

THE TAX LIMIT FAILS TO LOWER

People Vote Special Funds at Startling Rate; Figures Show Schools Get Almost as Much as State.

Stephen A. Stone, staff correspondent of the Portland Telegram, presents some startling figures relating to the 6 per cent limitation amendment to the constitution in a recent number of the Telegram. He says: Oregon's experience with taxes is the adoption of the 6 per cent limitation amendment to the constitution has revealed two startling facts: One is that the people are more exacting many times over than the legislature. The other is that if any one wants to enter into a plot to increase taxes to the benefit of any person he can convince almost any taxpayer himself.

School Taxes Gain.

School taxes particularly are interesting. The 6 per cent limitation, as is generally known, means that taxes in any one year cannot exceed by more than 6 per cent the taxes of the previous year unless authorized by vote of the people. The limitation provided in 1916 was initiated by the State Taxpayers' League. In the league's argument for the bill, appearing in the voters' pamphlet of that year, are these statements: Oregon's per capita tax is higher than that of any other state in the union. During the past ten years, taxes have increased 3 per cent a year. Taxes have increased five times faster than population. Unless a limit is provided the legislature and our public officials will continue to increase our taxes as rapidly as they have in the past."

Here is Oregon's peculiar predicament in taxation: The state tax levy in 1920 was more than it ever had before by something over \$1,000,000, of which \$950,435.47 was due to the market road millage act passed by the people in 1919, and \$128,072.53 to the service men's educational aid act.

Big Increase Shown.

But this year the state levy is more than 100 per cent in excess of the levy of 1920, which is startling. In dollars and cents the state tax levy for 1921 is \$9,193,195.22. The only time the state legislature has had in looking on this tremendous increase has been in retreating certain measures to the people. The people themselves have done the voting. And the 6 per cent limitation does not apply when the people speak.

But this big jump in state taxes, an increase of \$8,191,897.22 over last year, starting as it is, is less to be marveled at than the further fact that this is the work of the people alone without any help from the legislature. In special school taxes alone, entirely aside from regular taxes in school districts, the people of Oregon this year have voted \$9,099,813.24, or almost as much as the total state tax.

Here is the way the thirty-six counties of Oregon have voted special school taxes for this year: Baker, \$294,919.77; Benton, \$99,477.81; Clackamas, \$294,685.86; Columbia, \$167,901.64; Coos, \$236,171.95; Clatsop, \$375,197.49; Crook, \$28,983.95; Curry, \$28,615.84; Deschutes, \$179,936.91; Douglas, \$214,355.84; Gilliam, \$55,984.74; Grant, \$65,236.88; Harney, \$52,182.67; Hood River, \$146,325.04; Jackson, \$298,188.11; Jefferson, \$64,261.47; Josephine, \$82,499.17; Klamath, \$112,263.52; Lake, \$63,392.48; Lane, \$27,019.49; Lincoln, \$68,129.36; Linn, \$215,148.42; Malheur, \$171,222.84; Marion, \$236,956.19; Morrow, \$147,822.41; Multnomah, \$3,217,384.72; Polk, \$92,615.03; Sherman, \$92,247.35; Tillamook, \$127,439.62; Umatilla, \$459,223.63; Union, \$155,130.82; Wallowa, \$130,592.31; Wasco, \$154,610.77; Washington, \$179,459.12; Wheeler, \$48,212.32; Yamhill, \$209,059.11.

Of the \$9,193,195.22 in state taxes levied this year more than half is for educational purposes, not counting the millage levy for the education of soldiers, sailors and marines of the

World War The major portion of the educational levies are by vote of the people and not within the scope of the 6 per cent limitation.

The amounts are somewhat over-sized this year due to the fact that when they were authorized it was too late to include them in the levy of 1920 and the present levy is for both 1920 and 1921. Following are the state levies not affected by the constitutional limitation:

Oregon Agricultural college—1920, \$679,155.75; 1921, \$713,718.
University of Oregon—1920, \$509,366.81; 1921, \$525,388.66.
Oregon Normal school—1920, \$59,426.12; 1921, \$62,459.34.
Ex-service men's education aid act—\$416,335.62.
Public elementary schools—\$2,981,678.19.
State market road appropriation—\$1,949,839.65.

For comparison here is Oregon's state tax for the last five years: 1917, \$2,699,250; 1918, \$2,856,295; 1919, \$3,021,402; 1920, \$4,391,298; 1921, \$9,493,195.22.

FARM POINTERS

(From O. A. C. Experiment Station.)
If stable manure is used, it is advisable to put it on before plowing or disking. It should be well rotted and if applied after plowing it should be thoroughly harrowed in. Well rotted stable manure can still be used for late crops and rank feeding crops such as corn or kale. The O. A. C. experiment station has realized from \$2.50 to \$10 a ton on stable manure applied for forage crops.

A good yield of potatoes is impossible with only half a stand. The surest way is to get a stand first and then take care of the plants.

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Field peas or vetch for forage or seed should not be planted now in most sections of the Willamette valley as the season has advanced too far.

Pear and cherry slugs can be controlled by application of the codling moth lead arsenate "30-day" spray, 2-709. This spray is also effective when the pests appear.

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NEW TEACHERS' COURSE AT STATE AG. COLLEGE

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To meet the call of Oregon grade and high schools for more qualified teachers of vocational subjects, the state board of higher curricula has authorized a new degree course in vocational education at the state college. This will allow students who wish to teach such subjects as agriculture, home economics, engineering, and commerce to take as much of each as is needed for effective teaching, without extreme specialization in a technical subject.

Experienced teachers, normal school graduates and students from other colleges, may get their credits accepted in the new course and fit themselves for vocational teaching and supervision in one to three years, depending on the number of college credits they enter with.

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Another opening is offered to students preparing to teach the "related subjects" under the Smith-Hughes laws—mechanical drawing, industrial chemistry, business English, commercial law, and others.

A special bulletin descriptive of the new course will be ready for distribution in May.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REALTY AT PRIVATE SALE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon in and for Columbia County In the Matter of the Estate of William C. Fischer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned executor of the above entitled estate, in the Court aforesaid, will offer for sale and subject to confirmation by the court, from and after the 28th day of May, 1921, to the best and highest bidder for cash in hand, lawful money of the United States of America, in one parcel, all of the right, title, interest and estate of said deceased and of his said estate in and to the following

real estate situate, lying and being in the County of Columbia, State of Oregon, and particularly bounded and described, as follows, to-wit:

The Donation Land Claim of Isaac and Mary L. Voorhies, being Claim No. 44, in Section 21, Township 7 North of Range 2 West, Will. Mer., Excepting from said Donation Land Claim the following described tract, to-wit: Beginning 99 feet east of a point located 6.20 chains east and 2.59 south of the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of said section 21; thence south 21 rods and 19 feet; thence east 74 rods; thence north 21 rods and 19 feet; thence west 74 rods to the place of beginning. Also excepting therefrom that tract of land conveyed to Dean Blanchard by W. C.

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