

# Lincoln County Leader.

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## DIRECTORY.

### LINCOLN COUNTY.

Representative, Tol. Carter  
Judge, E. R. Lake  
B. F. Jones  
George Landis  
S. G. Irvin  
Z. M. Derrick  
Hurley Lutz  
T. M. Coombs  
Chas. Williams  
F. A. Godwin

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

### CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge, F. Fullerton  
Pros. Attorney, J. S. Booth  
Closes on 4th Monday in July and Monday in January of each year.

### CITY OF TOLEDO.

Mayor, J. A. Hall  
Recorder, J. C. Airee  
Marshal, Geo. F. Sylvester

W. H. Crutchfield  
J. S. Booth  
W. L. Watkins  
A. B. Clark  
Alex Burkhalter

Chas. Henderson  
Z. S. Derrick  
J. S. Huntington  
N. F. Edwards

Sam'l Hill  
Joseph Gourley  
N. J. Goodman  
W. A. Vidito

L. A. Feak  
W. P. Taylor  
Wm. Wakefield  
John Early

Chas. Read  
M. Berton  
W. H. Cook  
Geo. E. Croxford

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. Feak  
W. P. Taylor

LOWER ALSEA and YACHTS. Wm. Wakefield  
John Early  
SALMON RIVER. Chas. Read  
M. Berton

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

## CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

Episcopal Church—Services Toledo on the first and third Sabbaths at 11 o'clock a. m. Sabbath every Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. C. R. ELLSWORTH, Pastor.

Protestant Episcopal Church [Protestant Episcopal] services the third Sunday of every month at 11 a. m. All are invited to attend. The South, Missionary. Residence, "St." Newport, Or.

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

O. F.—Bay Lodge No. 116, of Yaquina City. Meet every Wednesday evening. Visiting brothers are always welcome. S. A. PRUITT, N. G.

O. F.—Newport Lodge No. 89, meets every Friday evening. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. L. O. OLSSON, N. G.

O. F.—Elk Lodge No. 134, meets every Friday evening in its hall at Elk City. Visiting brothers always welcome. J. H. VAN ORDEN, N. G.

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

Bay (Connell) No. 745 National Union, meets on second and fourth Friday nights of each month. Traveling friends are welcome. N. SNOW, Pres.

Good Lodge No. 70, Rebekah Degree, O. F. E., meets in the Odd Fellows' hall in Toledo on Tuesday evening of each week. EUNICE AKIN, N. G.

A. B. STEWART, Secretary.  
A. B. Lincoln Post No. 68, meets in the Good Templars Hall on the first and third Saturdays of each month. H. R. STURDEVANT, Post Com.

W. W.—Western Star Lodge No. 73, meets in the Odd Fellows' hall, Yaquina, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month. Visiting brothers are always welcome. H. K. LUGGER, M. W.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.—Pocahontas Camp No. 299, Toledo, Oregon, meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month in the Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting neighbors are always welcome. GEO. BETHERS, Clerk.

Woodmen circle, meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. Mrs. JENNIE ARNOLD, W. G.

ABE LINCOLN WOMAN'S RELIEF Corps, No. 49, auxiliary to the G. A. R., meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month in the I. O. O. F. hall, at 2 o'clock p. m. Mrs. ELIZA EWING, President.

ARTISANS—RIVER DELL ASSEMBLY No. 2, United Artisans, meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the Odd Fellows' hall, Elk City, Oregon. Visiting brothers and sisters are always welcome. J. C. DIXON, M. A.

## THE EXPERT'S REPORT.

### What has Become of That Important Document, and What is the Court Going to do About it?

In the August term of the county court the following order was made: "In the matter of the report of Geo. R. McKenzie: It is ordered that the journal and ledger thereof be placed on file; that all other papers and vouchers received in connection therewith be continued in the custody of the court pending a further settlement of accounts." Accordingly the ledger and journal were filed and the other papers were still retained in the possession of some of the members of the county court. A careful search of the records of the meeting of the court for the October term entirely fails to disclose any reference to this important matter. Whether the court forgot that this matter was pending, or what they concluded to do about it must be only a matter of conjecture.

There is this much certain. The court is taking a very peculiar and unusual method of handling this matter. According to the report of the expert which came into the hands of the court some time last July, about three months ago, there was owing to the county from the clerk and the sheriff over \$7,000. So far the court has absolutely, so far as the records show, taken no steps for the safety of the county in this matter. They have not even made a demand upon the officers for the money which they allege to be due and owing to the county. The only thing they have done so far as we can ascertain, has been to threaten and harass the bondsmen of the clerk and sheriff with the threat of a lawsuit if they do not come in and make a blind settlement with the court upon a report which they have to acknowledge themselves to be incorrect and unjust. The court expects these bondsmen to settle on the report of McKenzie, when at the same time they withhold from the interested parties the vital part of the report, and keep in their possession, contrary to law, and thus prevent the officers and their bondsmen from even checking up the report to see as to its correctness. The court must think that these officers and their bondsmen are fools. When settlement time comes the court must surrender the papers and vouchers illegally in its possession, and the accounts will be checked up by some competent person other than Geo. R. McKenzie. We can assure the court that a large majority of the people of the county are getting a grave suspicion in their heads that there is something rotten some place, and that it is not very far from the expert's report. If the report is all right and reliable, why don't the court take some steps to protect the interests of the county? The fact is, the court knows that when a suit is started, if one ever is, on the report of the expert, that the report went amount to anything, and the people will speedily see just how bad they have been buncoed out of nearly \$600 in order that a shadow might be cast upon the clerk and sheriff of this county.

The fact of the matter is, the court is in very much the same position of the Irishman who had the bear by the tail as it was coming around the tree towards him. He was all right as long as he held on, but the minute he let loose the bear would get him. He naturally called out for help to let the bear loose. The court has got hold of a bear's tail in the expert business, and they hang on because they are afraid to let loose. They tried to get the grand jury to help them let loose, but that body of intelligent taxpayers told them to file the report in the proper manner so that the people of the county might know what the report was. Did they do this? Hardly. They filed the ledger and the journal in the clerk's office and filed the balance of the report in the red leather bag. The court knows, and knows well, that when they once start a suit for the recovery of the sums of money alleged in the report to be due from the clerk and sheriff, that a great many things that have been hidden must come out to the knowledge of the people. It will then be shown why it was that Judge Stearns assisted in making the report; why McKenzie worked for nearly a month after he stated he would finish; why the offices of assessor, superintendent, judge and commissioners were not experted; what authority the expert had to set a salary for the clerk and sheriff from July 1, 1894; what right or authority the members of the county court have to have papers and vouchers that are a part of the files and records of the county in their possession and keeping, and refuse to return them to the clerk, the proper custodian, when demanded. These and many other things will all come to light when a suit is started, and this is the bear that the court has such firm hold on.

Meanwhile, as long as the matter can be kept in the shape that it is now in, these officers and the bondsmen can be threatened, their property interests can be jeopardized, foul slanders about these officers can be bruited about, and perhaps if the people are big enough fools, somebody can build up a political road to office out of it. But we will submit this: That if the judge or either of the commissioners had an honest claim in the sum of \$7,000 against these officers and their bondsmen no three months or even three weeks would pass before they would take steps to protect such claim. There can then be but one conclusion: Either the claims against the clerk and sheriff are not honest claims, or the court is criminally neglectful in its duty in not protecting the interests of the county. Which?

Another state fair has been held at Salem, and notwithstanding the facts that there were large crowds in attendance and the state extended aid to the amount of \$5,000, the fair was a financial failure, there being a deficit of nearly \$2,000 this year. There must be something radically wrong somewhere in the management of the state fair. A fair that is well attended and held under favorable auspices that can not come any closer than \$7,000 to being self-supporting had better close up the shop, or else take a careful search and see if the trouble cannot be located.

Senator McBride's statement that Col T. J. Buford has been recommended by the delegation for the Siletz Agency removes all doubt as to that office, and at the same time it gives no gleam of cheer to Dr. Carter and the twelve other disappointed applicants. It would also indicate that Dr. Carter was wrong in his premises in his recent letter to the Oregonian when he contended that Col. Buford was an applicant for Indian inspector and was not a "miscellaneous candidate." The Doctor will probably discover in time that there was a political deal made over this office, and that the Colonel was on the inside and the Doctor was on the outside.

The Salem Statesman says in an editorial, that it will only be a few years that the United States will have to depend on a foreign wheat market. We will bet that the man that wrote that editorial never was outside of the State of Oregon in his life, and that he thinks the little wheat belt of the Willamette valley raises about all the wheat grown in the United States. In a good crop year the state of Kansas will raise enough wheat to supply the home market of this country.

When Armour and Cudahy raise the price of meats, that is a corner on meats—when the Sugar Trust raises the price of sugar, that is a corner on sugar—when the coal operators combine and raise the price of coal, that is a corner on coal. All the above are legitimate, but when a lot of coal miners get together and form a corner on labor and say we want wages enough to live, then that is a riot and the militia is called out.—Roseburg Review.

The recent municipal election throughout the country would seem to indicate that the tide has turned, as democratic success in these elections seem to be the rule. Indianapolis, Ind., held its municipal election Tuesday, and the city was carried by the democrats by about 5,000 majority. All the wards showed heavy democratic gains. The city gave a large majority for McKinley a year ago.

There is a newspaper war brewing in Corvallis, or we miss our guess. The Gazette and the Union of that city are making faces at each other, and hostilities are liable to open up at any time. Last week's Union referred to the Gazette as the "patent medicine sheet", and the Gazette is firmly convinced that the Union is a hand bill for free distribution.

We have been waiting to hear from our republican exchanges at Corvallis, the reason why the growers and shippers of prunes at that place are receiving a lower price under a higher tariff. We have noted no explanation along that line at present.

## INCREASED RAILROAD TRAFFIC.

The prospects for traffic on the O. C. & E. road for the present shipping season are said to be better now than they have been for years. The immense grain crop of the valley is to be moved to market, and over the O. C. & E. is the natural outlet for a large part of it. The company have been seriously impeded by lack of steamers between Yaquina and San Francisco. It has been stated that for the lack of steamers necessary to carry the freight, that the company was compelled to refuse 2,000 tons of freight offered during the month of September. Recently Mr. Hammond made a trip to San Francisco to see if he could not arrange for more steamers. A dispatch from Corvallis indicates that his trip was successful, and that the company will not long be hindered by the lack of steamers on the ocean route. The dispatch says:

"The heavy movement of the grain crop has made additional steamer service on the route between Yaquina and San Francisco necessary, and arrangements have been perfected for a vessel to leave Yaquina every five days. The Truckee and the Protection are now doing the work, and a third steamer, soon to be completed in San Francisco, is to be added to the service as soon as she can be in readiness for the run. The grain movement over the Oregon, Central & Eastern route is the heaviest ever known at this season of the year, out the facilities for prompt handling are now complete."

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of lagrippe and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speed cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many good recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure. We have no hesitancy in recommending this excellent cough remedy to anyone afflicted with a cough or cold in any form.—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by O. O. Krogstad, druggist.

The announcement that the editor of the Corvallis Gazette had been recommended for postmaster of his town produced the following editorial in the Oregonian: "No doubt the editor of the Corvallis Gazette is the man who ought to be appointed postmaster at Corvallis. He supposes he has fitted himself for it by capping and snarling at the Oregonian. This is his stock in trade, and he boasts of it. He is one of those who have no opinion till they have first seen the Oregonian, and then they 'go ag'in it.' Appoint Johnson. If a booby can earn a place by malignity one direction and servility in another, he ought to have it."

After advertising a baby show for two weeks the Hood River Glacier has chronicled six births, and yet some people say that advertising does not pay, says the Milton Eagle.