Chapter 192

Public Records and Reports

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NOTES OF DECISIONS

A newspaper publisher has a right to examine county clerk's records of county and circuit courts, to obtain items of news. Bend Publishing Co. v. Haner, (1926) 118 Or 105, 244 P 868.

A writing need not be a document that is required by law to be kept as a memorial of official action in order to come within the definition of a "public record." Mac-Ewan v. Holm, (1961) 226 Or 27, 359 P2d 413.

The right of inspection cannot be exercised so as to unreasonably interfere with the business of government. Id.

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NOTES OF DECISIONS

A newspaper publisher has the right to inspect the records and files of the county and circuit courts for the purpose of securing and preparing matter for newspaper publication. Bend Publishing Co. v. Haner, (1926) 118 Or 105, 244 P 868.

A writing need not be a document that is required by law to be kept as a memorial of official action in order to come within the definition of a "public record." Mac-Ewan v. Holm, (1961) 226 Or 27, 359 P2d 413.

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