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DIRECTORY.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

Senator Tol. Carter
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County Commissioners Court meets on Wednesday after the first Monday in February, 1896, August, October and December.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge J. C. Fullerton
 Pros. Attorney J. O. Stearns
 Court convenes on 4th Monday in July and 2nd Monday in January of each year.

CITY OF TOLEDO.

Mayor J. A. Hall
 Recorder J. C. Allree
 Marshal
 Engstad
 Alexander
 Kropstad
 Polson
 Smith
 Waugh
 Council meets on the first Monday evening in each month.

TOLEDO PRECINCT.

Justice of the Peace J. A. Hall
 Constable J. C. Allree

NEWPORT.

Justice of the Peace Geo. F. Sylvester
 Constable W. H. Crutchfield

YAQUINA.

Justice of the Peace J. E. Booth
 Constable W. L. Watkins

ELK CITY.

Justice of the Peace A. B. Clark
 Constable Alex. Burkhalter

LITTLE ELK.

Justice of the Peace Chas. Henderson
 Constable Z. S. Derrick

NASHVILLE.

Justice of the Peace J. S. Huntington
 Constable N. F. Edwards

BEAVER CREEK.

Justice of the Peace Sam'l Hill
 Constable Joseph Gourley

TIDEWATER.

Justice of the Peace N. J. Goodman
 Constable W. A. Vidito

LOBSTER.

Justice of the Peace L. A. Peek
 Constable W. P. Taylor

LOWER ALSEA and YACHTS.

Justice of the Peace Wm. Wakefield
 Constable John Early

SALMON RIVER.

Justice of the Peace Chas. Read
 Constable M. Berton

ROSS.

Justice of the Peace W. H. Cook
 Constable Geo. E. Croxford

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Services every three weeks, morning and evening; no meeting after morning service; Sabbath school every Sabbath at 10 o'clock a. m.; prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings.
 S. W. POTTER, Pastor.

THE JOHN'S CHURCH (Protestant Episcopal). Services the third Sunday of every month at 11 a. m. All are invited to attend.
 C. Chas. Booth, Missionary. Residence, Newport, Or.

O. O. F.—Toledo Lodge, No. 108. Meet every Saturday evening at their hall in this city.
 J. R. TURNIDGE, N. G.

O. O. F.—Newport Lodge No. 89. Meets every Saturday evening. Visiting brothers are always welcome.
 S. A. PRUITT, N. G.

O. O. F.—Newport Lodge No. 85. Regular communication on Saturday or before each month. Visiting brothers are cordially invited.
 A. H. HAMPTON, M. W.

YAQUINA Day Council No. 745 National Union. Meets on second and fourth Friday nights of each month. Travelling friends are welcome.
 B. F. JONES, Pres.

O. O. F.—Good Lodge No. 70. Betekah Desroo. Meets in the Odd Fellows hall in this city on Tuesday evening of each week.
 JENNIE ARNOLD, N. G.

O. O. F.—Abe Lincoln Post No. 68. Meets in the Good Templars Hall on the first and third Saturdays of each month.
 T. STAKELY, P. C.

O. U. W.—Western Star Lodge No. 73. Meets in the Odd Fellows' hall, Yaquina, on first and third Saturday evenings in each month. Visiting brothers are always welcome.
 H. K. LUGGER, M. W.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD.—Pocahontas Camp No. 299, Toledo, Oregon, meets on the first and third Thursdays in each month in the Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting neighbors are always welcome.
 GEO. BETHERS, Clerk.

A. HALL,
 Justice of the Peace
 Toledo, Oregon.

Mortgages, and all kinds of legal papers executed with correctness. Careful attention given to all business entrusted to my care.

H. DENLINGER,
 Attorney-at-Law,
 TOLEDO, OREGON.

Who can think of some simple thing to patent? JOHN WEDDEBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their \$1.50 prize offer on a list of two hundred inventions wanted.

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Court House Gossip.

Judge Stearns has been busy during the past week making up briefs in the various probate cases now pending in order that he may be fully informed of the status of each case.

A force are at work in the county clerk's office making copies of the delinquent tax roll as turned in by Sheriff Landis. The delinquent roll has more names on it this year than ever before, but the amount of tax is not so great owing to the fact that several large taxpayers heretofore delinquent are among the paid up taxpayers this year.

County Clerk Jones is busy making up his financial report for the year ending September 30, 1896.

County Assessor Howell, assisted by Miss Effie Crosno, are at work correcting the present owner book and bringing it up to date. The present owner maps have been discarded and will be no longer used. The reason assigned is that the maps could not be corrected to show change of ownership, as the names on the tracts and margin of the maps were inerasable.

Coll Van Cleve has been awarded the contract for printing one hundred election notices. His bid was \$1.25 for seventy-five paper and 25 cloth notices. The LEADER bid \$1.25 for paper notices or \$2.25 for cloth notices. The Newport News bid \$1.00 for paper or \$2.50 for cloth. The notices will only contain the notice of election of four presidential electors. The notices last spring that contained four times as many names of offices voted for cost \$1.50.

The assessor has turned over his roll for 1896 to the county. The roll shows an increase over last year in the amount of taxable property. Last year the total was \$695,056, while this year the total is \$856,480, a gain of \$161,424. Of this gain a large part is made on the Siletz, that country showing a good increase of taxable property during the past year.

The prospect for litigation over the salary of the sheriff and clerk seems to be very good at the present time. These officers have been waiting since July 1st for some sort of interpretation of the amount of their pay by the court, but none has yet been made. They are now waiting till the court meets in October, and if no satisfactory arrangements can then be made we understand that suit will be brought against the county. The county has just got rid of a lot of costly litigation, and the taxpayers will look with considerable dread upon another series of lawsuits.

Two Needed Reforms.

In all our hurry and worry about free silver, sound money, McKinley and Bryan, we should not forget that Oregon is to have a biennial session of legislature this winter. It is true, that to judge the session that is to come by those that have gone before it, there is nothing very encouraging to the taxpayers of Oregon in the prospect of another legislative session. About the only thing held out in prospective at the present time is a fight over the election of senator, and the division of spoils. We presume, of course, that the fight for senator

will drag through the most of the session. At intervals the legislature may take up a Portland charter bill, or some such measure.

But there is a fervent hope among the people of the state that the legislature may bring about some reform in the method of assessments and of taxpaying in the state. In the present method of assessing for the purpose of taxation there are many glaring defects. Much property escapes taxation entirely, and much of it is wrongly assessed. It is expensive and cumbersome. There is no use of assessing real property to owners, except for convenience in the way of notifications, etc. All record property should be assessed to the description and not the owner. The same should apply to all mortgage notes of which there is a record. Personal property and improvements on real property should be assessed by precinct assessors. A large percent of increase of personal property would be returned by precinct assessors, owing to their intimate knowledge of the taxable property in their precincts.

In the matter of taxpaying there exists much room for reform. Taxes should be made payable in installments, say one-half in March and the other half in September. This might add a little to the work of the sheriff as tax collector, but it would prove a real benefit to the people, and would be the means of securing the payment of a much greater proportion of taxes. The collecting of taxes should be taken out of the hands of the sheriff entirely, only on a warrant for sale of property by execution, and placed in the hands of the treasurer. He is the proper person to receive and disburse the taxes of a county. With these reforms in force the people would feel some needed relief.

But it will probably be impossible to secure all or any of these reforms. It has become a lamentable fact in Oregon that as soon as an attempt is made by the legislature in Oregon to bring about any needed reform to cut off some of the unusual and unnecessary expense of government, that some class of officials feel their pocket books touched and immediately a strong lobby assembles at Salem and the reform measure is defeated by some hook or crook.

Queries.

Does the number of cars on a railroad regulate the amount of produce raised along the line, or does the amount of produce regulate the number of cars run on the road?

Does the number of plows for sale in the agricultural houses represent the number of acres to be cultivated, or does the number of acres to be plowed regulate the number of plows?

Does the amount of business done in a country regulate the volume of currency, or does the volume of currency regulate the volume of business?

Oregon State Fair

Opens at Salem, Wednesday, October 7th; closes 13th. McKinley-Bryan debate. Pioneer barbecue. A great stock, poultry and agricultural exposition. Fast horses; great races. Grand music by Parsons. Excursion rates. \$20,000 in premiums, purses and prizes. Admission 25c.