

## FOREWORD

The material assembled in these two volumes represents a brief history of the Oregon judiciary for the past century.

Biographical sketches and photographs of all judges, past and present, who have served upon the Supreme Court of Oregon from the days of the provisional government are included, with one exception. We were unable to locate a picture of Osborne Russell, who served as Judge of the Supreme Court from November 1843 to May 14, 1844, and presided at the first trial recorded in the journal of the court, however, there is a short and interesting biography.

The biographical material has been compiled from a variety of sources and in some instances it has taken much time and effort locating copy that was informative and adapted to the purpose of preparing short biographies. Photographs have also been a difficult problem, especially with regard to some of the judges of pioneer days. Many pictures loaned to us had to be rephotographed, and some were copies from daguerreotypes, books and group pictures. We are indebted to the Oregon Historical Society for the use of many old and valuable photographs; also, to Dr. Arthur S. Beardsley, Law Librarian, University of Washington, Seattle, who favored us with several copies of rare old photographs.

To Miss Dorothy L. Cornelius credit is given for efficient work in compiling the historical and biographical material, also in supervising the necessary photographic copying.

During the past one hundred years many outstanding men have served with distinction upon the Oregon Supreme Court, and they have helped guide the destinies of its people through the maze and wilderness of modern life and a fast developing country. As time goes on perhaps this record of judicial careers may be continued and prove useful for reference purposes.

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