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THE COUNTY JUDGES.

They Meet and Resolute Upon A Variety of Subjects.

The county judges held a state convention at Portland last week. About eight or ten counties in the state were represented, but from the "whereases" and "resolves" enunciated by them it would appear that they were a mighty host. Like all similar conventions that have gone before them, they resolved on nearly every subject but that of county judges. Some of the reforms proposed are good and have been so recognized by everybody long before the county judges resolved on them. They made Lincoln county an object of especial and paternal interest by resolving that the legislature name a salary for clerk and sheriff of this county. Lincoln county will feel very grateful to the judges of Multnomah, Clatsop, Benton and one or two other counties for so kindly allowing the legislature to act in this matter. If the judges two years ago had resolved on this matter, and the legislature had paid any attention to it, Lincoln county would not now be threatened with an expensive law suit.

The fact of the matter is, these conventions of county officers held just before legislatures meet are so much wasted efforts. Of all of the resolutions passed by the judges two years ago, not one was incorporated into a law, and not one will be this coming session by reason of the judges' resolutions. In fact, about one half of the judges were too busy two years ago trying to get their salaries raised, or keeping them from being lowered that they lost track of their "reform" resolutions.

The next thing in order will be for the clerks to meet, and then the sheriffs, and then the assessors, and then the school superintendents, and even the coroners might meet and pass a job lot of resolutions. Of course none of them would be expected to resolve on any matters pertaining to their respective offices, but would regulate all the other offices as well as the sun, moon and stars.

These conventions, however, do no particular harm, unless the judges put in a bill to their counties for attendance, and then it is time to choke it off. Lincoln county paid one such bill, but the precedent was a bad one.

Rock Creek Ripples.

Harry Kneeland seems to have entirely recovered from the effects of typhoid fever. His mother has just returned from Dallas where she was a witness on the Miller case.

Miller's sentence of five years in

the penitentiary and to pay costs is generally approved by his neighbors. George Miller is not without good qualities, but he who strays from the path of virtue should be made to know that the way of the transgressor is hard.

Mr. Morrison recently lost a horse by blood poisoning.

Herman Steidel and G. W. Kneeland have hay for sale. The latter will also sell potatoes and cattle.

Val. Wheeler, Jimmie Breem, and Oscar Belcher are again on their ranches.

Frank Morrison has been visiting friends in Sunshine.

The Rock Creek Sunday school was discontinued several weeks ago, probably till next April.

The Rock Creek school closed December 11, with a program of forty pieces, which was much appreciated by numerous visitors.

The effects of the "baching department" were hastily packed on a horse and all but one of the members of the "boarding school" started toward home through the deep mud and deepening darkness with an outward show of bravery, but more than one scream rent the lonely woods as each imagined terror presented itself. For instance: one of the party brushed against a vine maple which sprang back and caused a piece of wood from an old stump to strike the "school ma'am" above the knee. Her thought that she was attacked by a wild cat was dissipated by the light of truth from a lantern.

PEARL.

December 12, 1896.

Elk City Items.

Christmas is coming.

C. C. McBride, of Little Elk, made Elk City a call the last of the week.

Sidney Wolfkill left yesterday for Coos bay, where he has employment. All are sorry to see Sid leave and wish him good luck at his new home.

Col. F. J. Parker, of Walla Walla, arrived last night for a few days' stop at the ranch.

Capt. Davis came up from Newport yesterday and hired the steamer Mascotte to run between Yaquina and Newport for a few days.

Capt. West, from Southern Oregon, is stopping at the Elk City hotel.

Christmas tree work is going on nicely. The committee on finance are meeting with good success. L. W. Deyoe has in a good stock of Xmas goods.

Shooting match at Elk City on the 24th is billed for a lively time, and some good shooting from different parts of the county is expected.

Several of the young folks at Elk are making preparations to attend the masque ball at Toledo Xmas night.

Jas. Winskill has moved back to Elk and will improve his ranch.

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