

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY OFFICIALS



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### JUDGE THOS. F. RYAN.

Thos. F. Ryan, County Judge of Clackamas County, was born in the City of Providence, R. I., in the year 1859; was educated in the public schools of that city and of Holyoke, Mass.; on leaving school he engaged in the woolen manufacturing business until 1878, when he removed to Colorado and engaged in mining until 1879, when he accepted the position as traveling correspondent for the Boston Journal through the Southern and Western States; in 1880 he came to Oregon under engagement with



the Brownsville Woolen Mills, remaining with them until 1881, when he accepted a position with the Oregon City Manufacturing Company; in 1885 he purchased the Cliff House, then the principal hotel of Oregon City, and successfully conducted the same until 1888, when he formed a partnership with Tom P. Randall, and the firm of Ryan & Randall soon became known as the leading one engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Clackamas County. Judge Ryan took up the study of law in 1895 and was admitted to the bar in 1900. He is an ardent and life-long Republican, and has

served his party in this county as treasurer of the Central Committee for four years, and as secretary for two years. He was elected as school clerk for the Oregon City School District for five consecutive terms; served as Mayor of Oregon City for one year, and as city recorder for three years, resigning said position to take his present office as County Judge. He was instrumental in creating the Water Commission of Oregon City, serving as secretary of same for the first three years of its inauguration, and to his efforts are due in a great measure the undoubted success of the system. The Judge has ever been an active member of the fraternal organizations and has not only been honored by the home lodges for his services, but has received well deserved recognition from the Grand Lodges of the State; in 1899 and 1900 he served as Grand Patron of the O. E. S. of Oregon; at the present time he is the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. of Oregon, and is also the Grand Scribe of Royal Arch Masons of the State. He is a good citizen, being ever foremost in any work that tends in any way to advance the interests of the County of Clackamas or the State of Oregon.

### SHERIFF J. J. COOKE.

J. J. Cooke was born at Damascus, Clackamas County, Or., in the year 1859, living on a farm until 19 years of age, when he came to Oregon City to learn the blacksmith trade, working under George W. Willis for three years. He then purchased a shop at Molalla, where he remained about a year and a half, then selling out and returning to this city, where, with his brother, Henry, he embarked in the livery business under the firm name of Cooke Bros., purchasing the David Story livery stable. Mr. Cooke followed this pursuit for about seven years, then disposing of his interest and engaging in the grocery business, forming a partnership with D. F. May. Eighteen months later they disposed of their business to Bentley & Campbell. Mr. Cooke purchasing one-half interest in the hardware concern

of R. D. Wilson, the firm name now being Wilson & Cooke. In 1891 Mr. Cooke was elected a member of the City Council, where he served five years. In 1898 he was elected



Sheriff of Clackamas County on the Union ticket, and, in June, 1900, was re-elected to the same office. Mr. Cooke has served the public for years, and his upright, honest and accommodating methods have won for him the esteem of the entire community. Clackamas County has never enjoyed a better administration of the Sheriff's office than during Mr. Cooke's term.

### COUNTY CLERK E. H. COOPER.

Was born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and attended school there until 15 years of age, when his father's family moved to Kansas, where he lived until 1880, when he came to Oregon and settled near Carus, in this county. In 1880 he joined the State Grange and served as secretary of the Molalla local grange for three years. He was instrumental in organizing and was first noble grand of Lone Star Lodge of Odd Fellows, at



Clackamas, is secretary of the United Artisans of Oregon City, one of the board of managers of the local lodge of Woodmen of the World and high priest of the Odd Fellows' encampment of this city. He was deputy clerk under Elmer Dixon for two terms, from 1896 to 1900. In June, 1900, he was elected to the office on the Citizens' ticket, which office he fills to the entire satisfaction of the taxpayers. He is courteous and obliging to all and every man in the county is his friend.