TAXPAYERS DON'T CARE FOR MONEY

MEETING VOTES INCREASE IN JUDICIAL WAGE. APPROV-ES MOST OF BUDGET

LEVY IS INCREASED

People Would Have Report on Estab-

Farm

Taxpayers from all corners of fine. Clackamas county gathered in the circuit court room of the county court amend the county budget as it had been prepared by the court. The first item on the budget was the first to suffer destruction, and after 30 minutes of argument, in which the Oregon City supporters of the proposed national guard armery were hope-lessly outnumbered, the \$8000 appro-prination for that purpose being stricken off the budget. County Judge Anderson acted as chairman of thought that the man could be the meeting, with R. M. Standish of brought to justice here through a Estacada as secretary. Commissioner Adam Knight was present.

The important feature of the meeting was the action of the taxpayers in voting to increase the general road levy from 6 to 7 mills. The six-mill housekeeper here. Following a levy amounted to \$174,000, of which incorporated towns and districts are turned her out upon her own regiven 70 per cent. The taxpayers protested the levy and as a compromise agreed upon a one mill increase. The division of this tax will net Oregon City approximately \$2000 more than the six mill levy would, and other incorporations will profit correspondingly.

The discussion of roads and bridges consumed over half an hour's time, the four items, asphalt and oil, \$11,-600, bridges and culverts, \$23,200; road machinery and repairs, \$11,600, and state and federal road co-operation, \$11,600, totaling \$58,000, included in the general fund budget, being adopted with only a few dis-

senting votes. The taxpayers ordered stricken from the budget the items of fruit inspector, \$500; for fire patrol of forests, \$500; while it was ordered that the state legislators from this county be instructed to use their efforts to have the number of ballots in elections cut down one half, it being hoped that at least \$300 a year might be saved on this account.

printing and advertising was adopted with the understanding that some of the printing should go to the five country papers outside Oregon Civ. such as notices of meetings, instead of all the printing being paid out to the county seat papers alone. The county paid out this year the sum of \$2132 for the publication of the delinguent taxe list alone.

Discussion was held upon the subject of increasing the salary of the county judge from the present \$1200 to \$1800 a year. Since the state legislature must change this salary if it is to be changed the matter was referred to that body. The matter of putting the county surveyor's office, held by H. H. Johnson, on a salary basis was refered to the county court. Mr. Johnson is working by the day at present and asked the court for a yearly stipend of \$1800.

A motion put by J. A. Roake resulted in the vote of the meeting to instruct the First National bank of this city to pay interest upon county funds deposited there or to loose the accounts. Other banks of the county have been paying a low rate of interest on county funds during the past year, or since the organization of the Bank of Commerce here, which commenced the practice. Outside Oregon City approximately \$50,000 in county funds are deposited, and most of that amount draws two per cent

Estimates from the appropriations as approved and amended at the meeting Saturday makes it apparent that the county will spend about \$550,000 during the next year and of that amount approximately one half will be spent on roads and bridges. These expenditures include the cost of a rather extensive hard surfacing

program. motion passed authorizing the appointment of a special committee of special election will be necessary, acfive members to investigate the advis- cording to C. Schuebel, city prosecut ability of the establishment of a or. The reorganization of the fire county poor farm. The committee will report before the time for the preparation of the next annual bud-

Court Opens Roads.

The county court, in session here last week, ordered the opening of the W. A. Bard road from Estacada to Springwater, and the A. B. Hibbard road between Molalla and Wilhoit. The petition relative to the M. Pedersen road was referred to viewers and the petition for the W. R. Telford road near Estacada passed first reading. The court spent most of the session in considering road problems and petitions, although some time was devoted to bills and other county bus-

MOATES AND LIQUOR LAWS DO NOT AGREE

MAN ARRESTED WITH COMPAN-ION AND RECORDER PUTS

\$25 IN CITY TREASURY

Charged with a violation of the prohibition laws because of the fact that he gave to his consort a drink of whisky, A. J. Moates, claiming to be a well-to-do California contractor, was arrested in Oregon City Saturday evening. At the same time the woman in the case, Mrs. Edna Logan, who told officers that she was a Portland dressmaker, was taken in charge. The couple was held until Monday morning, when Recorder Loder heard the case and fined Moates \$25. Mrs. S. D. Brown of Portland paid the

Immediately following their release from custody here the couple was ar- Oregon City as a result of the plan house on Saturday to discuss and rested by Portland officers on a vag- outlined and sponsored at the meeting rested by Portland officers on a vag-rancy charge preferred by the Rev. of the Live Wires on ruesuay by W. P. Hawley, Sr., president and mons. When hailed before the mu-mons. When hailed before the mu-rancy charge preferred by the Rev. by W. P. Hawley, Sr., president and general manager of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co. Mr. Hawley had con-with members of the board asked for a jury trial.

It was supposed here that Moates was guilty of having induced Mrs. Logan to leave Portland with him and go to his home in California. It was for fire fighting are provided. charge of violation of the Mann white slave act, but such a charge was not filed against him. It has been learned that Moates came to Portland quarrel with the Stone woman he sources and departed with Mrs. Logan. They got as far as Oregon City and were arrested by Chief of Polies Blanchard and a speical state agent. Mostes is held in Portland

STORES OPEN

The principal stores of Oregon City will be open each & merchant's board of trade aps proved the plan of keeping s

FARMS PROSPER

The appropriation of \$2800 for Value of Crops Estimated at \$155, 000,000 for Present Year

The value of farm production in Oregon this year reached the unprecedented total of \$155,000,000. Notwithstanding unusual growing conditions, the yields of staple crops were normal and in some cases substantial gains were made over last year. There were marked increases in the production of grain, potatoes, hay and corn. The production of cattle also showed a gain.

Prices for nearly all farm products have been much higher this year, the increase in the value of wheat and potatoes being the most prouounced. With about the same yield as last year, wheat brought \$7,-000,000 more to the farmers than last year and potatoes made an increase of nearly \$2,000,000. The total gain in the value of farm production over last year was approximately \$25,-000,000.

COUNCIL TO HEAR OFFER

C. Schuebel Says Charter Amendment Will be Necessary to Buy Truck

The city council will meet tonight to discuss the offer of W. P. Hawley, Sr., to buy the home of the Cataract hose company and to donate an additional \$1000 toward the cost of a motor-driven fire truck for Oregon City. The offer will be presented through the Live Wire committee composed of W. P. Hawley, Jr., A. A. Price, L. Adams and W. A. Huntley. Although members of the council have been highly interested by Mr. Hawley's offer, it is not probable, they say, that it can result in the early purchase of the needed apparatus.

Before the purchase can be made, even with Mr. Hawley and A. R. Jacobs paying the burden of its cost, a department, Mr. Schuebel says, can be accomplished by ordinances, but the purchase of the truck with funds gained through the sale of property and donations would require charter amendments. The creation of a fire board would not solve the situation, because it would require a special

election to create such a board.

Charles T. Tooze Thursday filed an corder E. P. Dedman and F. C. Altin to prevent Mr. Dedman from acceptthe property on the part of Mr. Altin. case.

CITY MAY STILL BUY FIRE TRUCK

MR. HAWLEY MAKES LIBERAL OFFER TO LIVE WIRES. REFERRED TO COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM DRAWN

Wires Will Engage in Membership Round-Up. Suggest Union of State Commissions.

The way is open for the purchase of a much-needed fire apparatus in of fire underwriters for the state and the Willamette river. has learned that a material reduction in the fire insurance rate can be obtained here if the proper facilities

Mr. Hawley's plan, as presented by through a 50 horsepower motor installed in any plant that may be meeting Tuesday, involves a slight erected here, would cost \$1.68 per change in the city water system, in- kilowatt hour for a 12-hour day. That as much as a reduction in the insuris to say, that a factory could operate ance rate requires that there be two sources of supply for water. It is and pay \$1.68 per kilowatt hour for proposed to tap the ten-inch main its power. The same motor operated carrying water to West Linn with 24 hours a day would furnish power an automatic valve, which will relieve at \$1.25 per kilowatt hour. Rates the local reservoir in case of fire and for larger or smaller motors are corthe necessity for more water. This valve would in no manner impair the supply to West Linn and the plan has been approved by members of the West Linn council.

The interesting part of Mr. Hawley's plan is in connection with the fire truck which the city hoped to purchase. Lack of funds prevented the council from buying such appar- Additional data on the advantages to atus. Mr. Hawley will buy the home sevening after next Monday of the Cataract hose company on gathered. Options will be taken on south Main street for \$1500. He available property within a short time accommodation of Christmas will in addition to this, donate \$1000 toward the purchase of a truck. A.

shas been hired in most of the state of the st will in addition to this, donate \$1000 stores of the city and the holist day rush is being handled in a st other \$5000 donation, a total of very satisfactory manner. The & \$3000. This sum would care for the initial payment on the truck, and it appears that the committee appointed will find a way to accept Mr. Haw-A A A A A A A A A A A B ley's offer and plan. The committee ley's offer and plan. The committee comprises W. P. Hawley, Jr., A. A. Price, W. A. Huntley, L. Adams and Price, W. A. Huntley, L. Adams and Christmas wift? Pifry two S. lett is asserted, and the increase in attenuance to observe the day by giving something to each emloye, although Mr. ber in the Cascades was destroyed by the storms of last winter. The

The legislative delegation from this county, which was to have attended the meeting for the discussion of bills fathered by the Live Wires, was represented by Senator Walter A. Dimick. Mr. Dimick expressed a desire to co-operate in any possible way with the organization for the advancement of the proposed legislation. The Live Wires desired especially a revision of the tax laws of the state and the legislative committee will draft bills incorporating these desires. Mr. Dimick believes that the other legislators will work with the club at the legislature.

Following a talk by Main Trunk C. Schuebel regarding the membership of the club, in which he laid stress upon the absence from the tables each week of a number of business men a "round-up" committee to enlist the interest of business men and to secure new members was appointed. committee includes W. P. Hawley, Jr., L. Adams and E. C. Brownlee.

A vote of thanks was extended by the Wires to the armory committee, and especially to its chairman, George Randall, for its efforts to secure an armory appropriation from the coun-The purpose of the committee was defeated by the taxpayers at the budget meeting last Saturday, because, as Mr. Randall stated, the Live Wires did not attend the meeting as

they had agreed to do. A suggestion that will be included in the Wires' legislative program was made by Judge Grant B. Dimick, when he said that the work of the state tax commission should be turned over to the public service commission. Judge Dimick pointed out the conflict in the aims of these commissions and showed where a saving of approximately \$12,000 could be effected by the abolishment of the former.

MOTHER AND SON WED.

Rev. Mr. Hawkins Performs Double Wedding Ceremony Here.

At the same ceremony in the parsonage of the Methodist church last 485 Linn avenue, Portland, was mar-

POWER RATES OFFER **GREAT POSSIBILITY**

BOOSTERS WILL COMPILE DATA TO SUBMIT TO PROSPECT-

IVE MANUFACTURERS

Rates for electrical power that are hoped to prove interesting to eastern manufacturers and others who might consider the establishment of mills and factories in and about Oregon City have been submitted to the Commercial club through the Live Wires and C. Schuebel, main trunk of the latter organization.

The figures compiled by the Portland Railway, Light & Power com-pany are said to represent probably the lowest power cost of any offered on the Pacific coast and the Live Wires under the direction of Schuebel will compile the data for presentation to prospective industrial investors. There is 40,000 horsepower of electrical energy available for the use of such enterprises as it is hoped to bring here and this is already developed by the company's plant in this city from the falls in

As an example of the reasonable rate offered in the company's report to Mr. Schuebel the following is interesting: Service of electricity respondingly low.

It is the intention of the Commercial club and Live Wires to prepare this data in a neat pamphlet, together with a list of sites upon which options will be secured for factory and mill and factory operation is being available property within a short time and the publication of a booklet entirely devoted to the power and the property available will be published.

DO YOU LIKE IT?

issues of this paper will go to & any address you may designate for one full year-and you will pay only \$1. It will & be an interesting reminder of & your thoughtfulness through- & will do the rest. ERKEREEREER

CHILDREN HELD

Judge Anderson Delays Prosecution of Lads Whose Parents Sin

Unwilling to rush the prosecution of two little boys for the sins their provisions of the amendment. parents have committed, County Judge H. S. Anderson this morning took under advisement the charges of disorderly conduct against Reuben and Calvin Neff of Paradise Corners. These boys are guilty of disturbing the peace of that misnomered community by firing three charges from a shotgun into the walls of the home of C. Pratt.

The shooting and other misdemeanors of the little fellows have been traced directly to the feud between the two families. Bad blood has existed between the Neffs and the Pratts for several years and has involved all members of the families. Judge Anderson said, in delaying prosecution this morning, that if the boys were brought before him again and he was forced to send them to the reform school he would see to it that the parents were prosecuted for contributing to their delinquency.

SEALS ARE SELLING

One of Every Tyelve Deaths in Oregon Caused by Tuberculosis

All Oregon is evidencing interest in the campaign for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals.

Organizations in 100 different communities are active. Re-orders keep the headquarters at the Oregon association for the prevention of tuberculosis office in Portland busy. It is safe to say that 500,000 pieces of Thursday night, mother and son were mail, Christmas packages and so united in marriage by the Rev. J. forth will be stamped with Red Cross K. Hawkins. Mrs. Bessie A. Lamb, Christmas seals this month. As each seal is in itself a warning against the ried to W. A. Monroe, also of Port- disease that takes the life of one of land, and Mrs. Lamb's son, Clayton E. every 12 people that die in Oregon, work without delay. The estimated Lamb, employed in Oregon City, was the amount of good thus done can cost of the structure is \$20,000. The united to Violet R. Herse. One cou- hardly be estimated. At the same ple acted as witnesses for the mar- time the proceeds from the sale of the preliminary plans and which will injunction suit against County Re- riage of the other. Mr. and Mrs. the seals at a penny each go entirely, Lamb will live in Portland, while the except for the 10 per cent that pays is completed is composed of George younger people may make their home the American Red Cross for printing ing for record a deed to certain Oak in Oregon City. Clayton E. Lamb is and other expense, to the organized E. D. Olds, Frank Busch and William Grove real estate, sold to Mr. Tooze the last of Mrs. Lamb's children to fight against tuberculosis which is Weismandel. by Mr. Altin. The complaint alleges be married and the Rev. Mr. Hawk- being carried on by the Oregon assothat there was misrepresentation of ins performed the ceremony in each ciation for the prevention of tuber-

FULL STATE TAX WILL BE LEVIED

COMMISSION FINDS WAY OUT OF A TIGHT PLACE IN FIX-ING TAX LEVY

INSTITUTIONS WILL SUFFER

Decrease for Bienniel Period is Put at About \$131,750. Millage

There appears to be only one way out of a tight place in the matter of taxation in Oregon, according to the at this meeting that by levying for next year the full state tax authorized by the six per cent tax limitation amendment, provision can be made for the ordinary maintenance of state institutions and departments, and \$224,250 allowed for improve-ments. The limit that can be raised under the amendment is \$2,699,250. and that sum will be levied.

Compared with this year, this is an increase of \$149,250, and compared with the average levy for the current biennium it is a decrease of approximately \$131,750. Next year's levy will be based on a valuation of approximately \$878,000,000 which is about \$56,000,000 less than the valuation on which this year's levy was made. Millage rate next year will be approximately 3.1 compared with 2.7 this year and 3.3 in 1915. The de crease in valuation, says the commis-

sion, is responsible for the increase Although \$224,250 is allowed for improvements, the commission fig-ures that this sum will be largely, if not entirely, absorbed by legislative appropriations for other purposes, for in pruning to meet the requirements of the amendment the commission in cluded only appropriations expressly established by law. No provision is made in the levy, for instance, for money to match the federal appropriations for roadbuilding, nor is any provision made for aid for sectarian and charitable institutions, the appropriations for which during the current biennium were more than \$100,-

Hasn't it occurred to you se Because of the decrease in valua-that a subscription to the se tion and the increase in attendance the legislature always makes appropriations aggregating thousands of dollars for other purposes, but which are not of a continuing character, and these were all eliminated from levy.

While by pruning the commission out the year. Send the dollar & has made next year's levy meet rest and the address today. We st quirements of the 6 per cent amend ment, the financial problem created by it remains unsolved, the commission having merely passed it on to the legislature for solution, and it will depend on that body to devise ways and means to meet the requirements of the state government for the next biennium and at the same time keep the 1918 levy within the

JUDGE IS SPEAKER

A Criminal Born in Every Soul, Says Local Jurist

"There is a criminal born in every soul, and we must keep it within the walls of our own penitentiary or some judge will sentence it to a penitentiary of another sort. In other words we are all born with tendencies which develop naturally toward crime unless they are mastered and controlled." said Circuit Judge J. U. Campbell in addressing the Baraca class of the local Baptist church last night. Anger, the natural passion of acquisitiveness, idleness and lust cation of his intentions. were given as the four greatest causes of crime by the speaker and he said that to send a first offender to criminals would soon teach him in seriously considered again. criminal practice,

The suggestion that land be set aside by the state to be developed by down-and-out men and the unemployed at a fair wage, was made by the judge He said this would solve the problem of unemployment and would do away with tramps.

MOOSE WILL BUILD.

Plans for Modern Lodge Home or

Main Street Are Approved. Plans for the erection of a modern lodge home for the Moose lodge of this city were ratified last Thursday night at a meeting of the lodge's building committee and authority has been granted to proceed with the committee which has had charge of continue to oversee the work until it F. Johnson, P. D. Forbes, D. F. Skene,

The Courier and the Daily Jour-

ONE NAIL CRIPPLES MUNICIPAL ELEVATOR

LIFT PARALYSED TWO DAYS UNTIL TEN-PENNY NAIL IS FOUND IN ITS VALVES

"As dead as a door nail," may or may not indicate a condition of abject desuctude, but City Engineer Miller is firm in his conviction that, dead CORPORATION TO PAY LESS or alive, a nail is a troublesome ani-

A 10-penny nail resisted the full pressure of the water in the valves of the municipal elevator for practically two days and remained undiscovered until Monday, when the lift remained useless. City Engineer Miller succeeded in removing the nail late Mon-

day and the lift started again. Late Saturday night an elbow or the supply main to the lift was broken and caused the elevator to stop state tax commission, which met at until the damege was repaired Sun-Salem this week. It was determined day morning. Early Sunday afternoon the elevator stopped again and the 10-penny nail was located Monday morning after the full pressure of the system had been applied to the pipes in a futile effort to start he lift. The nail and the little block of wood with it were removed, but the city engineer is still unable to account for their presence in the pipe.

MILL EMPLOYES WILL **GET XMAS PRESENTS**

LARGE EMPLOYERS HERE PLAN TO REMEMBER 1700 MEN AND WOMEN WORKERS

The Hawley Pulp & Paper comany, through its Santa Claus, W. P. Hawley, Jr., will spend \$1500 for Christmas presents for its men, it was announced yesterday. The single men are to receive boxes of good cigars and the married men will each get a turkey for the holiday feast. At the Crown-Willamette mills it is expected that the men will, as usual, receive an additional day's wages as a Christmas present. Figuring on the 900 men employed by this company here at an average wage of \$3.10 a day it is apparent

R. Jacobs, is making arrangements old Crown paper mills have been disto observe the day by giving some- mantled, and that much valuable tim-

employes in the three mills mentioned, 900 at the Crown-Willamette, Jack. This, with the reduction of 500 at the Hawley mills and 300 at the wollen mills.

CABINET TO REMAIN

Attorney General Gregory Only Retiring Member of Wilson's Board

The only member of President Wilson's cabinet to retire, and in this Jack has completed his segregation. case it is even less than a probability is Attorney General Gregory, who is anxious to return to private legal practice at Houston, Texas, say an- Discuss Plan of County Control of nouncements from Washington this week. All other members, and perhaps Mr. Gregory too, will remain with the president during his second

Stories that indicated the resignation of Secretaries McAdoo, Houston and Baker have been strongly denied at Washington, as has the rumor that Secretary Redfield might retire. Secretaries Daniels, Lansing and Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson have not been concerned in the fake stories.

In the attorney general's case the reports of his intention to resign have been circumstantial and have been generally accepted as true by officials, although he has given no indi-

The president has offered Gregory a seat on the supreme court once and should another vacancy octhe penitentiary was to put him in a cur during the administration it is school for crime, where hardened thought probable that he would be se-

PARALYSIS IN SCHOOL.

Milwaukie Classes Close Because of Presence of Disease.

The public schools in this city closed Friday for fumigation because of the discovery of a case of infantile paralysis in one of the lower grades. No other cases developed, ate their own hatcheries and enforce and classes reassembled on Monday morning.

This action was resolved upon at a meeting of the directors Thursday next Thursday evening the sportsmen night following a discussion of the case of Mr. and Mrs. George Noakes. The child is in the first grade, but because of the transfer of the grades from the old to the new building, the as members of Clackamas county's fumigation of both structures is necessary. Bernice is paralyzed from the hips down, but her case is not essentially dangerous.

Postoffice Moves. The transfer of the Gladstone post

office from the Paddock building to the building adjoining, owned by Harvey E. Cross, has been completed. Postmaster F. E. Parker has put in new fixtures and new boxes.

PUBLIC SERVICE TAX IS CHOPPED

NEARLY HALF MILLION DOL-LARS IS TAKEN OFF COUN-

TY'S VALUATION

Assessor Jack Segregating Assessments. Oregon City May Lower

The proverbial bolt of thunder out of a clear, bright sky came down upon Clackamas county this week when the state tax commission chopped al-most \$500,000 off the assessed valuation of the county through the reduction of the valuation of the holdings of the Portland Railway, Light &

Power company. County Assessor J. E. Jack had peen forewarned of the possibility of such an action on the part of the commission, but generally it was more or less of a surprise. sessor at once set to work to segregate assessments. In spite of the fact that the company is this year operating more miles of trackage and more power lines than it ever did, the reduction is made. The tax commission explains the cut by saying that the earnings of the traction company in the past year have been far below normal and less than they were last

year, making the reduction advisable. The total valuation last year was approximately \$5,000,000, or about one-sixth of the total valuation of the county. The valuation this year is shown in the items of the statements made by the tax commission: Power plant at Willamette falls, reduced from \$348,000 to \$303,920; power taken from the falls and sold, reduced from \$916,400 to \$812,000;
Portland-Oregon City car line, reduced from \$23,200 to \$20,880 a mile; power lines, reduced from \$1,0998,651 to \$1,075,210.

Assessaor Jack said that the valuation of this county is practically \$2,000,000 less than it was three years ago, or that it now is \$28,737,-352. This, he says, is due to the fact that the locks in the river here were that the company will spend about \$2790 for Christmas presents.

The Oregon City Manufacturing company, through its president, A. & C. land tax is not included; that the loss in assessed valuation through It is estimated that there are 1700 the assessments controlled by the assessor is placed at \$54.240 by Mr. \$388,944.04 made by the state tax commission, makes the total loss in

valuation for 1916 \$443,184.04. The state of affairs brought about by this reduction will undoubtedly result in a reduction of the assess ment in Oregon City, but the amount cannot be determined until Assessor

SPORTSMEN ELECT

Fish and Game Business of State

At the first annual meeting of the new Clackamas County Anglers' association held at the Commercial club last night, the details of the organization were completed and permanent officers elected. The new officers are George Bannon, president; Charles Moulton, vice-president; B. J. Staats. secretary-treasurer. The executive committee members, in addition to the officers, are O. D. Eby and H. L. Kelly. Fifty sportsmen attended the

The subject of county control of game and fish, with enforcement of the laws by the county rather than by the state, was given considerable attention. Judge Grant B. Dimick, speaking on this subject, called attention to the saving that could be effected by county control and to the more effective administration of game and fish business by the county than is possible in state control. The plan of county control, the judge said, would take the enforcemnt of the game and fish laws and the protection out of politics. B. Greenman, a brother of F. Greenman of this city, attended the meeting and discussed the plan in force in Washington, where 80 per cent of the fish and game license money was sufficient for the law, in addition to carrying the lighter expenses

At a special meeting to be held will debate the question of closing the Willamette river to net fishermen. A delegation of Multnomah Anglers' club members will be present as well legislative delegation. The Multnomah club is in favor of closing the river, while many members of the local organization point out that additional ladder facilities are necessary before such a thing is attempted.

A marriage license was issued last Thursday by County Clerk Harring-ton to Mabel Morrison and John E. Clyde, of 392 East Stark street, of