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"A Plain Every-Day Falsehood."
 In its issue of December 19 THE LEADER stated that Judge Hamilton "regards \$600 as not too large a salary for the county judge of Lincoln county, and that he brands the law setting said salary at \$400 as 'a legislative error.'" Whereupon the Reporter went off at half cock, as usual, and remarked: "We are reliably informed that the alleged verbatim statement of Judge Hamilton is another falsehood which a truth-loving 'official paper' should have avoided." Indeed! The following self-explanatory letter will give our readers a pretty good idea as to who has lied:

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 15, 1902.
 Hon. C. M. Brown,
 County Judge of Lincoln County,
 Toledo, Oregon:

Dear Sir—Referring to your request that I give my judgment as to the reasonableness of \$600 per annum as the salary of the county judge of Lincoln county, I wish to say that I think \$600 per annum a reasonable salary. The position of county judge I regard as a very important one. Upon the wise and judicious conduct of his office must largely depend the successful administration of the affairs of the people of the county. If this is of any service to you in the way of having corrected that which appeared to me as a legislative error in fixing the salary of the county judge of Lincoln county, you are welcome to it. Very truly yours,
 J. W. HAMILTON.

As is well known, Judge Hamilton decided that the statutes fixed the salary of the county judge at \$400. A doubt existed on that point, and for this reason County Judge Brown was represented by counsel. But, as stated by THE LEADER, Judge Brown did not question the justice of Judge Hamilton's decision. It may interest our readers, however, to learn that the Oregon Code for 1902, which has been issued since Judge Hamilton's decision was rendered, places the salary of the county judge of Lincoln county at \$600. So there is still a chance for argument.

But the people have not yet been informed why the suit brought to reduce County Judge Stewart's salary to \$400 was suddenly dropped. The Reporter flippantly asks why THE LEADER does not furnish the information. That is simply dodging the question. It is asked only of those who are supposed to know.

Several letters from "Taxpayer" and numerous editorials have appeared in county contemporaries relative to the indebtedness of Lincoln county. These ready writers all seem to overlook the fact that much of this indebtedness is an inheritance of administrations under the old fee system. Thus ("we are reliably informed"), G. A. Landis, sheriff, and B. F. Jones, clerk, drew more than \$14,000 in a period covering a little more than two years. The present sheriff and clerk will draw considerably less than one-half that amount for a similar period. This is just one item of ancient history. Of course there are others.

THE LEADER has no apology to offer for its defense of the county officials. The people elected them, and they are performing the duties of office according to law. If any man has proof to the contrary, let him produce it. Being fair and honest is what is termed by the recent Mr. Holm pouring "the anointing horse liniment." When Mr. Holm returns and resumes his natural vocation—that of villifying those whom he failed to defeat in the election last June—we shall resume pouring out the horse liniment. During his absence we shall give our readers a few chapters from the records of Lincoln county.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
 In the matter of the estate of C. W. Howard, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that I, F. M. Wadsworth, as administrator of said estate of C. W. Howard, deceased, have filed my final account as such administrator with the Clerk of the County court of Lincoln County, Oregon, and that said court has fixed Monday, February 3, 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the County court-room in the courthouse in Toledo, Lincoln County, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account, and for settlement thereof. Dated this 23 day of January, 1903.

F. M. WADSWORTH,
 Administrator of the estate of C. W. Howard, deceased.

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November 14, 1902.

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 to make final proof in support of his claim,
 and that said proof will be made before the
 County clerk of Polk county at Dallas, Oregon,
 on January 12, 1903, viz:

Wesley J. Atchison, H. E. 14371, for the ne½
 sec 16, tp 8 s., range 9 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove
 his continuous residence upon and cultivation
 of said land, viz:

William May, John D. McDonald, Charles H.
 McManus and William McHardy, all of Sugar-
 loaf, Oregon.

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William McHardy H. E. No. 14300, for the w½
 sec½ and lots 6 and 7 sec 1, tp 8 s., range 9 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove
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 of said land, viz:

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John B. Erickson H. E. No. 14346 for the
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He names the following witnesses to
 his continuous residence upon and cul-
 tivation of said land, viz:

Wm. McHardy, W. V. Fuller, Geo. Cack-
 and Peter McNeal, all of Sugarloaf, Ore-
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 and that said proof will be made before the
 County clerk of Polk county, at Dallas, Or,
 December 26 1902, viz:

Joshua W. Tolford Jr. H. E. No. 14323 for
 sw¼ sec 9, twp 8 s., range 9 w.

He names the following witnesses to
 his continuous residence upon and cultivation
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Wesley J. Atchison, Charles H. McManus,
 William McHardy and Frederick Runkle, all
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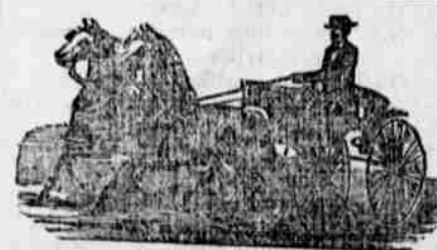
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