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NEW SCHOOL LAW

SOME FEATURES OF THE EDDY AND PIERCE MEASURE.

Umattilla County Would Draw \$35,276 on Her Present School Population—Her Five-Mill Levy Produced \$28,219 Last Year.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 27.—One of the bills passed by the last legislature which affects nearly every county and school district in the state is the Eddy bill, which changes the Pierce senate bill, governing the levying of school taxes. The present law requires that a 5-mill tax be levied by each county for school purposes, and this money is apportioned among the districts of the several counties. The rate of levy is now uniform throughout the state. Under the terms of the Eddy bill, a radical change is made, and after 1933 the county courts will make such a levy as will produce a sum equal to \$1 for each child of school age in the county.

This will mean a raise of about 1/2 of a mill in school taxes on an average, although in some counties the present rate will be doubled. The bill provides that in those counties where 60 or more per capita is already raised the same amount shall be continued, but those counties that are raising less than 60 per capita must increase the rate of levy so as to produce that amount.

Counties Not Affected.

The only counties not affected by the new law are Crook, Harney, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Multnomah and Gilliam. These counties already raise more than \$5 per capita. Josephine county now raises but \$2.50 per capita under the 5-mill tax, so that county must more than double the rate of levy, or place the rate at about 12 mills. Washington county schools get \$3.12 per capita under the 5-mill tax, so it is apparent that in order to produce \$5 per capita the rate of levy must be nearly doubled. Many other counties will be affected in the same way, though not to so great an extent.

Based on Number of Pupils.

Under the present law, providing a fixed rate of levy, the county assessors could reduce the amount of money raised for school purposes by reducing the valuations on the assessment rolls. Under the new law a reduction in the valuations will not affect the amount to be raised, but will make a higher rate of levy necessary. The new plan will be one more incentive to a higher valuation, as the higher the valuation the lower the rate.

The New Law.

"Section 3374. School tax.—The county court of the several counties of this state shall hereby require to levy, at the same time they levy other taxes, a tax upon all taxable property in their counties for school purposes, which shall aggregate at least one cent for each and all of the children within the county between the ages of four and 20 years, as ascertained by the last preceding school census, which tax shall be collected at the same time, in the same manner, and by the same officers, as other taxes shall be collected, provided that the per capita amount so levied in any county shall not be less than the per capita amount of the school tax levied in the county for the year 1927.

Under the new law the school fund of Umattilla county, for 6046 scholars will be \$36,276. The assessed valuation of the property of this county was \$5,662,915 last year, which at a 5-mill levy produced \$28,219 of school fund, or a per capita fund of \$4.63 to each scholar.

Sheep Wintered Well.

T. D. Mathews left this morning for Morrow county, to be gone for a week or two. He owns thousands of sheep in this and Morrow counties. He reports that the sheep wintered well and almost without any loss whatever. He considers the prospects excellent for wool prices the coming season and also for good prices for the stock sheep that are to be put on the market.

Lamb Sales.

Marcus O. Mathews and Miss Manie Bissinger were united in marriage at the residence of Mr. Ness, in South Old Springs, Wednesday at 3 p. m. Rev. Robert Warner conducted the ceremony in the presence of relatives and near friends. The groom is one of Umattilla's most prosperous young farmers. The young people will make their home on the ranch of La Hae & Barnhart.

Died at County Farm.

Moses Tompkins, aged about 60 years, died at the county farm early this morning, at 10 a. m. and other disordered. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial in the cemetery of the John Day River. Mr. Tompkins was a member of the Grange and was a very successful farmer. He was a native of Ohio and had lived in this county for many years.

Grain Growing Nicely.

J. B. Grubb, mail carrier on rural free delivery route No. 1, from this city to Holdman, is on his route again after an illness of six weeks, with the grip. Mr. Grubb says the grain in the vicinity of Holdman and along the entire route is beginning to grow nicely and that considerable spring seeding is now in progress.

Purchase Land.

K. O. Sletten, E. B. Larson, N. A. Raabolt and C. I. Sulerud, all of Halstad, Minn., purchased land on the extreme southern edge of the county, between the north and middle forks of the John Day River. Their intentions at first were to buy cattle, but they found nothing on the market that was what they wanted.

Helix Booming.

J. F. Thrasher, of Helix, is in the city on his way to Weston. He reports lots of new sidewalk being laid in Helix, and much fencing of lots in progress. There are no idle men in that vicinity, and things are doing. He thinks Helix is destined to be one of the finest small towns in the state.

Stanton School to Reopen.

The Stanton school, in the Vandyke neighborhood, which has been discontinued two weeks on account of the flu, will reopen next Monday, with Mr. Darr, of Adams, in charge.

HEPPER WOOL SALES.

All Indications Point to a Big Clip in Morrow and Umattilla Counties—Good Prices Will Be Paid.

Hepper, Or., Feb. 27.—Already 500,000 pounds of wool have been bought up in the Sand Hollow country, as the Columbia River basin is called, by one firm alone, while shearing operations are still a month away at the earliest. This firm, however, is about the only one in the field so far. It is buying for securing purposes.

At this early stage 95 to 10 cents is being paid for the somewhat sandy Northern Morrow wool, a figure that augurs well for the prices later on in the season, and which compares very favorably with the corresponding price last year. The lighter wools of the country south of Hepper, however, bring a higher price because the quality is somewhat finer, and the character cleaner. On a basis of weight the fleece net almost equals the same in money.

In both Morrow and Umattilla the clip will be first-class this season, and the aggregate yield of the two counties, which are supposed to total about 400,000 sheep, will probably not fall much short of last season. If any sheep in these counties have not suffered any very severe hardships this winter, it is very important that it be full and complete.

The questions asked are: "Name of irrigator in case of ditch; is it known by any other name; Name and postoffice address of irrigator; Location of headgate; Section, township, range; Side stream (right or left), looking down stream; Name of ditch next above; Name of ditch next below; in what year was ditch first used; Total length of main ditch in feet; Average top width of ditch in feet; Total cost of construction, including canals, reservoirs, flumes, headgates, etc.; Is water sold in any manner in which it is sold and the rate paid; Annual cost of maintenance, per acre in 1927; How acreage irrigated in 1927; Acreage under ditch in 1927; To how many farms did this ditch supply water in 1927; During what months and how often is water used; How much water was used during months when there was a scarcity of water? What were the general crop conditions in your locality in 1927? Can you furnish photographs or maps?"

Under the head of remarks it states further:

"A report of each ditch, however small, is desired. Please estimate when exact answers cannot be given. Below give general description of irrigation conditions in your locality, and any other information of interest to the subject."

It will be seen by this that the government does not intend to rely solely upon information given it by the various counties seeking government aid, but on its own look and gathering whatever information it can from all sources. The Oregon Irrigation Association recently met and decided to approve any special report to be prepared by counties sent in, to send them all to Washington, D. C. and let the government choose for itself. These reports have already been sent on their way. Through them and the additional information the interior department is gathering, the United States engineers will have a pretty good idea of the situation in the base estimates for spending Oregon's share of the national appropriation. Any owner of a ditch not receiving a copy can obtain one by sending to Mr. Powers.

MAXWELL DITCH.

Has Been Reconstructed and Will Be Ready for Water Next Week. The water will be turned through the Maxwell ditch next week, nearly all the work of reconstruction being now completed. The ditch, which is about four miles long, has been dug since the late fall. It was in very much during the past two years, largely on account of the trouble experienced with the old wooden flume. The new ditch is of concrete, and ending source of expense and uncertainty. It has been replaced with a steel pipe at a cost of \$500, and several hundred dollars beside has been expended upon clearing the ditch and building gates, etc. The ditch leaves the river about half way from Echo to Foster, and flushes into the river about two miles below Foster. What the work of clearing it was in progress it was also enlarged, and is now five feet wide on the bottom and three feet deep.

NEW LODGE AT PILOT ROCK.

Party of 28 Odd Fellows, Headed by R. Alexander, Leave Pendleton to Organize at That Place. A party of 28 Odd Fellows left town this afternoon for Pilot Rock to take part in the organization of the new lodge at that place under the direction of R. Alexander, who was appointed to carry out the grand lodge. The following are the Pendleton visitors: R. Alexander, T. Tweedy, W. L. Bowley, A. M. Erb, W. P. Littlejohn, Joe McCall, Dr. Lutz, T. F. Howard, Ed. Biddings, J. P. Medernach, J. L. Sharon, John Halley, Jr., B. E. Coon, D. E. Carrell, Dr. R. D. Wiswall, M. J. Garney, George W. Jones, Joseph Hanscomb, H. J. Taylor, W. M. Polson, R. W. Newberry, Frank Seals, Dr. Kirby, F. W. Schmidt, John Crow, C. E. Bowley, Lee Teutsch, J. H. Garrett.

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Real Estate Transfers.

E. D. Boyd has purchased of Chas. L. Hastings, lot 6, block 21, of the reservation, and Arnold & Raley's addition, the consideration being \$400. The property lies at the west side of Lillie street between Court and Alta.

Butter Creek Stockmen.

Out on Butter Creek, Dilott French has imported two thoroughbred young Hereford bulls, Jerry Brozman has imported one of the same class, and W. E. Straight a third. The Butter Creek stockmen are in every particular up with the times and determined, though at considerable cost to keep the breeding of their stock in the front ranks.

Homes for Children.

The Oregon Children's Home Society has children to place in family homes whose ages range from 6 to 15 years. Applications may be sent to 400 Marquam building, Portland, or to Pendleton general delivery, Address I. F. Tobey, superintendent of the society. More than 500 children have been received and placed in good homes since 1916, on this upper coast, including children of Washington and Southern Idaho.

FOR DITCH OWNERS

GOVERNMENT WANTS INDIVIDUAL REPORTS FROM FARMERS Will Not Depend Solely Upon County Irrigation Reports—Those Owning Ditches Invited to Send for Blank.

Irrigation statistics are desired by the census office of the division of agriculture. Chief Statistician L. G. Powers has sent copies of blank to owners of ditches in Oregon to be filled out. In the preface he says: "House joint resolution, passed at the first session of the Fifty-seventh congress, authorizes the director of the census" to complete and bring out the report of 1907 the statistics relating to irrigation, the area of land reclaimed, the cost and value of the works and such other information as can be obtained upon the present condition of irrigation.

In accordance with the provisions of the resolution, schedules are being sent to ditchowners, whose cooperation in this investigation is earnestly solicited. As the information thus obtained will be utilized by the department of the interior in connection with the work of building national storage reservoirs, it is very important that it be full and complete.

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SATURDAY'S LOCALS.

W. C. Minibus, of Meacham, is in the city today.

Fred Glenger, of Pilot Rock, is in the city today.

A. M. Gillis, the Athena lumberman, is in the city today.

Bruce Parish, of Cold Springs, was in the city yesterday.

Charles Perkins, of Stage Gulch, was in town yesterday.

A. A. Richardson, the Adams merchant, was at the Hotel St. George yesterday.

A. M. McClelland has moved into town from his place, 15 miles west of the city.

S. L. Morce, of Echo, late proprietor of the Echo livery barn, was in town yesterday.

E. M. Lester, of Canas Prairie, states that the crops and livestock both need more rain.

Claud Sloan, of Butter Creek, was in town yesterday. He reports the cattle as doing well.

Benjamin McCullough, an Echo rancher and extensive cattle raiser, was in the city yesterday.

Jesse Moore, of Butter Creek, one of the heaviest cattlemen of the county, was in town yesterday.

There was born on the 27th of February, at the home of Mrs. M. A. H. Mosgrove, of Oregon City, a nine-pound boy.

M. A. H. Mosgrove, the Milton merchant, was in the city yesterday, and stopped at the Hotel St. George.

Jurgen Mumm, of Despain Canyon, one of the wealthiest farmers of the county, was in the city yesterday.

Frank King, of Helix, will begin the erection of a new residence 24x30 feet and two stories in height.

Hans Lorenzen, of Cold Springs, was in town yesterday. He reports the condition of wheat as fine in that part of the county.

J. D. Atkinson and wife and daughter, Maggie, of Oakesdale, Washington, arrived this morning and are the guests of David Cargill.

E. J. Kirkman, who this spring built a residence in block 217 of the reservation addition, between Marie, Jane, Tustin and High streets.

B. F. Oakley, of Nes Perce, Idaho, is in the city en route home. He has been visiting his brother, W. W. and E. L. Oakley, at Pilot Rock.

Douglas Belts, president of the County Woodgrowers' Association, is in the city today. He says he will begin shearing about yesterday.

L. C. Rockrock has just returned from a visit to Salem and other points in the Willamette valley. He reports times as pretty good in that part of the state.

Charles E. Taylor, of Echo, and his friend, Myrice Phillips, of Milton, are visiting their friend, Wesley Peters, of this place. Messrs. Taylor and Phillips are deer hunters.

Mrs. William Seawright moved yesterday from her farm northwest of the city into the residence on Long street purchased by her husband only a short time before his death.

E. P. Barton and wife, of Pilot Rock, visited in town Saturday evening in Portland and Salem and vicinity. They may buy property in that neighborhood and locate upon it.

Miss Nellie Burnett, of Starke Prairie, has been the guest of J. Southwell and family of Birch Creek. This morning Miss Burnett left for Milton to be the guest of Mrs. P. Beaumont.

T. H. Vaughan, of Alba, has just returned from Portland. He reports that city as rather dull, in spite of the erection of a good many new houses and the laying of miles of cement paving.

Paul Earl, who lives six miles west of Vinona, on Butter Creek, reports stock of all kinds in excellent condition, with no trace whatever of disease. Neither is there any illness among the people.

Patrick Dougherty, one of the most extensive sheep raisers of the Butter Creek county, was in town yesterday. He reports all the sheep in good condition, there being no trace of disease of any kind.

John Adams, of Adams, has sold to C. P. Platzeofer 18 head of fat, grain-fed steers and 35 fat hogs that are said to be about the finest seen in the county for some time. The hogs average 400 pounds each.

The Misses Jessie and Daisy Hearn were in the city last evening to take the train en route to New Mexico, where they reside. They have been visiting their uncle, J. J. Joy, of Van Sicyle, and their cousins there.

Frank Brotherton, of Van Sicyle, reports about the usual acreage of wheat in that neighborhood, and it is all looking fine. The livestock is looking rough from the protracted forage feeding, but is all healthy and in good condition.

Oscar Dahlgren and family moved yesterday to their farm, nine miles north of the city. They have resided in Pendleton since their return last fall from their trip to Europe. They own one of the finest farms of 320 acres in the county.

A. Allen, of Helix, was in town yesterday en route home from Helix, where he has been plumping Frank Richmond's new residence. Mr. Richmond, who is one of the very successful farmers of that part of the county, has built a large and in every way modern residence.

NEW COAL FIELD OPENED.

S. Andrew Hartman, of Tacoma, Promoting British Columbia Property. S. Andrew Hartman, of Tacoma, is in the city in the interests of the Western Coal and Iron Company, whose property lies in the Nicola valley, British Columbia.

The company owns and controls 2,600 acres of coal land, which is underlaid with fine seams of bituminous coal, aggregating about 40 feet of the mineral in a depth of 500 feet from the surface.

Two new roads are being built into the district and the Standard Oil company has just purchased adjoining property for \$2,500,000. The samples of coal exhibited by Mr. Hartman are of an excellent quality. He has established agencies for the new company at Moscow, North Yakima, Ellensburg and other towns in the Northwest and is looking over the field in this locality with a view to locating a permanent agency here.

Alfalfa Pays.

M. L. Warren, of Foster, has under water now from the Maxwell ditch, 30 acres of land, and will add 15 acres more the coming season. Most of the ground he put into alfalfa. Mr. Warren states that the natural range cow stock in that neighborhood is being depleted to the extent that the length of time for feeding increases somewhat almost every year.

Granted Divorce.

Mrs. Kizzie Harpole was yesterday given a divorce from Charles H. Harpole, on the grounds of desertion and non-support. She was also given the care and custody of the minor children.

VEToes BALLOT LAW

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN WANTS NO STRAIGHT TICKETS.

Each Name Voted for as at Present—Thinks the Amendment Helped Political Machine.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 27.—The bill for an amendment to the Australian ballot law, which would permit a voter to cast a "straight" ticket by making one mark on his ballot, was vetoed by Governor Chamberlain today.

This was senate bill 198, Hunt and Marsters. The veto message is as follows:

Under the law as it now is, the names of the candidates for each office are arranged under the designation of the office in alphabetical order according to the surnames. The proposed amendment eliminates this arrangement and places the names of the candidates for each party under the designation of the party. The names of all republicans are placed under the head "democratic ticket," the names of all democrats are placed under the head "democratic ticket," and so on for as many tickets as there happen to be.

A small circle is placed under the party name on each ballot, and a square at the right of the names of each of its nominees, so that the voter may go into the booth and vote a straight ticket by making a cross in the circle, or indicate his choice of an individual of any other party by making a cross within the square.

It is difficult for any party or faction to use money or other corrupt means to influence voters, for the individual for whom he desires to vote.

"The people of the state are generally satisfied with the present arrangement of the Australian ballot, and to change it as proposed means to influence voters, for the reason that when a man retires to a booth to prepare his ballot the names of the candidates for each office are arranged in alphabetical order, and he is compelled to read each name and carefully consider the merits of the individuals before depositing his ballot.

"Under the new law corrupt means may be more easily used because the voter retires to the booth and in a few moments marks his ballot at the head of the party designated, and retires without considering the merits of any candidate.

"The purpose of the Australian ballot law is to safeguard election and to come as near as possible to procuring the unbiased, unprejudiced expression of the people. Anything that will assist in doing this is to be commended, and whatever retards it is to be condemned. The proposed amendment, instead of assisting to purify the political atmosphere in Oregon, will have the contrary effect, and of course return said bill with my veto."

TWENTY-FIVE SEAMEN ACCEPT.

Naval Recruits at Spokane Not Very Numerous.

Spokane, Feb. 28.—Lieutenant Miller, in charge of the United States naval recruiting station in this city, is highly pleased with the number of applications made for entrance into the navy here. Already 25 recruits have been accepted, and judging from the number of applications fully as many more will be enlisted during the remaining two days.

A special car has been chartered and the recruits will leave over the O. R. & N. at 4:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon for San Francisco.

The names of those sworn in today are: Le Roy Sticker, landsman; Walter Crowe, landsman; Otto Klies, apprentice third class; George Herbert, Roland, Merchant; Charles Holman and Fred Winslow, coal passers; John Peters, landsman; Mark Wood, Frank Hart and Percy Nicodemus, third-class apprentices.

Irrigation Plant.

Kenneth Brock, of Foster, have lately purchased a two-horse power gasoline engine with which they will raise water from the Umattilla River for irrigation purposes. They have of course bought with it a large amount of piping and other necessary equipment. They will with this plant put under water this year 50 acres of cropland, a portion of which is already in alfalfa planted to garden. The engine mentioned is already in operation and is said to throw a foot-high stream, but at that point the water does not have to be raised very high.

United States Consul-General.

returning to the United States from Ecuador on the same steamer that took him south. Mr. Lawlor declares that he prefers obscurity at home to high honors with yellow fever at Quayaquil.