IDAHO TAX BOARD HAS BIG PROBLEM

Work of Equalizing Assessments in Progress.

1921 VALUES ARE HIGHER

With Taxation Main Issue, Exports Are Being Made to Hold Down Levy to Minimum.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The most important board of the state government is now in session here—the state board of equalization. Its findings are important from a business standpoint. They will have their political significance, for within the board's jurisdiction lies the power to fix the tax levy. State administrations have been known to have their rise or fall on the actions of this board. Practically every legal voter is interested in the work it performs, the manner in which it deals with the various tax classifications and finally the levy that is established.

Governor D. W. Davis is chairman of the board. Like the balance of the members, his office is elective. The other members are: R. L. Black, attorney-general, R. O. Jones, secretary of state, and D. F. Banks, state treasurer.

The board is vested with the constitutional power of fixing the valuations of the property of all common carriers, of power, lines, of telephone and telegraph lines and of the Pullman, express and other companies operating in this state. All of these concerns have their representatives before the board, including tax and valuation experts and the very best attorneys available.

Board Has to Be Shown.

They are endeavoring to show the board what they consider a fair and just assessment for their property and to meet the arguments, the statistics and the other data submitted by experts employed by the board. The verdict finally rests with the board members, who must determine by majority vote the amount that shall finally be fixed as representing a true valuation of the property of these corporations. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are therefore involved.

Members of the board, being elective officials, are charged with the responsibility of taking care of the interests of the people who therefore do not send representatives before the board to present their respective pleas.

In addition, the board is reinforced by information, suggestions and advice given it by county assessors who are summoned to attend the meetings, to present valuation reports of their respective counties and to meet among themselves for mutual benefit in handling assessment work.

High Taxes Issue.

Realizing that one of the main issues before the people at the present time is high taxes, the board is making every effort to hold the tax levy down and thus satisfy the masses. While there has, in the past, been strong complaint against taxes, the small end of the burden really and rightfully belongs to the state. The main tax burden falls on the county, school and municipal tax levying bodies, which combined make up three-fourths of the total taxes collected in this state.

Idaho, however, being a new state and building many new school houses, is under a heavier burden than if it was not going through the pioneer stage. Extensive improvements are also being made in the construction of highways, but this is not causing serious objection because the federal government is lending a helping hand and the highways of Idaho have in the past few years shown wonderful improvement. However, the present board will find that a high tax rate is unpopular. The present indications are, however, that the board will be able to reduce the tax levy this year over what it was last year.

Valuations Are Raised.

It was found in 1920 that $2,968,646.65 was required to meet the state's maintenance expenses and the board made a levy that would raise that amount. The reported assessed valuation amounted to $363,499,219. The board reviewed the figures and raised the valuations reported to a total of $359,578,312.

It was found by the board that some classes of real property were assessed too high and some assessed too low and it exercised its constitutional right to equalize these and strike a fair balance.

Later the board proceeded to establish the valuations of public utilities, telegraph, telephone and electric power lines, which increased the total assessed valuations for the state until they reached a grand total of $499,471,287.29. Added to this total was the personal property tax rolls reported by the county auditors. These personal rolls do not come in until later and following the adjournment of the board.

They are then added to the grand total and placed on the state auditor's records as a proper part of the assessed valuation of the state and the levy applies to them as to other property.

Figures Show Increase.

The valuation figures for 1921 show an increase of $4,621,583 over those of the previous year, or $358,120,803, as compared with $353,499,219 in 1920. The 1921 total is the sum of the abstracts of the real property on the assessment roll as reported to the state auditor's office by the various counties.

Idaho's agricultural lands have been reported in the abstracts as having a total valuation of $76,945,383, the reported valuations of irrigated lands total $52,185,284; dry land, $22,871,333; timber land, $19,811,360; grazing land, $24,362,449; waste land, $1,931,619; mineral land, $424,106.

Reported valuations on business blocks in the state totaled $11,085,559; business lots, $13,967,802; residence lots, $19,171,197.

Valuations on cattle as reported, together with their classification, are as follows: Full-blooded cows, bulls, beef, $426,873; common cattle, $4,799,284; milch cows, $2,965,187; yearlings, $826,147; calves, $41,559; thoroughbreds and grades, $69,235.

On the sheep in the state the valuations given by the assessors are: Bucks and fine-bred ewes, $119,619; common sheep, $2,002,903; grade sheep, $6800.

GIRLS WILL EXCEED BOYS

NINETY-SIX LOCAL GRADUATES TO ENTER CORVALLIS.

Sixty-Three Will Be Co-Eds, All High Schools Being Listed as Sending Students.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Ninety-six graduates from Portland high schools have sent in advance credentials for entrance into the college this fall, and it is noticeable that a greater percentage of girls than usual are planning to begin 63 girls to 33 men. This proportion holds true with the complete advance files.

Lincoln high school will send 12 persons, providing they all come—Marjorie Adams, Elizabeth Anderson, Eleanor Austey, Marion Bonney, Andrath Greene, Vivian Johnson, Florence McDonald, Marie Kuehn, Lazelle Meindl, Lucile Rush, Morris Stein, Ruth Stephenson and James Young.

Washington high has sent in 30 credentials—Helen Andrews, Harold Baird, Jane Becker, D. Donebrake, Ralph Bruno, Solona Clary, Harriet Dalby, Henrietta Eckstein, Helen Huntley, Helen Junor, Dorothy Lowes, Lorena Marr, Kenneth Mecklem, Clayton Morse, Andrew Muir, John Otto, Alice Peaper, Bertha Peterson, Dorothy Quackenbush, Harold Rowley, Alma Sidler, Hollister Skillin, Robert Slinger, Hazel Smith, Herbert Stewart, Nellie Thompson, Velma Thompson, Walter Widmer, Harry Williams and Roberta Wrenn.

Those coming from Jefferson high are John Baines, Paul Benson, Myrtha Cheadle, Rowena Clarke, Lola Vern Dobbins, Esther Figgins, Frances Freydig, Florence Heath, Herbert Johnson, Minnie Kirkpatrick, Arthur Leaf, Violet Loydgren, Harold McAndis, J. F. McKinley, Edna Pence, Claudia Plank, Irene Rauh, Ernest Reuter, Lillian Ricketts, Laverne Severance, Carlos Steele and John Sullivan.

Credentials from Franklin high are Ellen Anderson, Mildred Anderson, Mildred Boone, George Burlingham, Florence Ingham, Margaret Lucius, Gertrude Nutter, Wanda Pole, Bertha Schumacher, Robert Stanley and Mary Thoma.

Other schools represented are Behnke-Walker, Georgia Bancroft, Byron Wolverton, Henry Dalrymple and Helen Johnson. James John high, Lewis Clarke and Cedric Vanderpool; St. Helens hall, Frances Effinger; High School of Commerce, Marie Brezzaline; Benson Polytechnic, Donald Holden, Francis Kirk and Donald Prudhomme; girls' polytechnic, Freda Fragmier and Frances Kerremans; Reed, Eva Orser.

Helen Wilhelm sent to Pennsylvania for her credits from high school.

DOUGLAS PRUNE CROP BIG

Southern Oregon County to Lead in Aggregate Production.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Polk county will have a larger tonnage of dried prunes this year than Marion county, and Yamhill more than Polk, according to the estimates of the United States bureau of markets. The report was prepared by F. L. Kent, statistician for the market and crop department.

Polk county's dried prune crop will aggregate 2,000,000 pounds, the report said, while the Marion county dried prune yield will tip the scales at 1,500,000 pounds. Yamhill is credited with an estimated crop of 2,500,000 pounds, Lane county with 1,500,000 pounds and Umatilla county with 2,000,000 pounds. The Douglas county crop was estimated at 7,500,000 pounds. The big apple crop this year will be in Jackson county, with an estimate of 900 cars. Linn county will have five cars, Marion county 25 cars and Hood River 205 cars.

The pear crop in Marion county was estimated at 100 tons, Polk county 300 tons and Jackson county 4500 tons.

FAIR TO GIVE $2000 IN PRIZES TO CLUBS

Boys' and Girls' Exhibits to Be Big Feature.

MANY ENTRIES EXPECTED

Children From 14 Counties Probably Will Try Out for Honors at Salem This Fall.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—One of the outstanding features of the Oregon state fair this year will be the displays of the boys' and girls' clubs. Interest in these industrial contests has grown yearly during the six seasons that they have been held, and with the increased premium fund through the classifying of stock projects this year, it was anticipated that the big educational building on the state fair ground in Salem will house an exhibit the like of which has not heretofore been made.

The club work is directed from the state department of education, cooperating with the Oregon Agricultural college and the United States department of agriculture. J. E. Calavan, industrial field worker, has just returned to Salem from a trip which included several counties, and which was taken to arouse interest among the juveniles in the coming state fair. The counties included in the itinerary were: Polk, Yamhill, Washington, Columbia, Clatsop, Jackson and Klamath.

Leaders Are Active.

Club leaders and county superintendents directly in charge are especially active this year, making ambitious plans for their boys and girls for competition in the various project contests at both the county fairs and state fair.

The following counties probably will be represented in the industrial club exhibits this fall: Washington, Columbia, Polk, Douglas, Clatsop, Malheur, Lane, Clackamas, Multnomah, Tillamook, Jackson, Sherman, Klamath, Linn and Marion.

Cash prizes amounting to $2000 have been apportioned by the state fair board for club projects, and various individuals and firms have added attractive prizes. The first prizes in the club winners' contests, trips to the Oregon Agricultural college, were provided by business men and women of Portland and the state livestock associations. The list of prizes:

Scholarships Are Offered.

For the club member scoring the greatest number of points in the corn-growing contest, the award is a trip to the Oregon Agricultural college and membership in the boys' and girls' summer school, 1922, with all expenses paid for two weeks. This was provided by the International Harvester company of America.

The same proposition is made in the potato growing contest, and is backed by C. C. Colt of the First National bank of Portland.

Others responsible for the same recognition in other classes are: Vegetable growing, Portland Implement & Tractor association; poultry raising, Kerr, Gifford & Co., Portland Seed company, Swift & Co.

Guy Talbot, preaident Portland Gas & Coke company, Portland.

The pork production classifications are arranged as follows, with the award of two-week scholarships at Oregon Agricultural college, provided for as given: Duroc-Jerseys, Oregon Duroc-Jersey Swine Breeders' association and National Duroc-Jersey Record association, Peoria, Ill. As a Duroc-Jersey special, the Oregon Duroc-Jersey Swine Breeders' association offers a loving cup to the owner of the champion Duroc-Jersey pig under one year of age.

Pig Clubs Included.

For Poland Chinas, scholarships are offered by the following: Oregon Poland-China Swine Breeders' association and National Poland-China Record association of Peoria, Ill. The Poland-China special is $25, distributed in separate divisions.

For Berkshires awards are offered by the American Berkshire association of Springfield, Ill., and Swift & Co., North Portland.

Chester Whites are provided for by Chester White Swine Record association, Rochester, Ind., and the Oregon Chester White Swine Breeders' association.

Sheep raising is not classified, the various prizes being offered by the Evening Telegram, H. W. Collins and M. H. Houser, all of Portland.

The calf divisions are also classified this year, with prizes in the Jersey classification offered by the Oregon Jersey Cattle club.

Holsteins are provided for by Balfour, Guthrie company, Northwestern National bank, George W. Hoyt, Western Farmer, all of Portland.

Guernseys are provided for by Oregon Guernsey Cattle club.

Beef Not Classified.

No classification is made in the beef divisions, all breeds competing for prizes given by Olds, Wortman & King, Fisher Flouring mills and the Produce Credit association, also of Portland.

The summer course at Oregon Agricultural college for 1922, offered as an award in the dairy herd record-keeping, is the gift of Ladd & Tilton bank, Portland. A. H. Devers of Closset & Devers, Portland, furnishes the trip and scholarship to the club member winning the canning contest. In the home-making project the same offer is made by The Daily Oregonian, C. A. Morden, Portland. In the sewing contests the trips and summer courses are given by the Oregon Journal, Meier & Frank company, and Foster & Kleiser, all of Portland. O. I. Kettenbach of the Portland Flouring Mills company provides the money to cover the summer course as an award in the cookery contest.

Rabbit Growers Included.

In the rabbit raising department, the award is given by Lipman, Wolfe & Co., Portland. Membership in the summer school is provided by T. B. Wilcox, Portland, in the rural home-beautifying project. The Hicks-Chaffin Engraving company and the J. K. Gill company of Portland will finance the trip and course to the winner in the milch goat division. The Portland Clearing House association offers the trip in the canning contest.

The first prize in the stock judging contest is provided by Portland Union stockyards, United States National bank and Portland Clearing House association.

HAY PROBLEM IS SOLVED

Willamette Valley Cattle to Go to Ochoco District.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Transfer of approximately 100 head of Willamette valley cattle to the Ochoco irrigation district in Crook county as a means of solving the alfalfa problem was announced here today.

Reports reaching Salem indicated that the Ochoco district has the largest hay crop in many years, but no market for the product. The cattle involved in the transfer are to be selected from the prize herds of Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, and will be sold to settlers of the district. Bankers of Crook county have agreed to finance the purchase of the cattle.

The same method of utilizing the hay crop is being used in Malheur, Union and other eastern Oregon counties.

EX-SALEM MAN VICTOR

A. L. Thomas Wins Honors at Photographers' Convention.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—A. L. Thomas, ex-resident of Salem but for the last few years of Newport, won first place at the photographers' convention of the Pacific northwest in Vancouver, B. C., recently, with relation to colored marine views, according to information received here today.

Mr. Thomas' exhibit was in competition with photographers from all parts of the world.

Polk County Cows Tested.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Out of 1897 cows tested in Polk county by Dr. G. D. Bishop, a federal veterinarian, working under the supervision of the Polk county farm bureau, only 31 were condemned because of tuberculosis. A law passed by the last session of the state legislature makes cattle testing compulsory, beginning January 1 next, but the work just completed was done at the voluntary solicitation of the cattle growers of the county.

WRECK OF FOREST DRAWS

3000 TOURISTS REPORTED IN OLYMPIC PENINSULA.

Heaviest Registration of Sightseers Made July 3, When 165 Obtained Passes.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Extracts from reports from guards in the storm devastated area of the Olympic peninsula, show that the registration is now about 3000, with a noticeable increase in the tourist traffic over the road around Lake Crescent, which was greatly improved by graveling within the last few weeks.

One amusing incident occurred west of the camp when a fire was reported on the Olympic highway about eight miles from camp at 10:15 A. M., July 30. The forestry fire truck nearest the camp was sent to the fire. In the meantime a truck from another run had been notified and started for the same fire. The motor patrol returning from a trip along the road also discovered the fire, which was small, and extinguished it. Just as the patrol had succeeded in putting out the fire, a deputy forest supervisor stepped out of the brush and told him that the fire had been set by himself for a fire drill for the fire trucks, and that the patrol had spoiled his plans. The first of the fire trucks arrived a few moments after the patrol had put out the fire.

Reports also showed that the heaviest registration to date through Camp Frank H. Renick was on July 3, when 53 vehicles and 165 persons obtained passes into the devastated area.

RIDERS ROBBER SUSPECTS

Jobless Men on Box Cars Thought to Be Bullion Thieves.

NEW YORK Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Frank Farrell of Waco, Tex., and B. S. Newman of Utica, N. Y., are lucky to be alive. At Buffalo today they stole a ride on the front of a freight car that was coming here from the far west. At Harmon-on-Hudson, where the train changed engines, 12 men pointed rifles and revolvers at them and ordered them to "get down out of there."

"Trying to steal the government's bullion, are you?" snarled the spokesman for the armed party.

It then developed that the car on the front of which Farrell and Newman had been riding was loaded with $1,250,000 worth of gold going to the assay building on Wall street.

"Please, sir, we did not mean any harm," said Farrell. "We are only poor telegraph operators out of jobs."

At a police court in Croton he and Newman were fined $3 each and were given a stiff lecture about the discrimination that should be exercised in "hopping freights" in the future.

TRASH STILL HINDRANCE

No Provisions Made for Burning Material, Says Report.

SHERIDAN, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Little heed has been paid here to the previous investigation of the state fire department, according to the report on a survey recently made in Sheridan by George W. Stokes, James S. Gleason and James R. Griffith, deputy fire marshals from Salem. "Apparently," reads the report from the state office, "the city authorities have forbidden the burning of trash but have provided no means for taking care of such material."

A reorganization of the fire department and fire prevention ordinances were recommended in the previous report. The recent investigation, according to the deputy marshals, reveals the same need.

Night Rain Welcomed.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Rain which fell in different sections of the Willamette valley last night was said to be worth many thousands of dollars to hopgrowers. There had been no rain here for 45 days, and in many sections of the valley the crops indicated the need of moisture. In case of continued favorable weather, the hop crop will be one of the largest produced here for many years.

Radium Portion Assured.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—It was announced here today that a Salem physician had been assured of approximately three-fourths of a grain of radium. The cost of the portion is approximately $6000. Radium is now used in the treatment of cancer and similar diseases.

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New York's Opinion:

"Beautiful story and famous novel acted and directed with high art."—New York Evening Journal.

"A hit picture—extremely artistic ending—'The Wild Goose' says many good things."—Alan Dale.

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"A first-class attraction—one of the best feature photodramas released in some time."—Morning Telegraph.

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and
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