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LINCOLN COUNTY, ORE.

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 13, 1893, and was formed from territory detached from Benton and Tillamook counties. It is bounded on the east by Benton and Polk, on the south by Lane, on the west by the Pacific ocean, and on the north by Tillamook and Polk. 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 contesting points will be Toledo and West Yaquina.

There are four bays within the limits of Lincoln County, all bounding 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 of any river 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 heads in and near the summit of the Coast range of mountains in Polk 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 new famous Yaquina Bay mingles her commerce-laden waters with the old Pacific. Yaquina Bay proper is about 14 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. R. R. 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. Cattle are adapted to this country, and the best hills or the lowest valleys are equally good for them. Seed is scattered, and two crops of clover are raised each year, and hay is raised in abundance.

Inhabitant. 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 Brasfield. 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 lumber, both 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 have 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 the same as that of the Clatsop Slough coal. On the north side of the river some of the best timber is to be found.

Notice for Publication.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon,
May 11, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Lincoln County, at Toledo, Oregon, on June 21, 1895, viz:

HANS OLSEN, H. E. No. 10,070, for the north 1/4 of southeast 1/4, southeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 section 27, southwest 1/4 of southwest 1/4 section 26, town 11, S., range 10, W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Tellef Tellefson, Chris. Christensen, Albert Meaker and Bluffe Miller, all of Toledo, Oregon.

ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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JOHN C. SWOPE, H. E. No. 3,335, for the southwest 1/4 section 24, town 10, south, range 10, west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: M. L. Trapp, of Toledo, Oregon, Dudley Trapp, Delman Chitwood and Albert Chitwood, of Chitwood, Oregon.

ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln:

In the matter of the estate of Earland Anderson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Earland Anderson, deceased, has filed his final account of said administration in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Lincoln County, and said court has fixed Saturday, June 16th, 1895, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the court house in Toledo, Lincoln County, Oregon, for hearing objections thereto and settlement thereof.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1895.
OLEF OLSSON,
Administrator of the estate of Earland Anderson, deceased.

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln:
In the matter of the estate of Geo. W. Jackson, Sr., deceased.

To Mary A. Ridgeway, Martha J. Thode, Benjamin F. Jackson, Assenath Tracey, Hiram Jackson, Geo. W. Jackson, Jr., Sarah Ellen Spurlin, Anna E. Jackson, Eva Jackson, Edward Jackson, Carolina V. Jackson, and all other heirs unknown of the late Geo. W. Jackson, Sr., deceased:

THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby notified that Jane Harris has filed a petition in County Court of the State of Oregon, for Lincoln County, the object and prayer of which is that Frank M. Stanton be appointed administrator of the estate of Geo. W. Jackson, Sr., deceased. The hearing of said petition has been fixed by Hon. S. V. Bart, County Judge of Lincoln County, Oregon, for Friday, June 28, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the court house in the City of Toledo, Oregon; at which time and place you are notified and cited to appear and show the cause, if any there be, why such order should not be made as prayed for in said petition.

Dated this 4th day of June, 1895.
F. M. JOHNSON,
Agent for Jane Harris, Petitioner.

Notice for Publication.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon,
May 31, 1895.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Lincoln County, at Toledo, Oregon, on July 15, 1895, viz:

JOHN A. TIERKES, H. E. No. 7,356, for the northwest 1/4 section 31, town 15 south, range 10 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Allen Forden, Louis Southworth, A. A. McCleary and N. Constantine, all of Waldport, Oregon.

ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Administrators' Notice.

In the county court of the State of Oregon, for Lincoln County.

In the matter of the estate of A. W. Wright, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed by the County Court of Oregon, for Lincoln County, administrators of the estate of A. W. Wright, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to us at our home, on Wright's Slough, in Lincoln County, Oregon within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Toledo this 29th day of April, 1895.
Administrators.

Weather-Crop Bulletin

Bulletin of the Oregon State Weather Service, for the week ending Monday, June 24, 1895:

WESTERN OREGON.

Weather—No rain has fallen during the past week. The weather has been generally clear, though high fog prevailed several mornings until 10 o'clock. The temperature gradually rose during the week, ranging in maximum from 68 to 84 deg., the latter occurring on Saturday; these temperatures were from 2 to 10 deg. higher than the preceding week. The minimum temperature ranged from 44 to 58 deg., which were about 6 deg. higher than the preceding week. The winds have been light in force and variable in direction. There has been no marked or noticeable dryness in the air, hence no rapid drying out of the soil.

Crops—The weather has been exceedingly favorable to all growing vegetation. Rainfall in Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties would be of benefit to corn, grain and root crops, but injurious to the newly mown hay. These crops are not, as yet, suffering for rain, but rain would be of benefit.

Strawberries are about over their season, though there will be some ripening for the next several weeks yet. They are now ripe in the coast counties. The first strawberries ripened this year in Wasco county, then in Douglas county, later in the Willamette valley, and now in the coast counties; but by proper effort the strawberry season can be made longer, prices better and many more grown by utilizing these climatic belts and the proper variety of berries for the early, medium and late season.

Haying is in progress in all sections, and the prevailing weather is extremely favorable to it; much of the clover and cheat hay has already been cut; the timothy hay is now heading out. The hay is very heavy, and a successful hay year is assured.

Oats and wheat that were fall or winter sown have headed out. The correspondents uniformly report that the grain prospects were never better. There is a thorough feeling of satisfaction over the grain outlook among the farmers.

Some barley will be cut this week, but the greater portion will not be cut until next week. Some few correspondents report smut in their wheat; this is confined almost entirely to the low lands. The grain aphid has almost entirely disappeared.