. Sage, \$20.00; D. W. Souder, \$15.00; Sarah Thompson, \$7.50; Susan Trout, \$10.00; John Vase, \$10.00; Mrs. Robt. Williams, \$5.00; Mrs. C. Coleman, \$15.00
In re approval of Widows Pension: Approved as allowed, 07.00
In re approval of monthly report of County Treasurer: Approved, 2.00
In re approval of monthly report of Reaply Bounty, of Clerk: Approved, 6.00
In re proposed County Road petitioned by G. E. Stoddard: Continued for term, 12.00
In re Claim of G. W. Delay for Cattle Indemnity: Allowed \$25.00
Clerk directed to draw warrant. In re Increase of monthly allowance of Elmina Lore: Increased to \$30.00. Clerk directed to draw warrant in favor of Alex Slater, 15.00
Chas. Kuhn, do, 12.00
Floyd Tuttle, do, 20.00
Elmer Sawyer, do, 24.00
S. O. Gates, do, 48.00
Geo. Foster, do, 24.00
Pete Wright, do, 20.00
Chas. Devore, do, 20.00
Wade Shelton, do, 20.00
Robt. Blacker, do, 18.00
Ed. Bingham, do, 6.00
B. P. Courtney, do, 35.00
E. W. Wheeler, do, 40.00
Fred Hager, Jr., do, 5.00
Chas. Baugher, do, 69.60
John Ferguson, do, 12.00
Ed. Mitchell, do, 12.00
In re Allowance to various indigent persons, allowed as follows:
Jennie Cone, \$25.00; Russell Chandler, \$20.00; James Croul, \$12.50; Nettie Dailin, \$15.00; Susan Elobe, \$10.00; Catherine Herrmann, \$7.50; Amelia Hildebrandt, \$12.50; Thos. Heritage, \$15.00; Almeda McCurry, \$2.00; Caroline Perley, \$10.00; Esther Powers, \$7.50; Margaret Pearson, \$10.00; America Roberts, \$15.00

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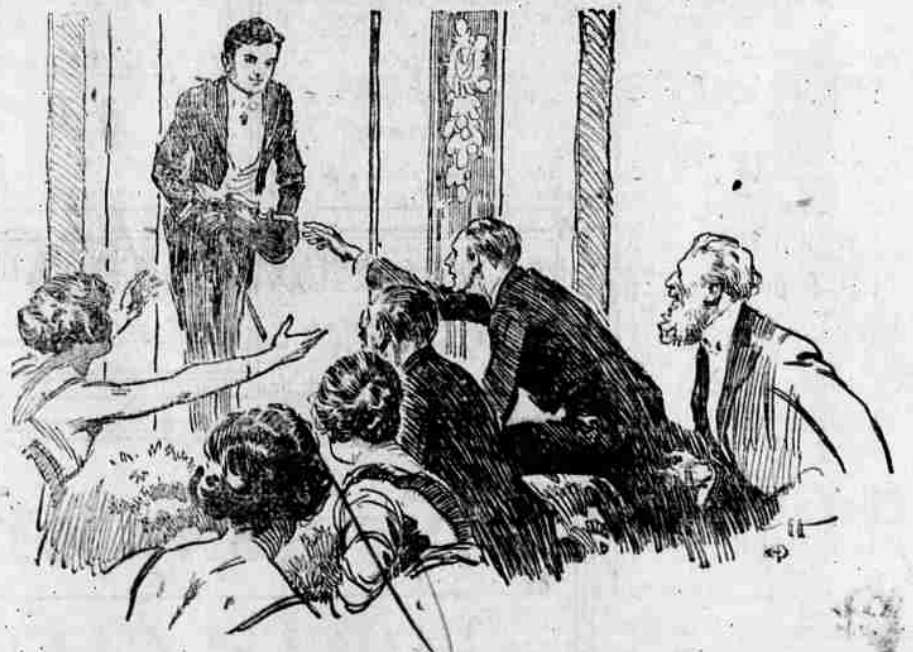
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