

**LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER.**

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**Assessor's Convention.**

The assessors of the state met in convention and had a very successful and enthusiastic meeting. They passed a resolution that the assessors be paid a salary sufficient and hire help themselves.

The following committee was appointed to act with the Board of Equalization committee during the legislature. Yoakum, of Baker, Wakefield of Wasco, Greenleaf of Multnomah, Parker of Lincoln and Sterling of Douglas.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Jas. A. Stelling president, T. E. Parker secretary.

Upon invitation Governor-elect Lord made a visit and was introduced by the president to each and every member present. Mr. Lord made a few remarks saying the assessor's office was inadequately paid and hoped them success.

The main business brought before the convention was an attempt to bring about an equitable rating of the remuneration received by assessors, the sense of the meeting being that salaries instead of per diem should be paid. Also that poll tax should be abolished or the law be so amended that no man should be entitled to a vote except on exhibiting their poll tax receipt. It was also resolved that the legislature be moralized to pass a law empowering the assessor to make the tax roll and all duplicates, and that assessors be entitled to the use of a seal and be furnished same.

With the adoption of the following resolutions the convention adjourned.

**RESOLVED**, That it be the sense of this meeting that the assessor's office should be put on a salary, and that the assessor's salary should be put on an equality with the other county officials in accordance with the amount of work done and that one third be added to the amount of salary for taking census, as it was found upon examination of the census roll that it would require double the amount of filed work. It is further

**RESOLVED**, That each assessor in the state be furnished with a copy of this resolution and the proceedings of this convention, and that each assessor should send to the chairman of the legislative committee an estimate of the amount of salary he should receive for assessing and for census work. And we recommend that each assessor confer with his county court as to the advisability of a salary system.

It is also recommended by this convention that the making of a tax roll and all duplicates should be made by the assessor.

Further, that assessors be given a seal in connection with their office.

**Interesting Figures.**

The following figures show the average assessment per acre on real estate in the counties of Oregon for 1894 and 1893. They make interesting reading:

COUNTIES.	1894.	1893.
Baker.....	\$4 89	\$5 05
Benton.....	7 69	8 18
Clackamas.....	7 54	8 71
Clatsop.....	3 79	3 12
Columbia.....	3 83	2 96
Coos.....	5 08	4 39
Curry.....	3 12	3 13
Crook.....	1 77	3 61
Douglas.....	3 85	3 93
Gilliam.....	2 72	2 87
Grant.....	2 94	3 16
Harney.....	2 37	2 45
Jackson.....	5 40	5 88
Josephine.....	4 13	4 86
Klamath.....	2 05	2 85
Lake.....	2 32	2 00
Lane.....	6 98	6 98
Lincoln.....	3 32	3 62
Linn.....	8 47	10 31
Malheur.....	1 88	2 98
Marion.....	2 15	12 48
Morrow.....	2 10	2 10
Multnomah.....	45 89	48 76
Polk.....	10 88	11 62
Sherman.....	3 71	4 26
Tillamook.....	3 23	3 89
Umatilla.....	6 60	6 60
Union.....	5 68	6 69
Wallowa.....	4 12	4 63
Wasco.....	3 80	5 22
Washington.....	2 10	11 51
Yamhill.....	11 15	11 86

**Siletz Items.**

Eli Gaither made a visit to his folks at this place last week.

Dr. Curie and wife left here last Sunday for the south. We hope they will have a nice time. So we are without a doctor just now. It leaves us in bad shape as there is lots of sickness.

The past week or since the report, there has been two deaths, one woman and one man, both pretty well along in years. Both were buried at the Agency cemetery.

Christmas is coming, pretty close at hand, and we are getting ready to get the tree. It will take a good sized tree to hold all the presents. We are expecting several hundred dollars worth of presents on our tree. Whoever wants to see a well loaded tree had better come over to the Siletz Xmas Eve.

Mr. Holeman, of the Albany Iron Works, has been over here examining and measuring our old saw mill boiler, which has been in use about twenty five years. It is very dangerous, can get up only sixty pounds of steam to run the mill. Mr. Holeman is bidding on the new boiler which is to be two feet longer than the old one, and ten feet more of smoke stack. We hope they will get the new boiler in before next spring as we need the mill so bad.

X. Y. Z.

**Chitwood Chips.**

**News scarce.**  
The creamery business has been thoroughly canvassed, and all say let the thing come. We have had two meetings here on the creamery question with the understanding that some one from Toledo was to be with us but they failed to put in an appearance. Now don't be jealous, we are not working to get the creamery here. All we want is to get the thing started. It may go to Toledo, but give us a chance to sell our milk.

H. N. Foster is getting a car load of wood for the Pioneer quarry, and if it can be made to pay there will be a business in that line here.

M. T. Whitney, the nasby of our burg, butchered a hog last week that tipped the beam at 300. I. J. Pepin had some that was about the same weight.

School is progressing nicely. The teacher has had to raise Cain with some of the boys.

The weather is somewhat wintry, but not disagreeable.

In the storm of the 8th inst. a house blew down at Chitwood, but as luck would have it, it was empty at the time and no one was hurt.

Still they come hunting for homes. We can settle a few more, so come on.

Uncle Jimmie Chitwood was at Eddyville Sunday and Monday, on business and pleasure.

STUCK.

**Glen Items.**

Since writing the last 'items' for the LEADER, several items of news have collected.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Neal have returned to their mountain home. Delman and Bessie returned with them but Fred and Leo stayed out at their valley home, near Jefferson, to attend school this winter. Miss Clara Stanley, a relative of Mrs. Neal, came in with them, to spend a few weeks in the mountains, presumably for her health. If the country was more "civilized" perhaps her health would improve faster.

Miss Minnie Watkins, who also lives near Jefferson, is visiting her uncle, John Watkins.

A surprise dance at Mr. Reidy's, Friday night was fairly well attended.

Rev. L. M. Butler, of Toledo, preached at the school house Thursday and Friday, at 11 o'clock. It is to be regretted that the weather did not permit the continuance of the services as Mr. Butler is a good preacher and a good man. His sermons were well liked and much appreciated, by some at least.

William Arnold, John Arnold, Albert Watkins, W. D. Griffith, John Watkins, N. B. Neal and H. H. Curler were county seat callers Friday. Some to file on their

claims located in township 12 south, range 9 west, and others as witnesses in a contest for a disputed claim. Will and John Arnold, Albert Watkins and W. D. Griffith were filing on their claims.

N. B. Neal left for the Valley Saturday, where he will finish putting in his crop.

Charley Brown made Big Elk a visit last week, returning today.

At the special school meeting held on the 8th, C. M. Brown was elected to fill the unexpired term of Chas. Gordon, removed.

One of our young men recently made Toledo a visit, whether in the cause or interest of temperance we know not, but he nevertheless furnished an object lesson on intemperance to those who beheld him in the different stages of intoxication. A sad spectacle to see a young man in the bloom of youth, putting that into his mouth which steals away his brains, destroying the manly vigor so much needed to lengthen life and make old age endurable, if not enjoyable. Beware of snakes!

More in the future.

**ICHABOD.**

Dated Dec. 17, 1894.

**Elk City Items.**

A Christmas tree at the school house Xmas Eve. A good program has been arranged. All are invited.

Troy Mays will give a ball at the New Terwilliger hall on New Year's night.

The telephone line will be completed to Elk City tomorrow.

J. E. Dixon has the lumber on the ground for a new barn.

If building continues Elk City will soon have the appearance of quite a town.

Shooting match at Elk City on December 24. Turkey and chickens. Distance, forty, sixty and one hundred yards.

The question of Woman's Rights, was settled for all time. They shall have the right to stay at home on election days and attend to the duties of the household and see that the young boys go to school and prepare themselves with an education, that they may be able to cast their votes in the right direction.

JACK.

December 19, 1894.

**Harlan Happenings.**

B. January is working at Ples Mulkey's at present, taking music lessons on the violin. Poor Grandma.

J. Henderson was found one day last week. He was buried in Walker Mulkey's grave yard. He went out hunting one month ago and accidentally shot himself. Searching parties had been sent out but without success. Messrs T. Kelly and Frank Yantis, were out hunting and accidentally ran across his body. They had to bury him as they found him.

Prospect of a good time on Big Elk Xmas. A tree and supper at the school house Xmas Eve. "If it don't rain."

B. and Wm January started to Corvallis yesterday.

Rev. A. C. Tunison moved last week into his new house.

The windstorm last week did considerable damage in this valley. It made a total wreck of John Rexford's chicken coop.

Mr. Mason and son came in last week, looking for land, but owing to the storm the elder went home to wait a more favorable time. That is what we need, a few more farmers for this is a fine little valley for stock and produce.

T. Laskey of Blodgett, was in the valley Monday.

They had a surprise party at Milt Young's, and it was one in earnest for the girls all stayed at home.

I. N. O.

Thirty-five million dollars have been withdrawn from the national treasury since the bond issue, and the gold reserve is now below ninety-two millions. The poor old treasury cow will soon be dry again, any more bonds must be issued or she will sicken with hollow horns. The government is in such straits that banker Peter's gold must be borrowed to pay off banker Paul's treasury note, a predicament that makes the need of the retirement or disposal of some of the demand currency so apparent, that even a congressman might be expected to see it.

Times.

**MAY AND DECEMBER.**

General Cassius M. Clay's Wedding to His Fifteen-year-old Ward.

The only witnesses to the marriage were McClelland Richardson and Dr. Cassius Clay Smith, the latter a physician of Richmond, Ky. Dr. Smith refused to say anything about the wedding, explaining that he had promised General Clay not to do so.

It was learned that the ceremony took place in the sitting room. The bride was not dressed as brides usually are. She wore a plain dark dress, was bare-headed, her long black tresses hanging in an almost disheveled mass down her back. She wore no gloves, had no orange blossoms and carried no bride's roses in her hand. It was a simple ceremony. The girl, who had remained sitting until General Clay and the magistrate arose, got up from the divan and took her place beside her white-headed bridegroom. It was a touching scene.

The man who had led admiring thousands in a crusade for human liberty, who in his youth was a perfect Apollo Belvidere in appearance, if not a Napoleon in the cause of abolition, stood as meekly as a little child, with an expression of unspeakable happiness upon his time worn but still fresh and almost youthful features, and by his side that simple, trusting country girl, as shy as a gazelle, knowing as little of the great world in which her venerable husband had played so conspicuous a part as the most untutored daughter of nature. The ceremony was very brief, and when it was over the bashful child went back to the kitchen, and General Clay and his family physician sat talking by the large open fireplace, in which glowed two branches of burning coals.

And thus was celebrated one of the most remarkable weddings that ever took place in the United States.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**HIGH TREASON.**

Paris Greatly Excited Over the Disclosures Following the Arrest of Captain Dreyfus.

The excitement over the spy mania is still high in Paris. The case of Captain Dreyfus, who is awaiting court martial, causes extraordinary comment. It is said to be the intention of the government to insist upon the extreme penalty of death in case he is found guilty. There is apparently good authority for the statement that precise particulars respecting the transport and concentration of the French forces in the event of mobilization after a declaration of war were placed in the hands of agents of the triple alliance. The hours of the departure and running of trains with troops on the main railway lines and also the branch lines were set forth, together with details of the places at which stores would be procured on route. It is asserted that even the original documents were supplied to the intelligence department of the triple alliance at Berlin.

Another story relates that the disappearance of some important paper from a pigeonhole at the war office was frequently noticed. After diligent search the document would be found in the precise place from which it had been abstracted. The general staff also is said to have been aware that the German war office prided itself on its initiation into many of the secrets of the plan of mobilization. For a long time the French military authorities were puzzled, but eventually succeeded in unraveling the mystery. It will be quite another thing to prove who has been guilty of these acts of high treason.—Paris Letter.

**CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.**

The London "South End Mystery" to Close With the Hanging of Read.

It is many months since London and all England have been aroused to such unanimous interest in a criminal trial as that manifested in the solution of what has been known since June last as the south end mystery. A young married man in comfortable circumstances named Read has been tried for the murder of Florence Dennis, a young woman with whom he had improper relations. Her body was found in a lonely spot, and there was no direct evidence to connect Read with the crime. It was principally his reckless, unsupported denials and the extraordinary story of his depravity in many directions that finally resulted in his conviction and sentence to death.

It was proved that he was in the neighborhood of the murder when he asserted he was 50 miles away. It was also shown that he had similar relations with several other women, and that the murdered girl was about to become the mother of his child. Nevertheless the evidence was not sufficient to convict in an American court, and the prisoner reaffirmed his innocence in strong language before the death sentence was pronounced upon him. He will be hanged.—London Cor. New York Sun.

**Japan Snubs Great Britain.**

If the latest dispatches from Japan are worth anything, that government's diplomacy is as effective as its military dispatches. The English charge that Japan is seeking the disruption of the Chinese empire, and England is exceedingly anxious about the interests of humanity. But Japan declares that she is seeking nothing of the sort and has an equal interest in humanity with England. All she wants is to see China consolidated and freed from cruel superstition, with her gates open to the civilization and commerce of the world. If this is not an oblique slap in the face for Great Britain, what is it?—Philadelphia Press.

**Folly Cost Her a Month.**

An American girl, giving the name of Grace Larnore Drew, has been sentenced to a month in jail in Paris for stealing small articles from the Bon Marche. Her lawyer told the court that she made a bet at a ladies' club in London to travel over Europe alone. In a moment of folly she stole the articles to send as presents to her London friends.

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