

COUNTY COURT MAKES TAX LEVY

State Tax Is More Than Double That of Last Year, But Total Levy for General County Purposes Is Held Down to Within Half a Mill of Last Year's Figure--Tax in County, Exclusive of Special District Levies, Is 10.8 Mills, as Against 10.2 Last Year--Total City Tax for All Purposes Is 20.9, as Against 20.3 in 1910--Election Boards Named--Report of County Expenses in 1910.

Although the state tax which must be paid by Hood River county this year is more than double that of 1910, the county levy, exclusive of the special road and school levies in the different districts, is only half a mill greater than last year and the city levy is only six-tenths of a mill larger. The figures as announced by the county court the last of the week are as follows: County levy, 10.8, as against 10.2 last year; city levy, including school levy and city made by the city council, 20.9, as against 20.3 last year.

County Clerk Hanson received a telegram the latter part of the week from the state treasurer announcing that Hood River county's portion of the state tax this year is \$35,439. Last year it was \$15,324. Last year the levy for state purposes was 1.4 mills, while this year it was necessary to make a levy of three mills. The assessed valuation of public service corporations in the county this year as assessed by the State Tax Commission was \$2,114,365, as compared to \$2,089,189 in 1910.

The tax levy this year for county purposes was made as follows: State purposes, three mills; county purposes, 2.4 mills; schools, 1.4 mills; roads, 3.9 mills; library, one-tenth of a mill, making the total for county purposes 10.8 mills. The city levy includes the special levy for municipal purposes of eight mills and the special school levy of six mills. The 3.9 mills assessed for road purposes is, of course, not included in the city levy, so that the total is 20.9 mills.

Last year the special city levy was nine mills or one mill larger than this year, and the school levy was the same—six mills—making the total of 20.3 mills last year.

The county court was in some doubt as to what levy to make for county road purposes on account of the probability that the county may bond itself for about \$500,000 for building a system of permanent highways. It was decided that a small

levy would be made for this purpose and it was placed at 3.9 mills as against five mills in 1910.

Exclusive of the levy for state purposes, the county levy this year is 7.8 mills as against 8.9 in 1910, or 1.1 mills less.

The total assessed valuation of the county, exclusive of the property of corporations, is \$9,914,820. Adding to this the valuation placed on the corporation property of \$2,114,365, and the total assessed valuation of the county upon which the levies will be made is \$12,029,185.

Special levies have been made for road purposes in four districts as follows: District Number One, eight mills; Number Two, five mills; Number Seven, three mills; and Number Eleven, four mills.

Special school levies have been made as follows: District Number One, nothing; Number Two, six mills; Number Three, six mills; Number Four, three and one-half mills; Number Five, two mills; Number Six, three mills; Number Seven, four mills; Number Eight, two and one-half mills; Number Nine, five mills; Number Ten, five mills; Number Eleven, one mill; Number Twelve, one mill; Number Thirteen, three mills; Number Fourteen, five mills; Number Fifteen, nothing; Number Sixteen, six mills.

The current expenses of the county during the year 1910, exclusive of road building and repairs, was \$44,223.79, as shown by a report for the year prepared by County Clerk Hanson and submitted to the county court the last of the week. The amount expended for road purposes was \$67,525.88, making a total for all county expenses of \$111,749.67.

Among the amounts drawn from the general fund during the year for various departments were the following: County court, \$1,764.41; circuit court, \$2,146.80; justice's court, \$311.85; county clerk's office, \$2,100.10; sheriff's office, \$2,071.85; assessor's office, \$1,335.50; current expenses, \$1,

\$45.94; courthouse expenses, \$822.44; care of poor, \$2,907.89; road supervisors', \$2,839.64; courthouse and grounds, \$12,622.82; state tax (second half) \$7,992.67; judgments against county, \$2,785.80.

Warrants on the general road fund were drawn as follows: Supervisors' checks, \$23,077.80; general road expenses, \$44,448.99, making the total \$67,525.88.

Election boards to serve during the ensuing two years ending January 1, 1914, were appointed as follows:

Baldwin precinct: Judges, J. R. Putnam, chairman, W. S. Gribble and J. M. Lenz; clerks, J. D. Gordon, W. H. Edick and W. C. Smuller.

Dee precinct: Judges, Allen Macrum, chairman, E. H. Green and Raymond Mackley; clerks, S. G. Emiles, Rory Collins and P. Winans.

Pine Grove: Judges, A. I. Mason, chairman, J. D. McCully and C. S. Newman; clerks, V. Winchell, Frank C. Dethman and M. Dragseth.

Falle precinct: Judges, J. F. Hendrick, chairman, J. H. Dunlop and H. W. Taylor; clerks, O. A. Adams, J. F. Elliott and G. A. Young.

East Hood River precinct: Judges, John Koberg, chairman, J. L. Porter and W. B. Dickerson; clerks, R. H. Waugh, R. B. Perigo and J. B. Hunt.

Odell precinct: Judges, L. A. E. Clark, chairman, C. C. Masler and W. A. Lockman; clerks, Harry Conaway, M. D. Odell and Asa Cutler.

West Hood River precinct: Judges, C. Dethman, chairman, L. M. Bentler and W. J. Baker; clerks, B. E. Duncan, J. M. Culbertson and Noah Bone.

Hood River Center precinct: Judges, T. A. Rensiv, chairman, J. L. Hershner and G. R. Castner; clerks, A. W. Onthank, S. B. Simonton and A. B. Cash.

South Hood River precinct: Judges, B. F. Eadelman, chairman, E. W. Angus and F. H. Miller; clerks, J. W. Hicks, Harry M. Francis and C. D. Thompson.

TOT DRINKS FROM BOTTLE OF POISON

Prompt measures saved the life of the little, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Moore the last of the week when the child drank from a bottle of corrosive sublimate. Mrs. Moore was engaged in cleaning out an old medicine chest and the bottle containing the deadly poison was among the others in the chest. These bottles Mrs. Moore set out, not thinking that the little girl would touch them. While her back was turned for a moment, however, the child picked up the bottle containing the poison and swallowed a portion of its contents. She immediately became deathly sick. The parents telephoned to Dr. Dumble, who directed that an emetic be used at once and then started out on the trip to the Moore home. The child was better when he arrived and her life was saved.

Dr. Dumble himself narrowly escaped serious injury while answering the call. While getting his horse out of the stable he passed behind a farm horse, which kicked at him with both hind feet. Its hoofs caught the doctor in the left side, tearing a large rent in his overcoat. Fortunately he was so near the animal that he did not receive the full force of the blow. The horse stepped on one of the doctor's toes, however, and crushed it so badly that he was forced to use crutches for a couple of days.

VOTERS STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF DOCK

Sentiment throughout the county is three to one in favor of issuing bonds for the construction of the proposed public dock, judging from replies already received by County Judge Culbertson. More than one hundred answers have already come to the letters of inquiry which he sent out last week. A count of these letters shows that sentiment is strongly in favor of the project, which promises to mean much for the county when river traffic receives its impetus from the completion of the Panama canal.

Not content with simply answering "Yes," many of the citizens added a word or two of emphasis, declaring that they are in favor of the dock "by all means" or "even if it costs \$20,000," which is twice the amount which it is proposed to raise.

As is noted in the editorial column, indications are that steamship lines carrying cargoes from Portland will handle fruit cargoes in refrigerators, expecting to draw a considerable portion of their tonnage from Hood River.

Judge Culbertson sent out the last of the 1,000 letters the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Surague went to Portland Saturday to spend a few days visiting friends.

Snowbound Passengers Undergo Many Hardships

Local People Who Left Portland Saturday Afternoon Are Snowbound at Bridal Veil and Are Not "Rescued" Until Following Afternoon—Church Services Are Held on Board the Train.

Travelers who had the temerity to try the railroads during the recent storm experienced some hardships that rivaled those of the pioneers who crossed the plains in ox carts half a century ago. Local people had their share of the trials and tribulations. There were a dozen or more from here on the local that left Portland Saturday afternoon and arrived in this city shortly before midnight Sunday evening. The train bucked the drifts valiantly until it struck a small mountain of snow just as it reached Bridal Veil, whereupon the engine gave a final gasp and settled down for the night. The conductor, so the passengers declare, footed it for the hotel and secured the only bed in the hostelry. Some of the passengers who had followed closely in his footsteps talked of lynching. It is said, but the more sober minded dissuaded them.

During the night the passengers learned some of the delights of sleeping on car seats without pillows or blankets. When the cold, gray light of the morning after dawned, most of the passengers were about ready to get out and walk home. After partaking of a breakfast of crackers and snow water, however, they arranged to hold an impromptu church service. Clarence Gilbert participated by rendering several old, familiar hymns on a violin which was loaned for the occasion by Frank Chandler, Paul French, The Dalles banker, led the singing of several familiar psalms.

Among the local people who were on the snowbound train were the following: A. O. Hershey, C. K. Marshall, Dr. B. E. Wright, Mrs. J. C. Johnson and Mrs. Ida Crapper. Late Sunday afternoon, after the hungry passengers were debating whether the leather on the car seats would furnish nourishment, the through train from Portland pulled into Bridal Veil and the snowbound passengers were taken aboard.

Two or three Portland lawyers who left that city Sunday in order to be here for the opening of the circuit court were stalled about a mile west of the city early Monday morning. Thinking they were within a short distance of the station, the attorneys got off and started to walk in. It was still dark and they nearly perished before they succeeded in floundering through the drifts to the city.

It took B. E. Duncan, who made a trip to Camas Prairie, just two days to make the trip from Underwood here which usually consumes only thirty minutes. He left Underwood on the North Bank Saturday morning, was snowed under and did not arrive in Hood River until Monday morning. Others had similar experiences.

A hundred or more passengers on the Pendleton Local, who had been delayed at Bonneville for 26 hours, without food or enough fire to keep them comfortable, arrived in Portland Sunday night about 10 o'clock.

The Portland Local was stalled at Bonneville late Saturday afternoon, and instead of arriving in Portland at 6 o'clock Saturday night got in at 10 Sunday night, anxious friends and relatives of the passengers paying frequent visits to the Union station and keeping telephone wires busy making inquiries as to the probability of the train's arrival.

County's Valuation Grows

County Assessor Roy Wertz has closed the assessment rolls for Klickitat county. The total valuation on which taxes for 1911 are levied is \$10,680,923, an increase over 1910 of \$2,600,000. The heaviest taxpayer in the county is the S. P. & S. Railway, whose check to the treasurer will be for \$112,610.

Storm King Holds Sway And Valley Is Snowbound

Over Four Feet of Snow Falls in Upper Valley, While City Is Covered With Blanket Three Feet Thick—Mt. Hood Road Suspends Traffic and O. W. R. & N. Trains Are Stalled—Orchards Unharmed.

Hood River received its share of the storm which swept over the northwest the last of the week and as a result business and social activities were pretty much at a standstill and communication with the rest of the world was interrupted for a time by the blocking of the railroad and damage done to telegraph lines. When the weather temporarily cleared Sunday morning there were thirty-four inches of snow on the level in the city, four feet in Oak Grove district and in the Upper Valley fifty-one inches were reported.

The fall started Friday afternoon and fully a foot had fallen by Saturday morning. It continued uninterrupted during the day and all night. At the same time the thermometer lingered down in the neighborhood of the bulb. The coldest weather during the storm was registered Sunday night, when it fell to a couple of degrees below zero.

Interruption of train service began Saturday night when the train from Portland failed to get through. No train arrived from the west until an early hour Monday morning, after nearly two days had been spent in fighting a path through the snow that had gathered in the Columbia river gorge, where the full fury of the storm made itself felt. Traffic from the east was also held up. The Oregon-Washington Limited, delayed from Saturday, reached this city late Sunday afternoon, but in pulling

into the station the front engine of the two that were pulling the train was derailed. The wrecking crew replaced it during the night. A broken rail also had to be replaced. Five trains from Portland, which had been detained, then pulled through for the east, while three trains from the east followed each other in close succession.

The Mount Hood Railway tried to break out the road Saturday when an engine and crew were sent through to the terminal at Parkdale. There the engine was blocked on the way and had to be shoveled out. No trains were run either Sunday or Monday. This prevented many juriesmen from getting in for the circuit court. Judge Bradshaw was also unable to get here to open court on Monday.

On account of the storm there was an ice blockade on the White river above the power plant that furnishes the lights and power for The Dalles and that plant was forced to suspend. In the emergency the local plant of the Pacific Power & Light Company had to furnish juice for The Dalles Saturday and Sunday nights. Dynamite was used to break the ice jam.

Continued extreme cold weather caused ice to form along the shores of the Columbia. Navigation was abandoned on account of the floating ice and the boats that left up the

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LETTER IS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club held Wednesday evening, resolutions were passed to the effect that an injustice had been done Oregon in making the appropriations for reclamation purposes in the Northwest, this state receiving back only a fraction of the amount for which it has been assessed for this purpose. The President was petitioned to see that an appropriation be made from the \$1,000,000 for the West Umatilla project.

The new board of directors was organized and officers were elected as follows: President, Charles N. Clarke; vice-president, W. L. Clark; treasurer, Dr. J. F. Watt; secretary, H. G. Kauffman.

In reply to letters sent to representatives in Congress asking for a soil survey of the county and for an extension of the investigation as to fruit-storing methods, answers have been received from Senators Bourne and Chamberlain and from Congressman Hawley and Lafferty. Congressman Lafferty wrote:

"With reference to a soil survey of Hood River county, I have to say that I recently took up the matter of extending the work of the Department of Agriculture over the entire state and received assurances that if the appropriation the secretary desires is received, such will be done. Undoubtedly a soil survey of the agricultural sections of the state would be one of the things done. It is also probable that the packing of fruit will receive early attention."

Congressman Hawley said he would gladly co-operate in any way he could in these matters. Senator Chamberlain wrote to the same effect. From the Department of Agriculture came the statement that it

will not be necessary to keep a man here all the time next season to investigate these matters, but the office's representative at Portland, B. B. Pratt, will look after the inspection of fruit here and in the adjacent districts.

New members have been recently admitted to the club as follows: W. Fort Johnson, J. W. McDonald, Julian P. Scott, H. D. Emery, L. A. Henderson and A. P. Reed.

The new members of the board of directors have been sworn into office. They are James E. Montgomery, Dr. J. F. Watt, and J. E. Robertson. The holdover members are R. J. Melanc, Albert Sutton, Charles N. Clarke and W. L. Clark.

LEVY FOR PORTLAND ROAD IS FAVORED AT CORBETT

The taxpayers of road district No. 35 met at the Corbett school house and levied a 5-mill tax for road improvements. It was voted that 75 per cent of the tax should be used on the Hood River wagon road, being built up the Columbia river to Hood River, and the balance will be used on the side roads. It was the sense of the meeting that the construction of the Hood River road should be rushed to completion. Multnomah county is building the road to the county line and has been making great progress.

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week

Dr. Sun Yat Sen was elected first president of the Chinese republic. Senator La Follette opened a progressive campaign in Ohio. President Taft's own state. President Taft refused to pardon Charles W. Morse from the federal prison in Atlanta on the ground that his life was not in danger from confinement. General Bernardo Reyes, leader of the latest Mexican revolution, surrendered to the authorities and was held for trial. He declared that he had been misled by false statements in regard to the feelings of the people. Miss Clara Barton, the founder of the Red Cross society, celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of her birth on Christmas day. She was unable to make much of the occasion owing to a severe illness from which she has suffered for some time. War was begun between Russia and Persia. Cossacks attacked the crowds in Tabriz, and great slaughter was reported.