

SPLENDID SHOWING FOR THE COUNTY

Assessor Wilcox has Made up Summaries.

EXCEED ASSESSMENT OF YEAR AGO.

Tax Rolls Have Been Forwarded to the Secretary of State for Equalization.

The county of Washington through Clerk Inubrie has dispatched the 1897 tax roll to the Secretary of State, where it will be equalized by the State Board, in December. Assessor Wilcox furnishes the following summary, which shows the county, although small, to be one of the leading ones in the state:

No. acres tillable land	78,520
Value said land	\$1,687,915
No. acres non-tillable	308,106
Value said land	\$1,431,685
Value improvements on deeded or patented land	334,575
Value of all lots	235,500
Value of improvements on city	182,525
Value of improvements on lands not deeded	7,445
Miles of O & C R R	34
Value of same	\$114,020
Value of rolling stock	14,300
Miles of telegraph and telephone lines in county	59.9
Value of same	\$4,370
Value stationary engines and manufacturing machinery	46,665
Merchandise and stock in trade	76,125
Farming implements wagons etc.	\$66,440
Money	\$24,475
Notes and accounts	\$304,527
No. shares and stock	400
Value of same	\$30,090
Household furniture, watches etc.	\$114,445
Horses, mules 4526 value	\$90,250
Cattle 8432 value	\$104,375
Swine 1337 value	\$7,275
Sheep 3,133 value	7,800
Gross value all property	\$4,884,730
Exemptions	369,495
Tl value taxable property	\$4,515,235
Number of polls 1885	
Average value per acre tillable land, \$21.4966; average value of non-tillable land, \$4.6467; average value of horses per head, \$19.94; average value of cattle per head, \$12.3788; average value of sheep per head \$1.02; average value of swine per head \$2.49.	

Last year's assessment as returned by the Assessor, netted \$4461645, making this year's an increase in assessable value in the sum of \$53,590. Tax payers should preserve this statement as it is a source of much information.

Get your school shoes at Schulmerich's.

Miss Erma Latham is attending the State Normal at Monmouth.

Bennett, the Hillsboro photographer, has moved to Portland.

New stock of boots, shoes and clothing, this week, at Schulmerich & Son.

C. B. Bunnell, of Tigardville, was in the city the first of the week, on business.

R. H. Greer has just received a full line of syrups. Try his famous New Orleans Molasses.

As yet there seems to be nothing to point to the perpetrators of the Cornelius robberies.

W. J. Rice, attorney, formerly of this city, but now of Portland, spent Monday night in Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gault are very proud of a fine baby boy, born Thursday, November 11th. Mother and child are doing well.

Road Supervisor Dailey has a large force of men at work putting in some much needed improvement on the hills just east of town.

The Misses Tongue entertained a number of their young friends at Progressive Hearts at the family residence on Second street, last evening.

James Dingman and family, of Klickitat, are down on a two or three weeks' visit at Mrs. Dingman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baggerly.

There are plows—and plows. The finest on sale in the city are the celebrated Oliver plows and they are found at the Hillsboro Co-operative Company's Store.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Mr. A. B. Bailey and Miss Ethel Merryman, both well known and popular in this city. The wedding will occur December 1st, at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Merryman.

The eight year old son of Nathan Barret last week cut off the tip of one of his fingers while slicing carrots with a butcher knife. The piece was carefully bandaged and the little chap will soon have the digit as sound as ever.

Thomas Belmont has purchased the barber shop formerly owned by E. R. Miller and located next door to Koch's butcher shop. He is a good workman and well known in this city, having been employed here before. Give him a call.

Why doesn't some one tell the general public that Santa Claus shall not be crucified. Some of our eastern prudes are trying to present the popular old fellow on the ground that he is "not." Santa is here to stay—of course no one ever saw him as he comes in the night—and all our babies shall hear from him every year. Why destroy Santa Claus? Why not as well tear the Jonah story from the Bible. Let us have Santa Claus and we'll say nothing about Jonah.

The finest lines of plows, farm implements, stoves, hardware and groceries in Washington county have just been received at the Hillsboro Co-operative store and will be sold at the lowest possible cash margins.

The Methodists of this city are highly pleased over the recent Epworth League convention held in this city—probably the greatest of its kind ever held in Hillsboro. Twenty-three accessions to the Church are heralded, as one of the results. They speak in great praise of the papers by the young ladies from University Park. The convention voted next year to meet at Astoria.

The richest diggings in dry goods, groceries, etc., are found at R. E. Bryan & Son. Our fall stock is now in. We have just what you want. Call and see us.

The McMinnville Football team came down last Saturday and gave the Forest Grove eleven a contest on the University Campus. Forest Grove's boys put up a good game, but the visitors walked away with the game. Thomas Treague and Frank Stewart, of this city, played with the Grove team, and Frank for a few days looked like an Irishman after a day.

E. E. Colestock gives you the best shave in the city. Hair cut at popular price. Try his bath. Don't forget the place—City Shaving Parlors, Main street.

The new bowling alley opposite the band stand on Second street was dedicated Monday night and quite a large crowd was in attendance. The alley room is well equipped with seating capacity, and the bowling furniture is up to date, and Hillsboro can now boast of two excellent bowling places. Quite a number of the fair sex were in attendance.

To cure a cold in one day take Luxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. For sale at the Delta.

Attorney L. K. Adams writes from Juneau to a brother legal light and says that a room costs him \$5.00 a week, while able board stands him at \$7.00 per week. He says bowling costs ten cents a side, making the game cost twenty cents and therefore, he has put the exercise on his list of "sinful amusements" and foregoes the pleasure.

Those farmers who have been holding for higher wheat are now somewhat chagrined over the slump. This holding has largely been the fault of the administration papers crying "dollar wheat," leaving the impression that the republican party was the power which made the advanced price.

Dennis Delay, the Reedville farmer, has rented his place and moved to Hillsboro to reside. For some weeks he has been afflicted with muscular rheumatism and he desires to keep off the farm for awhile to see if he can regain his accustomed health.

The Tribune Publishing Company will next Monday morning commence the publication of a morning daily at Portland. They now have a telegraphic report from San Francisco and will give all the important telegraphic news.

The Hatchet still keeps up its tirade against the Oregonian and the Corbettites. The Hatchet may as well get in and accept the inevitable. That faction saved Oregon to McKinley last fall and it then gloried in their political ability.

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Charles Livesey, a Salem hop buyer, was in the city over Sunday. Buyers seem, however, to be doing more looking than buying.

J. A. Bowen, of this place, left the first of the week for a trip east of the mountains, where he will seek a permanent location.

Mrs. Beckwith is prepared to do all kinds of first class laundry and guarantees satisfaction. Laundry on Edison street.

A few more days of such down-pour as we had the first of the week and there will be some lively fresh-ets.

Every delicacy used in mince meats and fruit cakes to be found at Bob's Headquarters for Groceries.

R. B. Goodin spent Sunday with his family, returning to his duties at Salem Monday morning.

Circuit Court will convene next Monday and a lengthy term is anticipated.

The best two bushel seamless sacks for 20 cts at Schulmerich & Son.

Wood wanted at the Photo Gallery.

THE COUNTY BOARD ACCEPTS NEW JAIL

Cell work Gives Satisfaction and is Paid for.

ENTIRE IMPROVEMENT COST \$4500

Cell and Corridor Work Ordered Drawn to the Sum of \$2750.

The Washington county new jail is at last a reality. All work has been accepted, the cells and corridor put in by the Diebold Safe & Lock Company from Canton, Ohio. McKinley's old home, were yesterday passed upon by the Commissioners, received, and warrants ordered to issue in the sum of \$2,750.

The county now has a splendid prison and it will hold the criminal classes as well as the state penitentiary. The total expense of the new improvement, as nearly as can be figured, reaches the \$4500 mark, and was distributed as follows:

Plans, specifications and copies	\$14.00
Legal preparation, contract bond	5.00
Advertising for bids for the building proper	30.00
Cess pool	9.00
Contract piece of building and other work, extra	1500.75
Cells, corridor, etc.	2750.00
Flushing by W. J. Benson	100.00

The work by Benson was not entirely applied to the jail, but practically so.

It was at first estimated that \$4000 would finish the improvement and there were these even yet uncharitable enough to still mention this assertion. Be that as it may, this is a very correct statement of the new jail.

Relative to the material furnished by the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, there have been considerable street rumors as to the value and wherewithal it was not let to the lowest bidder, as was the building itself. It is rumored, and the report comes from what seems to be a reliable source, that the furniture purchased for \$2750, could have been duplicated for \$2500, if not for less. It seems that there were no competitive bids as the contract was executed on August 12th, and no advertisement was ever made for bids on this particular material.

At any rate, there are those who aver that the county might have saved several hundred dollars if competition had been invited, and if the contract price of the building is a criterion by which to guide judgment, the assertion seems correct enough. There are those unkind enough to say more drastic things about this particular transaction. The statute governing the action of the county board in this regard is Section 3963 of Hill's Code and says that before entering into any such contract the court "shall give notice by advertisement published in some newspaper of general circulation in the county, for at least three weeks in succession, or by putting up advertisements in live public places within the same, three weeks before the time for letting the contract."

Of course if there had been competition and the work had cost \$3000, no one would have had any ground for complaint. The word "shall" however, seems to need no Supreme Court interpretation, and it is easily seen that the law has not been complied with, only as relative to the building proper.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Convention in this City Was Well Attended.

The District Convention of the M. E. Church, which was held in this city from Friday evening until Sunday night, was well attended and closed in a general outburst of religious enthusiasm. On Friday evening Rev. Henry Pasmus, of Portland, lectured on the "Owls, Vultures and Bats of Literature." He condemned the ten cent novels as the evils and the writings of infidels as the vultures. His lecture was well received by those of religious temperament, although the lovers of Huxley, Darwin, Spencer and Ingels could not see the point.

The convention was the largest in point of numerical strength of any like meeting ever held in Hillsboro. Delegates were here in profusion from the entire district. Mr. Tongue, not being present, did not address the meeting Sunday night.

GRANTS CERTIFICATES

Eleven Successful at Teachers' Examination at Forest Grove.

County School Superintendent Austin Craig has finished examining the papers of the eleven applicants for teachers' certificates, all of whom passed the quarterly examination held at Forest Grove. The following were granted first grade certificates: John Bohman, Mountaindale; G. W. Tamsie, Hillsboro; Mrs. J. F. Stevenson, Laurel; Oliver Landon Curtis, Gales Creek.

Second Grade—Miss Jennie Archbold, Hillsboro; Miss Rebecca Bigban, West Portland. Third grade—Miss Minnie Marsh, Centerville; Miss Eliza Bate Heston, Newberg; Miss Daisy D. Curtis, Gales Creek; Miss Mary Henry Buxton, Buxton.

Sheriff Bradford was last week busy subpoenaing jurors for the November term of Circuit Court, the venire being as follows: Andrew Pierson, Reelville; Ed Hoffman, East Butte; W. Stevenson, South Tualatin; J. M. Glendon, South Tualatin; J. J. Kuran, Washington; W. L. Batchelder, Washington; Geo. W. Still, Beaverton; Wm. Stephens, Buxton; L. Tompkins, Washington; J. C. Hartley, Daisy; J. A. Long, Columbia; Arthur Flint, West Butte; J. Q. A. Young, Beaverton; T. Matiesen, West Cedar; S. T. Crow, North Forest Grove; J. S. Jackson, Washington; Ole Olsen, West Butte; A. Thornburg, Daisy; Chas. I. Crocker, South Hillsboro; P. Baughman, N. Hillsboro; T. W. Sain, Wapato; H. F. Gordon, North Forest Grove; Lewis Wilcox, Wapato; L. Shogren, Wapato; L. G. Spencer, East Cedar; S. C. Sears, North Forest Grove; W. McQuillin, South Hillsboro; John Buchanan, Cornelius; J. F. Carstens, South Hillsboro; C. H. McSherry, South Tualatin; Willis Ireland, Daisy. All are farmers except the last three.

They speak for themselves. These attractive advertisements of Messrs. H. Wehrung & Sons in this paper. They tell about the make of clothing that is "Honesty inside as well as outside," and the only make in this country that insures a guarantee ticket with sale.

At the examination of N. Noland before Judge Hicks Thursday evening and Friday morning, it was found out that no possible evidence was obtained by which he could be held for the robbery of Isaac Allen. Hence he was discharged, as was also the negro, Patton. Mr. Noland is naturally much worked up over the arrest, and it does seem as though he ought to have some recourse. When a man becomes intoxicated and gets robbed, and there is no positive evidence, the courts should require a bond from the prosecuting witness before arrests are made.

"Some people are born lucky. If they fall in the water they come out with their pockets full of fish. You are in luck. If you fall into our place of business you'll come out with satisfaction, square dealing and money saved." H. Wehrung & Sons.

Wednesday, November 17th, was the 46th anniversary of M. M. Bridges, of the Clinch Mills, of this city, and the Rebekahs tendered him a surprise at the family residence on Second Street—and the surprise was as complete as it was gratifying. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames J. P. Tamsie, W. H. Wehrung, D. Corwin, J. M. Greer, H. Humphreys, A. Slinger, C. E. Deichman, J. Palmgren; Rev. Atkins, Mrs. S. J. Williams; Miss Lulu Mann and Miss Lucy Humphreys.

"Like a church, our services are free. You might as well take advantage of what we know about snobs: Costs you nothing." H. Wehrung & Sons.

Miss Olive Hewitt, of near Blooming, died last evening from the effects of appendicitis. She had been affected for some months with the trouble and a few days ago indiscreetly ate freely of haw nuts, which caused a severe attack of the infection. Dr. Linklater called Dr. McKendie, of Portland, to operate on the young lady, but the effort was futile.

Henry Smock and Miss Susie Richards, of Sherwood, and Phenis Bymal and Miss Bertha Williams, of near Greenville, have taken out license to wed. Miss Williams is a daughter of Asa Williams, one of the county's old pioneers and who is a brother to Sam Williams of this city.

James Biggs, of Sherwood, was lodged in the county jail Saturday morning to serve out a fifteen days sentence for stealing a bottle of alcohol from the wagon of Frank Middlestar.

Abner Briggs, of Dillay, and Ira E. Purdin, of North Forest Grove, have been subpoenaed as U. S. Grand Jurors, Court to commence at Portland on November 20th.

N. Bissahan, who formerly was a Hillsboro resident, and who has been attending the summer in Walla Walla and vicinity, was in town last week.

D. M. C. Gault and Austin Craig were present at the meeting of the Republican Editorial Association, held at Portland on Friday evening last.

The ladies of the Maccabees entertained the K. O. T. M., and their friends at their hall this evening in the Wehrung block.

Ladies and gentlemen's makin'-toshes at bedrock prices at H. Wehrung & Sons. Call and examine before buying.

Some of these days an attempt is to be made to take a census of the secret orders in Hillsboro.

Law suits wear out the strongest; our suits outwear the longest. H. Wehrung & Sons.

See Schulmerich & Son's wall wool \$10.00 overcoats.

STILL HOLDING TO WEAK MOVEMENTS

Wheat has not yet Touched Lowest Mark.

ADVANCED FREIGHT. LOWER PRICE.

Visible Supply Growing Larger. Argentinians Offering a Million for Export.

The wheat situation seems going from bad to worse. Quotations are weak and lower than a week ago. Friday last the price was two cents higher than it is today with a gloomy outlook for the future. Freight has advanced—so the buyers declare—and the ruling tendency has been toward zero. Argentina is now offering a million bushels ready for export with much more to follow and with Australian advices better in the prospective and the India crop coming in in a few months, it begins to look as though those who have held to their grain are losers.

As a matter of fact, cheap corn has been somewhat of a factor in keeping down the values. Still there is nothing arbitrary enough to keep the cereal from an upward swing and it may take a raise any day, although there is nothing sure about it.

A DISCREPANCY

Between Eastern and Coast Prices of Wheat, Which Should Not Exist.

There is very much complaint over the Portland supposed manipulation of wheat values and the farmers of the Willamette valley feel that the buyers of the metropolis are not using their right. Farmers urge that the prices here are not high enough as compared with the Chicago and San Francisco markets, and that the numerical strength of the incoming grain fleet does not warrant the allegation that charters for vessels are constantly raising. It appears, however, that Portland buyers and the press of the city stand very close together, and there is no apparent relief. As a matter of fact, however, Portland always has taken in this advantage of all wheat which has passed through its gates and the action has diverted much grain to Puget Sound ports from the inland empire. The buyers seem to hold the key to the situation and the farmer, of course, must pay the profit.

DOCKET ENTRY

Commissioners' Journal Offering Reward for Capture of Bankers.

It appearing to the Court that certain burglaries were committed in Middleton and Sherwood, Washington county, and Poole & Ashpole having offered a reward of twenty-five dollars for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who burglarized their store on January 21st, 1897, and F. B. Weber having offered a reward of twenty-five dollars for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who burglarized his store on the day of January, 1897; it is therefore ordered that Washington county will pay twenty-five dollars for the arrest and conviction of each and every one of said parties in addition to the above rewards.

The court allowed claims as follows:

D. B. Reasoner court roads and mileage \$11.00

T. G. Todd court and mileage \$4.30

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE.

The administration of the estate of Thomas Richardson, deceased, has been ordered closed of record. Objections to final settlement overruled and administratrix ordered to pay into court \$1943.88 to be distributed amongst the heirs.

Final settlement of the Emma Stark, deceased, estate set for Dec. 20th.

Orin N. Clark estate has been closed of record. Also the Wm. Walters estate.

Bank Clearings.

Hillsboro's bank clearings for the week ending last night were \$32,283.09, an improvement over last week. Cashier Shute is authority for the statement that the good wheat prices of last month put many farmers out of debt.

Fall seeding is about at an end, the heavy rains causing too heavy lands for work.

"Fall hats, full of value, full of fashion." H. Wehrung & Sons.

Washington county's new jail is a dandy.

An old time 3-card-monte man was in the city the first of the week and had considerable fun at the expense of several of the boys. He was an Irishman, well educated and a fluent talker, but poorly dressed. The way he could handle three cards was a caution. He was not broke but was probably flying very close to the border. This type of card sharp is fast becoming extinct, the laws being very rigid on such practices. Time was when hardly a train crossed the continent but what carried its coterie of monte-men.

William Pointer has returned from superintending the putting in of the new bridge on Gales Creek, near the Marion Watts place. The new structure was built by T. C. Johnson & Company, is 180 feet long and has 24 piling. The Company has moved to Centerville, where they will put in a long bridge for which they put in the lowest bid.

Now that the new jail is completed, grand jurors' duties will be "one grand sweet song"—just think of it, no old jail to inspect, upon which to report! The Commissioners, by having a new jail built, have been the indirect cause of forcing all the county newspapers to throw down the old stereotyped matter which was a labor saver.

People who frequently travel over the road between this city and Cornelius, are complaining somewhat over the condition of the Job Hill, at the west end of the long bridge across Dairy Creek, just west of Hillsboro. The winter season is about here and as this is an important thoroughfare, it should be kept in a good condition.

The Southern Pacific is now running the train formerly known as the "McMinnville Local," clear through to Independence. The train will leave Independence at 4:30 each morning, getting back at 8:30 p. m. This will make the route beneficial to many above McMinnville.

The prospect of a boat being put in on the Tualatin seems to meet with general favor with the farmers all along the river. There is no doubt but what the traffic would be enough to warrant a good paying business for such a craft.

Benjamin Birdsell was in the city yesterday. He says he can't keep away from Hillsboro any more than a duck away from water. As bowling is an epidemic it is expected that he will soon be down with the disease.

Frank Lafferty and John Heiler, of Gales Creek, were down yesterday on business with the County Court. Mr. Lafferty is obliged to use a cane through the frequent visitations of those little chaps which gave the biblical Job so much trouble.

I have just gone into the Photo business at Hillsboro and want to get into business touch with the people. Come and see how it is that I am able to guarantee my work in all branches and every time. W. R. Hoyt.

The cinegraph exhibited at the Opera House Tuesday and Wednesday evenings was well attended and all report it splendid entertainment. The photographic reproductions of life movements were a success in every particular.

The 13-year son of Mr. Fugely, of near Bethany, severely injured himself on a hay fork yesterday, the wound requiring surgical attention. Dr. Linklater attended the young fellow and he is doing nicely.

D. McLachlan writes from Beaverton that Rev. W. H. Iliff D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Portland Hospital, will preach at West Union Sunday morning November 21st, at 11:00 a. m.

J. E. Davis, representing the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, was in the city Wednesday, settling up for the prison furnishings put in the new jail by his company.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Christian Church will serve a fine lunch at the Grange Hall, from 6:00 to 10:00 P. M., Thanksgiving. Oysters 15 cents; supper 25 cents.

Dr. Wood was today called to dress the hand of John Inlay, of Portland, who was injured at Reedville this morning while loading wood on the cars.

That was a howling old gale which blew from twelve o'clock last night till morning. Oceans of water fell and the creeks will soon be on a rampage.

William Benson, the machinist, and J. C. Lanikin, the popular tinner, are putting in some plumbing and lining work in the new jail building.

Miss Lucia Sawyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sawyer, now residing at Portland, is in the city, the guest of Miss Lelah Patterson.

All persons indebted to the firm of H. Wehrung & Sons, by note or account, are requested to make settlement by December 1st, 1897.

Dr. C. B. Brown will arrive in Hillsboro Monday to remain a few days, prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

Attorney Wagner was down from the Grove Monday and tried the efficiency of our bowling alleys.

Oregon wool suits at Schulmerich & Son. See them.

Winter seems to be here to stay.

THE ARGUS

OCTOBER CALENDAR.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

TRAINS AND MAIL SERVICE

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Daily Mail Arrivals:			
Forest Grove		a m	7:15
Portland, Way and Eastern			8:00
Glencoe		p m	6:00
Corvallis and Way			4:29
Portland			6:00
Daily Mail Departures:			
Portland and Eastern via S P		a m	7:15
Forest Grove, Leno, & Bethany			7:45
Corvallis & Way			8:00
Portland & Way		p m	4:29
Forest Grove			6:00
Farmington and Laurel leaves at 10:00 a			
m and arrives at 2:35 p m on Tuesday			
Thursday and Saturday			
No Sunday mails. Postoffice open from 7:30 a m to 8:00 p m, except Sundays.			
S. P. Time Table:			
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Portland	a m 7:13	p m 8:00	4:29
Corvallis	a m 8:50	p m 8:00	4:29