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COUNTY COURT IS TRYING TO SOLVE ROAD LAW PUZZI

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WRITES TO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR AN OPINION.

NEW STATUTE MAY FORCE EVERY ROAD DISTRICT TO HAVE BUDGET

Another Clause Requires Two Meet ings of Taxpayers to Authorize Special Levy - Special Blanks Are Required.

The Clackamas county court and District Attorney Hedges are trying to figure out just what the changes made in the road laws by the 1915 legislature really mean. Mr. Hedges LAST LINE ON SOUTHERN FRONT has written for an opinion from Attorney General Brown and has spent some time in a careful study of the

The Clackamas county officials are awaiting with interest the outcome of the suit in Multnomah county to determine whether the legislature really did make every incorporated city in the state a separate road district. Many road districts in other counties, as well as Clackamas, are anxi. Armies Menacing Dvinsh Are Driven ously awaiting an interpretation of the new laws by the court.

The particular statute which is bothering Clackamas county officials at the present time is the one which apparently, compels every road district to adopt the budget system, regulates an increase in the levy and makes two meetings of taxpayers necessary to secure a special district levy.

One change requires a publication weeks prior to the road meeting; the other is with reference to the increase flerik in the rates of taxation. A special procedure is required in case the taxes are increased more than six percent special meetings, each called by a petition of more than 10 per cent of the mach resident taxpayers, and the whole procedure requires about two months.

As the final report must be filed in the end of November the proceeding opponents. must be commenced about the first of

road laws was made by the 1915 legislature in the interest of timber interests, who are said oppose heavy district taxes, declares the Salem Capital Journal in a recent issue. The sincere purpose of numerous road districts in Marion county to make a special levy has brought many inquiries to the county clerk at Salem regarding the method of levying the tax. The Journal says, in

"The law as framed appears to be the result of a deliberate attempt on the part of some of the legislators to complicate the law and to twist it into such a shape that road districts would find the bother occasioned by raising a special road tax would be greater than to go ahead and improve their roads by volunteer work.

"As is usual in most cases the road district is either practically unanimous for or against a road tax for special purposes and where the resident taxpayers all agree that a road tax should be voted they desire the simplest means of gaining these ends. In the past they simply posted three notices of a road meeting and then each man talked it over with his neighbor before the meeting and at the meeting a notice was drafted to be sent into the county court to have the tax collector add that specified amount to the taxes for the property of the particular district where the tax was

"The timber men complained that in sparsely settled districts the few ing of the Oswego plant of the latter homesteaders who inhabited the wilds company, probably at an early date. of the timber belt would vote a special road tax in order that they may there are better roads than there are steader paid only on his quarter sec. Pacific. tion. The timber men could not object to better roads or to the special tax but they claimed the standards of efficiency of the mountaineers were said. not up to that of the timber companies and that they were not getting the go plant would open or to make public maximum amount of work for the any of the plans of the company, money voted and expended. As a re- which is now being re-incorporated. sult they set about to complicate matters so that special road taxes would not only be a burden but would be source of grief to anyone who attempted to vote a tax and wrapped a volume of red tape about the procedure Thursday and taken to Salem in an that would deter even the hardy moun- automobile that afternoon. She is 45 taineer."

SHIP SUNK WAS NICOMEDIA.

KALMAR, Sweden, Oct. 12 .- It be came known here today that the German steamer sunk in the Baltic sea Hamburg with a cargo of ore.

DAIRYMEN ELECT THIESSEN PRESIDENT

sected president of the Clacksman Cow Testing association at the meeting held in Oregon City Saturday, Ota er officers elected are: Secretary treasurer, Mrs. A. I. Hughes, and directors, R. L. Badger, of Beaver Creek; A. A. Spangler, of Beaver Creek, and Charles H. Rider, of Central Point. The annual report of the secretary was read. Within the last few days J. H. Sanquist, of Hubbard and John P. Whalley, of Aurora, joined the association.

RUSSIAN TROOPS WIN IMPORTANT VICTORY IN EAST

IS PIERCED BY FORCES OF THE CZAR.

THREE AUSTRIAN DIVISIONS ARE DEFEATED CLAIMS PETROGRAD

Back From Three to Ten Miles -Galacian Advantage May Impress Roumanians.

PETROGRAD, via London, Oct. 13. won by the Russians on the southern front in eastern Galicia.

This achievement of the Pussians represented a continuation of the recert strong offensive movement north over the highest levy of the preceding of the Roumanian frontier. The positwo years. In this case a thirty day tion they stormed was a hill to the mach.

This fortification was of great strength. From this base the Aus trians had prepared to strike at the the office of the county clerk before Styr, which seriously menaced their Russian force on the left bank of

Between 2000 and 3000 prisoners

were captured by the Russians. wards of three divisions of the Aus- H. A. Rands and M. D. Latourette, reptrions were disorganized. It characterenting Oregon City, will meet ano terizes this success as tactical, trat- organize Monday night. The petitions egical and political victory, asserting of Estacada and a large number of resit will compel General von Linsingen idents of Maple Lane for South Fork to re-group his forces on the whole water will be taken up at that time. front which will affect operations in the entire southeastern district.

Greatest importance is attached to the political significance of the Rus sian accomplishments in eastern Ga man forces had been concentrated on the Galleian front, amargently to imthe Galician front, apparently to im-

RAILROAD IS BEING BUILT FOR USE OF OSWEGO CEMENT MILL

HEAD OF COMPANY, HOWEVER, They are to report at the courthouse WILL NOT MAKE PUBLIC PLANS OF OPERATION.

railroad, a subsidary company of the W. Scott, Oregon City, carpenter; operations, preparatory to the open- Welsh, Welshes, farmer; C. A. Bax-

pany, said Saturday night that four O. P. Rothe, Oswego, farmer; G. S. be provided with employment for a miles of track would be built at Rose Bullock, Oswego, farmer; J. W. Hart. large part of the year and it is a fact burg, three and a half at Dailas and Milwaukie, plumber; Chester Gart, that in some parts of the timber belt two and a half at the Oswego plant. Oregon City, route No. 4, farmer; J. The company owns limestone quar- D. Ritter, Aurora route No. 2, farmer; in the more settled districts. The ries at Roseburg and Dallas and the D. R. Dimick, Canby, farmer, O. W. timber men were the largest owners road now being laid by the Oswego, Robbins, Molalla, farmer; George of property in the district as they paid Dallas & Roseburg company will con-Guttridge, Estacada, farmer; B. A. on thousands of acres where the home- nect this property with the Southern Howard, Mulino, mill man;

> Work on the track at Oswego will completed within 60 days, Mr. Moore er; Frank Haberlach, Clackamas, He refused to say when the Oswe-

BARTON WOMAN AT ASYLUM.

Mrs. Grace Gibson, of Barton, was committed to the insane asylum years old and has a husband and six

SUES TO COLLECT ON NOTE.

1910.

HOUSE RATE WILL BE \$1.75 AFTER FIRST OF MONTH

WATER COMMISSIONERS BELIEVE THAT 40 PER CENT RAISE WILL MEET NEEDS

FILTERING PLANT WILL BE KEPT READY FOR USE FOR SHORT TIME

Joint Commission in Charge of Pipe-

line Will Meet and Organize Monday-Twenty Men Want Job at Intake.

all water rates, excepting only the rates for springling lawns, was ordered by the Board of Water Commissions Wednesday. The house rate will be raised from \$1.25 to \$1.75, an advance of 50 cents. The new rates will go into effect with the collections in November.

The increase in rates is made neces sary to pay for the new \$375,000 South Fork water project and the advance is about the same as predicted by the Pure Mountain Water league during the campaign for the line last spring The annual income under the old rates was about \$19,000 a year, and the total income under the new rates is estimated at slightly less than \$25,000.

With the money secured by the raise in rates and saved by closing the filtering plant, the commission will take up outstanding warrants and meet the payments of principal and interest on bonds. The first payment -Another striking victory has been on the \$375,000 bond issue will be made in 1920, but before that time the commission proposes to take up \$35. They have pierced the last i'ne of 800 in outstanding warrants. The anof an estimate or budget of the pro- Austrian defenses on the Strips river sual interest payments on the \$375, posed expenditures for about three and stormed one of the strongest 800 issue of bonds will be \$12,500 and points on the Austin erman real on a previous \$40,000 issue of bonds

After the first few years a lower rate is predicted by members of the Board of Water commissioners. A 40 per cent advance, however, is considered ample to meet all interest payments and the bonds as they com

The city will retain the filtering plant and a watchman will be left in charge, at least for a short time.

West Linn has paid \$125,000 in bonds to Oregon City as its share in the pipeline. The town across the river will pay both interest and principal to this city.

The joint commissoin, composed of B. T. McBain, L. L. Porter, repr The war office estimates that up ing West Linn, and Fred McCausland Twenty men have applied for the job of watchman at the intake in the mountains.

NEW PANEL FARMERS

TERS AND PLUMBERS-RE. PORT NOVEMBER 1.

Two mill men, two carpenters, one plumber and 26 farmers were drawn on the panel of jurors Wednesday. Monday morning, November 1, when seven will be drawn for the new grand

Those on the new list of jurors are: George DeBok, farmer, Willamette; source The Oswego, Dallas & Roseburg W. F. Young, Sherwood, farmer; E. Hughes, Oregon City, route No. 2, Adam Moore, of the cement com- farmer; J. A. Richey, Boring, farmer; Paulson. George, farmer; W. G. Brick ley, Milwaukie route No. 2, farmer; J.

> farmer; R. R. Rand, Milwankie route John Doe and Jane Doe. New Era, farmer; T. A. Stipp, Moialia, asked, with interests, is \$26236.25. route No. 1, farmer; James Nelson. Mulino, farmer; J. P. Cook, Oswego, the circuit court against Carrie No. 1, farmer, and F. F. Tooze. Sherwood route No. 5, farmer.

COLONISTS FEAR VILLA.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 11.-Bellef

DRY LEADERS WILL GATHER HERE NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT BAPTIST CHURCH-HOB-SON HERE NOV. 22.

The leading prohibitionists of the state will gather here Sunday. In the morning they will fill the pulpits of the Baptist, Methodist, Congregation al and Presbylerian churches and at 3 p. m. at a mass meeting in the Baptist church they will answer questions regarding the prohibition law. R. P. Hutton, state superintendent of the Decision Believed to Open Way For Anti-Saloon league, was in Oregon City Tuesday to arrange for the meet-

Those who will gather here Sunday are George M. Brown, attorney general; Judge E. V. Littlefield, of Portland; J. E. Anderson, mayor of The Dalles, and the man who introduced loon league; G. N. Taylor, field secre-

tary for the league, and Mr. Hutton. The meeting was arranged shortly after George C. Brownell made his attack on the probibition law over a month ago, Mr. Hotton said that none of the speakers would mention the criticisms of Mr. Brownell unless questioned by the audience. It is understood that Mr. Brownell has been asked to attend the meeting.

Pearson Hobson, who introduced an sand feet for the timber. amendment to the federal constitu-

gue to be held in Portland are Mr. ments. Hobson, Moses Alexander, governor of ernor of Oregon; Miss Marion B. Towne, state legislator, and Attorney General Brown.

SOLICITING BY CIRCULARS IS POINT AT ISSUE.

ing liquor business into the state. Liquor dealers are establishing

large mail order houses just across the line in California, and they are now sending thousands of circulars to persons in Oregon. The drys see in this a sign that the liquor dealers expect to continue their solicitation of business after the prohibition law goes into effect.

In that event, R. P. Hutton, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league in Oregon, said they were ready to OTHERS ARE MILL MEN, CARPEN. fight the matter out in the courts, He points to the precedent set by the federal court of appeals in a West Virginia case. He says the appellate court issued

an injunction restraining liquor dealsending any advertising matter into ficials will make reports of deaths are delivering packages of liquor to any Health Officer Welsh has been supconsignee until such person made at plied with a list of the registrars fidavit that he had purchased the liq- this county, which follows: uor without solicitation from any

Mr. Hutton said the advertising section of the Oregon law is an exact Hill, Tualatin and Union; Dr. W Portland Cement company, has begun John K. Ely, Estacada farmer; W. E. copy of the West Virginia law, and Butler. the drys will make the same kind of a ter, Oregon City, millwright; John fight here that they did there. He said they would carry the matter to Lane, Evergreen, Logan, Willamette, the United States supreme court, if West Linn, Mt. Pleasant, Abernathy, necessary.

SUITS TO COLLECT ON LARGE NOTES FILED

A suit to collect on two notes totalbegin Monday morning and will be L. Kruse, Sherwood route No. 5, farming \$26,000 has been filed in the circuit court by Ida Ray Brandes against Marquam and Soda Springs; George J. ant be required to set up the nature owner of the fitney. Earl Van Auker farmer; A. D. Burnett, Eagle Creek, Carrie A. Walker, Catherine Rowe, Case. No. 1. carpenter; W. A. Proctor, Bor- were signed in Portland September ing, route No. 1, farmer; E. Heiple. 1914, and came due the first of Sep-Estacada, farmer; August Staehly, tember, this year. The total amount Ida Ray Brandes also filed a suit in ville; Dr. J. R. Steagall. farmer; G. C. Dalles, Clackamas route Walker, Oliver G. Walker and Evelyn Walker to collect on a promisory note

for \$1000 signed September 9, 1914. TWO STATES PROBATED.

The estates of John Shannon, who Campbell Thursday, that Villistas will be incited to new died here a week ago last Sunday, and depredations by General Carranza's of Newton M. Sterling, who died at H. Vonderahe and Jack Booth was and an X-ray examination will b posed of P. J. Winkle, A. S. Thomps Charles A. Brower filed a suit in the recognition, today caused fear here for Motalla July 24, were filed in the suit filed by the Ameri- made today. King is the third high son, A. W. Cook, W. C. Green, John G. circuit court Thursday against A. the safety of 500 Mormon colonists in bate department of the county court can Paint company. yesterday by a British submarine was Plasey and H. P. and Jane Strong to the Casas Grandas district. The col Monday. The Shannon estate is valthe Nicomedia, bound from Sweden to collect on a \$1000 note signed July 21, onists already have suffered from mi- ned at \$7500 and the Sterling property vorce decree separating Mable Bran- hurt in Saturday's game with Jeffer Leek, Thomas E. Ganit and Mark See-

FIGHTFORLOWER **ASSESSMENTS WON**

REDUCTION OF 144,460,000 FEET ORDERED ON ASSESSMENT ROLLS OF COUNTY.

ANNUAL TAX PAYMENTS OF BIG COMPANY REDUCED ABOUT \$1200

> Lower Appraisements on Other Heavy Timber Holdings-Collings Case Up.

A total reduction of 144,460,000 the prohibition bill in the legislature: feet in the estimate of the num-E. A. Baker, attorney for the Anti-Sa ber of feet of standing timber in eight sections of timber land in the upper tributaries of the Molalla river, belonging to the Weyerhauser Land company, was made Saturday by Circuit Judge Campbell in the appeal of the Weyerhauser interests from the refusal of the county board of equalization to reduce the assessments of the company's property.

The court refused to charge Asses-Mr. Hutton announced that Richard sor Jack's value of 50 cents a thou

The county's case was based on a tion providing for national prohibition, cruise made by M. G. Nease while the will speak here in the Shively Opera land company introduced a number of opera house Monday, November 22, on its own cruisers. The Nease cruise national prohibition. His talk will be showed that there was 250,707,000 one of a series of 30 to be delivered feet of timber on the land in throughout the state by speakers of question and the court held that there was 394,114,000 feet. The reduction He said that among those who will will make a difference of about \$1200 talk at the state convention of the lea- in the Weyerhauser's annual tax pay-

The case opened Friday afternoon Idaho; Ernest Lister, governor of before Judge Campbell and ended Washington; James Withycombe, gov- early Saturday afternoon. Among those who testified were George Long. vice president of the Weyerhaeuser Land company; Charles V. Galloway, state tax commission, and M. G. Nease.

FOR FIGHT IN COURTS assessment. The Collins interests. States or whether they were for holding property almost as extensive erica first, last and all the time. as the Weyerhaeuser company, have SECTION OF LAW PROHIBITING by Assessor Jack and the case is set for Monday before the board of equalization. If the board refuses to reduce circuit court is considered almost cer what the result would be be.

statewide prohibition law goes into ef. ment of 4249 acres which are appraisfect next January 1, will probably ed, on an average, at \$44.37 an acre. arise over the section of the law pro. This company owns 20,101 acres of hibiting the sending of circulars or land in Clackamas county, assessed at any form of advertising matter solicit. \$515,115 or at an average of \$25.62 an acre.

UNDER NEW STATUTE

NEW OFFICIALS WILL REPORT ALL DEATHS AND BIRTHS_ LIST NOW COMPLETE

The naming of registrars for Clack amas county under the new state law ers or others in outside states from has been completed. These new of West Virginia, and also issued an or- births, which was done by the county der restraining common carriers from health officer in the past. County

District 13-Corporate limits of Oregon City only; Dr. J. W. Norris.

District 13-A - Colton, Highland, Clarks, Beaver Creek, Carus, Maple Gladstone, Jennings Lodge, Clacka-Orel A. Welsh. District 67-Oswego; Dr. A. J. Ros-

District 68-Milwaukie, Harmony,

District 69-Estacada, Eagle Creek. Springwater, Viola, Dover, George and Garfield; Dr. H. V. Adix. District 73-Molalla, Mulino, eral, Dickey Prairie, Needy, Killin,

District 76-Sandy, Boring, Cottrell, Barton, Sandy, Bull Run and Cherry-

DIVORCE SUIT DROPPED.

Following the reconcilation between Mr. and Mrs. Grover Faulkner, an or der dismissing the divorce suit, filed by her, was signed by Circuit Judge

denburg from H. G. Brandenburg. son high school.

MANY SHOW INTEREST HEDGES TO TAKE IN NEW FLAX COMPANY

Articles of incorporation of the Willamette Valley Plax company were filed with County Clerk Harrington Wednesday. The company proposed to build and operate a large flax mill in the north Willamette valley, Incorporation papers were filed with the

state about a week ago. John W. Loder, one of those back of the plant, said today that the company had received many inquiries from all parts of the state following the announcement of the plans of the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TURNS company made by him last week,

PRESIDENT SAYS THAT U.S. MUST

HELP PRESERVE NEUTRAL. ITY. HE DECLARES.

AMERICA MUST PRESERVE CAUSE OF HUMANITY, SAYS EXECUTIVE

Make Plain Whether Sympathy For Foreign Countries Comes Before Love of America.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.-President Wilson, speaking today at the 25th an- lower assessments. The county's figniversary meeting of the Daughters of ures are all based on the M. G. Nease the American Revolution, declared the United States should keep out of the European war, not to avoid trouble, but to present the foundations upon which peace must be built.

The president spoke on the duties of Americans to preserve true neutral-The case is considered important by ity and said he believed American citthe county officials in as much as the izens should make it plain whether decision opens a way for other hig their sympathy for foreign countries timber interests to fight for a lower came before their love for the United erty as the Weyerhauser case, were assessment. The Collins interests. States or whether they were for Am-

The president said the United States court is expected. appealed from the assessments placed had now reached a time of special stress and test and that now the pecple need all of the patriotism. All the the assessment another appeal to the he declared, and no man could tell if we can help it."

Mr. Wilson urged that every social have sought to aid rival ideals.

"We should keep out of the quar- sessment on them. rel," he declared. "America has promstage.

SUIT FILED TO FIND WHO OWNS TRACT AT HEAD OF MAIN STREET

CITY AND P. R., L. & P. CO. CLAIM TITLE TO TRACT NEAR THE BASIN.

In order to determine the owner of small triangular tract of land at the head of Main street by the basin, a friendly suit was filed in the circuit court Thursday by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The mas. Sunnyside and Damascus; Dr. by the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, property is at the present time used which holds a lease from the power company.

The Portland Railway, Light & Ardenwald and Oak Grove; William Power company alleges that it has Tuesday in the first suit in the Clackused the property for more than 16 amas county circuit court growing out years, while the city claims that the of the operation of the automobile tract of land is part of Main street busses. and has been dedicated for street pur-Lib. poses in the original town plat.

of all its claims, that the plaintiff be the driver, testified that Shenefield, District 74-Canby, New Era, Bar-decreed owner, that all claiming inter- who is a Civil war veteran and lives low and Macksburg; Dr. H. A. Ded- est be barred from asserting any at Jennings Lodge, held an umbrella clajm or title.

> council a number of times and was Van Auken declared that he slowed the subject for a lengthy and detailed down his car and gave Shenefield evreport at one time.

FOOTBALL PRAYER HURT.

Frank King, high school half bac! was injured Wednesday afternoon in practicing. Dr. Mount believes that William M. Stone and Charles Moul-A judgment for \$105.88 against E King may have fractured his elbow ton the defendant. school player injured this season here. Moehnke, A. McKirchem, D. M. Mar-

DISTRICT ATTORNEY BELIEVES DECISION OF CIRCUIT JUDGE WILL BE REVERSED.

DOWN E. S. COLLINS PETITIONS

County Will Not Allow Wholesale Reductions in Assessments on Largest Timber Holdings in

County-Much at Stake.

The county will not tamely submit to big reductions in the assessments of the Weyerhauser, E. S. Collins, Collins estate and other big timber hold-DUTY OF EVERY AMERICAN TO lngs and every case will be fought

through the courts, declared District Attorney Hedges Monday. The Weyerhauser case, which was appealed from the board of equalization and lost by the county in the circuit court Saturday, will be appealed to the supreme court, said Mr. Hedges, prove its case before the higher tribunal. The court refused to reduce the value put on the timber, but cut the estimates 144,460,000 feet in five sections in question. Three sections were not changed by the court. Between \$1100 and \$1200 is involved in annual tax payments by the reduc-

tions ordered in the circuit court. The case is considered important in as much as it opens the way for other big timber interests to fight for

The board of equalization, in face of the action of the circuit court Saturday, refused Monday to reduce the assessments on this same property of the Weyerhauser company for the 1915 tax roll. The case tried Saturday referred to the 1914 tax rolls, or the taxes collected this year. Likewise, petitions from the Collins interests, together involving as much proption. Another appeal to the circuit

"We are fighting for the county's money," declared District Attorney Hedges," and we will not let those big interests get out of paying their taxes

Mr. Hedges called attention to the The first important fight between The Weyerhaeuser company sought and political action in the United raised a dispute over only 4249 acres the "wets" and the "drys," after the to secure a reduction on the assess the "wets" and the "drys," after the to secure a reduction on the assess that should be aimed to get all of of the total of 20,101 acres owned in the people to rally to one standard of this county, and hinted that the coun-America. Some people have wavered ty may investigate the quality and from the American ideal, he said, and quantity on the remaining 16,000 acres with a view of raising the as-

> The case in the circuit court last ised the world to pursue a course Friday and Saturday brought out sevgrounded on justice. We are not try- eral rather interesting points. R. R. ing to maintain the foundations on Beatle, former county judge, and M. G. which peace must be built. America Nease, who made the cruise, testified must preserve the cause of humanity." that the Weyerhauser company had Mrs. Norman Galt, the president's offered a cruise made by a G. W. Marfiancee, occupied a box above the shall, tax agent of the Weyerhauser interests, before the Nease cruise was made. Mr. Marshall argued that his cruise was correct and said that by accepting it, Nease would be saved the expense of going over their lands. When the Nease cruise was pleted, the Marshall cruise was found to be far short.

When the case was called in the ircuit court, the county was unable to find a check cruise, which would have been important in the case. The papers were in the office of County Assessor Jack and strangely disappeared about a month ago.

VERDICT IS VICTORY FOR JITNEY DRIVER

I. SHENEFIELD GETS JUDGMENT FOR \$51 IN SUIT FOR \$10,000.

Victory was with the jitney driver

I. Shenefield, who sued for \$10,000 secured a judgment for \$51, enough to The plaintiff asks that the defend-cover costs, against Frank Chandler, in such a manner that he was unable The matter has been before the to see and avoid the approaching car. ery opportunity to get out of the path machine. Shenefield was knocked to the ground and severely bruised. The accident occurred at Eighth and Main streets.

B. N. Hicks and Westbrook & Westbrook, represented the plaintiff, and