

# Lincoln County Leader.

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**DIRECTORY.**

**LINCOLN COUNTY.**

Representative, Tol. Carter  
 Judge, E. R. Lake  
 J. O. Stearns  
 B. F. Jones  
 George Landis  
 J. L. Hyde  
 S. G. Irvin  
 Z. M. Derrick  
 Silas Howell  
 T. M. Coombs  
 Chas. Williams  
 F. A. Godwin

Superintendent  
 Commissioners Court meets on Wednesday after the first Monday in February, June, August, October and December.

**CIRCUIT COURT.**  
 Judge C. Fullerton  
 Pros. Attorney  
 meets on 4th Monday in July and Monday in January of each year.

**CITY OF TOLEDO.**  
 Mayor  
 Recorder  
 Marshal  
 Aldermen

**TOLEDO PRECINCT.**  
 J. A. Hall  
 J. C. Altree

**NEWPORT.**  
 Geo. F. Sylvester  
 W. H. Crutchfield

**YAQUINA.**  
 J. S. Booth  
 W. L. Watkins

**ELK CITY.**  
 A. B. Clark  
 Alex. Burkhalter

**LITTLE ELK.**  
 Chas. Henderson  
 Z. S. Derrick

**NASHVILLE.**  
 J. S. Huntington  
 N. F. Edwards

**BEAVER CREEK.**  
 Sam'l Hill  
 Joseph Gourley

**TIDEWATER.**  
 N. J. Goodman  
 W. A. Vidito

**LOBSTER.**  
 L. A. Teek  
 W. P. Taylor

**LOWER ALSEA and YACHTS.**  
 Wm. Wakefield  
 John Early

**SALMON RIVER.**  
 Chas. Reed  
 M. Berton

**ROSS.**  
 W. H. Cook  
 Geo. E. Croxford

**CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.**

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**—Services on the first and second Sabbath morning and evening; services on third and fourth Sabbath of each month. W. H. MYERS, Pastor.

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**—Services on the third Sunday of every month. All are invited to attend. Res. Booth, Missionary. Residence, Newport, Or.

**Toledo Lodge, No. 108.** Meet Friday evening at their hall in this city.  
 J. R. TURNIDGE, N. G.

**Lodge No. 116, of Yaquina City.** Every Wednesday evening. Visiting brothers always welcome.  
 S. A. PRUITT, N. G.  
 J. B. BROWN, Secretary.

**Newport Lodge No. 89.** meets every evening. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.  
 L. O. OLSSON, N. G.  
 J. B. BROWN, Secretary.

**Elk Lodge No. 131.** meets every evening in its hall at Elk City. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.  
 P. A. MILLER, N. G.  
 J. B. BROWN, Secretary.

**Newport Lodge No. 85.** regular meetings on Saturday or before each evening. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.  
 A. H. HAMPTON, M. W.  
 J. B. BROWN, Secretary.

**Temple No. 745 National Union.** meets on second and fourth Friday nights of each month. Friends are welcome.  
 B. P. JONES, Pres.

**Lodge No. 70.** (Hecolah Degree). meets in the Odd Fellows hall in Toledo Tuesday evening of each week.  
 S. A. DAVIS, N. G.  
 J. B. BROWN, Secretary.

**Lincoln Post No. 68.** meets in the Odd Fellows hall on the first and third of each month.  
 T. STAKELY, P. C.  
 J. B. BROWN, Secretary.

**Western Star Lodge No. 73.** meets in the Odd Fellows hall, Yaquina, on the first and third of each month. Visiting brothers are always welcome.  
 H. K. LUGGER, M. W.  
 J. B. BROWN, Secretary.

**OF THE WORLD.**—Pocahontas No. 20, Toledo, Oregon, meets on the first and third of each month in the Odd Fellows hall. Visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend.  
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### FEES OR SALARY? Which Would be the Better System For Lincoln County?

With the convening of the legislature, the fight for the repeal of the salary law and a return to the fee system, will be made. The merits of the two systems have not been fully tried, but they have been tested far enough to show that for small counties the fee system, even under the old system in which there were glaring defects, is much better than the salary system. The salary system has proven itself to be unequal and unjust. It is so because it taxes men and property for the benefit or use of others. Under our present salary law a litigant can create hundreds of dollars of expenses that non-litigant taxpayers must meet, by the payment of a paltry trial fee. This is not just.

The best principle, it seems to us, is for the man that has the work done to pay for it himself. If John Doe sues Richard Doe, let John Doe or Richard Doe pay the costs. If any person has a service performed by an officer of the county, let that person pay the officer for the service performed. This is only right, just and equitable.

We believe in the fee system for county officers, and that that system should be extended to the utmost. Every county officer should be placed wholly or partially on fees. In counties of 20,000 inhabitants or under, with the ordinary amount of taxable property, it is simply impossible to pay the officers a fair and reasonable salary for the work performed. This is as true of Benton county as it is of Lincoln county. In fact Multnomah county and perhaps Marion county are the only counties in the state that have not suffered actual loss by the operation of the salary law. There would be a great saving to the counties if a fee system was adopted for all the county offices, except, perhaps, the assessor and superintendent. In a county like ours the sheriff and clerk should be allowed a reasonable fee for all work done, and the county should be responsible for only such fees as are earned on work performed for the county. The county judge should also be placed on fees. He should be allowed a per diem for each day he sits with the commissioners, and fees in all probate and law cases that come before him. This would result in a net saving to the county of about \$500 per year, and still the fees would reach very nearly, if not quite, his present salary. The treasurer should be made tax collector and should also be placed on fees. The only advantage this would be to the county would be that the treasurer's salary would depend upon the amount of taxes collected by him, and this would be an incentive for him to put forth every effort to collect as much as possible.

A reasonable fee system regulated as above, would save Lincoln county \$5,000 per year, and officers would receive a liberal salary.

That wave of prosperity must be sidetracked some place. The failures of the last week have been almost equal in their extent to those of the dark days of the panic of 1893. And yet the gold standard is assured.

The total assessable property of the state exceeds that of a year ago by over a million dollars.

### Information Wanted.

The following excerpts from two letters recently received by Register Miller, says the Oregon City Enterprise, are fair samples of the inquiries that arrive in every mail, a half dozen not unfrequently being received in a single day at the United States land office in this city. W. H. Pritchard, of Kalamazoo, Mich., asks:

"Can I get good, fertile fruit and farming land on the western side or slope of the Cascade mountain range in Oregon that is open for homestead entry? Are they prairie or timber lands and how far from markets? Can they be located on streams or lakes, etc.

Daniel C. Wattinger of Cross Roads, Pa., says: "Can I get some land at \$1.25 per acre and hold it for a few years without settling upon it? Can I buy more than 160 acres? If not, why not? How is it that some people in Oregon own several hundred or thousands of acres of land if not allowed more than 160 acres? How far from city or town are government lands. Please answer soon and give full particulars."

Register Miller answers each of these letters received with whatever information he has at hand. Here is an avenue of judicious advertising for our county. We should have a good supply of descriptive literature on hand constantly at the two land offices, Oregon City and Roseburg, and when inquiries are made the register would mail it direct to the inquirer.

It is claimed, says the Mining and Scientific Press, that the output of gold from the Baker county mines, in Oregon, for 1896, will exceed that of 1895 by 40 per cent. There will also be a large increase in the yield of mines of Southern Oregon—in fact, all along the Pacific coast, from Sinaloa, Mexico, to the Yukon river, in Alaska, in nearly every mining district the gold yield this year will show a considerable increase over that of last year. The same is said of Nevada, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota and the rest of the region lying west of the Rockies. As a consequence, if there is any substantial increase in the world's output of gold over that of last year, it is probable that more of it will come from the western part of North America than anywhere else. It is safe to say that this increase will exceed \$10,000,000.

The filibustering schooner, Three Friends, which has been carrying arms to Cuba from the United States, has placed this nation in a very delicate position, and the officers and crew of the vessel in a very dangerous one. While attempting to land a cargo of men and arms in Cuba the other day they were attacked by a Spanish gunboat. The Three Friends returned the fire of the gunboat and landed her cargo by force. The firing on the flag of a nation with which we are at peace is an act of war, if condoned by our government, and if not, the crew of the vessel so firing are considered pirates. The position is a very delicate one.

The proposition of some of our legislators of cutting down expenses by refusing employment to any lady clerks is senseless and brutal. There is no more reason why a lady should not be a legislative clerk than a man.

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