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CITY DIRECTORY

Fraternal and Benevolent Order

A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting of A. Chadwick Lodge No. 68 A. F. & A. M., at Masonic Hall, every Saturday night in each month on or before the full moon.
D. D. PIERCE, W. M.
R. H. MAST, Secretary.

O. E. S.—Regular meeting of Beulah Chapter No. 6, second and fourth Friday evenings of each month, in Masonic Hall.
MARY A. PIERCE, W. M.
ANNA LAWRENCE, Sec.

I. O. O. F.—Coquille Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F., meets every Saturday night in Odd Fellows Hall.
C. H. CLEAVER, N. G.
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MAMIE REBEKAH LODGE, No. 20 I. O. O. F., meets every second and fourth Wednesday nights in Odd Fellows Hall.
EMILY HURSEY, N. G.
ANNE LAWRENCE, Sec.

COQUILLE ENCAMPMENT, No. 25 I. O. O. F., meets the first and third Thursday nights in Odd Fellows Hall.
J. S. BARTON, C. P.
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K NIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Lycurgus Lodge No. 72, meets Tuesday nights in W. O. W. Hall.
R. R. WATSON, K. R. S.
O. A. MINTON, C. C.

PYTHIAN SISTERS—Justice Temple No. 35, meets first and third Monday nights in W. O. W. Hall.
MRS. GEORGE DAVIS, M. E. C.
MRS. FRED LINDBAR, K. of R.

RED MEN—Coquille Tribe No. 46, I. O. R. M., meets every Friday night in W. O. W. Hall.
J. S. BARTON, Sachem.
C. P. MILLER, C. of R.

M. W. A.—Regular meetings of Beaver Camp No. 10, 559 in M. W. A. Hall, Front street, first and third Saturdays in each month.
C. D. HUDSON, onsu I.
L. H. IRVINE, I. e. r.

R. N. A.—Regular meeting of Laurel amp No. 2972 at M. W. A. Hall, Front street, second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month.
MARY KEEN, Oracle.
EDNA KELLEY, Rec.

W. C. W.—Myrtle amp No. 197, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at W. O. W. Hall.
LEE C. COLE, C. C.
JOHN LERNEY, Sec.

EVENING CIRCLE No. 214, meets second and fourth Monday nights in W. O. W. Hall.
ORA X. MAURY, G. N.
MARY A. PIERCE, Clerk.

FARMERS UNION.—Regular meetings second and fourth Saturdays in each month in W. O. W. Hall.
FRANK BERKHOLDER, Pres.
O. A. MINTON, Sec.

FRATERNAL AID No. 398, meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month at W. O. W. Hall.
MRS. CHAS. EVLAND, Pres.
MRS. LORA HARRINGTON, Sec.

Educational Organizations and Clubs

COQUILLE EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE—Meets monthly at the High School Building during the school year for the purpose of discussing educational topics.
LENA ANDERSON, Pres.
EDNA MINARD, Sec.

K O KEEL KLUB—A business men's social organization, Hall in Laird's building, Second street.
A. J. SHERWOOD, Pres.
FRED SLAGLE, Sec.

COMMERCIAL CLUB—L. H. HAZARD, President; C. A. HOWARD, Secretary.

Transportation Facilities

TRAINS—Leave, south bound 8:10 a. m. and 2:40 p. m. North bound 9:26 a. m. and 4:26 p. m.

BOATS—Six boats plying on the Coquille river afford ample accommodation for carrying freight and passengers to Bandon and way points. Boats leave at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 9:50 a. m. and at 1:00, 3:30 and 4:45 p. m.

STAGE—J. L. Laird, proprietor. Departs 5:30 p. m. for Bandon via Myrtle Point, carrying the United States mail and passengers.

POSTOFFICE.—A. F. Linegar, postmaster. The mails close as follows: Myrtle Point 8:40 a. m. and 2:35 p. m. Marshfield 10:15 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. Bandon and way points, 7 a. m. Norway and Arago 12:45 p. m. Eastern mail 4:15 a. m. Eastern mail arrives 10: p. m.

City and County Officers

Mayor—A. T. Morrison
Recorder—J. S. Lawrence
Treasurer—R. H. Mast
Engineer—P. M. Hall-Lewis
Marshal—A. P. Miller
Night Marshal—Oscar Wickham
Water Superintendent—S. V. Epperson
Fire Chief—T. J. Thrift
Commissioners—Jesse Byers, C. T. Skeels, C. I. Kime, Ned C. Kelley, W. H. Lyons, O. C. Sanford. Regular meetings first and third Mondays each month.

Justice of the Peace—J. J. Stanley
Constable—Ned C. Kelley

County Judge—James Watson
Commissioners—W. T. Dement, Geo. J. Armstrong
Clerk—Robt. Watson
Sheriff—Alfred Johnson, Jr.
Treasurer—T. M. Dimmick
Assessor—T. J. Thrift
School Supt.—Raymond E. Baker
Surveyor—C. F. McCulloch
Coroner—F. E. Wilson
Health Officer—Dr. Walter Culin

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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest Reported For The Herald

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As a matter of fact some people do and some people don't. Of two persons who pay the same amount of tax, for instance, for the building of a city hall or to maintain police guardianship or for fire protection, both persons will benefit alike in a certain personal sense of safety and in a certain fact of safety; but one of them will be able to get a higher price or more ground rent for his building-lot and the other will have to pay the higher price or ground rent if he buys or leases that lot.

So there you have our present system of taxation as the Census Bureau has truly shown it to be. There is no scientific principle about it, unless you count legalization of robbery as a science. Some students of taxation, perhaps most of them, go so far as to say that not only is there no scientific taxation now but that no scientific taxation is possible. If you read their books you will be inclined to agree with them on that point if on nothing else. At least you will concede that they themselves don't know of any science of taxation. But even if there can be no science of taxation that does not dispose of the subject in its scientific aspects. Taxation is not an end; it is only a means. The end is public revenues. The means may be taxation or it may be something else. It had better be something else if the world's preceptors in taxation are to be everlastingly

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