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\$60,000 WILL GO INTO PERMANENT ROADS NEXT YEAR

VOTE FOR CHANGE AT ANNUAL TAXPAYERS' MEETING TUESDAY OVERWHELMING.

\$900 ITEM FOR COMMISSIONERS LEADS TO DAY'S WARMEST TALK

Taxpayers Refuse to Sanction Estimate So High It Would Pay Two Members County Court For Constant Services All Year.

Clackamas county by an overwhelming vote of the taxpayers at the annual meeting to pass upon the budget estimates, went definitely on record Tuesday for permanent road construction by directing the county court to make a levy of two mills for hard surfaced roads in 1916.

The levy will produce about \$60,000 on a valuation of \$30,000,000, and it is expected that at least five miles of hard surfaced roads will be constructed with the money.

Clackamas county has been levying eight mills annually for many years past for general roads, and under the law enacted at the last session of the legislature, 70 per cent of the general road money must be expended within the district where it is collected.

Under a resolution adopted Tuesday the county court will levy five mills for general roads, one mill for bridges and two mills for hard surfaced roads, or a total levy of eight mills for roads and bridges.

The resolution respecting the hard surfaced roads levy follows: Resolution is Passed.

Resolved, that the taxpayers of Clackamas county, Oregon, at the annual budget meeting thereof held in Oregon City, Oregon, on December 14, 1915, hereby recommend and the county court of Clackamas county, Oregon, is hereby instructed and directed to levy a tax on all taxable property covered by the 1915 tax roll, of two mills on the dollar, the money to be raised therefrom to be expended in the construction of recognized standard hard surfaced roads in 1916, on such main trunk roads as shall be elected by the court of said county, and we recommend that such roads be not all constructed in one locality, but that the same be distributed in different portions of the county, to the end that the same may be traveled by the greatest number of people.

"We further recommend that no substitute, such as bituminous macadam, asphaltic macadam or any other types of macadam be used."

State Grange Master Urges Plan. Harvey E. Cross, O. D. Eby, T. W. Sullivan and Charles E. Spence were among the strongest supporters of the resolution. Mr. Eby led the fight, and Mr. Spence, who is master of the Oregon State Grange, said that the time had come for something better than the macadam road. He argued for a hard surfaced road not to exceed 14 feet in width to the end that the road mileage of Clackamas county demanded an great a length of permanent road as it is possible to secure. He also urged the establishment of a system of maintenance of the roads now existing.

An effort of Robert Schuebel, a road supervisor, to amend the resolution, did not meet with a second, and Schuebel, in anger, denounced the opponents of the present system and said he would try to secure an injunction to restrain the court from making a levy for hard surface.

Deputies' Salaries Raised. The taxpayers meeting ran along smoothly as the various items for the county offices were passed upon, the recommendations of the taxpayers committee of 15 being adopted in almost every instance, as against the published budget referred by the county court. The meeting made a cut of \$200 in the field deputies for the county assessor's office and a cut of \$100 for extending the tax roll. The salaries of two deputies in the assessor's office were increased from \$55 to \$60 a month, to place the salaries of these deputies on a par with the salaries of deputies of other county officials.

The budget estimates for supplies, stationery and stamps were taken out in every instance and placed in a separate budget, and the taxpayers adopted a resolution taking the purchasing power out of the hands of the individual officials and placing it in the hands of the county court.

Cuts Are Many. In the sheriff's office the estimate for a special deputy was cut from \$75 to \$60 a month, and the estimate for the investigation of crime was reduced from \$1200 to \$1000. The meeting also made a cut in the estimates for clerk hire in the tax department. In the recorder's office a reduction of \$50 was made for extra clerical assistance, and in the office of the treasurer an estimate for permanent steel fixtures was

TAXPAYERS VOTE FOR PURCHASE OF GROUND AT CANBY FOR FAIR

ALTHOUGH OPPOSED BY COMMITTEE OF 15, LITTLE OPPOSITION DEVELOPS TO PLAN.

The purchase of the county fair grounds at Canby for the total of the outstanding mortgages against it was approved by the taxpayers at the annual budget meeting held Tuesday at the court house. The vote for the purchase by the county was decisive.

The mortgages outstanding against the grounds total \$7500, which is said to be considerably less than the \$10,000 worth. The committee of 15 taxpayers opposed the purchase of the property from the county fair association, on account of the fact that the county would probably be called upon to settle any deficit that might follow the operation of the fair under county control.

The purchase of the fair grounds by the county will be followed by the county court taking over general control of the fair with a county fair board and an active secretary handling the details.

The item of \$3000 to assist the district attorney in the enforcement of the statewide prohibition law was passed with a decisive majority. This item was also approved by the taxpayers' committee.

The resolution recommending that the county clerk keep a separate account for each item in the budget and for each of the county offices passed.

Several of the resolutions passed by the committee of 15 taxpayers were not brought before the meeting.

JUDGES ON RECORD AGAINST TAX MEASURE

COUNTY COURTS OPPOSE BINGHAM LAW—JUDGE ANDERSON IS SPEAKER.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—With their heaviest business crowded into the late afternoon of their last day for regular sessions, it was nearly 6 o'clock this evening when the State Association of County Judges and Commissioners finally adjourned, to meet again in Portland at 10 a. m. on the second Tuesday in December, 1916.

Before adjuring the county courts unanimously adopted a resolution which puts them on record against the Bingham tax law passed by the last legislature. This law limits each year's taxes to a 6 per cent increase over the highest tax of the two preceding years.

Without dissent the judges and commissioners also expressed themselves against the present system of state laws regulating the construction of roads. A committee will be appointed by President Holman to draft new road laws to be submitted to the 1917 legislative assembly.

Judge H. S. Anderson, of Clackamas county, called attention to the fact that his county, situated just south of Multnomah, is in a hard position with regard to roads.

"Multnomah county has an assessed valuation of \$300,000,000 in round numbers," he said, "and we have \$30,000,000. And we have four times the road mileage of Multnomah county. This makes our handicap in the ratio of 40 to 1."

MOLALLA MAN IS CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

W. W. EVERHART, R. L. HOLMAN AND R. E. WOODWARD MAY RUN FOR THE SAME JOB.

J. O. STAATS OR G. F. JOHNSON LIKELY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

East Clackamas County Has Many Prospective Candidates for Elective Offices, According to the Estacada Progress.

W. W. Everhart of Molalla is a candidate for county assessor. He has been mayor of Molalla for the last year and was reelected this month without opposition for a second term. He is the present head of Clackamas Pomona Grange and has always been a staunch Republican. He has a strong personal following and is expected to make a formidable candidate.

Roswell L. Holman, of Oregon City, is also mentioned in connection with this office, and he is considering the matter. Many of his friends here have been urging him to run, but Mr. Holman has not yet made a decision. R. E. Woodward, of Oregon City, is an aspirant for the place and will be a candidate on the Republican ticket for the nomination at the primary.

The Democratic candidate will be either J. O. Staats, or G. F. Johnson, the present chief deputy assessor. It is not considered likely that both men will become candidates for the Democratic nomination.

East Clackamas will have its share of candidates on the ballot, according to the Estacada Progress, which this week prints the following list of prospective candidates: "Among the names mentioned for the county commissioners are J. W. Reed, Albert Kitching, Guy T. Hunt, J. C. Dumas, John Steinman, Fred Bates, H. C. Stephens, J. C. Kilgore, Hal Gibson and others. Some taxpayers preferring candidates for the commission-ership who have had actual road building experience and others preferring men of broader business experience.

To date only one name has been mentioned from the Springwater side of the river, but others will probably come up later, although the Springwater side has had representation in the court in recent years by Ex-Commissioner Lowellen and W. H. Mattoon.

"Of nine men who suggested candidates to represent eastern Clackamas in the legislature, seven of them suggested the same man, namely H. C. Stephens of George. While Mr. Stephens is a more or less newcomer in this county; during his three years residence, he has proven to be one of the best public spirited boosters, hard workers and capable business men in the community, a man of few words but plenty of action and willingness to work for the common welfare. The other two names mentioned for the legislative vacancy were J. W. Reed and Ex-Representative Guy T. Hunt, both of whom would make good candidates.

REDUCTION IN STATE TAX RATE IS MADE

CLACKAMAS COUNTY IS CALLED UPON TO RAISE \$93,929 FOR STATE PURPOSES.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9.—The annual levy for 1916, as prepared by the active members of the state tax commission, calls for a total of \$2,550,000 in taxes for the support of the state government.

This assessment, which is \$562,000 less than that fixed a year ago, is based on a valuation of \$934,495,032.25, the assessment last year being \$3,112,000. Last year the average rate was fixed at 3.23 mills, and this year it is 2.73 mills.

This levy will be considered at a meeting of the full board some day this week, it is expected. The meeting would have been held today but for the absence of Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay. It is not expected that changes of any importance will be made.

The principal reason for the decrease over last year is the right given the commission by the 1913 law to anticipate expenses of the state and apportion the levy accordingly.

Clackamas county is called upon to raise \$93,929.25.

C. E. SPENCE SPEAKS BEFORE LANE GRANGES

STATE MASTER SAYS TENANTRY AND INDEBTEDNESS ON FARMS ARE INCREASING.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 9.—Tenantry and indebtedness on farms in the United States have increased alarmingly during the last ten years, according to C. E. Spence, of Oregon City, master of the state grange who is in Eugene and plans to address several of the granges in Lane county.

Mr. Spence favors a system of rural credit that would enable the farmer to borrow capital on long time at a low interest. He claims such a system would reduce the tenantry and indebtedness on the farms. It has worked exceedingly well in Denmark, Ireland, Germany and Australia, he says. Immigration from these countries has fallen considerably within the last few years due to better farming conditions at home, he added.

Mr. Spence is not entirely in favor of a farm credit bill to be introduced in congress by Representative Hawley, of Oregon. Mr. Spence claims that the rate of interest is too high and will not meet the requirements in time of panic. With reference to Mr. Hawley's measure, Mr. Spence also believes that there would not be enough money for the farmers to borrow in time of panic.

Mr. Spence favors the idea that the money should be borrowed from the state or federal government and that the farmer should mortgage his farm for approximately 50 per cent of its value. This would allow the farmer enough money to drain the land and make improvements, according to Mr. Spence.

The rate of income from the average farm is not sufficient to warrant the farmer to pay over 5 per cent interest on borrowed money, according to Mr. Spence. He believes that the state or national government should loan money to the farmer at from 4 to 5 per cent and the capital and interest to be paid back by yearly payments covering approximately twenty-five years.

CONTRACTS ARE LET FOR 2 BATTLESHIPS

ONE WILL BE BUILT AT MARE MARE ISLAND AND OTHER IN NEW YORK YARD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Contracts for the construction of battleships 43 and 44 today were awarded to the government navy yards at Mare Island and New York.

Mare Island's bid was \$7,413,156, and New York's \$7,069,925. The bids do not include armor or armament.

The names of the vessels will be selected later. At Mare Island additional facilities requiring the expenditure of half a million dollars will be necessary. The materials for the construction of these will be expressed immediately. The cost will be defrayed from the battleship appropriations, congress having authorized expenditures of \$7,800,000 for each battleship.

It is planned to lay the keels of both vessels by August or September. The navy department today asked for bids for the construction of two fleet submarines, designed as numbers 60 and 61, authorized by the last congress. They will be the speediest ever constructed in the United States as a surface speed of 25 knots is required.

HENRY STREBIG, WHO DOUBTS CITIZENSHIP, RESIGNS CITY OFFICE

GLADSTONE COUNCIL NOW FACES PROBLEM OF ELECTING MAN TO FILL HIS PLACE.

Henry Strebic, who was elected a Gladstone councilman last Monday, Thursday declared his intention of resigning because of his inability to establish his citizenship.

Mr. Strebic came to the United States when a small boy with his parents. He has found that his father took out his first papers, but is unable to establish beyond a reasonable doubt the fact that his father took out second papers before he was of age.

F. E. Goodman was the next highest man on the ballot last Monday and asserts he has some claim to take the place to which Mr. Strebic was elected. On the other hand, the Gladstone charter provides that each councilman shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified. F. T. Barlow is the retiring councilman and could probably continue to hold the office, but he, too, declares that he will resign. The council will probably be called upon to elect a member to take Strebic's place.

PRESIDENT SAYS WORLD IS BEING BETTERED BY WAR

MR. WILSON PREDICTS TRIUMPH OF JUSTICE AT END OF EUROPEAN CONFLICT.

BUSINESS MEN ARE URGED TO CARRY HIGH IDEALS ABROAD

Chief Executive Defends Mexican Policy and Declares Nobody Should "Butt In"—Restoration of Merchant Marine Demanded.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—President Wilson expressed the opinion today that there would be no "patched-up" peace following the European war. In an address before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce he urged American business men to mobilize their resources so the United States might be prepared to play a more important part in the world's affairs and to bring about justice after the present war.

The president spent 18 hours in Columbus, during which he was active every minute. In the Chamber of Commerce address the president defended his Mexican policy and said so long as he was president nobody should "butt in" to alter the Mexicans' government for them; urged business men to pay more attention to foreign commerce and to be more self-reliant; demanded the restoration of the American merchant marine, praised the new banking and currency law, and touched on the attitude of the United States toward the European war.

"When the present great conflict in Europe is over, the world is going to wear a different aspect," Mr. Wilson declared. "I don't believe there is going to be any patched-up peace. I believe that thoughtful men of every country and of every sort will insist that, when we get peace again, we shall have guarantees that it will remain."

"I believe that the spirit which has reigned hitherto in the hearts of Americans, and in like people everywhere in the world, will assert itself once and for all in international affairs, and that if America preserves her poise, preserves her self-possession, preserves her attitude of friendliness toward the world, she may have the privilege, in one form or another, of being the mediating influence by which these things may be induced."

"So I challenge you," he continued, "and the men like you, throughout the United States, to apply your minds to your businesses as if you were building up for the world a great constitution like that of the United States; as if you were going out in the spirit of service and achievement—the kind of achievement that comes only through service, the kind of service which is statesmanship, the statesmanship of those arrangements which are most serviceable to the world."

COUNTY WILL COLLECT TAXES ON \$29,180,000

OVER MILLION IN ASSESSED VALUATION IN COUNTY TIED UP IN LAND GRANT.

Clackamas county will collect taxes on \$29,180,411.98 next year. This sum, however, is not the total appraised valuation of all the property in the county as over a million dollars is tied up in the Oregon & California land grant. A summary of the figures follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Local assessment: \$24,242,550.00; Corporation assessment (made by tax commission): 6,085,961.98; Oregon & California land grant: 1,148,000.00.

Total assessed valuation of all property on which taxes will be collected: \$29,180,511.98. The county court Wednesday began its task of working out the state levy, the general county and the high school tuition fund levies.

CANBY ELECTS OFFICIALS

In the Canby city election last Monday, there were no defeated candidates for the simple reason that one name was on the ballot for each vacancy. Several names, however, were written in on the ballot. W. H. Blair was reelected mayor with 83 votes, while nine wrote in the name of Mrs. O. M. Ogle and three, Andrew Koehler, Lee Erickson was elected treasurer and the new councilmen are P. O. Stacy, George Bates and C. G. Combs.

LARGEST MILL ON COAST ULTIMATE AIM OF COMPANY

DEMOCRATS WORK ON PLANS TO BUILD UP NATION'S REVENUES

CUSTOMS DROP \$82,000,000 DURING YEAR—INCOME TAX SOUGHT AS PROBLEM'S SOLUTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The administration bill, proposing extension of the present war emergency taxes a year in their present form, was introduced today by Majority Leader Kitchin. He desires a vote thereon tomorrow.

In presenting the measure, Kitchin pointed to losses in customs revenue amounting to \$82,000,000, and in tobacco and liquor to \$25,000,000. Taxation of rich men's incomes is a plan to which the ways and means committee is turning to secure revenues to meet increased preparedness charges. A Democratic faction now threatens to oppose any taxes for preparedness except on incomes and inheritance, unless the government monopolizes the making of munitions.

BEAULEAU WIN VERDICT

A jury in Justice of the Peace Sievers' court Friday returned a verdict of \$10 for A. C. Beaulieu in his suit against Gus Schinnes. Beaulieu sued for \$40, alleged to be due as house rent after Schinnes moved from the property, but before a lease had expired. Schinnes declared that he had secured the consent of Beaulieu before he moved. The case was tried recently, but the jury was unable to agree. C. Schuebel appeared for the defendant and Judge Grant B. Dimick and Wm Mulvey for the plaintiff.

1915 WHEAT CROP IS A BILLION BUSHELS

CORN PRODUCTION ALSO SHOWS MARKED GAIN OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The 1915 wheat crop will total 1,011,505,000 bushels, valued at \$930,302,000, against \$91,017,000 in 1914, valued at \$878,880,000 the department of agriculture announces today in its estimates.

The corn crop is 3,054,535,000 bushels, worth \$1,755,859,000, against 2,672,804,000 bushels, worth \$1,722,070,000, while cotton is 11,161,000 bales, against 16,135,000 the past year.

The apple crop was placed in today's figures at 76,670,000 barrels, valued at \$156,407,000. These remarkable figures total up to \$3,600,000,000 for the wheat corn and smaller crops.

Taken in conjunction with Secretary Houston's annual report these figures mean that the American farmer's pockets are bulging, that the old sock beneath the mantlepiece is overflowing, and that the bank account is fat and lusty.

Houston's report told of an estimated value of \$9,573,000,000 in 1914, a record breaker, which soared nearly \$38,000,000 above the 1913 mark. At the same time, he showed particularly heavy agricultural exports for the first part of this year.

MAXWELL VIETOR IS SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR

Enterprise—Commercial club celebrated opening of Eastern Oregon Lumber company's mill with big banquet.

WHEN DEVELOPMENT IS COMPLETED 1000 MEN WILL BE EMPLOYED BY PLANT.

SALE OF FILTERING PLANT FOR \$20,000 NECESSARY IN PLAN

Increase of 60 Per Cent in Output to Be Made and 200 More Men Put to Work When First Unit Completed, if Offer Accepted.

A paper mill employing one thousand men—the largest plant of its kind on the Pacific coast—is being planned by the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, declared W. P. Hawley Sr., president and manager of the company, Thursday.

As the first step in the erection of this big plant, the company plans to begin early next year to build a mill 356 feet long, extending south of Third street and between Main street and the Southern Pacific tracks.

The company now operates three paper machines and a fourth one would be installed in the new building. This fourth machine, however, would be far larger than any one of the other three and would mean an increase of 60 per cent in the capacity of the plant. Total Cost \$500,000.

Eight heaters, used in the manufacture of pulp for the paper machine, would be installed as well as all the other machinery necessary for the complete paper mill. Owing to the amount of steam from a paper machine, and the necessity for direct ventilation, the section of the plant in which the machine would be located would be one story and basement. The rest of the structure would be two stories and basement.

The building planned is of reinforced concrete and steel and of the highest type of construction. The complete cost of the building and machinery is estimated at \$500,000.

The plant now employs 325 men and works 24 hours a day, year in and year out. With this new structure completed at least 200 more men would be employed steadily while during the time it was being erected there would be work for about 350. It would take between 12 and 14 months to complete the structure.

Mill Has Many Options. Mr. Hawley now holds options on all the property south of Third street and between Main and the Southern Pacific tracks to his present sulphite mill—roughly the site of the proposed building—with the sole exception of two tracts owned by the city. One of these pieces of municipally owned land, 150 feet by 60 feet, is the site of the filtering plant which was used before the South Fork pipeline was built and the other is a tract on the corner of Third and Main streets now occupied by a firehouse.

For the site of the filtration plant, situated several blocks from the business center of town, Mr. Hawley offers \$20,000. He is willing, however, to give the city space in his new building for two pumps to be used to supply the reservoir with water from the river in case of extreme emergency.

In case the city accepts the offer of \$20,000 for the filtering plant site, the Hawley company will make a second offer for the site of the firehouse. If the firehouse is purchased, Mr. Hawley is willing to give the city sufficient room for a hose cart and other equipment in the new building.

Water Rights Excluded. The price does not include any of the water rights now held by the city. Mr. Hawley put his offer before the council Wednesday night by asking for a 60-day option. He is willing to make the erection of the mill, the employment of 200 men regularly after the completion of the plant and the free renting of space for a pump, provisions in the option and in the contract of sale, if a sale is made.

This property for which the city is now offered \$20,000 was bought only a few years ago for \$1500. Matter Rests With City. Mr. Hawley said that the arrangements for the new mill had reached such a stage that he could say, almost as final, the erection of the new mill if the city sells the property. It is absolutely essential that the company take over the city's property to erect the new plant.

The half-million dollar mill now planned by Mr. Hawley, however, is only a part of the great expansion he proposes to make. "My plans are completed for a plant that will employ one thousand men," he declared. Americans Employed. Seven hundred more working men in Oregon City will mean 1000 more people in Oregon City, Mr. Hawley employs only Americans wherever possible and his lowest wage is \$2. The erection of the first unit of his enlarged plant would add to the monthly payroll of the town to the extent of \$15,900.

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