

Lincoln County Leader.

Oregon Historical Society
City Hall

Volume XIV.

Toledo, Lincoln County, Oregon. Friday, February 1, 1907.

Number 49

Teacher's Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Lincoln county will hold the regular examination of applicants for State and County papers at Toledo, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS

Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 16, at 4 p. m.
Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Spelling, Physical Geography, Reading, Psychology.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Bookkeeping, Physics, Civil Government.

Friday—Physiology, Geography, Mental Arithmetic, Composition, Algebra.

Saturday—Botany, Plane Geometry, General History, English Literature, School Law.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS

Commencing Wednesday, February 13 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 15, at 4 o'clock p. m.
1st, 2d and 3d GRADE CERTIFICATES
Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Orthography, Reading.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Physiology.
Friday—Geography, Mental Arithmetic, School Law, Civil Government.

PRIMARY CERTIFICATES

Wednesday—Penmanship, Orthography, Arithmetic, Reading.

Thursday—Art of Questioning, Theory of Teaching, Physiology.

GEORGE BETHERS,

County School Superintendent.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1907.

Off Again, On Again.

It was not a New Year swear-off—
He did it three months ago;
He could shake the habit any old time—
He had will power, you know.
'Twas truly a good example,
But alas! alas! 'tis said
Billy Hoffman is smoking again
In the baggage car ahead!

Nice Big Doll.

With each 25-cent purchase of stationery or soap at the Bonboniere you get a ticket on that beautiful doll.

Rebekahs Install.

At the meeting Tuesday night Do Good Rebekah Lodge installed the following officers:

N. G., Rose M. Schenck; V. G., Eva Peterson; Secretary, Otto O. Krogstad; Treasurer, Annette Krogstad; Chaplain, Ada Soule; Warden, Annie Turnidge; Conductor, Matilda Espy; I. G., Jennie Fish; R. S. N. G., Jennie Arnold; L. S. N. G., Alice Waugh; R. S. V. G., Olive Nye; L. S. V. G., Mollie Blower; Musician, Ella Stewart.

The installation was followed by refreshments and social entertainment.

Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Lincoln County, Oregon, for the building of a bridge on Five Rivers, the same to be built upon the same terms as heretofore made by certain inhabitants of the Five Rivers country. Plans and specifications must accompany each bid, and all bids are required to be filed with the County Clerk by Feb. 1, 1907. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the County Court.

IRA WADE, County Clerk.

Dated Jan. 17, 1907.

Clearance Sale.

During the next 30 days I will close out my stock of hats, caps and remnants at cost. With each 50-cent purchase will give a ticket on that large and beautiful doll. Mrs. T. P. Fish.

Bargains.

Closing out at below wholesale price: My entire stock of men's and boys' clothing, shirts, shoes and hats. Call early and get a bargain. T. P. Fish.

Just Received

One car load of flour; one car load of groceries, dry goods, etc. Now is the time to call and I will quote you prices that will save you money.

JOHN KENTTA, Siletz, Or.

Wanted—Two timber claims and one relinquishment with good timber.

W. SCHULTZ,

787 Hawthorne Ave., Portland, Or.

The Bon Ton, Newport, for fine cool drinks.

The choicest confectionery at the Bon Ton, Newport.

B. F. Hahn of Yaquina was in the city last Saturday.

THE LEADER and Portland Journal only \$1.75 for a year.

For Sale—A 3-inch farm wagon. Enquire at LEADER office.

Go to the Bon Ton in Newport for the finest tobaccos and cigars.

Born—January 27, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. William Yoder, a daughter.

School Superintendent Bethers made official calls at Elk City and vicinity Wednesday.

County Clerk and Mrs. Ira Wade returned Monday from a visit at Salem and Portland.

The largest line of spectacles and eyeglasses ever brought to this country. See Hans Peterson.

Sheriff Ross is collecting the taxes for 1906. Call early and avoid the rush; also get the rebate.

J. S. Copeland returned Wednesday to his home near Salado after a visit with his brother Clark.

Attorney C. E. Hawkins returned Tuesday evening from Salem, where he saw the state lawmakers in action for a few hours.

Superintendent J. T. Walch of the C. & E. visited the terminus Monday night, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mollie.

Owen Graves, the popular Bon Ton man of Newport, distributed some beautiful calendars among his Toledo friends this week.

Jesse and Ira Reeder came up from Yaquina Wednesday and went into the Siletz country, accompanied by Surveyor Jim Derrick.

Mrs. N. H. Sherwood of Albany returned to her home Tuesday, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hayden, at Mill 4.

Archie Enos left Tuesday morning for Rainier, where he expects to work in a factory. His sister, Mrs. F. H. Harmon, lives at Rainier.

Ed Meaker of Yaquina and Van Boone, Carl Knudson and Joe Shermer of Winant were in Toledo Tuesday after ammunition to fire at that oyster bill.

Arthur Tongeland returned Wednesday from Philomath. Mrs. Tongeland and that boy will continue their visit with her parents until the weather is more agreeable.

George Freeman, the painter, returned last week from San Francisco, where he worked several months at his trade. Bad water and typhoid fever chased him home.

W. E. Peterson came in from Albany last Friday and made the round trip next day into the Drift creek country, where he selected a timber claim. He returned to Albany Monday.

George King of Winant was a passenger Wednesday morning en route to Salem, where he will file a remonstrance and make a fight against the oyster bill mentioned in these columns.

E. M. Hoffman, who is with the Oregon Securities Company in the mining district of Lane county, was over on business the fore part of the week. He expects to return to Toledo within a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCluskey were called to Yaquina Tuesday evening by the serious illness of the latter's brother, Noah Leabo. Mr. McCluskey returned next morning, accompanied by Charlie Litchfield, who will help him run the ranch for a few days.

C. B. Croso arrived home Monday evening from the Tillamook coast, where he was engaged for several days in a fruitless search for his missing son. He was compelled to return on account of sickness and fatigue, but left Harry Fant, Will Soule and another man to continue the search.

J. F. Stewart is opening a branch store at Yaquina in the building formerly occupied by J. H. Reeder. He is putting in a stock of staple groceries, flour, feed, etc., and expects to keep a neat and clean stock. It will be in charge of Arthur Nye, a competent and courteous young man, and all who trade with them can be assured of a square deal. They expect to be ready for business the first of next week.

Oystermen's Association.

Oyster City, Jan. 25, 1907.

At a meeting of the Yaquina Bay Oystermen's Association, Michael Roddy, President, George King, Secretary, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, A bill has been introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Oregon, now in session at Salem, viz., House Bill No. 164, "to promote oyster culture and regulate the leasing of natural oyster beds on Yaquina Bay, Lincoln county, Oregon;" and

Whereas, The said bill states that on account of neglect the supply of native oysters in this state has been almost exhausted, and that there is no adequate protection for the oyster industry and propagation of oysters on Yaquina Bay, both of which statements are untrue; and

Whereas, Certain parties and others not residents of Lincoln county have introduced a bill asking the Legislature to set apart that part of the natural oyster beds of Yaquina Bay known as Oysterville Flats, Caffrey Island Flats and Mulligan's Bend, which are practically all of the natural oyster beds worked by the oystermen, and on which the oystermen have to depend for a living, and gather young oysters to plant upon their artificial beds. Should the above-named bill become a law, it will totally deprive the oystermen from making a living for themselves and families. Therefore be it

Resolved, That this Association does protest against the passage of the above-mentioned bill, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. G. S. Wright and the Hon. B. F. Jones, our representatives at Salem, asking them to use all their influence to defeat said bill. And be it further

Resolved, That this Association does protest against any change in the existing laws governing the natural oyster beds in Yaquina Bay.

M. Roddy, Chairman,
George King, Secretary.
John A. Olson,
Alfred Bailey,
Rocco DeTolo,
John Vignar,
Karl Knudson,
T. Ferr,
George Lewis,
S. J. Shermer,
M. G. Shermer,
H. J. Shermer,
John A. Shermer.

The Other Side.

To the Editor: As there has been a great deal of adverse comment on the bill now before the Legislature for the protection and promotion of the oyster industry, and no doubt many people have signed the remonstrance who know nothing about the provisions of the bill, except from representations made to them by parties who did not understand it, or who were prejudiced by personal interests, will you kindly give me space to give another side of the matter?

In the first place, we as citizens and taxpayers of Lincoln county are all interested in building up and developing all the natural resources of the county, and it is due to every citizen of the county that such natural resources should be so protected and cared for that the proceeds derived from them shall bring the most money into the county for distribution here; and that do resource be allowed to deteriorate or be sacrificed in the interests of any one man or a few men.

In the oyster business we have a resource, which if properly cared for will be with us always, and will bring many thousands of dollars into the county every year; but as the matter now stands we have no law to protect or encourage it at all; what there is on the statute books being vague, and leaving it to local regulations, without specifying as to what they shall be.

What is the consequence? For fifty years the oystermen have had the management of the business, and from being the main business of the county, employing many people, and sending out many schooner loads of oysters every season, it has gone down until you can count the regular oystermen on the fingers of your hands. Even 18 or 19 years ago, they were shipping more than a carload every month, and that at \$2.50 to \$2.75 a sack, and now when the price is \$3 to \$3.25 per sack, there was shipped last season from the combined output of private and natural

beds 434 sacks, bringing about \$1300, adding about \$300 for the opened ones sold, making the total income from all not more than \$1600 to be divided among all the oystermen.

For the first five months of this season, September to January, inclusive, there has been shipped just 64 sacks, selling for about \$200, which would bring the whole output for this season to not more than \$500. Surely this is enough to show that something different is needed.

As to the bill: I have been told in connection with this proposed legislation that nearly every man expected and looked for a "joker" in the bill, and that because I had presented this measure, there must be one there sure. Now I want to say that I drew that bill after an exhaustive examination of all the laws and reports of the Eastern oyster states, more especially Rhode Island and Connecticut, finding from the reports that they have been the most successful of all; that it is written in plain English, and means just what it reads. There is no "joker" in it, and if it becomes a law, will be the means of establishing a good industry and bringing many thousands of dollars into the county annually.

It provides for the County Court to regulate the designating and marking out of the private beds, and assures to the owner of such the ownership of all oysters and shellfish he may plant and grow on them, and for the platting and recording of the beds, so that all may know where the private beds are and who owns them; also that the transfers shall be recorded the same as land, so the title can be examined. In the case of the present owners of private beds the county pays the expenses of this platting and recording, that it may be no burden on those who have held them under existing laws. In case of all future beds set out, the petitioner shall pay all expenses.

The general provisions about new beds, will not effect to any extent, as all available grounds not natural beds are now occupied, but will help other bays (notably Coos) in starting the industry. It has been asserted that this bill would stop the digging of clams by any person in this county, but this is not the case, as it does not affect that at all, the private owners of land, holding down to the meander line, and the state having given all the tide lands down to low water to the railroad company, and no clams are dug below low water.

The bill assumes that the grounds under the waters and used for oysters come from the state and the people and must be used for that purpose, and so long as the person is holding a bed and using it for the growing and selling of oysters, he is protected in his rights; but if he does not, and it is held for speculation, or to keep others from using it, it reverts to the state and the Court can lease it to others.

In setting apart some of the natural beds for leasing for the propagation and growing of oysters, it is, as the bill states, to revive the industry, and gives the present oystermen the preference in leasing them for as much as they can care for, and the balance can be leased to other parties.

The natural beds have been cleaned so close that it will take ten years of the best kind of work to restock them, and hundreds of tons of shells must be put on them to catch spat, but by planting the Eastern spat at the same time it can be gradually brought to be valuable again. With proper care there is no reason why the output cannot be made to bring into the county \$100,000 annually in seven or eight years.

There is no intention of depriving anyone in the least of any rights they now have, or to cause them loss or harm in any way. As stated above, the present oystermen are protected in their private beds, are given preference in the leasing a portion of the grounds set apart, besides there being enough of the natural ground left, which, if properly kept up, will give them plenty of spat to keep their beds up with.

M. M. DAVIS.

[The future of the oyster industry on Yaquina Bay is an important and ripe topic for discussion. After a careful perusal of the bill, the editor of THE LEADER felt justified in signing the remonstrance against its passage. But every citizen who is familiar with the subject must realize that the oyster in-

dustry of Lincoln county is not what it should be, and no legitimate effort should be spared to make it a very important source of revenue—which can undoubtedly be done without injury to anyone. We have neither time nor space to devote to further discussion of the two widely different opinions of the bill harbored by the other fellows on one side and Mr. Davis on the other. It seems to be up to the Legislature.—Ed.] Since the above was put in type we have received more on the subject from Mr. Davis, but it must be sidetracked until next week.

Oregon is just at present getting a lot of free advertising in the numerous states that are considering the adoption of an initiative and referendum amendment. One well-known writer has called Oregon the political experiment station of the United States. True it is that Oregon has gone further than any other state in experiments with new ideas in government. What Oregon has done in experimental government is becoming as well known in the political world as the achievements of Burbank in the agricultural world.—Oregonian.

The amount expended annually for booze in the United States is, in round numbers, one billion four hundred million dollars. The Nation's drink bill is one-third more than the public debt, only a little less than the capitalization of all our trusts and industrial combinations; one-half the value of our domestic animals; more than one-half the value of all our farm products; one-third more than our total imported merchandise and one-twelfth more than our total exports. It is estimated that twenty million people, or one-fourth of this country's population, have the drink habit, and that 75 per cent of the crimes committed are the result of too much booze. Wouldn't it be nice if the one billion four hundred million dollars thus wasted annually could be utilized in the construction of good roads and the improvement of rivers and harbors? Divided among the states in proportion to area, Oregon—of which Lincoln county is an important but undeveloped fraction—would soon have everything in the line of perfect land and water transportation facilities. But the independent, liberty-loving, native-born or adopted thirty American citizen will not stand for any such scheme pro bono publico. They will continue to be dissatisfied with themselves in their natural state, blame their ancestors for their physical or mental shortcomings, and endeavor to improve the job by the regular absorption of liquid beautifiers and brain developers which fail to beautify and develop.

Enforcing the Law.

According to the Tillamook Herald something has been doing in that city. It had been suspected for a long time that parties in that town were violating the local option law. Sheriff Crenshaw and his deputies resolved to investigate. As a result of the systematic search for evidence a number of arrests were made and \$500 in fines added to the city funds, and more convictions to follow. The larger number pleaded guilty. One man who was tried by a jury was convicted and fined \$250 and 30 days in jail. In one of the jury trials the prosecution had only one witness and it was shown that he had served time in the reform school and penitentiary but the jury held the evidence to be conclusive and brought in a verdict of "guilty as charged" and the court assessed a fine of \$100.

From this we would infer that the way to enforce the law is to enforce it.—Albany Herald.

Pine Salve Carbolyzed, acts like a poultice; highly antiseptic, extensively used for Eczema, for chapped hands and lips, cuts, burns. Sold by Otto O. Krogstad's drug store.

Legal Blanks for Sale.

Warranty and quitclaim deeds, chattel mortgages and leases, at THE LEADER office.

For Sale—1 acre home ¼ mile from Toledo; 5 room house, woodshed, good well, spring, chicken house, small berries, good garden spot, all fenced. \$350 cash. Enquire at LEADER office.

THE LEADER and Oregonian—the best for the money—\$2 per year.