

LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON.

THE YOUNGEST COUNTY IN THE STATE.

A Brief Description of Lincoln County, Oregon, And its Rich, Undeveloped Resources.

LINCOLN COUNTY was created by an act of the Legislature on February 15, 1883, and was formed from territory detached from Benton and Tillamook counties. It is bounded on the east by Benton and Folk, on the south by Lane, on the west by the Pacific ocean, and on the north by Tillamook and Folk. The county has a coast line of fifty miles and an area of 1,440 square miles, and a population of about 5,000 inhabitants. The temporary county seat Toledo. The permanent county seat location will be finally determined at the regular June election in 1896. The act creating the County provides that the candidate for the county receiving a majority of all the votes cast shall be the permanent county seat. At the regular election in June, 1894, there were four candidates in the field for permanent county seat, and no place received a majority vote, hence there was no election. At the next election the two points receiving the highest vote at last election will be the only candidates, and therefore a decision will be assured. The two contending points will be Toledo and West Yaquina.

There are four bays within the limits of Lincoln County, all abounding in fish of all kinds. Salmon river, or bay enters the ocean near the northern boundary of the county. Along this stream are fine tide lands and rich bottom lands, soon to be opened to settlement.

Seven miles south of Salmon river the Siletz river, or bay empties its sparkling waters into the old Pacific Ocean. This stream drains a large scope of country and affords the largest volume of fresh water in the county, having many feeders. For this reason it is said that more salmon enter it than both the Alsea and the Yaquina combined. The Siletz river flows in and near the summit of the Coast range of mountains in Folk county and runs nearly all the way through the rich valley of the Siletz, now an Indian reservation, soon to be thrown open to settlement.

Twenty miles south of the Siletz Bay the now famous Yaquina Bay mingles her commerce-laden waters with the old Pacific. Yaquina Bay proper is about 11 miles long, but is navigable for small craft for thirty miles from the mouth. There are many tributaries emptying into the Yaquina, and many fine farms dot the valleys and hill sides. Eight miles above Newport are large bodies of rich tide lands extending on up the Bay for six or seven miles, many acres of which are being dyked, reclaimed and cultivated, and when once cultivated are said to be the richest lands in the world, the soil in many places being sixty feet deep. The lands are admirably adapted to raising all kinds of beets, roots, mangel wurzels, etc., and particularly to the culture of sugar beets. The analysis of beets raised on the tide-land near Toledo showed 16 per cent of saccharine matter, being the highest percentage obtained in the state.

Leaving the tide-lands and for ten miles on up the Bay, or now the Yaquina river, are large sandy bottoms in and around Elk City, the garden spot of the county. Above Elk City and on up the Yaquina river and along the line of the O. P. railroad are fine bottom lands. On these bottom lands fruit of all kinds do remarkably well. Several hop yards have been planted on these bottom lands and the result has been very satisfactory. Hop culture promises to be one of the prosperous and profitable industries of the county at an early date. At Nashville, near the east line of the county, are large orchards of prunes, apples and pears, showing that fruit will do well even so near the summit of the Coast range.

Eighteen miles below Yaquina Bay the Alsea river and Bay empties into the Pacific ocean. The Bay is of a considerable size, and the entrance is deep enough to permit coasting vessels to enter and carry away the products of the fertile valley of the Alsea river. The country contiguous to the Alsea river resembles that of the Yaquina very much. It is settled with industrious and thrifty people, and promises to develop rapidly its latent resources.

The Dairying Industry.
Lincoln county is admirably adapted for dairying. With our mild climate, where snow never lies on the ground to exceed one day, cool nights and abundance of pure spring water, it is an ideal dairying country. The climate is such that grass never dries up but remains green during the entire year, thus affording annual grazing and reducing the cost of feeding to a minimum. Clover is naturally adapted to this country, growing on the highest hills or the lowest bottoms, wherever the soil is scattered. Frequently our farmers cut two crops of clover from their meadows in one year, and have been known to cut three. Sites can be built and three crops can be obtained annually for ensilage. Steps have been taken to establish a creamery plant at Toledo, and there is but little doubt but that a creamery will be in successful operation here at an early date. With the creamery business once established at some place within the county, the industry will rapidly develop. It is admitted in all markets that butter and cheese produced from the milk of cows that graze upon the succulent grasses of our country excels that of any other region. The day is not far distant when the dairying resources of our surrounding country will be a source of large annual income to our people.

Timber, Coal and Granite.
Commencing three miles north of Toledo and extending on through Lincoln county is the famous green belt of fir, spruce, hemlock, larch and cedar timber, only awaiting capital and enterprise to manufacture it into lumber and place it on the markets of the world.

Two and one-half miles from Toledo, on the headwaters of Depot Slough are the richest undeveloped coal mines in the state of Oregon. A local company have thoroughly prospected this coal belt, and numerous assays have been made, the last by California experts, who pronounced it as being the only coal on the coast suitable for steel works.

North and east of Toledo are located granite mines in unlimited quantities equal in quality to the Maine and Vermont granites, with water power to run machinery necessary to furnish rock for building and monuments.

Towns and Villages.
YUQUINA CITY is the terminus of the Oregon Pacific railroad. It has two hotels, three stores, a church and a school house. An academy has recently been instituted there, and promises to be a successful institution of learning. A considerable volume of business is transacted at Yuquina City. At this place are the wharves and warehouses which are used by the ocean steamers, two of which ply regularly between that port and San Francisco. The town-site is owned by the railroad company and has never been placed on the market.

WEST YUQUINA is across the Bay from Yuquina City and is well located on deep water. It will make a good town as it will enjoy a part of the trade from the south end of the county in the near future.

NEWPORT, "Down by the Sea," is the largest town on the Bay. It has a population of 800

inhabitants. It has three fine hotels; numerous stores, a fine public school, one weekly newspaper, one sawmill, and many other lines of business. The government works are located here and the town enjoys a good trade. Newport enjoys the reputation of being the finest summer resort on the Pacific coast, and during the summer months thousands of people visit Newport.

South of Newport ten miles is the Seal Rocks Summer Resort, owned by James Bradford. Here are located good hotels, fine grounds and many neat summer cottages.

On Alsea Bay are located two nice little villages, one on the north side and one on the south. Good hotels and stores are found in either town. At Waldport on the south side is a good saw mill, now engaged in sawing lumber for the San Francisco market. On the north side are located the salmon canneries where annually are canned and shipped from five to ten thousand cases of salmon of fine grade. The Alsea Bay is navigable for steam craft for twelve miles. This part of the County is rich in timber, such as fir and cedar, and is the ideal dairying country. The Alsea harbor although it remains today without ever having had a dollar of money spent on it, is a better harbor than many other harbors on the coast. Coasting steamers enter and depart regularly without a tug or pilot. Cranberries raised on the Alsea marshes by Mr. J. O. Stearns, are pronounced by experts to be of the finest flavor of any raised from Oregon to Maine.

ELK CITY is the oldest town in the county, and is nicely located at the junction of the Big Elk and Yaquina Rivers. It has a good hotel, two stores, a blacksmith shop and postoffice, and being the center of a large farming district enjoys a good trade. Thousands of bushels of potatoes and many bushels of fine apples are shipped annually to San Francisco.

TOLEDO, the temporary County seat, is well located 12 miles above the mouth of the Bay, on the line of the O. P. R. R., and nearly in the center of the County, drawing the lines to the compass. Toledo enjoys the undivided trade of the Siletz Indian Reservation. It is the center of the famous tide-land belt, and will hold her own by reason of her splendid location. Toledo has one first-class hotel, four good general merchandise stores, one drug store, two weekly newspapers, one steam saw-mill, blacksmith shop, a fine large public school building, two churches, and other minor businesses.

PIONEER, or MORRISON, is a station on the O. P. R. R., about three miles from Elk City. At this place is located the famous Pioneer Sandstone quarry. The products of this quarry is becoming justly celebrated all over the coast. As a building stone it is unexcelled. Large quantities of it are being shipped to San Francisco where it is used in the construction of some of the mammoth buildings of that city. The quarry employs a large number of men and is building up a large industry.

On up the railroad are the stations of Chitwood, Eddyville and Little Elk, all of them trading points of some importance.

The Siletz Reservation.

In the north part of the county lies the famous Siletz Indian reservation, now soon to be thrown open for settlement. This reservation is among the last of the Indian lands to be opened to the whites, and offers about the last opportunity the prospective settler will have in securing a home from Uncle Sam. The Indians having been allotted their lands and one hundred and eighty thousand acres remaining which will be turned back to the general government and be homesteaded and taken under the timber act. The Siletz river is navigable for twenty-five miles up from its mouth for all classes of river boats. Along the river on either side for three miles inland are large bodies of rich tide land, and for the next twenty miles large sandy bottoms extend from the river's edge, varying in width from two hundred yards to a quarter of a mile. This territory has never been visited by a fire and there are millions of feet of fine fir, larch and cedar timber. Large deposits of coal are known to exist, the quality of which is the same as that of the magnificent Depot Slough coal. On this reservation can be found some of the best agricultural and grazing land on the coast. All the preliminary work looking to the opening of the reservation has been done, and it is only awaiting the President's proclamation announcing it open for settlement, when the pioneer's ax will startle the wild elk and deer from their natural haunts; when capital will take up the echo and soon, where but a few months before nothing but the wild animals' harsh notes and wailing chants of a few old Indians, the remnants of a once powerful tribe, was heard as they paid their tribute to old Medicine Rock, will be heard the music of the saw and hammer. Civilization shall conquer the earth.

Miscellaneous.

Owing to the mild climate and absence of frost, fruit of all kinds that can be raised in Oregon do exceedingly well here. Large orchards of prunes, apples and pears are being set out and so far have proved to be perfectly free from all fruit pests, common in the Willamette Valley and California. Lincoln County will be the banner fruit County in Oregon.

The Oregon Pacific Railroad which has its terminus at Yuquina City, has reached the Cascade mountains and is operating one hundred and forty miles of road. And as soon as this road makes connection with an eastern road and becomes a trans-continental line opening up the great wool and wheat belts of eastern Oregon, Yuquina Bay will then become a formidable rival of other ports on the Pacific coast of known fame.

Lincoln County offers better inducements than any other county in Oregon for capital.

Lincoln County offers good inducements for homeseekers. Lincoln County has many undeveloped resources only sleeping for the want of capital. Lincoln County wants business men, working men, farmers and capitalists. It takes all kinds of people to make and develop a country. Take Horace Greeley's advice and come west, where there are wide open spaces and untrodden paths every man's latch string hangs on the outside; where the warm breath of the grand old Pacific paints brilliant colors on mid-winter flowers; where Ayers' Cure is of no more value than a bushel of sand; where fever and malaria are strangers and outcasts; where an honest, industrious man can make him a home and be as free and independent as Governor Penneyer.

If you are an old man come and view a sunset down by the sea, rest your mind and be care free for a while. If you are a young man come and grow up with the country. If you are a moneyed man come and double your capital. If you are a single man come and wed our girls. If you are a sickly man come and get your health. If you are a tourist come and see our evergreen hills, our Newport, our Seal Rocks, come and stand on old Cape Point weather, the farthest point west, and cast your eye out on the foaming, rolling, restless, dashing, breaking, roaring, angry ocean waves, and see in them a likeness of the human family, always moving, always restless, always striving to reach the Yaquina Bay and Lincoln County.

Hotch Potch From Yaquina.

"The wind it blew, the dust it flew, and raised particular thunder, with skirts and hoops, and chicken coops, and all such kinds of plunder." Or if it had not been to damp for dust, and any of that kind of plunder had been lying around loose at both ends. In lieu thereof it blew down the high walk running from the R. R. track up to the Yaquina Hotel building, which, by the way, has been devoutly prayed for, for sometime, as the walk, owing to the work of the teredo on the lower ends of the posts was getting to be almost a self supporting institution and was actually dangerous. Women and the school children were constantly passing over it in order to keep out of the mud.

I heard a man on the street speaking of the late blow say, "Why, I never have seen anything like it in my life; What do you suppose was the cause of such a windstorm anyhow?" And the man always ready with a plausible and perfectly reasonable explanation replied, "Equinoctial. Always have 'em about this time. Sun crossing the line don't you know." Now as for myself, I would just about, as soon think it may have been caused by the President of the United States possibly contemplating crossing the line, or perhaps the failure of the O. A. C. football team to get across the line on time. In the former case it might be well for our ex Governor to say something, in the latter for the boys to stop blowing for a while. But this is only one defeat after many victories. Up and at them again boys. Anyway, we feel a great deal more pride in the literary and educational attainments of our pet O. A. C. than we do in their prowess as footballers.

The Steamship Homer has been kept inside and Steamer South Coast outside for a few days on account of the atmospheric disturbance.

The extreme high tides in connection with the howling South Wester has damaged the crib work somewhat between Yaquina and Toledo.

Some timber was blown down across the Yaquina-Alsea wagon road which will stop teaming for a few days, but our enterprising Beaver creek neighbors will soon put that to rights again.

A lot of the saw logs from A. Parker's mill at Oneatta, got considerably scattered, fortunately most of them went up stream with the flood tide and will be recovered.

Captain Geo. Malony and J. N. Stark have been repairing a portion of the sidewalk in the lower end of town, and have made a tiptop good job of it so far as they went. Thanks boys, now some of the rest of us will get in and drill and finish the job up to Mulcahy Avenue, so we will not have to get on our rubber boots to get up town.

Judge Blue is breaking up the old government crib that was originally built for the starting point on the south beach jetty, but proved at the time so impracticable a scheme it had to be abandoned, and the present successful plan taken up. The crib contains I am told over 100,000 feet of twelve inch square timber and the Judge will use it in constructing a bulkhead in front of some of his West Yaquina property.

Will the O. P. sell this time?
OZNOLA.

Siletz News.

We are having some cold weather, especially last Thursday, when we had a sample of snow. It fell pretty thick on the mountains. That seems to give us a pretty good idea of what the winter will be.

James Ross, who has been selling sewing machines here for about two weeks, let his team run away from him the other day. He was on his way to the Agency from Scott Lane's and stopped to shut a gate. The shutting of the gate scared a pig out of a fence corner. The pig jumped up with a grunt, scaring the team, causing them to run. Mr. Ross gave chase but was not swift enough. The team came down to the east end of town when some one run out to stop them. This caused them to turn short and

upset the buggy. Fortunately nothing but the double-trees were broken. Of course Mr. Ross got lots of exercise trotting a little over a mile. Be careful how you close the gate.

Mrs. Grant, mother of Rev. U. S. Grunt, has passed away from this world, after a sickness of only a short time, but being old she could not stand much illness. She died on the 10, inst. We feel for the ones she left behind. We may be young and strong, but if our time has come we got to give up the worldly pleasures. All we can do is to live right and be ready to meet death when it comes. This makes two deaths in a few days. They will bury Mrs. Grant at the Agency cemetery.

W. C. S.

Elk City Items.

Elk City will have a Xmas tree. J. E. Dixon has been on the sick list for the past week, but answered to roll call this morning.

Jesse Craft and other Big Elk ranchers passed through town yesterday on their way to Toledo, to file on their claims, as they will be subject to entry today, Dec. 12th.

People in Lincoln County wanting claims better not delay as time and tide waits for no man, and this spring will bring in lots of settlers who will not wait for others to file.

If the boys in the vicinity of Harlan would study the fish law it will be an easy matter for them to beat the girls or at least to compromise with them.

The wind storm on Saturday night, made it very unpleasant for Mr. Burkholter's new house, but J. H. Van Orden has it back on the foundation today.

While the telephone is not complete to Elk City, gossip says Robert C. is married. We wish him a pleasant journey through life.

The question of "Women's rights" will be the subject for debate at the literary Saturday night.

We note two improvements in Elk City last week, a new woodshed at the school house, and a place graded at the railroad station for teams to turn.

Dec. 12, 1894.

Jack.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following are the transfers of real estate filed for record in the county clerk's office since our last report:

Charles A. Gove and wife to Wm. Reid and John A. Henkle; lot 6, block 3, Abbey's ad. to Yaquina Heights; consideration \$300.

Wm. Reid, John A. Henkle and Mary E. Henkle to Gove; quit claim, lot 6, block 3, Abbey's ad. to Yaquina Heights; consideration \$300.

Wm. Creger and wife to C. F. Gallant; blocks 23, 19, 5, 22 and 3, Holliday's ad. to Yaquina City; consideration \$400.

J. T. Vincent and husband to Emily Burns; one acre on Ollala slough; consideration \$60.

W. S. Newbury and wife to G. W. Poole; lot 5, block 6, Jones' ad. to Toledo; consideration \$10.

Dan'l Grady and wife to N. J. Leabo; lot 7, blk 22, Toledo; consideration \$100.

Dan'l Grady and wife to N. J. Leabo; lots 5 and 6, block 7, town of Caledonia, (Toledo); consideration \$500.

Z. S. Derrick and wife to H. E. Derrick; one acre of land; consideration \$10.

C. Kubler to J. A. Hall; undivided 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of sec. 8, township 11 south range 12 west, containing 40 acres; consideration, \$300.

For Sale.

Two good residence lots in the town of Toledo; one corner lot and inside lot adjoining. Size of lots 50x100 feet. Well located, and will be sold at a decided bargain. Call at this office.

Probate Court.

It the matter of the estate of Lorenzi Bufoni, an insane person. Final account of Oscar Tom, guardian; filed and accepted and guardian discharged.

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