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JOSEPH B. DOANE, judge of Columbia county, and engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Rainier, was born near Coatesville, Chester county, Pa., May 24, 1842, and received his early training on the paternal farm and in the public schools. At the age of seventeen he put behind him the irresponsible life of a farmer boy and was apprenticed to a carpenter for three years, for the first year receiving \$5, the second \$7, and the third \$9 per month. During this time he was obliged to furnish his clothes and Sunday board, and to endure privations and hardships almost unknown to the apprentice of today.

Shortly before completing his apprenticeship Mr. Doane started in business for himself, and was doing fairly well when the breaking out of the Civil war was heralded as an opportunity of great magnitude, to be embraced by all able bodied and patriotic youth. Accordingly he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company E, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a private for three years, and was sent to General Wadsworth's brigade in Washington. However, Mr. Doane was not destined for a brilliant martial career, much as he desired to serve

his country, for at the end of two months he was discharged for disability, and was obliged to return to the more peaceful manner of life in his native state. In November, 1866, he removed to De Kalb county, Ill., and in Sandwich worked at carpentering for the Sandwich Manufacturing Company for seventeen years. Severing this long association in 1884 he came to Columbia county, Ore., took up a homestead of one hundred and forty acres, two and three-fourths miles from Rainier, in Beaver valley, upon which he lived and prospered for twelve years. During this time he brought his property to a high state of cultivation, carried on dairying to some extent, and at the same time enlarged his field of activity by building and contracting throughout his neighborhood.

In 1895 Mr. Doane moved into the town of Rainier, and the following year was elected justice of the peace, having filled the same office for nine years while living on his farm. This position was resigned upon his election to the county judgeship on the Republican ticket in 1896, which responsibility he is maintaining at the present time. As a business proposition Judge Doane has engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Rainier, and some of the most desirable farm and city property in the county has passed through his hands. He is fraternally well and favorably known in this section, and as a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 58. of Rainier, has filled all of the chairs, and was representative to the Grand Lodge of the state. He is also identified with the Red Men, and has represented his order at the grand council of the organization.

October 24, 1862, Judge Doane was united in marriage with Hannah J. Gregg, widow of Solomon Gregg, and mother of one child, Elizabeth I. Gregg, now the wife of H. H. Doane of Portland. To Judge and Mrs. Doane has been born one son, John H., who is a rancher near Rainier. Judge Doane is one of the highly honored and capable wearers of the ermine in Columbia county, and in his character and general citizenship has not strayed from the moral teachings of his Quaker ancestors, in which atmosphere his boyhood days were passed.

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