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\$8000 SET ASIDE BY COUNTY COURT FOR ARMORY HERE

CITY EXPECTED TO GIVE PROPERTY AND STATE TO DONATE \$16,000 IN CASH.

NEW METHOD OF RAISING ROAD MONEY IS PLACED IN BUDGET

Clackamas Taxpayers Will Raise \$545,213.40 for All General Levies If Estimates Are Adopted by Taxpayers Dec. 9

Eight thousand dollars is appropriated in the county budget for 1917, completed this week by the county court, for the construction of an armory in Oregon City. The city council has signified its willingness to give property of an equal value for a site for the building and the state is expected to set apart a sum equal to other contributions, or \$16,000.

Committees from the council and from the Commercial club, working in co-operation, are responsible for this item in the county budget. The city will probably give what is known as the Cross block, a slightly track of land near the high school, for the armory.

With the sole exception of the method of raising money for road improvement, the budget as outlined by the court, follows out the budget for the present year. There will probably be no change in the general levies this year in Clackamas county.

Instead of making an 8-mill road levy, as in the past, the county will have a 6-mill levy for general road purposes next year, but the following items are included in the general expenses for the year: Asphalt and oil, \$11,600; bridges, culverts, \$23,200; road machinery and repairs, \$11,600; and state and federal road operation, \$11,600. The total of these four appropriations is \$58,000, a sum which will require 2 mills to raise. To all practical purposes the road next year will be the same as this, 8 mills.

The reason for this change in method of making the levy is that under the state law compelling a division of county road levy with the districts and incorporated towns, the county will be compelled to give less to the districts and more money can be spent for permanent road under the direct supervision of the court and Roadmaster Roots.

Clackamas county taxpayers will raise for the state, school, road and general county purposes \$545,213.40 next year under this budget. With the special district school and road levies, this sum will probably be brought up to about the same amount as raised this year, \$488,000.

The county court has set December 9 as the date for the annual taxpayers' meeting, when the items of the budget will be checked over and approved.

CLEAR CREEK CREAMERY SERVES FREE BUTTERMILK

THOUSANDS DRINK CLACKAMAS PRODUCT AT LAND SHOW IN PORTLAND.

One of the most attractive booths at the pure food show in Portland, which closed Saturday evening, was that of the Clear Creek Creamery company. This booth is in charge of Miss Alma Moore, of this city and Miss Lillian Anderson, of Logan. These ladies were kept constantly busy in serving the visitors with butter milk, which was received daily from the creamery. Many of the visitors pronounce this the most delicious buttermilk they have ever tasted of, and although the Clear Creek Creamery butter is known far and wide, by having the exhibit at the food show has been the means of bringing it to the attention of those who have never used the product.

The booth was very artistically designed. Autumn leaves, moss and ferns were used at the sides and for the covering, while yellow chrysanthemums were arranged in large vases. The color scheme was white and yellow, and with the display of golden butter made one of the most attractive booths in the building.

One man was heard to say on Thursday evening, "I could drink a gallon of that buttermilk," while another exclaimed, "That is the first time I have tasted good buttermilk since I left old Minnesota."

WOMAN DIES FROM BURNS.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Nov. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Delameter, a West Side woman, more than 80 years old, passed away Friday night, the victim of burns. Her companion, Miss Little, heard her screaming about 10 o'clock Friday morning, and found her completely enveloped in flames.

COLONEL IS AT HEAD OF PEACE BODY

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt has accepted temporarily the honorary presidency of the League of Neutral Nations. It was announced here tonight. The organization was formed soon after the German invasion of Belgium to influence public sentiment in favor of the rights of smaller countries against "military oppression by the great powers."

GOVERNOR FAVORS NEW PLAN TO NAME PRESIDENT

RE-ORGANIZATION OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE PLAN URGED IN LETTER TO NEWSPAPER.

A reorganization of the electoral college plan of electing the president to let each state vote directly without the cumbersome participation of electors, if electoral votes being counted for the winning ticket, and a readjustment of the appointment of the electoral vote on a basis of the actual voters participating, is favored by Governor Withycombe in a reply made to the New York World which asked for his opinion.

The executive's statement to the publication follows:

"Replying to your inquiry, it is my opinion that the operation of the electoral college as at present constituted is not conducive to fair representation by the peoples of the several states nor to the selection of a president necessarily representing the actual choice of the majority of the voters. However, the absolute substitution of popular vote for the electoral college would of necessity give the overwhelming preponderance of power to the half a dozen thickly populated eastern states. This would be as unjust as is the present method which now gives the south a representation proportioned upon its population and not upon its actual vote.

"To my mind, then, the best remedy is a reorganization of the electoral vote in these two respects: First, let each state vote directly for president without the cumbersome participation of electors, its allotted electoral vote then being counted for the winning ticket; and, second, readjust the existing apportionment of electoral votes among the states upon a basis of the number of actual voters participating in the election, and not upon population."

COUNTY'S POPULATION IS PLACED AT 39,317

CLACKAMAS SHOWS INCREASE OF SEVERAL THOUSAND SINCE FEDERAL CENSUS

The population of Clackamas county is 39,317, according to the estimates of State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, who bases his figures on the state school census. His estimate shows a healthy increase for the county above the 1910 federal census.

Multnomah county's increase in population is 23.1 per cent, or 294,234 population, compared to 226,441 in 1910. For the two-year period, 1914 and 1916, Multnomah county gained 4.7 per cent in population.

Mr. Hoff's figures on the estimated present population in the different counties follow: Baker, 21,591; Benton, 13,594; Clackamas, 39,317; Clatsop, 19,459; Columbia, 13,101; Coos, 20,015; Crook, 12,728; Jefferson, 6,334; Curry, 2,643; Douglas, 23,325; Gilliam, 4,123; Grant, 7,235; Harney, 4,602; Hood River, 7,036; Jackson, 26,384; Josephine, 9,298; Klamath, 12,160; Linn, 26,231; Malheur, 13,522; Marion, 49,213; Morrow, 4,892; Multnomah, 294,234; Polk, 17,542; Sherman, 4,739; Tillamook, 8,540; Umatilla, 24,266; Union, 3,887; Wallowa, 10,963; Wasco, 21,043; Washington, 23,126; Wheeler, 3,075; Yamhill, 18,592.

BRYAN WANTS BIG PARTIES TO TAKE STAND ON LIQUOR

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 20.—William Jennings Bryan, at a conference with delegates to the convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union here late Saturday, promised the women to do "everything possible to stimulate rivalry between the Democratic and Republican parties in the cause of prohibition."

"The Democrats have got to take the dry side," he said, "and the Republicans will be forced to it." He reiterated his former statements that he intended to work for a constitutional prohibition amendment.

LAND FRAUD CASE WILL REST WITH THE COURT TODAY

ARGUMENTS, BEGINNING TUESDAY MORNING, WILL BE CONCLUDED THURSDAY.

BRIEFS WILL BE SUBMITTED AND DECISION RENDERED IN FEW WEEKS

Defense Contends Points of Law Involved Now in Litigation and State Courts Have No Right to Consider Them.

Arguments in the first legal battle between the state of Oregon and F. A. Hyde and the Western Lumber company, a Montana corporation, for 3240 acres of valuable school lands in Clackamas county will be completed today. Briefs will be submitted to Circuit Judge Campbell upon the completion of the arguments and it will probably be several weeks before a decision in the case is handed down.

The case opened Monday before Judge Campbell. All the testimony and evidence was submitted Monday, and the arguments occupied all of Tuesday and Wednesday. Deputy Attorney General Bailey will make the closing argument for the state today.

The state charges that Hyde secured title to the lands fraudulently in 1899. Later he secured script for the lands under the federal act of 1897 and sold the script to the Western Lumber company. Selections were made in Montana by the corporation. The state contends that Hyde never secured legal title to the lands in this county, that the script was not valid and therefore that the Western Lumber company does not own the Montana timber lands. The 3240 acres in Clackamas county are still school lands under the jurisdiction of the state, the attorneys for Oregon argue.

The defense charges that points involved in this case are now in litigation in the federal land office and that the state courts have no right to take a hand in the matter until the federal authorities reach a decision. The Western Lumber company contends in its arguments that it bought the script from Hyde in good faith, believing that it was valid. The company declares that if there was any illegal methods used in securing the script, the company was totally unaware of it.

Hyde, through J. L. Shneider, in 1899, made 146 applications for school lands. He bought school rights from residents of this state for sums varying from \$1 to \$5, evidence introduced this week showed. The 3240 acres in this county is now a part of the national forests, having passed from Hyde to the government by the transfer of script.

MAYOR ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

BATESVILLE, Ark., Nov. 20.—Gilbert Richardson, mayor of Batesville, was acquitted of murder by jury in circuit court here late Saturday. The jurors deliberated three hours.

As the verdict was read, Richardson's 17-year-old wife, the alleged cause of the killing for which he was tried, rushed into his arms and they wept together.

FIRM THAT CAN'T BE FOUND IS ADVERTISED

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FLOODED BY LETTERS OFFERING PET-TICOATS FOR 10 CENTS.

The police of Minneapolis are unable to locate the National Mail Order Brokerage company and the postoffice in that city is returning to the senders the vast volume of mail received there for the firm. Evidently no such company exists, yet Clackamas county in particular and the United States in general are being flooded with letters advertising the firm.

"Dear friend," a letter, received at one Oregon City home, reads, "You will certainly be interested in the offer being made by the National Mail Order Brokerage company, 520 Globe building, Minneapolis, Minn. To introduce and advertise ready-to-wear goods within the least possible time we will send to any one complying with the conditions herein stated a 1916 model silk petticoat selling at \$4.75, give size and color desired."

"Make five copies of this letter and mail them to your friends. Send 10 cents to the National Mail Order company with the names of the ladies you mailed copies to and receive one of those petticoats without further expense. This offer holds good to all who receive this letter. Act now. Do it today and receive the benefit of this remarkable offer. Every skirt has a guarantee."

One Oregon City woman received three of these letters and several probably have sent their dime to the firm that does not exist.

GOVERNOR ASKS FOR LESS MONEY FOR 1917

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 16.—No increase for the maintenance of Oregon's executive offices will be asked by Governor Withycombe for the coming biennium and he will ask that the special agent fund be reduced from \$7000 for the past biennium to \$5000 for the coming two years. He will be able to return to the state treasury approximately \$2000 of the special agent fund of \$7000 created by the 1915 legislature.

The budget for the offices for 1917 to 1919 includes \$10,000 salary for the governor, \$6000 for secretary's salary, \$2400 for salary for assistant secretary, \$2000 for stenographer and stenographic work, \$2300 for general and contingent expenses of the office including postage, stationery and similar expenses, and \$1000 traveling and incidental expenses for the governor, the total being \$23,700.

ADAMSON LAW IS HELD INVALID BY DISTRICT COURT

EIGHT-HOUR MEASUREMENT NOW WILL BE RUSHED TO THE SUPREME COURT.

CASE WILL BE TAKEN TO FINAL TRIBUNAL AS FAST AS POSSIBLE

Findings Made Not On Mature Considerations, But With Hope of Getting Law Disposed of Before January 1, 1917.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 22.—The Adamson eight-hour law was held unconstitutional today by Judge William C. Hook, in the United States District court here. The court made it plain that its decision was not based on mature consideration of the merits of the case, but on expediency desired by all parties at interest because of the necessity of a final decision by the Supreme court of the United States before January, when the law goes into effect.

The legal moves in the process of consigning the problem direct to the highest court of the land were somewhat involved from the lay point of view, but the lawyers concerned rushed the matter through with a speed seldom witnessed in courts of law.

MOLALLA DEPOSIT FIRE CLAY TO BE DEVELOPED

OWNERS PLAN ORGANIZATION OF COMPANY—STONEWARE TO BE MANUFACTURED.

P. M. Boyles and Guy Dibble, who own four fire clay claims of 20 acres each about nine miles southeast of Molalla, have begun active preparations for the organization of a stock company to develop their property, says the Molalla Pioneer.

Both Mr. Boyles and Mr. Dibble have been working quietly for some time to get their title perfected to the above property, and now that they have everything settled as far as ownership is concerned, the only thing that remains to do to start development work is forming of a company to finance the proposition, and they have no fears as to their being able to secure the capital needed for their company according to the Pioneer.

As soon as the stock company is formed it is the purpose to begin development work and establish a plant at the claims. The initial plant will be so constructed that it can be added to from time to time as the business requires.

The four claims owned by Messrs. Boyles and Dibble have a fire clay deposit that runs from 20 to 150 feet deep, and is of excellent quality. This clay will make the same kind of stoneware that is made at Zanesville, Ohio. The intention is to make a specialty of the manufacture of stoneware such as bowls, pitchers, plates, etc. It is stated that this will be the only plant of the kind in the west.

POSTAL SAVINGS INCREASE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Deposits in postal savings banks continue to show record-breaking gains. The increase of October was \$4,700,000, or twice that for October 1915. In the four months since July 1 the deposits have increased more than \$17,000,000, almost as much as for the entire year. On October 31 postal savings depositors numbered 650,000, and had \$104,200,000 to their credit.

TRADE WAR AFTER PEACE COMES IS THOUGHT CERTAIN

NATION IS FACING GRAVE ECONOMIC DANGER AND WASHINGTON SHOWS ALARM.

FEAR IS FELT THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE PERIL

Foreign Business Now Amounting to \$8,000,000,000 Annually May Fade Away Unless Prompt Action Is Taken in The U. S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The prospective European commercial war after the war, viewed with increasing seriousness here, is being watched carefully by American consular officers abroad whose reports and many from other sources are being received regularly at the state department. It became known today that all available facts are being sent on to Washington, both as to the progress already made in planning the economic struggle and as to expected future developments.

Officials here think the American people do not fully realize the possible effects of such post-bellum strife on their huge foreign trade, which has passed the \$8,000,000,000 mark annually.

Legislation will be sought in congress. The Webb bill, allowing American firms to unite for foreign trade without violation of the anti-trust laws, is to be urged again in the president's next address. The shipping board, provided at the last congress, is expected to be named shortly and to submit a program designed to free America's seaboard trade from dependence on foreign bottoms. A maximum and minimum tariff, automatically to favor friends and punish those discriminating against American goods, is another proposed means of defense which will be submitted for consideration by the new tariff commission.

Reports vary widely in their interpretation of the probabilities abroad. It is apparent that personal hatred among the masses will result in practical boycott against goods from countries now hostile. Doubt is expressed, however, as to whether an actual trade war, as proposed by the London Chamber of Commerce, with different tariffs for colonies, allies friendly neutrals, unfriendly neutrals and enemies, would be decreed by official act.

GRAND JURY RELEASES MRS. CATHERINE FISHER

NOT TRUE BILL RETURNED IN CASE OF WOMAN WHO FIRED AT HER HUSBAND.

A not-true bill was returned by the grand jury in the case of Mrs. Catherine Fisher, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. She is alleged to have attempted to kill her husband a month ago at his home near Sandy by firing two shots at him. Both missed, although one came within a few inches of his head. She was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Deaton, of Sandy, and bound over to the grand jury in the Sandy justice court the night of her arrest.

BAKER MAN TO WED HERE. County Clerk Harrington yesterday issued a marriage license to Nieta Harding, of Oregon City, and Henry McKinney, of Baker. They will be married tonight.

Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

President Wilson issued the annual Thanksgiving day proclamation Thursday afternoon. It follows: "By the President of the United States of America. A Proclamation: "It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness, our thoughts dwell with pain and disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war and the peoples upon whom the war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking also of their pitiful distress.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the thirtieth of November, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which he has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure. And I also urge and suggest our duty in this, our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken people of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings. Our people could in no better way show their real attitude toward the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of suffering which war has brought in its train.

"In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

HUGHES SENDS BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Nov. 22.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president in the recent election, tonight sent to President Wilson a telegram congratulating him upon his re-election.

In his telegram Mr. Hughes said: "Because of the closeness of the vote I have awaited the official count in California, and now that it has been virtually completed, permit me to extend to you my congratulations upon your re-election. I desire also to express my best wishes for a successful administration."

CHARLES A. MURPHY, OF PENDLETON, IS WARDEN

WITHYCOMBE AND KAY VOTE FOR EASTERN OREGON MAN—WILL S. HALE MENTIONED.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 20.—Charles A. Murphy, chief engineer of the hospital for the insane at Pendleton, was chosen as warden of the Oregon prison by the state board of control at an executive session this morning.

Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay voted for Murphy, Secretary of State Olcott voted for Frank Meredith or North Yakima, Wash., former secretary of the state fair board here.

The board gave the question of appointing Will S. Hale, superintendent of the state training school for boys, serious consideration, but decided he did not come up to the requirements necessary. It was agreed that he would represent the moral and humanitarian phrases but did not have the energy and ability as a disciplinarian sufficient to make a success as warden.

Secretary of State Olcott said that he had been in touch with Meredith and he would accept if named. Meredith was not a candidate for warden, Olcott said, but was asked if he would accept, if elected, and had agreed to do so. The secretary said he was satisfied that he would conduct the prison along humanitarian lines and would have the business and executive ability necessary to make his administration a success.

Murphy, the new warden, was engaged in the plumbing business in Salem for a number of years. He went to the Philippines as second lieutenant of Company K, Salem, Second Oregon National guard, and while there organized a battery and did some very fine work as its head, it is asserted. After his return to Salem he was made captain of Company M. He ran for sheriff against Frank Durbin, Democrat, who was seeking a second term, and was defeated in 1900.

About 10 years ago Murphy entered the employ of the state as engineer at the Cottage farm of the hospital for the insane. Four years ago he was sent to Pendleton as superintendent of construction during the erection of the state hospital for the insane. When the building was completed he remained as chief engineer.

PLACE KICK WINS GAME. MOUNT ANGEL, Ore., Nov. 20.—A place-kick from the 33-yard line by Captain Kasberger gave the Mount Angel football team a 3-to-0 victory over the Chemawa Indians' eleven here Saturday afternoon. The lone score came in the last quarter after a hard tussle all the way through.

1917 WILL SEE ANOTHER JUMP IN MOST TAX LEVIES

OREGON CITY WILL PAY AT LEAST 40 MILLS IN 1917, ESTIMATES NOW SHOW.

COUNTY ASSESSMENT REDUCED, MORE MONEY MUST BE RAISED

City Levy in County Seat Jumps From 10 to 14 Mills—School District 62 Finds Decided Increase Is Absolutely Necessary.

Tax Levies Compared on Milage Basis.

Purpose	1916	1917
State	3.22	3.32
County	3.5	5.5
County school	3.28	3.38
County road	8	6
City	10	14
School district 62	6	7.8
Totals	34	40
Estimated		

Taxes in Clackamas county in general and in Oregon City in particular are going to take a decisive jump of 40 mills and county taxpayers 18.30 next year. As nearly as the levies can be figured out at this early date Oregon City taxpayers will pay a total mills, plus the levies of their road and school districts and their towns.

Every taxpayer in the county will feel the loss of the Oregon & California grant lands from the tax rolls, for while the total assessed valuation of the county has been reduced from \$20,000,000 to \$23,000,000, the amount of money to be raised is not reduced. The county school fund ran short this year, and more must be raised in 1917. The increase in county school levy will be at least .1 of a mill. The state levy will also show a slight increase.

County Levies Changed. To all practical purposes the county general and road levies are the same. County Judge Anderson and the commissioners have been able to hold the estimate expenses down to this year's mark, although there has been a change in levies. Certain road work, the buying of machinery and supplies, for instance, will be paid for out of the general county fund. The general county levy, therefore will increase two mills, but the road levy will be reduced two mills.

These county figures, however, are subject to change after the annual county budget meeting December 9, when the taxpayers will check over the items with the county court.

City Levy Increase Is Big. Greatest of all increases will be in the levy made by Oregon City. This year a 10 mill tax was collected on county seat property for municipal purposes, but next year the city levy is 14 mills. This increase was authorized by the voters at the annual city election a year ago. Seven mills will be used for the general operating expenses of the city and seven mills to pay principal and interest of outstanding bonds.

School District 62, which includes Oregon City, will probably make as large a levy as possible under the tax limitation law enacted by the state legislature in 1915. With only a 6-mill levy this year, the district is finding itself short of funds. An unexpected reduction in the assessments of public service corporations in Oregon City a year ago, made by the state tax commission, and too optimistic estimates of the income from the county high school tuition fund will probably leave the district with a floating debt at the end of this school year.

Taxpayers living outside of Oregon City can secure their approximate total levy for 1917 by adding their road district, school district or city levies to 18.29 mills.

County Assessor Jack is beginning to hear from road and school districts and incorporated cities in regard to their levies for 1917. They all must be in by the first of next month.

HUGHES HOLDS MAJORITY IN MINNESOTA COUNT

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 18.—Charles E. Hughes carried Minnesota by a plurality of 396 over President Wilson, the complete official count showed today. The vote was: Hughes 179,553, Wilson 178,157.

There will be no official recount of the Minnesota figures, Fred Wheaton, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, and other Democrats intimated today.

The Republicans got out a brass band and paraded the streets this afternoon.