

EVERY VOTER'S DUTY IS TO SEE THAT CITY IS EFFICIENTLY GOVERNED

Professor Ogburn Asserts Average Citizen Pays Little Attention to City's Business.

The per capita tax in Portland next year will be 40 cents less than this year, said Professor W. F. Ogburn of Reed college, during a lecture on "How the City's Money is Spent" at the Central library Tuesday night.

"For the last four years the tax rate has increased," he said. "For 1914 it will be 7.7 mills, the same rate as for 1912. The commissioners seem intent to let the first year of commission government cost the taxpayer more than the last year of the old term. The per capita tax is less, however. If we assume that 16,000 people have come to live in Portland every year since 1910, the per capita tax for the last three years has been \$7.40, \$8.40, \$9.20, and for 1914 it will be only \$8.80—40 cents per capita less under the commission charter than under the old charter.

"For all that, the taxpayers are concerned over their taxes. It was that way even before the Boston tea party and will probably be that way when the archaeologist is digging among the ruins of Washington and Alder streets.

Taxpayer Gets Good Return.

"Although the taxpayer is worried about the tax rate it is probably true that the taxpayer gets a good return for the money he spends on taxes. What the government of Portland does for its citizens at a cost of only \$8.80 per citizen is really remarkable. It is doubtful if individuals spend their money as wisely as the government spends it for them."

Professor Ogburn hinted that people are much more concerned over the amount of taxes they pay than the way the tax money is spent.

"A man is interested in how he makes and how he spends his own money," he said. "But he usually pays more attention to the way Portland gets and spends its money than he does to the way a Fifth street commission merchant makes and spends his money. As a matter of fact, the government watches a Fifth street merchant more in this respect than a citizen watches Portland."

"In proportion as its citizens watch the purse strings of a city, the city government will be efficient. If New Yorkers had watched the city's exchequer, Richard Croker could not have flooded the city of several million dollars and would not now be retired on his estate in Ireland. There is no danger of a Richard Croker in Portland; but there is danger that Portland will waste some of its money. And wasted city funds mean high taxes."

Some comparisons between costs of government in Seattle and Portland were

made by Professor Ogburn. The Puget Sound city spends slightly more in every municipal department than Portland, he said. The Seattle cost for the destruction of garbage is twice as great as in Portland.

"It costs many times as much in both cities to protect property from fire as it costs to protect life by maintaining healthful sanitary conditions.

"The most noticeable difference, however, in expenditures in the two cities is in the health department. Portland spent \$31,000 for its health department in 1912 and Seattle spent \$130,000, more than four times as much."

Professor Ogburn said the purchasing agent has a chance to save \$1,000,000 a year. His concluding assertion was: "Portland, the efficiently governed city—this should be the goal sought by every voter who goes to the polls. And it should be insisted that this goal is no ideal of the dim and distant future, but to be realized at once. Portland is making a good beginning under favorable circumstances. Her citizens should see to it that the good work continues."

Professor Ogburn's address last night was the second in the Tuesday evening series on "The Voter and the City of Portland."

ALBANY HEARS OF SOCIAL HYGIENE WORK

Albany, Or., Nov. 20.—Meeting at the Commercial club more than a score of leading residents of Albany discussed subjects of sex education as a preventative of immorality and disease, under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene society with leading officials of that organization.

Two members of the executive committee of the society, William F. Woodward and A. F. Flegel of Portland, addressed the assembly. Short addresses in discussing the subjects were made by the following local men: A. C. Schmitt, president of the First National bank; C. W. Hostetler, superintendent of the Albany public schools; Rev. F. W. Emerson, of the First Christian church; Dr. M. H. Ellis and Dr. W. H. Davis.

The meeting here is one of the results of a statewide campaign inaugurated by the society.

TRESTLE IS DAMAGED; TRAIN SERVICE DELAYED

Sections of one of the trestles on the Pacific Railway & Navigation company's line went out Tuesday on account of the heavy rains of the past several days, and traffic between Portland and Tillamook was delayed several hours. The damaged trestle is on the Hillsboro side of Timber, one of the main stations on the line. Tuesday passengers transferred at the trestle, the Portland bound train backing to Tillamook and the Tillamook bound train backing to Hillsboro. The road bed being only a couple of years old, it is still easily affected by the winter storms in the coast range.

Moroccans Shoot Spanish Aviators.

Tetuan, Morocco, Nov. 20.—Captain Barreiros and Lieutenant Dios, Spanish army aviators, scouting over a hostile native camp, were shot and dangerously wounded.

SOUTHERN OREGON IS NOT "ONE-CROPPER"

Jackson County's Land Show Exhibit to Demonstrate What Section Does.

Medford, Or., Nov. 20.—Southern Oregon is not a one-crop country. Jackson county will show an exhibit at the Chicago land show under the direction of D. M. Lowe of Astoria that will demonstrate this. From one farm he will exhibit 204 different valuable products.

J. T. Parton of Eagle Point has demonstrated that 108 bushels of corn can be raised to the acre, and he is shipping out hogs by the carload, fattened on that corn. A few years ago Medford was bringing in practically all hogmeat from San Francisco and the east.

R. W. Eldon of Seven Oaks, Jackson county, has recently sent in two carloads of fat hogs finished off on Jackson county corn.

Last spring O. H. Harris leased 11 acres of land from a real estate firm and put in potatoes and onions. From two and a half acres of onions he shipped out over 1000 sacks of marketable product. From the remainder of the ground he secured 3100 sacks of good potatoes. The land is situated about two and a half miles from Medford and there is more land in Jackson county waiting for the application of labor and capital.

On the east side of the river is a little railroad depot and some cars on the side track that still have the wording "Astoria and Columbia River" along their sides. This line extends to Butte Falls, 35 miles in a northeast direction, and is considered as a part of the Hill system by the Medford people. It has been held without development for two years.

The fruit grower of Medford and Jackson county is an important element of the community, but it has been demonstrated that the hog is a "peach" too, when it comes to dropping \$20 gold pieces into a farmer's bank account.

There will be more corn and more hogs shipped out of Jackson county in 1914 than in any 10 years previously, is the prediction of those in a position to know. Corn land that can show over 100 bushels to the acre is not going to be entirely devoted to prunes and pears and apples, with hogs bringing \$24 each in the Portland and San Francisco markets.

Dairying is becoming a real industry, too. Some cream is being shipped out, and the butter in Medford no longer comes from California and Missouri.

The Near-Rich, Too.

New York, Nov. 20.—Miss Florence Schenck served notice of a \$50,000 suit on C. H. Wilson, manager of A. G. Vanderbilt's Newport estate, charging he persuaded her to live with him under native camp, were shot and dangerously wounded.

GIRL CONGRATULATED FOR WINNING PRIZE



Ruth Louise Meyer.

Ruth Louise Meyer, the 14-year-old girl, who was awarded the national prize by the national convention of the W. C. T. U. for the best essay on a temperance subject, is today receiving the congratulations of her many friends and county prizes in August, and her essay was then put in competition against state winners from other states of the union and was declared to be far superior to all.

The subject of her essay was "Why Employers Prefer to Hire Total Abstemious." Miss Meyer was a student at the Peninsula school at the time the essay was written and submitted, but now lives with her parents at Newberg.

MANAGER SORRY STRIKE CAME TO QUICK END

"All I regret about our strike is that the men didn't hold out longer," said Guy L. Anderson, general manager of the Sumpter Valley railroad, a narrow gauge line connecting with the O.-W. R. & N. at Baker, today.

The strike lasted just five hours and was settled with the men scheduled to receive increases in wages which had been promised long before and which will be effective next year. This increase would have been effective any way, Mr. Anderson said.

"The strike was just hysteria," said Mr. Anderson. "The trainmen started the agitation after I had tried to establish higher efficiency. Then the engineers took it up. Nobody had a real grievance and now it's over. If the men had held out a week, we could have shown how easy it was to operate trains with new men. We had 100 on the way within an hour."

Mr. Anderson formerly was connected with the O.-W. R. & N. traffic department in Portland.

POSTOFFICE OFFICIAL STAMP LICKER PLAN

New Departure for Christmas Season Decried by Postmaster General.

Postmaster Frank S. Myers has just announced another one of the benefits coming to the general public as a result of the present administration. Postmaster General Burleson has decreed that during the coming Christmas season the offices in the big cities will have an official "stamp licker" to take one less worry off the minds of the busy patrons of the government at that time.

This dignitary, who at other times is known only as a stamp clerk, will do nothing but "lick" stamps. All you have to do if you can find the right window, beginning about the first of December, will be to find out what it costs to send the package, pay the stamp clerk that amount and go away. Orders have been issued to postmasters

to affix pre-assorted postage when required on mail of the second, third and fourth class, the latter being parcel post matter.

This order is designed to prevent waste of time experienced by post-office patrons while waiting in line to buy postage and mail their packages.

"Under such authorization," declared the postmaster general in his order, "when a package is presented for mailing, the clerk receiving it, after collecting the required postage, may indorse on the package the amount of the postage, which later will be affixed by an employe of the postoffice." (This is the official "licker.")

CLUB MAN SUSPECT IS FREED—NO EVIDENCE

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—Edward A. Fluke, a Burlingame clubman, arrested on suspicion of having robbed four Southern Pacific trains recently, was released for lack of evidence.

Wilson to Speak Via Telephone.

Washington, Nov. 20.—President Wilson has agreed to make a speech from the capitol, by telephone, to a chamber of commerce banquet in Rochester, N. Y., December 10.

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We have grouped a great lot of men's dress and work shoes to be sold during this great five days' sale at a price under all the cost of manufacture. Price \$1.98	These hats are guaranteed for one year. Made of the famous J. B. Stetson body, all styles now each \$1.98	Think of buying these gloves just when you need them at this give-away price. Black only, pair 9c	Buy the boy his Thanksgiving Suit now. Your choice of regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 suits, ages 5 to 17 years, during this wonderful sale far below cost \$2.95

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