

LANE COUNTY CITIES PAYING 43.55% OF TAX MONEY

Survey Conducted By Oregon Voter Shows That Farm Property Pays about One-Fourth.

Tax statistics compiled by the Oregon Voter for every county in the state reveal that in Lane County 43.55% of the total property tax is paid by property within cities, while 56.45% is paid by property outside of cities. The taxes paid by property in all the cities in Oregon represent 52.64% of the total tax, while property outside of cities bears 47.36% of the tax burden.

Lane County farm property pays about one-fourth of the taxes—23.4%—compared with all farm property in the state, which pays 25.97% of the total. Lumber and timber property outside of cities pays 18.54%, railroad and utility property in the county pays 13.8%, and all other non-city property pays 3.01% of the total. The following table, compiled by the Voter, shows the amount and proportion paid by each source:

Outside of Cities:	Amount	%
Agricultural property	\$411,827	23.40
Lumber and timber	326,362	18.54
Railroads and utilities	202,535	11.50
All other	53,069	3.01
In Cities:		
Railroads and utilities	40,435	2.30
All other	726,243	41.25
Total	\$1,760,471	100.00

The average tax rate for the county is 45.92 mills. This is a higher rate than in Douglas, Benton or Linn counties, where the average rates are 35.08, 40.53 and 37.5 mills respectively. The per capita tax for Lane County, \$48.68, is not as high as the per capita for Douglas, which is \$54.85, but it is higher than in Benton, where the per capita is \$39.25, and higher than in Linn, where it is \$45.96.

In the unincorporated territory of Lane County the average rate is 38.58 mills, which is slightly higher than the average of 31.93 mills for the unincorporated territory of the state. Within cities it is 60.94 mills, compared with the average of 47.33 mills for all cities in the state. The Lane County per capita in territory outside of cities is \$49.07, while the per capita for all unincorporated territory is \$63.43. The city per capita is \$48.18, compared with that for all cities, \$45.77.

Florence has one of the highest tax rates in the state, 89.8 mills. Cities with higher rates are Lakeside, 126.2; Bend, 106; North Bend, 100; Seaside, 94.1; Bandon, 92.3; Redmond, 91.9; and Prineville, 91.25. Eugene has the highest per capita in the county, \$53.03. This is much lower than the per capita in many cities, however, notably, Warrenton, \$255.56; Gearhart, \$214.54; West Linn, \$117.25; Newport, \$93.02; Toledo, \$88.74 and Seaside, \$84.45.

Lane County taxes this year show an increase of 18.86% above those levied in 1924, compared with an increase of 6.06% for the state as a whole. The county tax roll of \$1,760,471 represents 4.13% of the total property tax levied in Oregon, which is \$42,660,781.

Of the county total, \$723,207, or 41.08% will be used for high and grade school purposes, and an additional \$101,640 of 5.77% will go toward the support of higher educational institutions. Road will receive \$461,693, of which \$153,348 was levied for road bonds. The levy for county general purposes is \$146,856, for cities and towns, \$213,326, port districts, \$32,841, and fire port, \$4,269. Lane County's share of the tax for state administrative purposes is \$32,180, or 1.83% of the county total, and for the soldiers' bonus, \$43,479.

Following are the tax rates and per capita taxes in the various (Continued on page 4.)

Cockerel for Dinner Is Killed by Boy

When Vinal Randall Jr., three years of age, wants fried chicken for a meal he goes and gets the chicken, decapitates it and takes it into the house for his mother to prepare. At least that is what he has done once.

How he got the head off the chicken without cutting himself is a puzzle to his parents, and how he happened to select a cockerel is another puzzle, but the little lad succeeded in doing both and nearly caused his mother to faint when he appeared with the chicken and requested that it be prepared for his supper.

LOTS WILL BE FENCED

Property on Washington Avenue to Have Improvement.

A fence will be erected around the vacant lot on Washington Avenue on property belonging to George Ware according to action taken at the regular meeting of the city council held Monday evening. At this meeting a request for permission to build such a fence was brought in by L. Van Vliet who conducts a used car exchange on this property.

Due to the nature of the work and the large number of automobile parts stored on the property considerable agitation has been brought before the council by local citizens asking that some measure be taken to make these lots more attractive. Because of the nearness to the city park many persons felt that some improvement on the appearance of the property should be made.

The request for permission to build a fence around the lots came as a solution to this problem which has been before the city for several months. It is thought by council members that the fence will serve the purpose for which it is intended and remove any objections which may have existed as to the appearance of the lots affected.

PAVING CONTRACTS LET

Chestnut and Adams Avenue Jobs Given to J. C. Compton.

Two paving contracts were given J. C. Compton, McMinville contractor, at the meeting of the city council Wednesday evening. These contracts were for the paving of Chestnut avenue with straight curb and macadam for \$3,246.00 and for a combined curb, gutter and paving on east Adams avenue at a cost of \$8,005.00.

The contract for Chestnut avenue will not be given until residents of "s" vicinity have determined whether they want straight curb or combined curb and gutter.

The bid of Mr. Compton, who was the only bidder, was below the previous cost when bids were received for this work and similar to bids submitted by him some time ago which were considered low. At the meeting Monday evening the matter of giving contracts for this work was referred to the street committee to be taken up at a later date.

An assessment against property for lateral sewer districts on G and H streets was made in order to finance sewer work in these districts. Notices of assessment have been sent to property owners involved. The paving bids were referred to the street committee Monday evening.

Auto Wrecking Business Sold.

The auto wrecking business which was established here by L. Van Vliet and conducted by him for two years, has been sold to M. V. and Harold Welden. Mr. Van Vliet expects to go to southern Oregon to go into the same business.

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Footprints of Pioneer Days

INTERESTING EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO LAID STURDY FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESENT GENERATION

C. M. Hyskell in Portland Telegram.

(Concluded from May 25.)

"She was very much afraid of the big grizzly bear which sometimes killed her sheep. She had about 30 head of sheep, which she corralled near her shanty every night. Late one evening, when she was hunting for the sheep she saw a very large grizzly bear as big as a horse. She was so frightened at its appearance that she ran home and did not look further for the sheep that night.

"She was also troubled by the Indians. Different tribes of Indians came in large bands of about 200, and after camping near her place of abode for about a fortnight would also disappear before day-break. On a beautiful moon shiny night when the ground was covered with snow, a large, husky, savage looking Indian climbed up to the top of the fire-place and was on the point of crawling into the house down the chimney, when in spite of his noiseless movements, he awakened her, and seeing the shadow of his body in the moonlight she called to him to halt, and threatened to shoot him if he further entered.

"One of Perry Richardson's girls, who lived about a mile away, and had come to remain with her for the night, because she was so afraid and lonely, begged her not to shoot the Indian lest the whole tribe might cruelly murder them all three, for tar and feather them and burn them at the stake.

"In early days it was nothing to see Indians prowling around. Mother moved her shack near Richardson's in order that she might be more protected from the Indians. One day, when a large band was camped near Richardson's house, a member of the tribe named "Pony," came to the hut. The Richardson family were dreadfully afraid of him and mother too, was intensely frightened, but had to pretend bravery. "Pony" drew a bow and arrow on some of the members of the family. Mother was sent for and upon her appearance he quickly made his exit, all the Indians being afraid of her. She picked up a club on the way. They said, "White woman heap bravo!"

"She milked two cows and always called two little Indian boys to get the cows for her. They always said, "What'll you give me?" She said, "I'll give you a good lickin', if you don't go and get those cows!" When they brought the cows home she very pleasantly

Magazine Forms Held For News From Hill Climb

The motorcycle hill climb recently held here was the cause of holding the presses on magazines which were at the time ready to print, the magazines being at the two extremes of the continent, one in Los Angeles and one in New York.

C. E. B. Clement, of Portland, who refereed the hill climb, is also the correspondent for several motor magazines. Upon his return to Portland he received word to rush pictures for which a magazine there was being held and to rush pictures by airplane mail to New York, where the forms on another magazine were being held; also to send a story by wire to a Chicago motor magazine and send photos for the following edition.

Abie Martin: Elmer Moots is over 39 years old and he's so trifling he hasn't made a dollar since he used to get paid for taking castor oil.

surprised them with a piece of corn cake and butter.

Lane county in those days was wild. It was nothing to see Indians galloping across the country. There were many wild animals, bear, deer, coyotes, cougars, etc. Mother had a great record of being brave. She and her small son, James, were all alone for months and months at a time.

After James grew to be a man he spent most of his time breaking wild horses, living in Heppner for several years. He finally met his death by being kicked by a horse. His widow married a Mr. Clark and his children and grandchildren still live in or near Heppner.

"Once or twice during the year Daddy went to Oregon City for provisions. The trip, now requiring only a few hours, then took about two weeks. Mother always remained at home taking care of the stock during his absence. She had an old muzzle loading gun that was no good, which her father had before he left Missouri. The Indians asked her if she had any ammunition for it. Succeeding in bluffing them out of their trenchery, she answered, "Yes, I've got enough to kill every one of you."

"The Indians became very angry if any one abused their dogs. My mother was jerking some venison before the fire when the half starved dogs, smelling the deer meat, tried to enter at the door. She always kept plenty of dry wood and kindling near the fire, with which brother James played, building houses, pig pens and bird cages. When the dogs tried to enter the house at the door, she picked up one of the kindlings and beat one of the dogs back, which angered one of the old Indians, who jumped quickly astraddle of a log near by, drew a long Buoy knife and began whittling shavings. "Pony" came into the house and she beat him over the head and shoulders, while the other Indians laughed and jeered at him.

"They hung around the house for two hours, snooping and plundering into all of her belongings. "Pony" drew out a long knife which he began sharpening. They still laughed at him and he was still angry. They repeated "white woman heap bravo!" They continued to camp there for two weeks. She was dreadfully afraid, but had to hide her fear and remain there as it was just as safe there as any where else. Many times in the night time she arose to see if there were any Indians prowling near."

"The inhibition against income and inheritance taxes for a period of 50 years has nothing whatever to do with the prosperity of Florida, according to W. E. Bradley, former Cottage Grove resident, who was a visitor here a few days ago. The proponents of the Dennis resolution, which would inhibit income and inheritance taxes in Oregon for 15 years, have pointed to Florida as an example of what the inhibition would do for Oregon.

Tax Inhibitions Not Good In Florida Says Bradley

"Wealthy men of the east want a climate that is agreeable and that is close to where their money is invested. Florida is but 24 hours from New York and it has the climate that the wealthy of New York are willing to pay for. That's all there is to it," in the opinion of Mr. Bradley. "The wealthy have gone there in large numbers and have bought large estates and have built beautiful homes, but the inhibition against income and inheritance taxes had nothing to do with it."

NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS WILL HAVE FIELD MANEUVERS

Annual Parade Review Planned for June 22 By Officials and Medford People.

This year for the first time field maneuvers will be held in Oregon when all 41st division troops of the Oregon National Guard will have field training at Camp Jackson one and one-half miles north of Medford on the Crater Lake highway. These maneuvers start June 12 and continue until June 26.

The local National Guard company, Company D of the 186th Infantry, will leave tonight for the camp. While interest in the annual camp has not been as good as usual the trip is expected to be quite successful.

June 12 and continue until June 26, the annual parade and review and following that there will be the annual field meet. Medford officials estimate that there will be between 15,000 and 20,000 people present on this occasion.

Due to the large number of persons who will be present then it will not be possible to open the camp itself to the public according to word from Brigadier General George A. White, commanding the Eighty-Second Infantry Brigade. Brigade maneuvers will occur on the two succeeding days, June 23-24.

The following members of Company D will make the trip to Camp Jackson:

- Captain, C. C. Cruson.
- First Lieutenant, D. M. DeLong.
- Second Lieutenant, W. F. McCaleb.
- First Sergeant, P. S. Bukowski.
- Sergeants: W. A. Spray, R. G. Conner, H. M. Hubbell, E. T. Blakely, G. D. Foster, B. L. Hatch.
- Corporals: I. O. Sams, G. H. Haney, J. C. Bartels, W. G. Skilling, E. A. Porter, S. G. Schwartz.
- Privates, first class: I. Currin, R. H. Galloway, L. E. Hannafor, D. O. Huff, D. F. Miller, H. C. Nelson, W. F. Porter, D. Richmond, L. A. Strobeck, R. A. Welch.
- Privates: C. A. Applewhite, I. O. Bush, C. V. Cameron, R. W. Campbell, H. L. Cochran, H. C. Frost, R. Davis, D. W. Gilbert, R. A. Gillispie, R. E. Glass, H. R. Godard, L. P. Green, H. L. Hart, L. L. Heard, R. F. Huff, K. F. Huff, W. H. Kersterson, M. G. Lange, M. R. Laaly, J. H. Leabo, C. M. Lewis, E. M. Little, R. H. Longfellow, E. M. Miller, F. G. Miller, H. L. Robinson, F. H. Runk, I. H. Runk, R. D. Schaefer, J. L. Skilling, V. A. Spores, C. Swanson, F. E. Tullar, E. Thomas, J. G. White, H. O. Williams, H. A. Williams.

LARGE BERRIES SHOWN

Mrs. W. D. Heath Displays Monster Strawberries at Local Garage.

Strawberries almost large enough for apples were on display Tuesday in Long and Cruson's garage. A box of the fruit was brought into Cottage Grove by Mrs. W. D. Heath of Mount View who has a good sized patch of these berries at her home. They are of the Goodall variety and have an unusually good flavor.

One of these berries measured in the Sentinel office was six and three-quarters inches in circumference. The box of berries brought into the city by Mrs. Heath were all large and fairly uniform.

Refrigeration System Installed.

A new refrigeration system which manufactures ice and takes care of the refrigeration of the fountain and other refrigeration in the restaurant is being installed in the Gray Goose. This machinery is being installed in addition to the up to date equipment already in use in the restaurant and comes as a part of the policy of the firm to keep continually up to date in its equipment.

Inspection Results Still Unknown

No definite knowledge as to the results of the inspection trip of E. C. Clement of the post office department from Portland who was here this week regarding the change to city delivery desired by the local post office will be had for some time according to Elbert Smith, postmaster. While here Mr. Clement has inspected the various routes and the growth of the city and the information he has obtained will be forwarded to the Post Office department at Washington.

Nothing will be known as to the success of the move for better service until the department is heard from. Agitation has been under way for a number of months for the change. Mr. Clement has made numerous trips to Cottage Grove in the interest of the post office service during the past few years.

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GOLD STAR IS PRESENTED TO PITCHER BY CITIZENS

Veteran Cottage Grove Officer Receives Token From Mayor at Chautauqua Program.

As a token of the esteem which Cottage Grove feels toward Marshal G. B. Pitcher, who for 20 years has served the city in the work of maintaining law and order, a gold star was presented to him by Mayor G. O. Knowles at Chautauqua yesterday evening. This token is a gift from local citizens who wished to express their gratitude for the work Marshal Pitcher has done during his long term of service.

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On the front of the gold star are the words, "Police, Cottage Grove, Ore. 1905, Chief, 1925. On the back the following words appear: "Presented to Green B. Pitcher by citizens of Cottage Grove, Ore., for appreciation, June 10, 1925."

After Mayor Knowles had pinned the badge on the marshal's coat Marshal left the platform and Mr. Pitcher spoke a few words of gratitude for the good will which was displayed saying that he was glad he had been able to keep a host of friends during his 20 years of service.

FIRE DANGER IS FOUGHT

Week of June 29 to July 4 Will Be Observed in Oregon.

Portland, Ore., June 10.—The week of June 29 to July 4 has been set aside as the second annual "Stop Forest Fires" campaign to be observed throughout Oregon. It was announced today by officials of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. The campaign, initiated by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce last year and taken up by the state body, will also be observed this year in Washington, Idaho and California.

Local chambers and commercial clubs throughout Oregon have been requested to take charge of the "Stop Forest Fires" campaign in their respective districts. The purpose of the movement is to instill in the mind of the individual a sense of his personal responsibility in the protection of forest wealth.

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CRUELTY OF SOVIET RUSSIA IS TOLD BY EXPLORER

Captain Gudmunson Fears Accident Has Delayed Return of Party Headed by Amundsen.

The Amundsen arctic expedition which recently left for an airplane trip to the North Pole has undoubtedly met with some serious mishap according to Captain Sjurdur K. Gudmunson, arctic explorer and sea captain, who spoke at Chautauqua Tuesday evening. That the Amundsen planes have been forced to land on the rough ice of the polar region and have been injured to such an extent that flight is now impossible is the opinion of Captain Gudmunson.

That the party of northern explorers may be able to repair one plane and make their way back toward the south in it was pointed out by the Chautauqua speaker. He declared that the popular idea that they would starve to death in the frozen wastes of the north was entirely without foundation and that there was practically no danger of them perishing from lack of food.

There are large numbers of seals and polar bear in these regions which will give the party all the food that is needed. If it is impossible for Amundsen and his party to repair their machines they will immediately start for the nearest civilized point which is on the coast of Greenland. But that is a long and difficult journey and if word is not received from the exploring party within the next two months some measures should be taken to find them and bring them back to civilization.

Captain Gudmunson declared that he was willing to take charge of a ship at any time and go in search of the missing explorers. His own experience in the north would make him unusually capable of taking charge of such an expedition.

The year of experience which Captain Gudmunson had with the Soviet officials in Russia when he went there in 1920 as captain of the relief ship "Polar Bear" has left him extremely bitter against the Bolshevik government. In response to a telegram stating that the people in northern Siberia were suffering from want of food and medical supplies during an epidemic of typhoid fever he set out from Nome, Alaska, with a cargo of this needed material. He went entirely at his own risk as the United States government had no diplomatic relations with the Bolsheviks and could promise him no protection. The company for which he was working, however, agreed to risk the cargo if he was willing to risk his neck.

After arriving in Siberia and relieving the suffering of the people by furnishing them with supplies he was summoned to Yakutsk, the seat of the Bolshevik council, to give an account of himself and his presence there. After trading his cargo of food and medicine for a load of furs worth about \$100,000 and after giving up the emergency rations carried by the ship in order to relieve the suffering of the people he was notified by the Soviet officials that his cargo which he had received in exchange for the needed supplies would be confiscated. Partly in the hope of saving the furs and partly out of curiosity to see the Soviet government at work at first hand he decided to obey the summons to appear at Yakutsk.

With one trusted sailor he set out on the 2500 mile journey overland which ended in his being sentenced to death by the Soviet council. While preparing to execute the sentence the Bolsheviks offered him gold and great wealth if he would return to America and there spread revolutionary propaganda. This Captain Gudmunson indignantly refused and that night overpowered the guard which was watching him and going to the head of the Soviet council demanded passports for his safe return.

Returning to his ship he found it had been disabled and was forced to rig up another old boat which had been abandoned there and with this he finally returned to Nome with his cargo of furs. Probably the first American to pass through these little known regions Captain Gudmunson brought back with him (Continued on page four.)

WHAT'S THE USE

UPON FANNY'S ADVICE FELIX WENT DOWN IN THE HOTEL LOBBY TO PICK UP A RICH STRANGER WHO WOULD INVEST IN HIS NEW ORANGE JUICE INVENTION. THE STRANGER WAS THE HOUSE DETECTIVE, BUT FELIX NEVER SUSPECTED IT.



Differences



—the fellow who doesn't advertise may know his business; but nobody else does.