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COUNTY COURT SETS TAX RATE

LEVY OF 10.3 MILLS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR 1919.

Total Appropriations for County and State Purposes are Over a Quarter of a Million Dollars

At the county budget meeting held in the court house recently, the appropriations for 1919 were made and the tax rate set. The total levy for next year for both county and state purposes will be 10.3 mills. The list of appropriations is as follows:

County to state	\$ 61,304.20
For general fund	137,535.00
School fund	40,600.00
High school fund	10,000.00
Library fund	550.00
Indigent soldiers' fund	340.00
Outstanding warrants	6,000.00
TOTAL	\$256,229.00

The assessed valuation of property in Union county in 1918, \$24,973,686.20, and to raise the needed amount the tax levy of 10.3 mills is required.

WAGE INCREASE IS ANNOUNCED

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH EMPLOYEES GIVEN RAISE

Messengers Not Included—Postmaster General Burleson Announces Decision Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Wage increases of from 5 to 10 per cent. for all employees of telegraph systems under government control have just been authorized, according to an announcement made today by Postmaster General Burleson. The increase takes effect tomorrow, January 1st.

Messengers are the only employees who will not receive the benefit of the wage increase.

Employees who have been in the service continuously for six months or a year get a 5 per cent. raise, and those who have served continuously for a longer period get a 10 per cent. increase. It is provided, however, that no individual salary is increased to more than \$200 per month.

CALIBRE OF SLACKERS

Many War Marriages Fail, in Opinion of Chicago Judge.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The "slacker marriages" performed by thousands in the early days of the selective service law, are "beginning to bear fruit in the form of deserted wives and children," according to Judge William N. Gessell of the court of domestic relations. The judge, disguised by the heavy tales of war related by war brides, who have bled slacker husbands into court, announced that he would see that as many as possible of the culprits are sent to jail.

"When the selective service act came, these fellows hurried to get a marriage license and then, pleased that they had dependent wives, they deserted the women who kept them out of war."

Judge Gessell said that the increase in complaints against slacker husbands had been alarming. In December, 1917, there were thirty-four such warrants; thus far in December, 1918, there have been 130.

But, by its own nature, can rise only so far above the road and birds which fly higher never have it upon their wings.—Henry Ward Beecher.

MANY FAMILIES IN QUARANTINE

HEALTH OFFICER GIVES LIST OF HOMES TAGGED.

List Will Be Published Daily in The Observer and Will Be Kept Up-to-Date.

This is a partial list of the flu quarantines in La Grande at the present time, furnished by the city physician and the chief of police. A list of new quarantines and releases, will be published daily, from now on: Ed Thomas, 1505 Second street. R. D. Crawford, 1513 U avenue. Wm. Church, 1908 Second street. Webb, 1901 Adams avenue. J. D. Smith, 1706 First street. Fred Currey, 801 Penn avenue. H. McKinnis, 602 O avenue. H. S. Brown, 604 O avenue. Vincent Palmer, 704 O avenue. J. W. McFarlin, 1602 O avenue. Fred Speath, 1805 Eighth street. E. C. Herzinger, Seventh and Penn avenue.

L. L. McKennon, 1311 N avenue. W. G. Robertson, Waverly Apts. H. E. Fulton, 2102 N. Fir street. J. C. Hughes, 1800 Cedar street. E. E. Carpenter, 2303 N. Birch. Murphy family, 2714 N. Fir. Alex. Ferguson, Fourth and C streets.

A. C. McLellan, 906 Adams avenue. Mrs. Apuse, 1814 E. Penn. Lee Warnick, 506 B street. Lilla Mulkey, 1814 E. Penn. Joe See, 1904 Q avenue. Isaac Crawford, 2808 N. Second. J. L. Courtney, 2314 N. Third. A. Jones, 1419 Y avenue. 1904 O avenue.

Calaska, a Greek, no house or street number. Chris. Nelson, 501 Cedar street. R. L. Baker, 309 Division street. J. C. Maxwell, 206 Lake street. V. W. Webb, 2511 Second street. J. W. Knowles, 901 Main avenue. Tom Brownell, corner Cedar and Adams.

F. A. Epling, 901 C avenue. H. McGinnis, 904 Spring street. J. Harvey, 141 1/2 Fifth street. Nels Nelson, 1803 X avenue. Lindsay, corner First and A streets. Waldrop, 805 N avenue. Adolph Stegert, 702 O street. W. R. Jones, Seventh and O streets. John Speckhart, Fifth street. J. Huff, 1803 Adams (released). J. L. Brandt, 1701 Washington ave. Hal Bohnenkamp, 1701 First street. Ed Reynolds, 1508 Second street (released).

W. D. Stoop, 1311 W avenue (released). Walter Hopper, 1420 W avenue. Chas. Smith, Depot and Z avenue. 2907 Third street. 2111 First street. 2502 X avenue (released). Carl Snodgrass, 1421 Y avenue. Earl Roberts, 1506 Y avenue (released).

W. Cafford, 1426 Z avenue. Fred Barham, 1201 V avenue. W. W. Lathan, 8011 Division street. G. M. Brown, 1426 Jackson avenue. Ed Rogers, N. Birch. Hazer, Second and Division. Chas. Chandler, Sugar Factory addition. 315 Division street. 505 Adams avenue. C. D. Crowe, 504 Penn avenue. 1708 Y avenue. 1906 Oak street. 2504 N. Birch. 2403 N. Birch. Henry Ferguson, 2008 E. Penn avenue.

J. Ward, 1305 T avenue. H. Taylor, 2016 Cedar street. H. E. Brown. R. H. Mason, 2010 Adams (released). Nate Zwiefel, 2016 Adams avenue (released). Geo. Hopkins, 303 Alder street. W. W. Glass, 808 B street. R. Smith, 2010 First street. Rev. Hawks, Methodist parsonage. D. M. Hunt, 2907 N avenue. C. Palmer (released). McNeely, 404 Third street.

EX-KAISER CAN'T BE EXTRADITED

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Whether Germany could demand the Kaiser's extradition, even if she were disposed to do so, is another matter.

If abdication has been accomplished formally, Maycock declares William Hohenzollern then becomes merely a private individual visiting in Holland. However, even if this is the case, there is nothing in the law to prevent the Netherlands from according Count William all the rights of a sovereign.

"Suppose they do so," says Maycock. "It may then be asked in what do such privileges consist?"

On this point, Maycock quotes a paragraph work an international law, written by W. E. Hall, which states that a sovereign "cannot be proceeded against either in ordinary civil or criminal tribunals."

Maycock concludes that "unless the Kaiser has formally abdicated it would be up to him to claim in Holland the immunity enjoyed by sovereigns as a foreign state."

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EUROPE'S POLITICAL POT NOW BUBBLING

LLOYD GEORGE'S RE-ELECTION MAY EXERT INFLUENCE UPON SITUATION.

With the returning of Premier Lloyd George's government to power in England in the recent elections, the results of which were made known Saturday, uncertainty with regard to one phase of the European political situation is eliminated, and while the French cabinet talks of changes and a report comes that the Italian government is likely to undergo certain modifications, the result in England may be expected to have a certain stabilizing influence on the situation in these other two countries.

In the corridors of the chamber of deputies in Paris mention is made that certain under secretaries will be suppressed, such as that of the aeronautics portfolio, which, until now, has been held by Jacques Du mesnil. Rumor also says that Louis Deschamps, recently appointed to an undersecretaryship for demobilization, is about to resign.

Certain ministers are also said to be contemplating the resigning of their functions, while an eminent examiner would be called in to help Premier Clemenceau in discharging his duties at the peace conference. The new minister would be a parliamentarian attached to the foreign affairs ministry. Clemenceau would turn over the ministry of war to one of his collaborators and occupy himself entirely with the peace conference.

French Press Favors League. A noticeable change of attitude toward the peace principles of President Wilson is seen in the French press almost on the eve of the peace conference. Important French newspapers which had paid little attention to the Wilsonian idea of a league of nations are now openly supporting it, together with other ideals of the President. French public opinion has been a potent influence in the new attitude toward the formation of such a society of the nations.

A contrasting view is held by the militarist and now reactionary Echo de Paris, which demands first a rectification of the frontiers of France, appealing to the allies, particularly to Great Britain, to revise the treaty of 1815.

"In England people live on an island, protected completely by the sea. Americans are safe and comfortable at home, for the Atlantic is broad. In France, should the frontiers not be altered, there will remain the door in the east through which the boche has too often passed."

Fears Germany Won't Stay Good. "For her own protection England must guard the safety of Belgium and provide for its neutrality by binding treaties. But France and Belgium can not live in security unless they possess the strategic frontiers which nature has traced."

"We would beg our American friends who ask Germany only to be good to consider that no matter what promises may be made by our beaten enemy, there is small chance that they will be lastingly observed. From the day of her recovery from this blow, Germany will feel a fresh desire for conquest and she will fall on France."

"Let our allies take our interests in hand. We fear that the politicians are too far from the realities to get a proper perspective of affairs. In the order that they may clearly see the situation and the possibilities that may develop from it, the nations across the seas should view our interests and provide for their defense as though they lived in our corner, which is a bad one."

Le Matin, Paris, publishes a two-

column article outlining the functions of the league of nations, indicating how Germany would gain admittance to it. It demands that the question of a society of nations be discussed by the peace conference, as actual sessions, together with other related matters, and that the possibility should be treated after the conference as a subject apart from it. The only reservation of Le Matin applies to the neutral countries that would have the option of forming part of the society after the conclusion of definite peace.

The entente delegates should say to Germany and to her associates: "Obligatory arbitration and limitation of armaments are an integral part of our conditions. You must acknowledge them now, and you will know later in what manner they will be put into practice."

"Apart from the collective penalties that must be visited upon the German people, there will be the matter of penalizing the personal guilt of the Kaiser."

"There will be a world police to look after offenders against order, an international tribunal will be instituted to adjust the disagreements of nations and, as far as possible in human power, war will be brushed out of the road of civilization."

POLISH JEWS NOT MASSACRED

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nace J. Paderewski, the musician. Mr. Smulski said Paderewski recently sailed for Danzig in a British cruiser from London.

The cablegram said the recent disturbances in Eastern Galicia were not programs at all, but "were really due to the wholesale release of criminals, and as a result 60 of the malefactors were immediately shot by Polish troops and 1500 were arrested. Out of that number it was later learned that 40 per cent were Ruthenians, 20 per cent Poles and only 10 per cent Jews, so it is evident that religious persecution could not have been the basis for these disturbances."

Relief Appeal Is Made. The cablegram describes internal conditions in Poland as "extremely acute," recites the need of immediate supplies of food, blankets and clothing and continues:

"Prospects for assistance from the inter-allied food administration are remote as they expect the Polish government to deposit 2,000,000 pounds sterling for carrying out effective relief work, which is out of the question as the Polish government in its present formation is powerless to raise such a loan."

"Paderewski feared that the undertaking is too vast for the Poles in America," but Mr. Smulski said that steps had already been taken for the organization of a strong rescue committee.

Discussing the political situation in Poland, Mr. Smulski pointed out that the provinces which comprised German and Austrian Poland seemed to be withholding co-operation from the ministry which is attempting to govern the territory formerly held by Russia.

Understanding Is Sought. "In view of these conditions," he added, "the departure of Mr. Paderewski on a British cruiser is significant and manifestly an effort is in progress to bring about through Paderewski's instrumentality an understanding among the sections of the dismembered country over which Russian Bolshevism, as well as German and Austrian intrigue is still trying to exert an influence."

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LOTS OF THEM THESE DAYS IN AUSTRIA

Portland, Dec. 31.—(United Press)—Carl Shestakt is the defendant in a divorce suit which was filed here today because he is alleged to have expressed a wish that his wife might die, so that he might return to Austria, whence he came many years ago, and pick out a young and beautiful spouse.

Word has been received from Dr. W. T. Phy that he has been released from the government service at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, and will be permanently at home at the Hot Lake sanatorium about the 10th of January.

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