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SCHUEBEL PLANS REFORM MEASURE

BILL WILL BE AIMED AT CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$1,600,000

Representative Elect Denounces Lobby and Favors Measure Which Could Compel Registration of Lobbyists

Representative C. Schuebel, of Clackamas county, has in preparation, a bill that is expected to attract wide attention and will probably be bitterly fought.

The bill will be aimed at the continuing appropriations, about which comparatively little is generally known and which have been gradually increased with each succeeding session of the legislative assembly.

Boards Will Prepare Budgets. The numbers boards and departments of the state have continuous appropriations amounting to more than \$1,900,000 inside from the educational institutions.

Anti-Lobby Bill Planned. Representative Schuebel also intends to introduce his anti-lobby bill, that passed the house in the last session and was defeated in the senate.

EDWARD RANNIE SUES W. V. S. FOR \$75,556

The Willamette Valley Southern is made defendant in a personal injury suit for \$75,556.66 filed by Edward J. Rannie in the Clackamas county circuit court.

VALLEY PRODUCTS OFF TO 1915 FAIR

FIRST SHIPMENT OF 104 BOXES OF APPLES SENT FROM SALEM SATURDAY

FREYTAG LEAVES FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Clackamas Commissioner and W. F. Graves Will Arrange for Exhibit—\$50,000 Descriptive Booklets Prepared

The first shipment of Willamette valley products, which will form part of the Oregon exhibit at the San Francisco fair next year, left Salem Saturday evening.

Ten carloads will be sent from Salem between now and December 10. The products are being prepared at the state fair grounds under the supervision of O. E. Freytag.

Mr. Freytag, who is commissioner from Clackamas county, and W. F. Graves, representing Benton county, left Salem late Saturday night for San Francisco to confer with George M. Hyland, director of the exposition, and to measure the space which is allowed the eight Willamette valley counties with the view of arranging the valley exhibit.

The committee on publicity has awarded the contract for the printing of 50,000 descriptive booklets, Clackamas county will be well represented by articles describing the possibilities of the crops raised here.

Students Will Cook Products. It is conceded by those familiar with the big exposition that the exhibit of Willamette valley counties will be by far the best advertisement that this state could have.

WEST COMMUTES THE SENTENCE OF WILKINS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—That he might prevent Lloyd H. Wilkins, convicted of homicide in the first degree in Portland for killing Lou Winters, from being freed because the amendment passed by the people abolishing capital punishment does not contain a saving clause, Governor West today deferred canvassing the results of the recent election one day and commuted the sentence of the man to life imprisonment.

Whether the commutation will stand is a moot question and one which the defendant probably will ask the courts to determine. The governor was advised by District Attorney Evans, of Multnomah county, that, according to his construction of the constitution, an amendment does not become effective until the vote on it is canvassed and the governor proclaims it a law.

FEDS GET PLANK. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—Edward Plank, the Philadelphia American's left-handed pitcher, signed a contract today to play with the St. Louis Federal league club.

A telegram to this effect was received here tonight from President James A. Gilmore of the Federal league, by Phil Ball, vice president of the local club.

NOTICES FOR TAX LEVIES ARE FILED

OREGON CITY AND OSWEGO HAVE HIGHEST LEVY—WEST LINN, THE LOWEST

12 ROAD DISTRICTS HAVE SPECIAL TAX

School Levy Varies From Nothing to 12 Mills—Time Ends for Filing Notice With Clerk and Assessor

Time for filing notice of city tax and special road and school district taxes with the county clerk and county assessor expired Tuesday.

Twelve districts have levied a special road tax. A majority of the levies are of 10 mills and the lowest is that of district 54, 3 mills. The road districts which will have a special tax this year and the amount of the tax follows:

District 52, 10 mills; district 4, 5 mills; district 10, 8 mills; district 9, 10 mills; district 49, 10 mills; district 6, 5 mills; district 55, 10 mills; district 45, 3 mills; district 33, 5 mills; district 28, 5 mills; district 54, 2 mills; district 41, 10 mills.

Outside of Oregon City, Oswego will pay the highest city tax rate in the county and West Linn the lowest. The town across the river will pay on a 2-mill rate and Oswego, 10 mills, the same levy adopted by the Oregon City council.

Those districts which have filed notices of levies follow: Sycamore, 3 mills; Monte Cristo, 1.5 mills; Rock Creek, 4 mills; Meadow Brook, 3 mills; Gladstone, 8.5 mills; Yoder, 1.5 mills; Oregon City, 5.3 mills; Orient, 3 mills; Springwater, 2 mills; Corvallis, 5 mills; Mackaburg, 2 mills; Timber Grove, 2 mills; West Linn, 3 mills; Dover, 5 mills; Harmon, 2.5 mills; Cherryville, 10 mills; Russellville, 3.5 mills; Sandy, 6 mills; Teasle Creek, 2 mills; Redland, 3 mills; Clackamas, 6 mills; Upper Highland, 1 mill; Upper Logan, 1 mill; Milwaukie, 5 mills; Ames, 3 mills; Estacada, 7 mills; Springbrook, 1.5 mills; Concord, 5 mills; Linn's Mill, 2 mills; Evergreen, 2 mills; Wilsonville, 2 mills; Greenwood, 10 mills; Curtinville, 1 mill; One-Hundred-and-Twenty-Two, 6 mills; Molalla, 4 mills; Viola, 2 mills; Parkplace, 9 mills; Wilamette, 5.5 mills; Stone, 9 mills; Douglas, 2 mills; Lealand, 3 mills; Hatton, 4 mills; Ardenwald, 6 mills; Beaver Creek, 5 mill; New Colton, 5 mills; Canby, 8 mills; Sunnyside, 2 mills; Tracy, 2.5 mills; Oak Lawn, 2 mills; Brown, 4 mills; Porter, 5 mills; North Logan, 2 mills; Advance, 3 mills; Alberta, 1 mill; Marquam, 3 mills; Barlow, 1 mill; Sandy union high school, 2 mills; Corral, 2 mills; Needy, 1 mill; Parrot Mountain, 2 mills; Hood View, 1 mill; Dover, 4 mills; Ninety-One, 1.5 mills; Kelso, 1.5 mills; Bear Creek, 3 mills; Kelso, 1 mill; Aurora, 2 mills; Canemah, 2 mills; Redland, 3 mills; Barton, 3 mills; Hillcrest, 15 mills; Clark, 2 mills; Russellville, 3.5 mills; North Butteville, 2 mills; Beaver Lake, 2 mills; Jennings Lodge, 2 mills; Clairmont, 3 mills; Cherryville, 10 mills; Carus, 1 mill; Liberal, 3 mills; East Clackamas, 2 mills; Boring, 2 mills; Maple Lane, 2.5 mills; Mt. Pleasant, 6 mills; Lower Logan, 3.5 mills; Scott's Mills, 12.4 mills; Union, 2 mills; Rogg, 1 mill; Marks Prairie, 1 mill; Union Mills, 7 mills; Oak Grove (near Liberal), 3 mills; Wichita, 9.25 mills; Holcomb, 2.5 mills, and Sycamore, 3 mills.

PAVING PLANNED IN EASTERN MULTNOMAH

A movement has been started to obtain hard-surface pavement on either the Section or Powell valley road from Portland to Gresham next year. Resolutions favoring hard-surfacing of one of these roads, connecting with the Columbia highway, will be presented before the Gresham Commercial club, and if carried will be submitted to the county commissioners.

BUSINESS SHOWS BIG SLUMP WITH RECORDER

Forty-two deeds were recorded with Recorder Dedman Monday and only one Tuesday. The difference was caused by the new federal war tax which went into effect Tuesday. Several instruments are now held in the office of Recorder Dedman until the federal tax stamp is affixed.

A CLEAN MILWAUKIE IS AIM OF TICKET

GOOD GOVERNMENT LEAGUE PUTS UP CANDIDATES FOR BETTER TOWN

CITIZENS' TICKET

For mayor—G. C. Pelton. Councilmen of 1st ward—G. A. Seavey and A. J. Walker. Councilmen of 2nd ward—W. H. Grange and B. G. Skulason. Councilman at large—Maggie A. Johnson. Marshal—Sam Riley. Treasurer—A. L. Balstad. Recorder—Dave P. Mathews.

With "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none and a clean town" as a campaign slogan and an earnest desire to re-establish the good name of the pioneer town of Milwaukie, the Good Government League of that city has put in the field a complete ticket for next Monday's city election.

The league will hold a public meeting 8 o'clock Friday evening at the city hall.

WITHERCOMBE NAMES EDITOR SECRETARY

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27.—George Palmer Putnam, of Bend, today was named by Governor-elect Withycombe to be his private secretary. Announcement of the selection was made by Dr. Withercombe late today in Portland and at the same time the selection was made public by Miss Esther K. Carson, of Salem, as assistant secretary.

M. B. VIGAR SUES

M. B. Vigar has filed a suit in the circuit court here against Emma Crockett and Emma R. Welch for \$700 which she alleges is due from a judgment obtained in the Multnomah county circuit court. The complaint alleges that Vigar obtained a judgment for \$700 from Emma Welch and that she then transferred all her property, located near Milwaukie, to Emma Crockett.

GOVERNMENT PAYS MUCH; COLLECTS LITTLE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 1.—War tax stamps passing through the hands of the Almsworth dock force today affixed to bills of lading for shipments to California netted Uncle Sam 28 cents, caused the clerks \$28 worth of trouble and the shippers \$280 worth of time. Agencies of the American-Hawaiian, Grace Line, and every steamboat service on the river experienced the same annoyance. The law prescribes that a cent stamp must be on every bill of lading issued except on goods bound for Alaska, Porto Rico, the Hawaiian and Philippines and all foreign ports.

TALK ON TAXES MAY RESULT IN LEAGUE

ROBERT E. SMITH, OF ROSEBURG, APPEARS BEFORE LIVE WIRES TUESDAY

3 COMMITTEES WILL STUDY BUDGET

Speaker Declares Per Capita Tax is Higher in Oregon Than in Any Other State—Great Increase is Shown

Interesting facts and figures were presented at noon Tuesday by R. E. Smith, of Roseburg, secretary of the Oregon Rational Tax Reform association, who talked to 60 business and professional men and farmers at the Commercial club, following the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires.

Mr. Smith is covering every section of the state in his efforts to make plain to the people just why taxes are high and suggesting remedies. He has considerable data from many of the counties in Oregon and he manifested an astonishing familiarity with conditions in Clackamas county. Mr. Smith was introduced by E. E. Brodie, chairman of the meeting.

Clackamas Increase Shown. Mr. Smith precluded his address with the statement that the per capita tax in Oregon is higher than any other state in the union. He said the tax roll in Clackamas county had increased from \$223,900 in 1911 to \$480,000 in 1913.

In discussing the causes of high taxes, Mr. Smith asserted that one-half of the area of Oregon paid no taxes at all, due to the fact that half of the land was either in the forest reserves, or had been withdrawn from entry by the government, and that in addition to taxes were being collected on the land grant of the Oregon and California Railroad Co., which had been declared forfeited in the United States court and was now before the United States supreme court on appeal. Much of this land not now subject to assessment, declared the speaker, is good agricultural timbered land and should be taxed. Mr. Smith made the point that Oregon is largely undeveloped and needed more population to decrease its overhead expense.

Organization Urged. He urged the taxpayers to carefully scrutinize the budget which has already been published, and which will be publicly discussed at a meeting of the county court to be held December 15. He pointed out that as a general rule there are organizations in every county that are continually asking for something that results in a tax, but that very unusual to see an organized body appear before a tax making body with an appeal to reduce taxation.

Mr. Smith closed his address with the suggestion that three committees be appointed to investigate the budget figures and then appear before the county court. He said each committee could consist of three taxpayers, one committee to handle roads and bridges another for county officers expenses, and a third for sundry items.

COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Upon motion of B. T. McEain, the chairman appointed a nominating committee consisting of S. O. Dillman, W. L. Mulvey and J. E. Hedges and this committee has selected the following committees which were provided for in the motion: Roads and bridges, R. B. Beattie, Beaver Creek; E. L. Pope, T. W. Sullivan, John Cole of Molalla, and Homer Kruse of Sherwood; expense of county officers, J. O. Staats, W. W. Everhart of Molalla, and George Lazalle of Mt. Pleasant; and miscellaneous expenses, A. C. Howland, W. H. Bair of Canby, and R. L. Herrin of Oak Grove. The nominating committee aimed to give every part of the county representation.

MILWAUKIE ROAD NEAR COMPLETION

The new road between Portland and Milwaukie, in Clackamas county, probably will be completed by the end of the week, unless rains interfere with the finishing. All heavy grading has been completed and the roadway is graveled for the entire distance. A heavy steam roller is in operation. The roadway is 24 feet wide and the grade is 2 per cent. Work is in progress south of the steel bridge across Johnson Creek to the Milwaukie city line connecting with the Front street pavement. There will be a continuous pavement through Milwaukie to Sellwood.

VAN BRAKLE CASE IS SET FOR DECEMBER 17

Dr. J. A. Van Brakle received word Friday that the appeal which was taken by the physicians from the decision of Judge Campbell would be argued before the supreme court December 17.

TAXPAYERS PASS SCHOOL ESTIMATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD ARE APPROVED AT ANNUAL MEETING

LEVY IS NOW FIXED AT 5.7 MILLS

Rate is 2.6 Mills Under 1914 in 1915 Budget—\$35,640.90 Estimated Expenditures for Coming Year

The budget prepared by the school board which calls for a levy of 5.7 mills, was approved at the annual taxpayers' meeting which was held in the courthouse Friday night. The meeting was not well attended.

The school tax rate is the second levy on Oregon City property which is definitely known. The city tax will be 10 mills, the same as in years previous. The school tax, however, is 2.6 mills under the rate of 1914. Although no improvements are possible under this rate, the high standards of the city school will not be lowered.

Last year the taxpayers approved a levy of 8.3, the recommendation of the board. Of this, 5.5 was for maintenance, 1.5 for an addition to the Barclay building, and 1.3 for the sinking fund which will take care of a bond issue which will expire December 1, 1915. This year the special levy for building is eliminated. The sinking fund is increased 1 of a mill and the levy for general purposes is decreased 1.3 mills. The levy of 5.7 mills on a valuation of \$2,817,255 will produce an estimated revenue of \$16,958.35, the remainder of the district's receipts coming from the state and county school funds and from tuition.

In the past the taxpayers have always approved the recommendations of the school board and this year, with remarkable reduction in the tax rate, it was not considered probable that they would change the estimates. The estimates for 1915 follow:

Table with Receipts: County school fund \$14,227.20, State school fund \$2,577.90, Special school tax 5.3 mills on valuation of \$2,817,255 \$14,931.35, Special school tax 4 mill on valuation of \$2,817,255 \$1,126.90, Tuition \$1,800.00, Total \$35,663.45

Table with Disbursements: Teachers' salaries \$22,869.00, Clerk's salary \$270.00, Janitors' salaries \$1,650.00, Repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds \$1,500.00, Supplies and fuel \$3,000.00, Water rent and electric light and power \$600.00, Apparatus and furniture \$500.00, Printing and advertising \$250.00, Interest on bonds \$2,575.00, Interest on loans \$200.00, Miscellaneous expense \$1,100.00, Sinking fund \$1,126.90, Total \$35,640.90

TWO TICKETS BEFORE MILWAUKIE VOTERS

Two complete tickets, the Republican and the Citizens' representing the Good Government league, will be put before the voters at the Milwaukie city election, December 7.

The Hotel Belle and the Friars' club together form the issue of the campaign. The Republican ticket, headed by Herman Loeding, now a member of the council, is understood to be in favor of the two resorts, while the opposition candidates are decidedly opposed to them.

G. C. Pilton is the candidate for mayor on the Citizens' ticket. The other nominees are: A. J. Walker and G. A. Seaman, councilman ward 1; B. G. Skulason and W. H. Grange, councilman ward 2; Maggie Johnson, councilman at large; Sam Riley, marshal; A. L. Balstad, treasurer and David P. Mathews, recorder. Republican mayor; John Bond and C. C. Perry, councilmen ward 1; L. Warren and Leo Shindler, councilmen ward 2; Charles Council, councilman at large; A. L. Reed, marshal; Dr. Taylor, treasurer, and David P. Mathews, recorder.

FEDERAL WAR TAX IS NOW IN EFFECT

OREGON CITY POSTOFFICE HAS NEITHER STAMPS NOR INSTRUCTIONS

ASSESSMENT IS IN MANY FORMS

Wherever Possible Purchaser Will Bear Burden of Tax—\$500 Fine is Provided in Bill for Any Violation

Although the federal war tax is now in effect, the Oregon City postoffice has not yet received stamps or instructions from the postoffice authorities. "All that we know of the new tax is what we have read in the newspapers," said Mrs. Nash, assistant postmaster, Monday afternoon. "We have received no instructions of any kind." Postmaster Randall is out of town.

Recorder Dedman has only vague information of the working of the new law. His office was crowded all day Monday by those who wished to file real estate transfers before the new tax law became effective. Over 60 transfers were filed up to closing time.

Local banks have received stamps direct from the revenue office in Portland. They are printed in red with the denomination of the stamp in large figures in the center. Otherwise, they are marked "Documentary U. S. A. internal revenue stamp of 1914."

The tax applies so far as documents are concerned, to bills of sale, bills of lading, any certificates filed with the county clerk, deeds for real estate (the tax is 50 cents for each \$500, though not applicable to transactions less than \$100), indemnity bonds, insurance policies, promissory notes, power of attorney, stock certificates.

An interesting feature of the application of the war tax to real estate transactions is that it will be illegal to attach the "nominal" value to the deed. In other words the tax requires that the full price be given, for the tax varies with the price.

Postage stamps can be used where the denomination is correct, but the war tax stamp in many instances must be much smaller than any postage stamp. For instance on certain toilet articles, where the price does not exceed five cents, the tax is one-eighth of a cent, and stamps of one-eighth of a cent denomination must be affixed.

In nearly all instances, where it is possible, the burden of the war tax must be borne by the purchaser. The banks intend that the purchasers of papers and documents requiring stamps pay the tax, for the banks have already paid their tax in the form of a percentage upon their capital stock. The insurance companies are instructing their agents to collect the taxes from the customers. The tax on an insurance policy is one-half of one cent on each dollar on the amount of the premium charged.

Insurance Agents Instructed. The instructions sent out to the insurance agencies by nearly 200 companies include the following directions:

"Policies issued covering notes prior to December 1, 1914, but commencing on or after that date, which are issued in the usual course of your business, and according to the general custom, and not made for the purpose of evading the tax, need not be stamped.

"Policies issued upon covering notes or applications, after December 1, 1914, but where the liability begins before December, will have to be stamped.

"Policies issued on or before December 31, 1915, to begin after December 31, 1915, will also have to be stamped. Any endorsement made on or after December 1, carrying an additional premium, must be stamped on the basis of such additional premium, according to law.

"Where temporary covering notes are given to the assured and regular policies are issued subsequently, dating back to the commencement of the covering note, the covering notes need not be stamped inasmuch as the policy will carry the tax burden, but if a covering note is not merged into a regular policy, as above suggested, the required stamps must be attached thereto.

Bill Carries \$500 Fine. "After the stamps have been attached to the policy, please see that they are properly cancelled, as the law requires, by writing or stamping your initials and date of cancellation on the stamps.

"To avoid violations of the law and consequent penalties, do not deliver any policy to the assured until the stamps have been duly affixed and cancelled."

A fine of \$500 is provided for failure to cancel a stamp as directed, or failure to properly stamp articles as required by law.

AURORA CANDIDATES FEW

There is a dearth of candidates in Aurora although the city election there will be held December 7, says the Aurora Observer. Several have been mentioned for places on the council but there seems to be considerable modesty on their part to become candidates. Two places on the council will be filled.