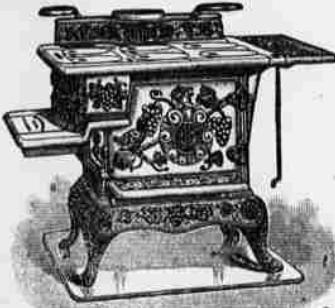


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Notice for Publication.
 Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon
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 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Lincoln county, at Toledo, Oregon, on May 28th, 1898, viz:
BENJAMIN BEERS, H. E. 10,470
 for the north east 1/4 of north west 1/4, north half of north east 1/4 and south east 1/4 of north east 1/4 of section 28, township 10 south, range 9 west.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Cyrenius H. Young, Norton's, Oregon; Joseph W. Price, of Norton's, Oregon; Harry S. Porter, of Norton's, Oregon; Robert Chambers, of Eddyville, Oregon.
CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.
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THE GREAT ISSUE.
 Are our people in favor of retiring the \$346,000,000 of greenbacks that circulate as money equally as good as silver and gold? If so vote for Republican representative to the legislature and Tongue and Moody for congressman. The legislature will elect a senator and he, with the congressmen, will have a vote on the proposition.

President McKinley and the Republican majority in congress favor taking up that paper money and issuing interest bearing gold bonds with which to secure the necessary redemption funds.
 On the other hand stand the Democratic, Populist and Free Silver Republican representatives and say that iniquity, conceived by banking and money loaning interests, shall not be accomplished. The issue is a plain one. Take your choice.—Eugene Guard.

The assertion is being frequently made throughout the county that Judge Fullerton hired the man McKenzie that the county paid nearly \$600 for the experting on the county books, and when the statement is disputed, it is always asserted that it is so but that the LEADER has stated that it was not, and that the statement of the LEADER is only a newspaper story. The LEADER has established a reputation for truth and veracity and it proposes to maintain that reputation in the minds of all fair and honest men, and in order to bring this matter to an ending and establish the truth or falsity of the statement we will make this standing offer: If Judge Fullerton hired the expert he did it as circuit judge, and if he did so his act is recorded in the journal of the circuit court for this county, or if it is not, the act is not valid. We will give any person \$5 who will produce a certified copy of the order made by Judge Fullerton hiring McKenzie, or any other person to expert the books of this county, or we will give the same amount of money to any person who will go with us and show us the journal entry containing such order. Of course \$5 isn't much money, but it will pay some of those fellows who know it all for their time in showing this matter up. If they fail to accept this offer the truthfulness of the statement in the LEADER should be allowed to go unchallenged by all honest men. Meantime now is an excellent chance for some of these critics to earn \$5, and at the same time confound the LEADER, a thing which some of them would be very glad to be able to do.

The McMinnville Telephone Register says the nomination of Hon. Wm. M. Ramsey of McMinnville for supreme judge has been well received, without regard to party affiliations. His worth as a citizen and lawyer is known in all parts of the state, and he has received a large number of congratulatory telegrams and letters from leading lawyers, some of them being prominent in the Republican party. What is needed is nonpartisanship in the supreme court, if it is to be a court of the people.

The principle of the initiative and referendum is democratic. It will not be opposed by any democrat who endorses the declaration of Jefferson that the people are capable of self government, nor will it be opposed by any republican who holds to Lincoln's idea that this should be a government of the people, by the people and for the people.—W. J. Bryan.

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The nomination of T. T. Geer is probably as good as the republicans could make under the circumstances. After seeking the office with great energy ever since he refused the Oregon City land office last year, he had it so well corralled that he did not have to go to the state convention, but returned to his farm proclaiming that the office must seek the man.—Oregon City Herald.

At the adjourned term of the district court at this place last Friday night decisions were rendered in two or three cases of more or less importance. The most important decision was that rendered in the case of Lincoln county vs. B. F. Jones, et al. This case came up on demurrer to the separate answers of the defendants. The defendant had set up in his answer that he had a contract existing with the former county court that terminated on the 1st of August, 1896, and that he had lived up and conformed to the terms of that contract in good faith and had made a full and complete settlement under the terms of said contract with the court that had executed it. This contention of the defendants the court sustained, overruling the demurrer thereto, but the court sustained the demurrer as to the delinquent tax money collected and held that the clerk should pay the same into the treasury.

The Journal entries prepared by the court after the usual caption reads as follows:

The above entitled cause came on for hearing at an adjourned term of said court, heretofore held upon plaintiffs' demurrer to defendants' further and separate answers to plaintiffs' complaint filed herein; the plaintiff appearing by M. L. Pipes and W. E. Yates, district attorney, its attorneys, and the defendant by J. K. Weatherford and W. S. Hufford, its attorneys. After hearing the argument of counsel, being still in doubt as to what order should be made in the premises, the said cause was taken under advisement for further consideration; and now having fully considered the same, find that the said demurrer should be sustained as to the first further and separate answer of defendant in said answer of defendant in said answer set out, and overruled as to the second and third further and separate answer pleaded therein.

Wherefore it is ordered that plaintiffs' demurrer to defendants' first further and separate answer be and the same is hereby sustained; and it is further ordered that plaintiffs' demurrer to defendants' second and third separate answer to plaintiffs' complaint be and the same hereby is overruled and denied.

And it is further ordered by the court that the defendants herein have thirty days in which to further plead in said cause, if he so desires, and that the plaintiff reply or plead thereto within twenty days thereafter.

Done in open court at Toledo, Lincoln county, Oregon, this 22d day of April, 1898.

"The above entitled cause having been heretofore argued and submitted upon plaintiff's demurrer to defendants further and separate answer to plaintiff's complaint herein; plaintiff appearing by M. L. Pipes and W. E. Yates, district attorney and the defendants by J. K. Weatherford and W. S. Hufford, their attorneys. Now after having fully considered said cause find that the said demurrer should be overruled in part and sustained in part; Whereupon it is ordered that plaintiffs' demurrer to defendants' first further and separate answer, in said answer stated, be and the same hereby is sustained.

It is further ordered that the plaintiffs' demurrer to the defendants' second further and separate answer to plaintiffs' complaint be and the same is hereby overruled.

And it is further ordered and adjudged that the plaintiffs' demurrer to the defendants third further and separate answer to plaintiffs' complaint, be and the same hereby is sustained."

Stripped of its legal verbiage the effect of the decision is practically against the county in all essential points. In overruling the demurrer as to the defendants answer that the clerk was on fees the court did not pass upon the construction of the law, but simply placed that matter on trial, and further time was given both parties to plead thereto.

TONGUE'S MONEY RECORD.
 Mr. E. R. Skipworth, of Eugene, a gold democrat, writing to the Oregonian relative to some recent criticism of Hon. R. M. Veatch's position on the money question, thus discusses Tongue's record on that question:

Now, while Mr. Veatch's position on a great question—money—is under examination, I would ask if it would not be equally interesting to turn the torchlight on T. H. Tongue's vacillating record on the same question? I believe Mr. Tongue is a candidate for congress in the first district of Oregon. Does the Oregonian remember that in 1895—three years after Mr. Veatch made his canvass in 1892—that same T. H. Tongue made his canvass for the United States senate as a champion of free silver and in opposition to J. N. Dolph, the gold-standard candidate? Does The Oregonian remember the famous free-silver letter written by Mr. Tongue in the latter part of 1894, wherein he ably and unreservedly advocated the free and unlimited coinage of silver without reference to the policy of any other government?

Does The Oregonian remember that in 1896, when the money question was at white heat, T. H. Tongue canvassed the first district for congress, on a republican straddle-bug money platform, and almost entirely ignored the money question, preferring to talk tariff and some old dead issues that had been settled over 30 years ago? It occurs to me that it would be peculiarly fitting and highly interesting just now for the Oregonian to give to its readers an editorial truly presenting Mr. Tongue's various shifting positions on a great question—the money question—which the Oregonian has always discussed with much ability.

Those who took an interest in the experiment made by the United States fish commission of planting Eastern oysters in Yaquina bay last summer will be pleased to learn that the commission has decided to continue the experiment during the coming season, and will put the work in charge of Professor Washburn, who devoted so much time and attention to insuring the success of the experiment last season. The entire expense connected with the matter is borne by the government and costs the state nothing. Professor Washburn is probably the best qualified man in the state to have charge of this matter, and has taken a great interest in it, and will, if anyone can, make a success of it.

One of the most deserving candidates before the people this year is Mr. J. Banks, of Drift Creek, the Union candidate for county superintendent. Mr. Banks holds a first grade certificate that he has secured by hard study, close application and diligent work. He is the eldest son of a widowed mother, and has been the main support and stay of the family. He has worked on the farm at Drift Creek, helping to support the mother and family, clearing up and building a home, teaching school whenever he could, which has been one or two terms each year, and during this time he has found time to study until he became proficient enough to pass an examination for a first grade certificate with high honors. He is deeply interested in school work, having been engaged in teaching for several years, and will bring an interest and application to the office. A young man of high moral character unimpeachable integrity, and with the struggle he has made successfully against adverse circumstances, he is entitled to and merits recognition at the hands of the electors of Lincoln county at the election in June.