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AS FOR LAST YEAR**

**\$220,805 to Be Raised For
County Purposes**

BUDGET WAS HEAVILY PRUNED

**Only \$5,000 for Rodent Boun-
ties—Voters Limit Tax and
Vote Extra Expense**

The tax levy for Crook county as made by the court on Friday is 26 mills. This is just the same as for the past year and the slight increase in the valuation of property in the county will increase the total amount raised somewhat.

The court plans to raise a total of \$220,805 for all county purposes.

To this amount and to the millage also will be added the state tax which has not been computed yet. This will be the same or practically the same as last year. The amount of state tax for 1916 was \$27,000.

The 26 mills are divided into the various funds as follows: High School, 2 1/2 mills; Public School, 4 mills; County Library, one-twentieth of one mill; Rodent Bounty, six-tenths of one mill; General Fund, 18 and seventeen-twentieths mills.

To the above figures will be added the special city or school and road district taxes in each district where the property is situated.

Considerable pruning of the budget took place and some of the funds materially reduced to hold the millage to the limit fixed by the six per cent increase law which was voted in November.

For example, the amount to be raised to eliminate the estimated floating debt of about \$45,000 was reduced to \$25,000, the item of \$1000 for rebate of taxes was eliminated and \$10,000 for land classification was eliminated entirely. The indigent fund was reduced from \$7,000 to \$2,000 and the rodent bounty fund was cut from \$50,000 to \$5,000.

The decrease in the last mentioned fund caused a lot of figuring on the part of the court. They are obliged to pay the bounty and wish to pay it, of course, for it was demanded by the vote of the people, yet the same people at the same election limited the amount of taxes, which the court felt made it impossible for them to levy funds sufficient to pay the bounty warrants that would be presented.

Every fund was pruned as much as the court considered it would stand, and then the remaining millage was placed in the rodent bounty fund which will raise but the \$5,000 mentioned above.

The court realizes that this will be far too small a fund to meet the situation and is considering the matter. They will meet again on December 19, and decide just what to do to meet the situation.

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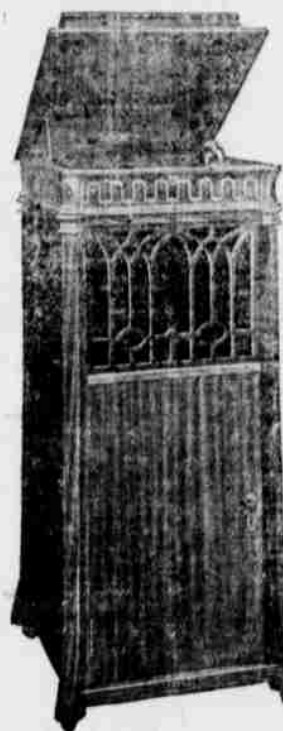
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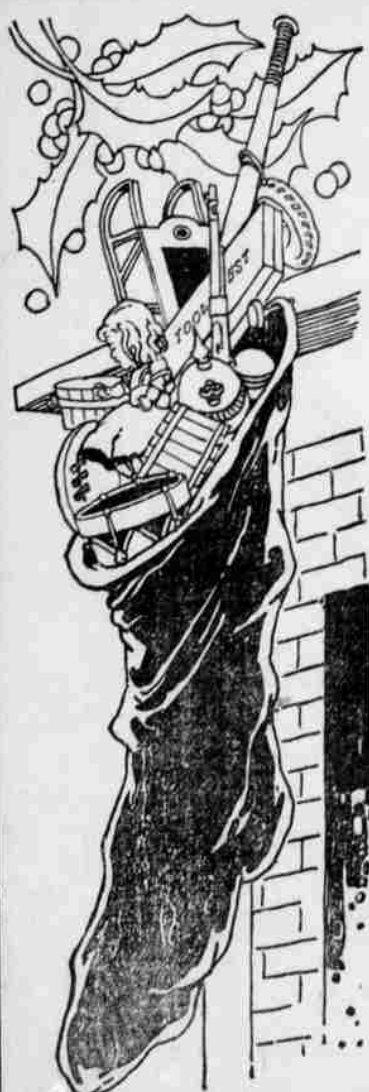
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