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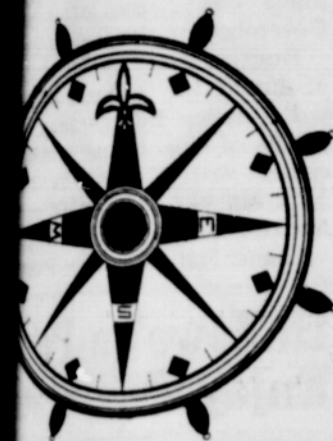
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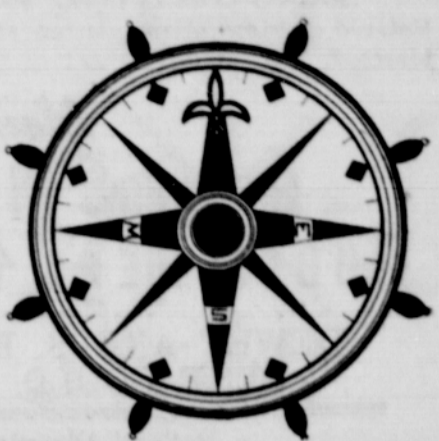
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BROOKINGS, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1946

S. Carnival Saturday Evening New Big Crowd

After Bills Were Paid High School Students Realized Good Sum

much-advertised and much forward to high school car held at the Grange hall last day evening, was much a say student committee in charge.

students, after paying in- nesses left from last school now realize that their treas- well stocked with money try on the activities planned the year.

idents connected with the al wish to thank everyone donated toward the success event, and named these:

Chetco Home & Auto Supply
Cone Theatre, Brookings
Chetco Store, Bill Ward's
ing Store, Good Eats Cafe,
Cafe, Gallagher's Plumb-
Shop, Brookings Electric and
Shop, Hendricks Furniture
Redfield Grocery and Madge
of Moore's Variety who
gave generously of her time
helping choose prizes.

Police Protection Of C. Of C.

cause this town is unincor- ed, and has no police pro- n except that furnished by frequent visits of the state and members of the sher- force, the local chamber of merce has taken steps to in- strate and maintain a police ction of its own.

call of the chamber of com- last week, Sheriff R. G. came and explained to the ber that voluntary subscrip- from local people for pay- of such a man, was the only on at the present time.

man chosen by the chamber to be deputized by the sheriff, his duties, besides being the y sheriff for the area, would m to wishes of the cham- of commerce committee.

ointed to this committee resident Leo Lucas were Ed eckley, Roy Wiedemann and Sunderland, who have de- plans for local police and protection, and who have al- contacted Bob Nicodemus

message of this committee ntain in its appeal to be on page nine of this issue.

Weather Report

Day	Max	Min	Rain
per 28	54	40	
per 29	55	39	
per 30	56	46	1.10
per 31	50	41	.56
ber 1	55	40	.09
ber 2	64	36	
ber 3	70	50	
al rain for week			1.65

State Tax Commis'n Rejects Co. 'Appeal'

Southern Curry County assess- ments, brought to the attention of the people of this area through a petition early this spring by M. L. DeMartin and over 90 signers, were affirmed by the state board of equalization, according to the report sent the Pilot this week by the county clerk:

State of Oregon
State Tax Commission
OPINION AND ORDER

In the matter of the appeal of Milton L. DeMartin, et al, from the Curry County Board of Equalization for the year 1946.

This matter comes before the State Tax Commission on written appeal from the order of the Curry County Board of Equalization, dated May 24, 1946. Public hearing was held at the Curry County Court House at Gold Beach, Oregon, on Sept. 5, 1946. Present were George W. Sutton, Assessor for Curry County, and many of the signers of the original petition to the board of equalization.

Petitioners are owners of real property located in the southern portion of Curry County, in the vicinity of the towns of Brookings and Harbor. Briefly summarized, claim is made that the values assigned their properties on the 1946 assessment roll are relatively in excess of values assessed on similar properties located in the central and northern portions of Curry County and that, by reason thereof, said assessment roll fails of uniformity.

The petition addressed to the board of equalization asks said board to equalize assessments by reducing the valuations of the properties of the petitioners and increasing those on properties in the northern and central sections of the county. On May 24, 1946, the board of equalization declared the 1946 assessment roll equalized without change.

In support of the claim of discrimination and lack of uniformity, petitioners bring forth that the 1940 assessment roll of Curry County incorporated the results of extensive work of classification and valuation of real property in the county performed by employes of the State Tax Commission over a period of years; that in 1945 the assessor raised the assessments against land in the south beyond the level established by the commission's survey, while permitting assessments to the north to remain static.

The assessor agreed that the 1940 assessment roll prepared by him was founded upon the appraised values as determined by the commission's survey. The appraisals of the survey assigned comparatively low values to the property in the south because of substantially depressed conditions existing there at the time. Deeming even the commission's low appraisals as too high for the ailing southern district, the assessor accorded an additional reduction of 10% in the ultimate assessments against the property in the south. Thus the 1940 assessment roll, in reflecting the cumulative

judgment of the commission's employes and the assessor, extended substantial preference to land in the south as compared to similar land to the north.

In the past few years there has occurred in the south a real estate boom of substantial proportions, caused primarily by a

New Crops To Be Topic of C. of C. Meeting, Soon

James Yelton Wants Meeting Devoted To That Purpose Shortly

Because of local climatic conditions, which are excellent for growing of certain kinds of crops, James Yelton, last Wednesday evening, proposed to the local chamber of commerce that that organization take the lead in holding a special meeting to interest local people in trying such crops as strawberries, rhubarb and such others which are adaptable to this particular area.

Pointed out that the Willamette valley, due to infestation of wire worms, and other insects affecting this crop, other areas are now sought for planing of strawberries, long a "money" crop for Oregon.

Crescent City Group Visits
Three members of the Crescent City chamber of commerce were present to extend greetings from that city, and ask co-operation of the local chamber in all matters concerning the harbor at that city, which will be of infinite use to the entire area.

REA Man Speaks About Power
Tom Sawyer, of Portland, district representative for the Rural Electrification Association, was a visitor, and told of the need for unlimited power, which Bonneville, as soon as could be realized, intended to build extensions to existing lines.

Reports on Association Meeting
Pete Lesmeister, chamber delegate at the Oregon Coast association meeting, at Gearhart, spoke briefly on the recent convention. He urged individual memberships in this area in that association, which he feels, will aid materially in obtaining those things necessary for advertisement of the Oregon coast and its tourist attractions.

Will Continue Dinner Meetings
By unanimous vote, the chamber decided to continue the dinner meetings, and asked Mrs. Patrick, who served the Wednesday meal, to plan on regular monthly dinner meetings.

Perkins Entertain Group
As part of the entertainment, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perkins gave a skit depicting the powers of a person, blind-folded, to read a person's thought, as well as security card numbers. Thirty-nine were present at the meeting.

for growing lily bulbs, the supply of which from abroad was suddenly curtailed by the war. Be- vastly expanded us of the land cause the great demand for bulb land tended to center in the south portion of Curry County, the prices paid for land there have skyrocketed. The assessor in 1945 increased assessments in the district in amount deemed sufficient to erase the 10% differential previously accorded and to reflect the land activity and great increase in prices which have occurred there. It was indicated by the assessor, and substantially by others, that many parcels of land useful for raising bulbs were being sold at prices varying between \$1000 and \$2000 per acre.

In pursuit of his policy of increasing assessments in the Harbor and Brookings areas, the assessor adopted the following basis for his assessments: for tillable lands up to \$200 per acre and for non-tillable down to \$2 and \$5 per acre. In each category were variations depending upon locations, use, and other factors. Lands assessed at \$200 per acre were selling from \$1000 to \$2000 per acre. He admitted that in several instances land in the south was assessed somewhat higher than similar land of the north. Thus, the best land of the dairy farm of Mr. Crocket, one of the petitioners, is assessed at \$90 per acre, whereas land of similar quality to the north is assessed at \$75 per acre. Justification is claimed for this difference because of greater values resulting from sales activity in the south.

Stating the case of the petitioners at its best, by assuming that bulb and dairy land in the north is equally productive with bulb and dairy land to the south, the fundamental issue in this appeal, when isolated, presents itself as a question of whether an intense demand for land in one segment of the county, which causes a substantial step upward in the level of sales prices, can justify a rise in the level of assessed values of such land alone. Answer to this issue requires consideration of the applicable Oregon law.

Paragraph 32 of Article I of the Oregon Constitution requires that:

" * * * all taxation shall be uniform on the same class of subjects * * * "

Paragraph 1 of Article IX declares that:

"The legislative assembly shall, and the people through the initiative may, provide by law uniform rules of assessment and taxation. All taxes shall be levied and collected under the general laws operating uniformly throughout the state."

Section 110-101, O. C. L. A., sets forth that:

"All real property within this state and all tangible personal property situated within this state, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be subject to assessment and taxation in equal and ratable proportion."

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Republicans Sweep Elections To Gain Congress Control

Record Off-Year Poll Reported In Nearly Every State

With no official returns available at this time for publication, the Pilot must go to press with only radio reports from all over the nation, of the results of Tuesday's elections.

However, dissatisfaction over the present administration was

Gold Beach Voted Down Fish Bill 312

Just before going to press, it was learned by telephone, that Gold Beach voted down Fish Bill 312, at the election, Tuesday. Gold Beach also voted down all initiatives except 300 and 302.

manifest in every state where Republican gains resembled a landslide toward that party. Unofficial reports give the Republican party command of both the house and senate.

Oregon's returns, still far from complete, may be at least another day away from absolute.

LOCAL RESULTS

In reviewing local voting, these results were seen:

- Succession To Governor—yes.
- Equipment of Armories—No.
- Rural School Dist. Bill—Yes.
- Chinamen Property Bill—Yes.
- Reading of Bills in Legislature by title only—Yes.
- Increasing No. of Senators—No.
- Fish Bill—Yes.
- Townsend Pension Bill—No.
- Basic School Bill—Yes.

VOTE ON OFFICES

- Harris Ellsworth carried for representative, Fourth Dist.
- Earl Snell, for governor.
- Robert S. Farrel for Secretary of state.
- W. E. Kimsey, secretary of the labor commission.
- Fred Adams, representative of 17th district.
- Hugh Gearin, district attorney.
- W. G. Sabin, for sheriff.
- Irene Boyd, for treasurer.
- Nick Marsh, county commissioner.
- Charles Echols, surveyor.
- W. A. Cartwright, coroner.

DIRECTORS FOR FIRE DIST.

Henry Beaulieu, W. S. Chadwick, Claude Goldizen, Ed Hoar and Fred Moore were named as directors of the newly-formed rural fire protection district.

Thanks, Local Voters

Your Chetco Rod and Gun Club, believers in everything sportsmanlike, wishes it to be known that the local vote for Fish Bill, 312, Tuesday, was appreciated. Since this bill carried all over the state, it now will be possible for fish to propagate and re-stock our rapidly diminishing fish life. Again, Thanks, Voters!