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TOLEDO FOR COUNTY SEAT.

Several Reasons urged why the Seat of Business of Lincoln County should be permanently located at Toledo.

The question that is now absorbing the minds of the voters and all others vitally interested in the welfare and progress of the new county of Lincoln is the permanent location of the county seat. This is one of those questions that must be settled by voters of the county, and is a question that can remain settled only by being settled right. It is also a question that in 99 cases out of 100 engenders a bitterness between different localities of the county if the struggle is long continued. The question of a permanent location of the county seat is not one of those obtuse questions that requires columns of type and keys of ink to elucidate and for that reason the LEADER has not continually dinned into the ears of its readers the peculiar fitness of any particular place, nor the utter unfitness of any other, nor called any person or place a bad name for desiring the county seat to be located to suit them. And it desires to preface this article with statement that we impugn the motives of no citizens of any locality who are honestly striving to get the coveted prize. It is a matter for the people to settle and calling names nor violent language will not affect the ballot box.

It is now but a short time until the people will pass upon this matter with their ballots, and the LEADER feels that it is justified in setting forth the advantages of Toledo for permanent county seat. The first and most prominent among these is the matter of

LOCATION.
Toledo is located near the geographical center of the county, and is almost exactly in the center of population as a careful canvas of the residents of the county is such that every indication assures us that this center of population will not be disturbed by the natural increase. This can be easily proven by a comparison of years gone by. The only portion of the county that promises an extremely rapid increase of population is the Siletz country, and by its location it would only strengthen Toledo's position. In fact the expected early opening of the Siletz reservation is a very potent argument in favor of Toledo. There is now a good road to the reservation from Toledo, and it taps that country at the short distance of seven miles. No other town in the county can get to the reservation line short of ten miles of mountain road, and none can tap the Siletz river short of fourteen miles, and these roads are yet to build, and they can never be made as good as the road leading from Toledo on account of the mountains which must be climbed. The next most important point to be considered is the

ACCESSIBILITY OF THE PLACE.
Again in this respect Toledo leads all other candidates for county seat honors. But first let us remark that when the question of accessibility is considered the whole people must be taken into it. It is most manifestly unfair to argue for a place because it is more accessible to one locality when other and more populous localities are rendered almost inaccessible. It is from a standpoint of the whole that Toledo argues. Toledo is situated on both river and railroad. The former makes the place accessible for water craft from the west side of the county and towards the east for a distance of fifteen miles. The railroad running entirely through the county along the Yaquina river makes it easily accessible to the people along its entire line of 42 miles. It is connected with Newport by a good wagon road of eight miles length, and Yaquina City by a road of only six miles. Both of these roads will be shortened by at least two miles when the Dundon cutoff is completed, which will be at an early date. This road was laid out by old Benton county, and is not in any sense a "county seat"

road. We wish to digress here to state that when we speak of building roads in connection with the Toledo people, we mean working with brawn and muscle, not mass meetings in halls by hot fires, where the heaviest work done is to elect a chairman and appoint committees, and we wish further to state that Toledo worked roads by both volunteer muscle and hard cash before the county was even divided, and before it was thought of for county seat. Toledo is connected with the eastern part of the county by a good wagon road, which has been traveled for years. To the Drift creek and Fall creek country good trails are already opened and work is progressing rapidly which will open them up into good wagon roads. These roads are a part of a system of roads leading from Toledo to the Drift creek country, the Fall creek country, the upper Big Elk country, and to the upper Alsea country. We have every confidence that these roads will be completed this summer county seat or no county seat. They were inaugurated and planned before the county was divided, and it will be remembered that in 1891 Senator Crosno secured a state appropriation for this road in the omnibus road bill, which bill was afterwards vetoed by Gov. Penoyer. On these roads Toledo has contributed \$500 in money and work of which account has been kept and fully as much more of which no record was made as it was purely volunteer. These routes bring all portions of the county into easy means of access to Toledo, except, perhaps the Lower Alsea and Beaver creek country. The former will be reached by a road over from Pool's slough which will bring the town of Lutjens, on the Alsea bay, within fourteen miles of Toledo by wagon road. This route is feasible, some work having already been done on it, and it is already used as a trail. The Beaver creek people will tap this road with one up Beaver creek. Thus it will be seen that all parts of the county will be and is now much more accessible to Toledo than any other point. In order to make this more clear let us make some

COMPARISONS OF LOCATIONS.
To get to the county seat at Toledo the people of Newport will have to travel 14 miles by boat and rail or eight miles by wagon road, soon to be shortened to six. The people of Beaver creek have to travel fifteen miles via Yaquina and the river or the same distance by wagon road. The people of Alsea Bay will have to travel 22 miles, which, when the road mentioned above is completed will be shortened to fourteen miles. The people of Yahats will have eight miles further to travel. The people of the upper Alsea will have 18 miles to travel over the Fall creek road. The people of Big Elk will have 21 miles. The people of Nashville and Little Elk will have 16 miles and Drift creek and Elk City ten miles each. The longest distances are for the settlement of Lobster and Yahats, which are very lightly settled. The other outside distances average about 16 miles, and the distances grow less with the heavier populated parts of the county. With the county seat at Newport the Yahats and Alsea people have gained no material distance, while upper Alsea will be 32 miles, Big Elk 40 miles and all the upper country in proportion. The only localities benefitted in distance will be Beaver creek and Newport. There are no roads leading to Newport except the Toledo wagon road and the roads leading up and down the beach. The other parts of the county would be shut off almost completely from the county seat, and it would be years before roads could be opened, as an entirely new system of roads would have to be opened, and this is an enormous task in this country. At West Yaquina the same situation would exist, except Alsea Bay would be brought down to 14 miles, but the upper country would average 35 miles. There are other disadvantages of this place which will be mentioned

further on. At Elk City the situation is simply reversed. While the upper country would be closer by rail and the Big Elk by wagon road, the upper Alsea and Drift creek country would be further than from Toledo, while the Yaquina, Beaver, Newport, Alsea and Yahats country would be an excessive distance away and accessible only by rail. To reach Elk City by wagon road would again require the entire readjustment of the road system of the county, which would take years of labor and thousand of dollars of road taxes.

Another important item to be considered is the

COST OF REMOVAL.

This, outside of every other consideration would be no inconsiderable item. The county seat is now something in the situation of a man who rents a house. It is fairly established in a good building which it gets for a nominal rent. The county has already gone to considerable expense in making and arranging its quarters in this building and has an option on the rent of the same for two years longer. A vault and many other necessities have been built and we do not hesitate to assert that the county would be to an expense and loss for the simple moving of not a cent less than \$1,500.

Under this head too must be taken into consideration if the county seat is removed to Elk City or West Yaquina the expenses that must be incurred by the county before there can be any business done. At neither place is there a building at all suitable for a court house. In fact at West Yaquina there is nothing at all but three or four residence houses, none of which could be utilized at all for a court house. This would take at least an outlay of \$5,000 to erect a suitable building and while this was being done the county would have to do business in a tent. In addition to this the site for a court house would have to be purchased and it is perfectly safe to put the lowest limit of removing the county records and placing them in a county building at either West Yaquina or Elk City at \$7,000. In addition to this the county would have to build a wharf or some kind of landing at West Yaquina or people from the north side of the Bay and river could only visit the county seat at certain stages of the tide. To place the county seat at West Yaquina would compel the county to make an outlay of at least \$8,000 at once. In the present condition of the county's finances it would seem to be an utter impossibility for the county to carry such a load. The situation at Elk City would probably be \$1,000 better for the county but this would require the issuance of county warrants that the interest on for one year would pay the rent on the present court house for two years. At Newport there are buildings that could be rented cheaply enough, but there are these

OBJECTIONS AGAINST NEWPORT.

It is situated away over to one side of the county. One of the strongest arguments for the division of the old county, and a good one it was too, was that the county seat was off to one side of the county and thus imposed a burden on the people of part of the county, and yet the county seat at Corvallis in the old county was nearer the center of population than the county seat at Newport would be in the new. It is, as we have shown, almost inaccessible to a large part of the county. There are other objections against Newport, but it is useless to enumerate them, as it is useless to object to Elk City, as the only actual competitors in the race for county seat from now on are

TOLEDO AND WEST YAQUINA.

A careful canvass of the votes of Lincoln county will show that Elk City and Newport are hopelessly out of the race. The majority of the people on Beaver and lower Alsea are for West Yaquina, on account of the excessive ferriage they have been compelled to pay in years gone by, and are now paying to cross the bay at Newport, to say nothing of the extreme danger

of going out to sea which will always menace a ferry so close to the mouth of the bay. On the other hand the people above Toledo are largely in favor of Toledo for many and good reasons. It is being admitted every day even by Elk City and Newport men, that the fight lies only between Toledo and West Yaquina. This being the case there is a growing determination among the people to concentrate on these two points and

SETTLE IT NEXT JUNE.

It is to be ardently hoped by all parties that it be settled this year. It will never be settled with less undue influence than it can this year. The population of the county is normal. There seems to have been no disposition to "colonize" or "stock up" any one place. The feelings between the various candidates are friendly, there is but little feeling on the subject compared with what there will be two years hence, should it go over this election. This year is the time to settle it and we hope that it will be done. As between Toledo and West Yaquina the situation is simply this: The people of the lower country want the county seat on their side of the river for the reason, as stated before, that the ferry has been a heavy burden to them. We don't blame them. It has been a heavy burden. But what they want to do is only to shift the ferry business onto a larger number of people. Somebody must pay that toll. Now where will the burden fall the lightest? The only people who can reach West Yaquina without paying ferriage are its south of there on the Alsea. In numbers they are less than one-third of the county. The movement to locate the county seat at West Yaquina is simply a move to take the ferry toll off of less than one-third of the people and place it on more than two-thirds. That is all there is to it. Had there been no ferry to pay at Newport a large portion of those people would still be in favor of Newport.

We earnestly ask our readers to look at this question in a fair and unbiased light. You are to decide an important question. It behooves you to take all parts of the matter under consideration. If you want the county seat located fairly and equally to all parts of the county; if you want to impose no unjust burden upon any part of the county; if you do not wish to tax two-thirds of the people for the benefit of one-third; if you do not want a further debt of from \$5,000 to \$7,000 piled onto the county, then ponder well before you cast your ballot for county seat. After you have done so, and considered the question fairly and as a patriotic citizen then Toledo is perfectly satisfied to abide by your decision. In making this decision let not jealousies nor passing antipathies for any place cloud your better judgement. Remembering that this is a question that the whole county is concerned in, and should be considered from a standpoint of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

When it is settled in this way it is settled honestly and is settled in a way that the people will endorse.

It is truly astonishing how many men there are in the county who can turn from twenty to two hundred votes in any direction they may choose. This idea has been dinned into the candidates' ears until some of them believe the county contains a million voters and every one a political vampire. Come off the Christmas tree!

The steamer Homer has found it impossible to carry all the freight offered at Yaquina for the San Francisco market since the Pioneer stone quarry has been shipping its output to Frisco, and the steam schooner Scotia has been chartered to carry the stone and is now on her way up for her first cargo. More than 400 tons of stone are already on the wharf at Yaquina awaiting transportation and the quarry is actively engaged in getting out more.

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