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SPECIAL LEVY FOR ROADS IN COUNTY MAY BE \$250,000

BUDGET MEETING HELD BY SUPERVISORS

Indications that the special road taxes to be voted for 1922 will approximate a quarter of a million dollars...

Budgets for 38 of the 50 road districts in the county were presented to the county court by the supervisors...

Table with 3 columns: District Name, Amount, Total. Lists various districts and their respective levies.

Roads Decide to Seek Cut in Pay

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Representatives of 25 Eastern railroads meeting here have decided to notify their employees within the next few days that the 10 per cent wage cut decided on October 14 would be put into effect...

Grand Jury Meets; No Bills Returned

Altho a large number of cases are under consideration, no indictment have yet been returned by the Grand Jury of the circuit court which Monday opened its November term.

PROGRESS ON BRIDGE PLANS REPORTED AT LIVE WIRE MEETING

New Committee to Carry On Temporary Span Work Is Appointed

Definite arrangements regarding the method of keeping traffic open across the Willamette river during the time when the new bridge is under construction, should be completed within two or three days, according to reports made to the Live Wires of the Commercial Club at their Tuesday luncheon by A. Bankus and L. L. Pickens, of West Linn.

A new committee to work out the bridge problem, was appointed by Main Trunk Linn E. Jones, and consists of Harry Greaves, L. L. Pickens and A. Bankus, of West Linn; James Shannon, R. Fetold and M. D. Latourrette, of Oregon City and H. E. Cross, representing the county.

The committee is to work out plans for the financing of the proposed temporary span, as well as to secure an official O. K. upon the plans for the structure. A discussion as to whether or not the city of Oregon City should be asked to pay a portion of the costs of constructing a temporary bridge, was entered into.

Portland Theatre is Robbed of \$9,000

PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—Three masked bandits looted the Liberty theater of approximately \$9,000 this morning. They surprised Auditor R. E. Charlson just as he was opening the safe at 9:30 o'clock, bound him, two girl ushers and the carpenter, emptied the strong box and escaped.

Police have no trace of them. Elsie Rotramel, one of the ushers, finally managed to knock over a telephone and shout for help. A supervisor at the Main exchange notified police headquarters.

Carpenter Slugged When the police arrived the men had been gone for about ten minutes. Henry Barney, the carpenter, was slugged by the robbers, but was not seriously hurt.

Wife Slayer Given Ten Year Penalty

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 4.—Ten years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$1000 is the penalty Joseph J. Henderson has been sentenced to pay for stabbing his wife to death because she wouldn't live with him.

The sentence was imposed this morning by Circuit Judge Tucker following Henderson's conviction Monday of the charge of manslaughter.

Testimony at the trial showed that on August 8 Henderson, armed with a revolver, went to his father-in-law's home where his wife was living. Henderson's son testified that before Mrs. Henderson bleeding from body wounds was seen running from the back door, he had looked through a window and had seen both his parents snatching at a butcher knife.

ROAD BUDGET IN OREGON CITY FOR 1922 IS \$23,424

SPECIAL LEVY OF 2 1-2 MILLS IS SET

Comprehensive Program For Coming Year Outlined; New Work Planned

For general street improvements and upkeep, Oregon City, in 1922 will spend \$23,424.00.

This amount is set forth in the budget completed Tuesday by the special committee appointed by the county court, acting under advisement of a taxpayers meeting which Monday night instructed the committeemen to use 2 1/2 mills as the basis for the first special levy ever proposed in Oregon City as a road district.

Special Tax Small While the budget calls for the expenditure of nearly \$24,000, only \$7,600 of this amount will be raised by the special tax.

The proposed budget, which will be acted upon at a taxpayers meeting at 8:30 o'clock November 30, at the City hall, includes the following projects for 1922: Salaries, \$2,520; Cleaning streets, \$1,080; Madison street bridge, \$2,000; Fund to pay years share toward construction of new Pacific Highway bridge across Willamette river, \$7,000; Permanent road improvements, \$7,000; Emergency expenditure, \$3,824.

The income for this fund will, in addition to the proposed levy, be derived from the general county levy, of which the city's share is \$15,821.

The road fund at present has a balance of but \$650.

No action of a final nature was taken by the committee which has the preparation of the municipal budget in hand. The meeting adjourned until Wednesday morning, and a final meeting is planned for Thursday evening, when it is expected that the administrative finances for the coming year will be finally outlined.

LICENSE IS GRANTED A marriage license was given Tuesday to Kenneth Woodward, 21, and Gladys McDowell, 21, both of Oregon City.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU LEADS; MEMBERSHIP IS 1425

Report to Federation Shows Gain of Local Branch Largest in State

At the state convention of the farm bureau held in Portland the past week Clackamas county reported a paid up membership of 1425, being the largest of any county in the state.

One of the direct achievements of the farm bureau has been the completion of arrangements with the port commission of Portland for cold storage facilities and as a result apples will be shipped directly by water from Portland to the European countries, instead of being shipped by rail to New York.

Organizers are already at work in Yamhill county and the work of organizing Marion county will be taken up at once.

Assessed Valuation Of State Decreases

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 7.—All the thirty-six county assessors of Oregon have now completed their 1921 assessments and these have been equalized by their county boards of equalization.

The totals of the assessed valuation of property—without the public utilities, railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, et al.—in the state of Oregon is \$398,897,545.

Last year the total was \$917,011,248. The shrinkage in values is \$518,143,693.

This is less than was to be expected considering the decrease in the number of horses, cattle, sheep and swine due to wartime depletion and also the decline in the prices of agricultural products.

Last year the value of the public utilities, railroads, et al, which are assessed by the state tax commission was placed at \$123,827,800.

If the value of the public utilities is not reduced the total valuation of all property in Oregon this year will approximate \$1,022,695,945.

Clackamas county's valuation is \$24,503,165.

GRANGERS VOTE AGAINST RECALL OF ROAD BONDS

FARMERS AT MOLALLA TAKE ACTION

Two Districts Now On Record as Opposed to Plan to Halt Work

Molalla Grange has voiced its disapproval of the recall of the \$1,700,000 road bond issue.

Molalla is the second grange in the county to go on record as opposing the recall of the bond surface road building program.

The action was taken by Molalla Grange Saturday afternoon when by a two to one majority the grange placed the recall in disfavor.

When Pamona Grange started the circulation of petitions to place the recall upon the ballot, the movement met with such general opposition throughout the county that a referendum among the individual granges was started.

Cooperation Urged In Financing Bridge

Sentiment in West Linn was expressed at the council meeting Wednesday night, favors the financing of a temporary bridge across the Willamette river during the time that the new span is under construction, thru cooperation of Oregon City, the county, and West Linn.

The problem of caring for traffic during this period was discussed, and although no official action, the temporary structure received the approbation of all who spoke.

The council session was occupied with considerable routine business, including the ratification of two ordinances providing for the improvements on Buck and Barlow and Willamette streets.

OREGON CITY POULTRY CARRIES FIRST PRIZE AT LIVESTOCK SHOW

Roy C. Smith's Exhibits Take Premier Place; Three 3rd Awards Are Won

Roy C. Smith of Oregon City, took one first Public Auditorium the Pacific Int'l. Portland, Ore. Minors.

Announcement of the results of the judging was made Monday. Smith carried off the first prize for the best pen of White Minorcas, and third prizes for Cockerels, hens and pullets.

Practically a thousand birds in the poultry division of the Pacific International had been competing against one another since Saturday in an effort to win favor with the judges, who completed their work in this department Monday.

Administration Outlining 1922 Finance Policy

Recommendation of a special road levy of 2 1/2 mills for District 1, Oregon City marks the first definite step in the outlining of municipal expenditures for the year of 1922.

At a meeting of taxpayers held Monday evening, the budget committee appointed by the county court, was authorized to appropriate approximately \$7,500 which could be raised by such a tax.

The Oregon City district has never voted a special road tax. It receives approximately \$17,000 in the general road fund from the county. This money in the past has been used largely for the improvement of important main artery streets, and the city council has under way a comprehensive program for the pavement of heavily traveled thoroughfares, which it wishes to see continued.

A five mill tax was recommended at the meeting, and altho it was generally agreed upon that this money was needed, it was reduced for the reason that the tax burden at present is already heavy.

Wallace Caulfield and O. D. Eby were appointed to act with the committee, consisting of James Shannon, Linn Jones and Benton Ely, in the working out of the details of the budget for the road fund.

The special city budget committee met with the council last evening and considered the apportionment of the city's funds for the coming year. The city levy for municipal purposes is 7 mills, which will raise approximately \$21,000 which with other income will give the city some \$26,000 for conducting its administrative activities.

State Penitentiary Faces Heavy Deficit

SALEM, Nov. 4.—With the prison population increasing at an alarming rate the institution faces a heavy deficit at the end of the present biennial term, according to a report submitted to the state board of control Thursday by Warden L. E. Compton.

IMPROVEMENT IN INDUSTRIAL STATUS IS SEEN

LOCAL PAPER PLANTS SPEEDING UP

Opening of Grinder Rooms to Make More Activity During Winter

Improvement in the local industrial situation here is manifest when comparison is made with conditions that existed two months ago. The opening of the grinder mills in the paper plants has made employment for a large number of men, and if present favorable tendencies continue, the winter should see Oregon City upon a firmer industrial basis.

The Hawley Pulp and Paper Company mills are now running to capacity. All of the grinder rooms in operation; these last, by the middle of the season will alone be employing 100 men. The "population sheet" of the Hawley plant shows that 466 men are on the payroll. A construction gang is also making extensive repairs to the plant.

Change is Noted W. P. Hawley, head of the company, notes a considerable change in the condition of the market during the last two months as it affects his plant. About the first of September there was a slump in the market which looked bad, and in fact a number of the mills throughout the country curtailed their production.

Whether or not this condition is a general reflection of the trend of the national market, Mr. Hawley could not say. The papermen believe, are still suffering from a lack of government aid in coping with the condition of foreign exchange which allows European and northern manufacturers to undersell the domestic producer.

Much of the increased local activity is due to the winter season with the start of the grinding of pulp. This will continue probably until February, and will only be interrupted if the water in the river recedes to a point where it is impossible to run the grinders. At present the river is receding, but a few rains will again raise it to the necessary height.

The Crown-Willamette mills still have two grinder rooms which are not yet in operation, but unless the river continues to fall, these will probably be opened some time next week. Some 125 additional men will be employed at pulp grinding in this mill during the winter. The C-W now has 875 men upon its payroll.

Altho the Crown-Willamette mill is operating all of the machines except one, its production has not been materially increased, due to the fact that the plant is working at a slow rate of speed. In discussing the market conditions which affect the C-W mill, A. J. Lewthwaite, manager of the company in Portland, a few days ago said that altho some improvement was manifested in the national conditions the trade, the general increase in the movement of the product was not exceptional.

Demonstrations for Poultry Men, Plan

Plans for the second of a series of poultry demonstrations being held in Clackamas county, have been completed by the local Farm Bureau office.

The demonstrations, which are to be given on the subject of "Winter Feeding for Egg Production" will be held at central points in the county November 15 and 16. H. E. Cosby, extension poultry specialist of the Oregon Agricultural College has the work in charge. His first series of lectures given some time ago, was upon the subject of culling.

In order that all of the poultrymen of the district may attend, Mr. Cosby will give his lecture at four farms. At 9:30, November 15, he will lecture at E. N. Barnett farm at Logan and at 2 o'clock the same afternoon at the Hobert and Smith farm at Clackamas. The next morning his demonstration will be held at the Sals and Kuhl farm at Meadowbrook, in the afternoon at the W. H. Thompson place at Canby.

Himmel! Der Mark Is So Low, I Cannot Der Reparations Make!!

By MORRIS

