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## TAXES SHOULD BE REDUCED BY DIVISION OF COUNTY

Figures of an Expert Show That Creating Siuslaw County Will Save About \$40,000 to Western Lane.

J. D. Hamlin, who has worked for years in county offices and abstract work compiled figures which are given below. Also we give comparisons which show the saving to Western Lane by separate county government. If you have any doubt, a few minutes figuring ought to convince you that it is for the best for this coast country.

The deputy assessor reported to the county court September 30, 1914, that the assessed valuation of the territory within the boundaries was \$4,300,000.00. The levy at the last assessment for county purposes was 18 mills, making a total sum paid by the proposed new county in taxes of 77,400.00. J. D. Hamlin makes an estimate of running Siuslaw county (including state tax in 1912 at \$10,000) at \$31,200. Add to this an additional state tax of \$10,000, and the total cost will be 41,200.00. This leaves a balance to be saved or used for other purposes of 36,200.00. Or more than Mr. Hamlin estimates for running the whole county. It is reasonable to be believe that the next assessment roll will show \$5,000,000 valuation in this territory, and at the same levy it would raise 90,000.00. And at a levy of 12 mills for county purposes would raise 60,000.00. Of nearly \$20,000 more than the estimate to run the county. Look these figures over carefully and THEN THINK

Eugene, Oregon, December 26, 1912.

County Division Committee, Florence, Oregon, Gentlemen: Replying to your request for data relative to that portion of Lane county which is included in the boundaries of the proposed new county, I beg to submit the following:

Valuation, \$3,406,565.00; Lane county levy for 1911, 13 mills; \$44,285.34.

In the following I submit the expenses for officers' salaries for several counties:

Lane	Clerk	\$2000	\$2000	\$1200	\$1500	\$1500	\$1200	\$9400
Lake		1800	2500	400	1200	700	700	7300
Lincoln		1250	1800	400	1000	500	600	5550
Curry		1000	1200	600	600	400	600	4400
Coos		1800	2600	1200	1200	1200	1000	9000

County commissioners receive from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day for actual time.

The above does not include deputy hire. Lane county clerk's office expenses per month, clerk salary and deputy, amount to \$740; revenues, recording, etc, \$1200 per month. Sheriff's office, sheriff and deputy, about \$500; revenue \$100 per month. I think records could be transcribed for about \$8000. This includes books, etc.

In looking over the expense account of different counties in order to estimate the cost of running a new county if created out of a part of Lane county, I make the following estimates, also give Lane county as comparison.

Accounts	Lane	New Co.
Clerk	\$ 9595.55	\$ 2150.00
Sheriff	9213.22	2400.00
Treasurer	1775.00	400.00
Judge	1200.00	600.00
Assessor	6668.00	1900.00
School Superintendent	1687.00	500.00
Assessment and Tax	1545.35	600.00
Circuit Court	7739.95	2000.00
State Tax, 1912 roll	44900.00	10000.00
Witness, Jurors and Just.	2000.00	1000.00
Surveyors	1627.50	250.00
Janitor	666.35	200.00
Printing	4178.33	500.00
Commissioners	3229.00	1000.00
Blanks, Stationery, etc.	2031.46	500.00
Supervisors	12000.00	1500.00
Paupers	18582.50	1000.00
Election	11687.93	2000.00
Postage	915.06	200.00
Miscellaneous	7500.00	2500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$147,732.80</b>	<b>\$31,200.00</b>

In making the above estimate I have allowed for clerk and deputy at \$1250 and \$900; sheriff and one deputy at \$1500 and \$900; assessor and one deputy at \$1000 and \$900.

Have made no estimate on roads and bridges as that depends on the amount of work done, and that work is largely met by special tax.

Total taxes collected for Lane county in 1912 on 1911 roll \$773,959.33  
Total taxes collected for Lane county in 1911 on 1910 roll 606,241.53

Showing an increase in tax collections in one year of \$167,717.80

On the last assessment the levy for county purposes was about 18 mills. By the time a county could be organized our valuation should reach the five million mark, and the people of the western portion of Lane county would be paying the officials at the present county seat nearly \$90,000 to handle this territory. It seems that ordinary men as officers of a new county ought to run it with this sum at least.

Two other things should be considered. One is that plans are being perfected to build a Pacific Highway, through the Willamette valley and Lane county, and from Eugene to the summit of the Cascade mountains.

It is estimated Lane county's share of this expense will be \$500,000, and as the western part of the county now has about one-tenth of the whole valuation, our share of this will be \$50,000, with but little benefit. The other is a proposition to build a new court house, and if the one they now have is too small, our share of one that will be necessary would transcribe all the records and put up a building suitable for the need of a new county for many years.

Get busy Siuslaw voters and do a little figuring for yourself and you will vote 358-X-For New County

A remonstrance was filed recently against county division which states their objection is that the creating of a new county will raise taxes. Some of these people have admitted that they did not think it would, and even said they believed taxes would be lower, but when asked why not then favor creating Siuslaw county, just shake their heads and say "No." There are but three reasons to cause this. Personal prejudice, influence of interests or pure cussedness—"Agin the government." Quite a number have already changed and say they will vote 358 X for new county. Some of them say they did not sign the last petition and had signed no remonstrance for over a year and now have changed their mind.

This looks like jobbery and will eventually result in no good to those who used this method.

In the western part a large majority will vote "For New County," but it takes sixty-five per cent, and this means nearly two-thirds to carry.

If the new county is lost it will not be because such a proposition will raise taxes, but just because of a little selfishness in boundary lines. If you want Siuslaw county, you had better get busy. Failure to vote counts "No" in the final results. The only vote that counts favorable under the law is 358-X-for new county. Everything else, blanks included, count against the proposition. The eastern portion of the county is favorable. This is the time to get a new county and be able to spend our own money on your own roads and schools. WILL YOU DO IT?

Don't forget those plans for a Pacific Highway and a new court house. Our part will amount to between \$65,000 and \$75,000 on these two propositions. We should be able to spend it on our own roads. It would macadamize many of them and build others.

### 15,521 VOTERS REGISTER

The registration books show a total of 15,521 registered voters in Lane county. In comparison with 1912, this is nearly double as at that time 8,243 names were put on the books.

The total includes all those who registered between January 5, and October 17, 1914, and shows 8481 are republicans, 3960 are democrats, 931 prohibitionists, 788 socialists, 324 progressives, 655 independent, and 382 are classed under miscellaneous.

The recall of Mayor Albee and Commissioners Robert Dieck and Wm. Brewster of Portland was defeated by a large majority last Tuesday.

### EARLY LAYING PULLETS.

Dr. Wm. Tatom has some exceptional chickens which he raised himself. Eight pullets of Plymouth Rack and Indian game strain, which he says were hatched the last day of July this year and on Thursday, October 29, six of the pullets began to lay.

The doctor is quite a chicken enthusiast and at his home is raising about 60 chickens. His property is 52x420 feet and nothing but sand so he says, but it raises chickens all right.

The right-of-way of the W. P. through the Point Terrace mill property was secured last Wednesday.

If the coast country will do its share Frederick Hollister will be elected congressman of the first congressional district, and we will come into our own. We ought to give him a solid vote. He is one of us. Directly interested in the affairs of this community and will be active in getting things done. It is a business proposition to this section, that will bring results worth the support of every voter. An opportunity is now given us to be represented in congress by one having personal knowledge of our needs, a friendship that will cause him to watch our interests, and energy that will be effective in the work of securing our rights. He is a student of Oregon's resources and will make a special effort to see that returns are made in proportion to what belongs to us. Frederick Hollister is the man to watch our interests in congress and it is our duty to support him next Tuesday.

Political parties are made better by those members of each organization who vote for the men who have been true to the peoples' interests. When a republican, democrat or any member of some other party has proven himself to be worthy of the trust of the people, it is natural that the voters of all parties will favor him, and the voter of any party, who will finally vote for the man, helps to clarify his party of those who would use an office for personal or other interests. The Pilot desires to recommend several candidates to the voters, regardless of political parties. Vote for these men next Tuesday because of the records they have made in public office, and we would head the list with

GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, for United States Senator, He has been a friend to the Western part of Lane county and the people of Oregon for years, and proven true to their interests. Vote 13 X Geo. E. Chamberlain.

LAWRENCE T. HARRIS, for Justice of the Supreme Court, is a young man of ability and has a clean record.

O. P. HOFF, for Labor Commissioner, experienced in the work of this office. Don't forget him.

ISAAC H. BINGHAM, for State Senator. He has always made a square fight and lets you know where you stand.

STACEY RUSSELL, for County Clerk. A popular candidate and county official.

JAMES C. PARKER, for Sheriff. He has won the right to re-election by his courtesy and attention to the business of the office.

SAMUEL W. TAYLOR, for Treasurer. Sam is a civil war veteran of sterling character and deserves to be re-elected.

There are others on the ticket well qualified to fill the positions that they have been nominated for, but these men that the Pilot has mentioned have given exceptional evidence as worthy public servants and it is with a desire to call especial attention to their merit that they are named.

## WAR STILL CONTINUES

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