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MILLAGE GROWS; TOTAL RAISED TO SHOW DECREASE

LOSS OF VALUATION RESULTS IN HIGHER TAXES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

OREGON CITY PROPERTY OWNER WILL PAY 40.8 MILLS IN 1917

Levy of 13 Mills on Property Outside Districts With Standard High Schools Is Made Under Tuition Fund Law.

COMPARATIVE MILLAGE OF 1916 AND 1917.

Character	1916	1917
of tax	Mills	Mills
County	3.5	4.7
State	3.25	3.4
School	3.25	3.4
Road	8.	7.
Total general levies	18.5	18.5
Oregon City	18.	18.5
City	30.5	34.5
School district	5.	7.3
Total in city	34.5	40.8

In spite of the tax limitation bill passed by the 1915 legislature and the amendment to the state constitution enacted November 7, the Oregon City property owner will find when he settles his annual bill with the county that, somehow, taxes have increased. This year, the county seat property owner paid 34.5 mills, figuring in every levy, and thought he had cause to complain. Next year he will pay 40.8 mills.

The general county levy, including county, state, school and road levies, will be 18.5 mills in 1917, contrasting with 18 mills this year. The county court met Thursday to determine the levy, and by careful figuring was able to hold the general millage down to only a .5 of a mill increase.

Amount Raised Decreases
In spite of this half mill increase in the total general millage, however, less money will be raised in the county next year than this by taxation, excluding the city and district levies. This year, 18 mills brought in \$545,916.57, while next year 18.5 mills will bring in only \$531,641.01. This shrinkage is due to the wholesale reduction in the assessments of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, owning one-sixth of the taxable property in the county, the destruction by wind of timber in the Cascades, loss of the grant lands from the tax rolls and a reduction of assessment elsewhere. The assessment of the county in the year has decreased from \$30,328,538.98 to \$28,737,352.

The following table shows how the \$531,641 will be distributed and the corresponding sums this year:

Character	1916	1917
County	\$106,139.88	\$135,065.55
State	97,657.89	97,707.00
School	99,477.60	97,707.00
Road	242,628.30	201,161.46
Total	\$545,916.57	\$531,641.01

A change in making the road levy, however, should be taken into consideration in studying this table. The county court, following the recommendations of the taxpayers, made a 7-mill general road levy, and two mills of the 4.7-mill county levy will be used for road and bridge work, as well. The county will spend one mill more on roads next year on this, making a total of nine mills, and less for the general expenses of the county, although tables printed above would appear to indicate that the contrary was true.

Tuition Levy 7.3 Mills.
On all property outside of districts with standard high schools, there will

PAPER COMPANIES HERE PLAN STEAMER LINE TO CARRY THEIR PRODUCTS

SULPHUR WOULD BE CARGO ON RETURN TRIPS—DETAILS NOT YET ARRANGED

The Crown Willamette Paper company and the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, operating big mills here, and the Union Sulphur company are seriously considering the operation of a line of steamers from Portland to ports on the Gulf of Mexico, carrying paper to the southern states and bring back sulphur, which is used in the manufacture of paper. Willard F. Hawley, Jr., announced the plan.

Other northwest products than paper, such as lumber, would be carried. Details of the proposal are being worked out now. A number of crafts are available for the service, and boats would probably be operated on a monthly schedule.

WHISKEY STILL IS FOUND HIDDEN ON BANKS OF RIVER

MEN BELIEVED TO BE OWNERS NOW FACE CHARGE OF BURGLARY AT SALEM.

SECLUDED SPOT AT MOUTH OF MOLALLA SCENE OF OPERATIONS

Sheriff Wilson and Deputy District Attorney Burke Bring Back 25 Feet of Lead Pipe—Raw Materials Are Found.

Hidden in a secluded spot at the mouth of the Molalla and the banks of the Willamette, four miles back of Canby, Sheriff Wilson and Deputy District Attorney Burke have uncovered a whiskey still. Saturday they visited the secluded spot, destroyed the still and returned to Oregon City with about 25 feet of lead pipe which formed the coil.

The still was crudely made of barrels and pipe. It was hidden in an outbuilding near the home of A. J. Silvey, a blind fisherman. The men who, the officers believe, operated the still are Leonard Westfall and A. G. Collins, bound over to the grand jury in Marion county on a charge of burglary.

It was in working on the burglary case that the officers found the still. Westfall and Collins, who lived with the blind fisherman, was arrested Thursday for stealing \$100 worth of hides from Wurster Brothers, proprietors of a butcher shop at Aurora, and the officials went to the place at the mouth of the Molalla to find the stolen property. After searching through the house and outbuildings, they found the hides under the floor.

The still was concealed near the house. No liquor was found, but the lead coils have a strong odor and a quantity of corn and apples were located near the still. The officers are convinced that the still had been used recently.

PORTLANDER GETS LICENSE

County Clerk Iva M. Harrington Friday issued a marriage license to Louise A. Trueb and Thomas T. Grigsby, 1226 Concord street, Portland.

ESTACADA COUPLE WEDS.

Miss Mattie Smith and Ralph W. Lemon, who secured a marriage license last Saturday, were quietly married by Justice of the Peace John N. Stevers in his office. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lemon live at Estacada.

OSWEGO DIVISION SCHEME WILL BE FOUGHT BY O. C.

LIVE WIRES ORGANIZING VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO BE MADE BEFORE LEGISLATURE

EFFORT MADE TO GET WEST LINN TO JOIN ANNEXATION MOVEMENT

Roadmaster Roots Says Well Matured Plans on Foot to Improve Roads Near Oswego—Judge Anderson Discusses Matter.

The Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club at their weekly luncheon Tuesday laid plans for a vigorous fight against the proposal for the annexation of 13 square miles of territory in the Oswego district, including the town of Oswego itself, to Multnomah county. The fight will be carried to the coming legislature.

It was openly charged at the meeting Tuesday that the Oregon Iron & Steel company, through its attorney, A. King Wilson, mayor of Oswego, is primarily behind the annexation movement and that selfish motives of the company inspired the plan. In order to combat the assertion that the Pacific highway on the west side of the Willamette running through Oswego has not received a reasonable amount of improvement, the Commercial club has arranged for a conference with the county court at 10 o'clock next Friday morning, at which time an effort will be made to obtain from the court some definite assurance that the road from Oswego to the Multnomah county line would be improved this year. The services of G. F. Johnson, formerly connected with the assessor's office here, were secured and he has been engaged to draft and submit a report showing the condition of the taxable area involved, and a comparison of the valuations and assessments of Clackamas and Multnomah counties along the border.

E. T. Mass, authorized the statement that the West Linn authorities had been approached by a committee from Oswego and had been urged to join some of the West Linn territory to the proposed annexation scheme. Roadmaster Roots said Tuesday that well matured plans were under way for the improvement of the Oswego road, that a rock crusher had been set up near the town and that it had been planned to make a definite and extended improvement in that section this year. County Judge Anderson, however, feels that the county court has been improperly approached by some of the annexation boomers, who conveyed to the court a thinly veiled threat that unless the road improvement was definitely promised, that the fight for annexation would be pushed.

The Live Wires expect to be able to harmonize some of the feeling that has been engendered over the highway situation, and to secure such assurances that will give the Oswego territory such improvement that it is justly entitled to, but without crippling the road plans for 1917 in other sections of the county.

It was stated at the meeting Tuesday that it is also proposed to annex about 11 square miles of Washington county's area to Multnomah.

EX-SHERIFF E. T. MASS HAS AMBITION TO LAND U. S. MARSHAL JOB HERE

LOCAL DEMOCRATIC LEADER PUTS IN BID FOR CHOICE FEDERAL POSITION

E. T. Mass, former sheriff and recent chairman of the Clackamas County Democratic central committee, is an applicant for appointment to the office of United States marshal for Oregon to succeed John Montag, incumbent.

Frank B. Tichenor, of Port Orford, is the only other person who has announced his candidacy for the job, which is considered about the nicest plum at the disposal of the party in power in this state.

WALTER DIMICK TO GET SENATE CHAIRMANSHIP

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—Gus C. Moser, who will be president of the senate, today gave out the names of the senators he will appoint to the chairmanships of the important senate committees. Senator Walter A. Dimick, of Clackamas, will be named chairman of the committee on resolutions, and A. A. Lewis, from Multnomah and Clackamas, will head the committee on agriculture and forestry.

ENTENTE REJECTS GERMAN PROFFER

PROPOSAL FROM BERLIN CALLED EMPTY AND INSINCERE BY PARIS AND LONDON.

REPARATION DEMANDED

Note From Central Powers is Declared to Be "War Maneuver"—Settlement for Future Security Said to Be Aim.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—In reply to the proffer of Germany and her allies for a peace conference, the entente allies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere." The note was handed to the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp, today by Premier Briand, and was made public simultaneously in London and Paris.

The entente-allied governments insist that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties and the free existence of small states and have not brought about a settlement for the future security of the world.

The note declares that the proposal of the central powers is not an offer of peace, but a "war maneuver." It is declared to be founded on "calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

The note, which is the joint act of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Roumania, Russia and Serbia, declares that the present strife was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary, and that Germany made no effort to bring about a pacific solution of the trouble between Serbia and Austria-Hungary.

COUNTY UNIT PLAN FOR SCHOOLS IS CONSIDERED

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS AT SALEM DEBATE MEANS TO ADD TO EFFICIENCY.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 3.—The county unit plan for all schools in districts below the first class probably will be presented to the legislature for enactment into law.

State Superintendent of Schools Churchill, who strongly favors the plan, discussed it today with the county school superintendents who are in session at the capitol in the capacity of an examining board.

The plan is to centralize the authority over all the schools in a county, excluding those in districts of the first class. Each county adopting the plan would be divided into five districts. Each district would elect a member of the county school board. This board of five members would appoint a county school superintendent, who would be the practical educational and business head of the schools in the county.

The county school superintendent would nominate the teachers for all the schools. He would place the teachers where they could do the best work. The taxes for the schools would be levied on a county unit basis.

Where the county unit has been adopted, Mr. Churchill said, great benefit has resulted, particularly to the rural schools as a trained county superintendent, with proper authority, is more able to establish and maintain an efficient school than are the average rural school directors.

COUNTY LOSES MARQUAM SPECIAL ROAD TAX CASE

Circuit Judge Campbell Tuesday signed a permanent restraining order, enjoining the county, through Clerk Iva Harrington, from levying and collecting a 10-mill road tax in the Marquam district. The validity of the special district levy was tested by J. W. Hobart, who claimed that the district road meeting was not properly advertised.

Circuit Judge Campbell Tuesday signed orders dismissing the suit of Gustav Flechter against the Oregon City Courier, M. J. Brown and A. E. Frost, and Darius C. Fouts against A. A. Allen and Susie Allen.

CARVER TO SELL BONDS TO BUILD HIGHLAND ROAD

LINE FROM DEDMAN STATION TO OREGON CITY PROBABLY BUILT ULTIMATELY

RAILROAD WILL TAP RICH COUNTRY IN EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY

\$350,000 Bond Issue Will Be Floated To Provide Funds to Complete Road—Trust Deed to be Filed in Few Days.

The completion of the Portland & Oregon City railroad between Portland and the Highland country at an early date was forecasted Saturday when representatives of the Security Savings & Trust company, of Portland, made arrangements to file early this week a trust deed necessary to the issuance of \$350,000 in bonds. Papers will probably be filed next Tuesday. The company is better known as the Carver line, and now has 15 miles of rails laid from Portland to Bakers Bridge on the Clackamas river.

The company plans ultimately to build a branch from Dedman station, located south of Clackamas, to Oregon City. The road to Highland will follow up Clear creek to the country back of Viola. The road will tap some of the richest territory in Clackamas county, country which is not directly served by a railroad at the present time.

The road up Clear creek will follow a water grade. Large bodies of timber stand close to the track, and lumber and cordwood will furnish freight for many years.

H. E. Cross, local attorney for Stephen Carver, president of the road, said Saturday night that the company did not intend to build in Oregon City at once, although a survey has been made. After the line to Highland is completed and the entire road put into successful operation, Mr. Carver will probably consider the construction of a line to Oregon City, with a view of operating trains between Portland and Oregon City.

Mr. Carver originally planned to build to Oregon City, but was discouraged by the attitude of several Oregon City business men, and lost his franchise by default. It is understood that the position taken by the commercial interests of Oregon City will have an important bearing on the construction of a branch to Oregon City.

Balancing of the 15 miles already laid and the construction of the road from Bakers Bridge, or Carver station, to Highland will probably begin in the spring.

GEORGE TAYLOR, SNYDER'S PAL, CONFESSES ROBBERY

19-YEAR-OLD BOY IS BROUGHT HERE FROM PORTLAND AND PUT INTO JAIL.

George Taylor, aged 19 years, who was turned over to Clackamas county authorities by the Portland police Tuesday signed a confession Wednesday before Deputy District Attorney Burke to the robbery of the grocery store of George Reddaway and the attempted robbery of the store of Everhart & Hall.

He is the partner of Ewald Snyder, aged 19 years, now in the county jail. Snyder also has made a confession, including the robbery of the Reddaway store. He was arrested last week by Sheriff Wilson and Constable Frost in a deserted house on Fourth street, where he had made his home.

Snyder was sent to the State Training school less than a year ago by the Clackamas County Juvenile court, but he escaped and made his way to Idaho, where he was arrested. He broke jail by knocking down the door and came back to Oregon. He was arrested in Portland, and released and then came to Oregon City and began a series of robberies, the local officials say, which extended over several weeks.

The two youths will probably be taken before Justice of the Peace John N. Stevers today for a preliminary examination.

CLERK'S FEES BIG.

Clerk Iva Harrington Tuesday totaled the fees collected by her office during 1916. The general fees, which are turned over to the county treasury, totaled \$7,666.25 and the fish and game licenses sale brought \$2,794, of which the county gets 5 per cent, the rest going to the state.

WIFE CHARGES CRUELTY

Alveda Wiseman filed a suit for divorce against Benjamin Wiseman in the circuit court Tuesday, charging cruelty. They were married December 17, 1906, in Beaver City, Nebr.

MOOSE LET CONTRACT TO A. F. FISHER FOR LODGE BUILDING, 11TH AND MAIN

TWO STORY FRAME STRUCTURE TO BE ERECTED ON LODGE PROPERTY SOON.

The building committee of the Moose Lodge Saturday let the contract to A. F. Fisher for the construction of a modern, two-story, 66 by 90 feet frame lodge building at Eleventh and Main streets.

The plans provide for three store rooms, facing Main street, on the first floor and modern lodge rooms upstairs. The cost of the building was not made public, but the total investment, including building, ground and furnishing will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The building committee is composed of G. F. Johnson, D. P. Skene, Frank Busch, M. Justin, William Weismandel and P. D. Forbes.

PAVING MAY BE DRAINED TO SAVE ROAD FROM RUIN

PUDDLES ON PARKPLACE HIGHWAY CAUSE OF WORRY TO THE COUNTY COURT

JOB IS SIMPLE, HOWEVER, AND CAN BE DONE AT SMALL EXPENSE

Crown of Southern Part of First County-Laid Hard Hard Surface Found Too Low to Carry Off All The Water.

The county is face to face with the necessity of draining water from the southern part of the Parkplace-Oregon City road surface, the first county-laid paving, and the county will probably drain that section of the highway soon, said County Judge Anderson Friday.

Water is standing in small puddles at each side of the road. The water is not over three-quarters of an inch deep, but, according to Harry Warwick, who had charge of the laying of the paving, there is enough water on the pavement to break down the resisting qualities of the asphalt.

Draining the road will be a comparatively simple job. Two men with a heated iron can burn small channels in the surface of the hard surface from the puddles to the side of the road. Mr. Warwick estimates that two men can do the work in four or five days and that the cost will be small.

The condition is caused by the fact that the crown of the road is not high enough, a fault in bringing the road to sub-grade. While the matter is easily fixed, the damage, if the repair work was neglected, would be great, say those familiar with the work.

The other hard surface roads laid by the county last summer have higher crowns, and so has the northern half of the Parkplace road.

WILBUR GIVEN MORE TIME

Circuit Judge Campbell Thursday signed an order giving Julius Wilbur until February 15 to file a bill of exceptions, and until February 20 to file a transcript, papers necessary for an appeal to the supreme court. Wilbur, proprietor of the Friars' club at Milwaukie, was convicted recently on a charge of selling liquor.

Salem to get \$60,000 addition to federal postoffice building.

INDUSTRIES HERE WILL EXPAND IN NEXT 12 MONTHS

MILLIONS WILL GO FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN EVERY SECTION OF THE COUNTY.

INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION ACTS AS STIMULANT FOR LINES OF TRADE

Hawley Pulp & Paper Company and Oregon City Woolen Mills Will Spend Big Sums Here in Making Enlargements

The new year, little 1917, has brought to Oregon City great promises—promises of industrial expansion, stimulated business and more prosperity even than was experienced during the year just ended.

In addition to the annual payroll of the woolen and paper mills, alone amounting to almost \$1,750,000 annually, several million dollars—the aggregate amount impossible to determine this early—will go into extensive enlargements throughout the county. The industrial awakening here has stimulated every line of trade, increased the confidence of business men and property holders and advertised Oregon City far and wide as one of the leading manufacturing cities of the entire Pacific coast.

Mill Soon Complete.
The beginning of this new year sees the completion of a \$1,000,000 addition to the plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company. The giant paper machine, which will turn out a sheet 165 inches wide at a possible maximum speed of 700 feet a minute, is now being installed and will be in operation before the end of this month.

Not content, however, with this new mill, which will add 200 employees to the plant, the Hawley company plans to launch into the construction of a second additional unit, which will represent an investment almost as large as the first. Property for the site has already been secured and, while no announcement has been made, it is expected here that construction work will actually be under way soon after the finishing touches are put on the plant now nearing completion.

Second only to the extensive expansion of the Hawley mills, comes the improvements which will be made to the plant of the Oregon City Manufacturing company—better known as the Oregon City Woolen mills. The construction of a large, three-story reinforced concrete addition and the complete rearrangement of the mill, including the shifting of practically every department, will increase the capacity of the plant 50 per cent and add between 100 and 150 employees to the payroll. With 100 modern looms in operation, which the plans for expansion call for, the mill will be the largest woolen mill west of the Mississippi.

Road Program Ambitious.
Then, the county court, as if caught by this spirit of unequalled improvement, is planning what will probably be the most ambitious year of road work in the county's history. A nine-mill general road levy and the special district levies will bring in a third of a million dollars which will be spent for new bridges, the surfacing of old roads and the opening up of new ones.

And, this is not all. The year will bring new business buildings for Oregon City. W. A. Long has plans for a new theatre on his lot adjoining the court house and other Main street property owners are known to be planning the erection of two and three-story buildings, although no announcement has yet been made.

Neighboring towns—Canby, Molalla, Milwaukie, Oswego, Gladstone, West Linn and Estacada—also are feeling the thrill of industrial awakening to some degree. In Canby, the co-operative cheese factory is working at capacity; Molalla is testing out sugar beets, and apparently with success; Milwaukie has a growing shingle mill and may get a pickle factory; Oswego's cement mill is prospering; Estacada's fruit cannery has completed

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City Gets Second Non-Suit in \$7,500 Damage Action of Father of Miss Carrie Oliver

Holding that no person using ordinary care and caution would fall off backward from a sidewalk in broad daylight, Circuit Judge Campbell Wednesday granted the city a non suit in the \$7,500 damage suit of David Oliver, administrator of the estate of the late Carrie Oliver, against J. W. Shea, a contractor, and the city.

Carrie Oliver was playing on High street June 30, 1914, stepped backward off the edge of a sidewalk where the street was on a grade, fell about 10 feet on pointed rocks and was killed. Her father brought a suit against the contractor and the city a year ago, and City Attorney Schuebel secured a non suit last spring. A second action was instituted several months ago, and Wednesday Attorney Schuebel secured a second non suit.

Judge Campbell held that the mere fact that the street was being improved should be sufficient to put a person on his guard, and that barricades were unnecessary under such circumstances. The sight of the 10-foot jumpoff from the sidewalk should be sufficient warning of danger in itself, he said.

One interesting feature of the trial was that both George Story, city prosecutor, and Chris Schuebel, city attorney, about whom there has been considerable discussion because the county employed Schuebel as attorney although Story defeated him at the polls, for city prosecutor both appeared in the courtroom for the city. Story took no part in the trial of the case, however, although he asked that his name be entered as a counsel in the records. The court allowed his request.

Completion of New Hawley Mill Held Back by Delay in Shipment of Machinery

February before all the parts are in Oregon City. An engineer of the Beloit company will be in Oregon City within the next few days to begin the work of erecting the big machine, which will be the largest in Oregon City. Many parts are already here, and the delay in shipments will not seriously delay his work. Mr. Hawley believes that the demands on brass and copper manufacturers due to munitions activity caused the delay.