

## BALLASTING SOUTH OF SIUSLAW

With the Siuslaw crossed by a temporary bridge of trestle and steel span, the work of construction south of the river is progressing nicely.

The rails are now about fifteen miles on their way toward the Umpqua and the ballasting train is following with fifty-two car loads daily, reaching a point nearly nine miles below the Siuslaw bridge.

A side track has been put in on the Anthony Shuster place and freight shipments in car load lots are being made from that station.

Considerable trestle work is yet to be done at the lake crossings and it is thought this will prevent extending rail construction much farther until the first of January.

## SHIP CAR LOAD OF CATTLE

The first car load of cattle to be shipped from Ten Mile lake was loaded Saturday at Shusters station.

The cattle were owned by E. B. Miller, who accompanied them to Portland. He contemplates making several more car load shipments.

Mr. Miller will go to San Francisco and visit the exposition before returning home.

I. B. Cushman of Acme was in Florence Friday on business.

## 35,353,640 TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION

The total assessed valuation of property in Lane county in 1915 is \$35,353,640, according to the summary of the tax rolls completed by Assessor B. F. Keeney yesterday. This is \$434,490 less than the total last year, the total on the 1914 rolls being \$35,788,120.

Assessor Keeney explains that a part of the decrease is represented in the assessment of that portion of the Willamette Pacific railway and a few logging railroads which passed to the state tax commission during the year. This year there is assessed on the rolls 41.22 miles of these railroads, with a valuation of \$69,865, while last year there was a mileage of 82.84 with a valuation of \$305,375.

While the valuation placed upon lands by the assessor is practically the same as last year the average valuation placed upon livestock is considerably higher. The average valuation placed upon lands in 1914 was \$12.83 per acre while this year it is \$12.71 per acre. On livestock the comparison is as follows:

Horses, 1914, \$58.56, 1915, \$69.51; cattle, 1914, \$22.70, 1915, \$28.23; sheep and goats, 1914, \$1.74, 1915, \$2.19; dogs, 1914, \$16.96, 1915, \$29.76. There are 107 dogs on the tax roll in the county, but they were not given in as being worth anything to the owners.

Of the total reduction of \$434,490 in the assessed valuation of property this year, the sum of \$285,500 is due to the transfer of the railroads mentioned to the

## CITY BUDGET MEETING ON NOVEMBER 8TH

Considerable time of the members of the city council was taken up at the Monday night meeting with a discussion of the tax levy and city budget, preparatory to each department filing with the city recorder an estimate of what is necessary for next year.

The council decided to hold the meeting to consider the city budget, on Monday evening November 8th, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Commercial Club rooms. Next year it will be necessary to assess 9 mills to pay interest and redeemable bonds.

The city levy last assessment was 15 1/2 mills, and the aggregate expenditures have been held under this total. The street im-

provement, salary and general funds showing a surplus.

The city engineer reported the work on the water system was delayed because of failure of the state board of health to report on the project, and the council instructed him to request immediate action in the matter.

By motion the council ordered proceedings to be instituted to condemn the north half of lot 60 block 9, Miller's Addition to Florence. This action to be taken to secure the property as a site for a water tank. Mr. Miller having informed the council that he would not accept the offer made and the property was not for sale.

state tax commission, leaving the real difference \$197,970.

Assessor Keeney said yesterday that it is hoped by reason of the fact that there has been a considerable depreciation in assessed valuations the state tax commission will see fit to place the tax ratio higher than 66 per cent, which was the ratio fixed for Lane county last year. The jury in the recent bank tax case gave a verdict to the effect that to the best of its knowledge the assessor had assessed the property at 85 per cent of its cash value. The summary of this year's assessment roll is as follows:

Acres of all lands (O. & C. R. R. lands 296,715 acres, value \$3,320,915; 1,515,718; value \$2,277,615; value per unit, \$12,718. Acres of tillable lands, 129,510; value \$4,946,510; unit value, \$38,185.

Acres of timber lands (O. & C. R. R. lands 217,558 acres, value, \$2,877,425) 680,703 acres; value, \$9,610,060; unit value, \$14,117.

Acres of non-tillable lands (O. & C. R. R. lands, 81,045 acres, value, \$443,490) 705,475 acres; value, \$4,721,045; unit value, \$6,692.

Improvements on deeded or patented lands \$1,036,435. Town and city lots, \$6,368,700.

Improvements on town and city lots, \$3,650,750. Logging railroads and rolling stock, 41 miles, value \$69,865; unit value, \$1704,024.

Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery, \$410,365.

Merchandise and stock in trade, \$1,012,065.

Farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc., \$392,425.

Money, \$98,330.

Notes and accounts, \$818,895.

Shares of stock, 7,896; value, \$587,060; unit value, \$74,368.

Hotel and office furniture, etc., \$74,375.

Horses and mules, 6,843; value, \$475,715; unit value, \$69,518.

Cattle, 18,777; value, \$530,220; unit value \$28,237.

Sheep and goats, 23,535; value, \$51,700; unit value, \$2,190.

Swine, 6,997; value \$29,770; unit value, \$4,254.

Dogs, 107; value, \$2,185; unit value, \$29,766.

Miscellaneous, \$239,170.

Total as finally equalized by the county board of equalization, \$35,353,640.

## SIUSLAW SALMON IS COMPLIMENTED

C. A. Johnson who has been shipping considerable Siuslaw Salmon to outside points and who runs Johnson's Fish Market in

Florence has received many compliments upon the quality of fish shipped and the condition it arrives in to the customers. The following letter is one recently received by Mr. Johnson.

Salem Oregon, Oct. 18, 1915. Gentlemen:—I want to say that the fish, crabs and in fact everything you have furnished me so far has come through in first class shape. I don't hesitate to say that taking it all through, it is the freshest and best stuff I have bought since I have been in the business, a year the first of the month. The only "kick" I have so far is that I did not get in touch with you sooner. C. M. W.

## CUSHMAN S. P. STATION

Part of the warehouse at Cushman has been fitted up for an office and S. M. Landis is in charge as ticket, freight, express and telegraph agent.

Week end tickets are now sold from Cushman to Eugene, at one and one-third fare, good Saturday, Sunday returning Monday.

The Western Union have all a line in and direct service is given to Eugene and all company's points.

Wells Fargo express service has also been inaugurated, but the express office is known as Acme, and all shipments by express marked Acme, Oregon will be delivered at this station.

## PEOPLE TO SELECT ROAD SUPERVISORS

While the county court has the right to appoint as road supervisors in the various districts anyone it seen fit, the people of the districts will be given an opportunity this year to name their choice for supervisor. County Clerk S. M. Russell has sent a circular letter to each of the supervisors in the county, instructing them as to the method of naming the choice for supervisor, also giving advice regarding the levying of a special tax. The circular reads as follows:

"It is the intention of the county court to appoint road supervisors of the choice of the residents of your district, if they desire to signify their choice by an election, which election must be at a legally called meeting of

the taxpayers of your district, and the full returns of said election filed with the court on or before December 1, 1915.

"The court advises that those districts voting a special tax, vote upon this matter of road supervisors at the same time, if they desire to name one, thus saving the trouble of another call meeting.

"Relative to the levy of a special tax, the court instructs me to write that unless all of the provisions of the law are complied with, especially regarding the papers to be filed with the county officers, that the levy will not be ordered extended on the tax rolls. These essential papers are:

"1. Proof of posting notice of meeting (sworn to by one posting them.)

"2. Proof of publishing notice of meeting (by paper.)

"3. Notice of tax levy, one to the county clerk and one to the assessor.

"4. A certified copy of all proceedings of the meeting, signed by the secretary and chairman.

"Blanks for posting notices, with proof of same on back thereof, blank notices of levy, and instructions, can be had by application to the county clerk."

## SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING HELD

A special school meeting was held at the school house Saturday afternoon for the election of a school clerk to fill the unexpired term of R. W. Alles who resigned on account of leaving Florence. D. E. Severy was the only nominee and was duly elected.

W. P. Erhart returned home Tuesday from a trip to Eugene.

## INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION PAYS CLAIM

The State Industrial Commission today approved the claim made for the compensation on behalf of the wife and children of George J. Noah, who was crushed to death while working for McDonald & Candron on September 20th last.

To provide a monthly payment of \$30.00 for the widow required the setting aside of \$7,088.62. The young sons, aged 2, 3 and 6 years, required sums of \$742.30, \$692.54 and \$548.04, respectively making a total of \$9,071.50.

This is the highest award yet made under the Oregon Compensation Act, with one exception. The family in the latter case consisted of the widow and a babe 16 months of age. Less than three months after the death of the father twins were born, requiring a reserve to provide compensation of several hundred more than the sum set aside in the Noah case.

## SCHOOL LEVIES MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO DEC. 1

County School Superintendent Moore is giving notice to the clerks of the various school districts of the county that the special school tax levies must be made prior to December 1. If the levy is greater by six per cent than was the levy of 1913 and 1914 the notice will have to be posted for 30 days prior to the meeting. —Register.

Roland Wilbur went to Alpha to visit his brothers, Friday.

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