COMMISSIONER RUFUS HOLMAN REPORTS ON COUNTY TAX MATTERS

Statement Issued to Correct False Impression Believed to Exist.

To correct a false impression of county tax matters that has gone out and to show the correct figures, County Commissioner Holman has issued a statement, as follows:

Of all the different tax-levying bodies that were factors in the levying of the 27 mill tax with which the taxpayers of city of Portland are at the present time confronted, the board of county commissioners of Multnomah county alone was the only body to reduce the levy for the present year as compared with last year.

"Of the total levy of 27 mills, the board of county commissioners had discretionary powers to the extent of only 4 mills. The balance, or 23 mills, was levied by other tax levying agencies, and exceeds the total levy of last year by 1 mill.

The tax levying agencies for this community that were factors in the 27 mill levy are the state legislature, the commission of the city of Portland, the Port of Portland, the board of directors of school district No. 1, and the board of county commissioners.

The following table shows the items which each controlled and what they did about it, be the reasons therefor what they may:

Agency.	Levy. 1912.	1913.	Increase.
Legislature—			
State	1.45	4.6	3.15
State school	1.1	1.2	.1
Co. High school	....	.15	.15
Total	2.55	5.95	3.4
Port of Portland	1.1	1.85	.75
City of Portland	7.7	7.7	....
School Dis. No. 1	5.5	7.5	2.
Total exclusive of county	16.85	*23.00	6.15
Multnomah county—			
County	3.00	1.75	**1.25
Road	.8	1.8	**1.
Library	1.35	.45	***.9
Net decrease	5.15	4.00	1.15
Total	22.00	27.00	5.

*The total levy this year, exclusive of Multnomah county, is 1 mill greater than the entire tax last year.
**Decrease.
***Increase.

1912—$335,151,990@5.15 mills, $1,726,052.75.
1913—$341,464,675@4 mills, $1,365,858.70.

Reduction in total expense of operating Multnomah county this year over last year, 1.15 mills, or $360,174.05.

The following table shows the amounts raised for county purposes, valuations and levies of the past two years in comparison:

1912.

County, $335,151,990@3 mills, $1,005,455.97.
Road, $335,151,990@.8 mill, $268,121.59.
Library, $335,151,990@1.35 mills, $452,455.19.
Total, $335,151,990@5.15 mills, $1,726,052.75.

1913.

County, $341,464,675@.0175 mill, $597,563.18.
Road, $341,464,675@.0180 mill, $614,636.44.
Library, $341,464,675@.00045 mill, $153,659.11.
Total, 4000 mills, $1,365,858.70.

Should it be said that taxes for county purposes are lower this year than last because no courthouse and no library are being built, I would answer that the board this year had plenty of pressure brought to erect a new armory and county hospital, but that, although the need for the latter seems urgent, it was thought best to wait until conditions are better and taxes in other departments are not so abnormal.

MANY OFFER GROUND FOR SCHOOL GARDENS

Director Evans Expresses Appreciation for Substantial Help to Work.

Merrill O. Evans, director of the school garden work, has listed those who have contributed the use of ground for earth education purposes this year. "We very much appreciate this help, as without it, our work would fall far short of success," said Mr. Evans. The list, with the names of the schools, follows:

Brooklyn, Mrs. Ida M. Duntley; Buckman, Buckman estate; Chapman, Ladd estate; Couch, R. L. Glisan; Davis, Ben Swindler; Eliot, J. W. Troup; Failing, M. G. Munly; Fernwood, Bernhard Investment Co.; Fulton Park, Miss Sada Brown; Glencoe, F. S. West, William H. Fayle; Hawthorne, Dr. S. E. Josephi; Jefferson high school, Dr. A. J. Giesy; Highland, Mrs. Jennie Michael; Holladay, S. M. Peterson; Holman, J. C. Luckel; Kerns, Nellie Dickinson, Mrs. J. W. Bushnell; Llewellyn, Fred Trappe; Montavilla, Mrs. Bertha Kiehick; Mt. Tabor, Harrison G. Platt Jr., W. D. Pike, James A. Boomas; Ockley Green, F. D. & A. C. Robbins, M. E. Jennings; Peninsula, M. H. Carter; Portsmouth, Dr. G. E. Christmas; Rose City Park, A. H. Metcalf; Shattuck, Leo Friede; Shaver, C. L. Anderson; Stephens, Ladd estate; Thompson, George Lawrence; Woodmere, Thomas Boggess; Sunnyside, J. F. Huggins; Woodstock, Honorable A. E. Eaton.

Space is available on school grounds at the following schools:

Allen, Capitol Hill, Clinton Kelly, Creston, Hudson, Sellwood and Sylvan.

"We will have 39 community school gardens this year, according to present indications," said Mr. Evans.

ROAD EMPLOYES MUST BE PAID BY WARRANTS

County road employes and others whom it was desired to pay through a paymaster must draw their pay in the way they have been drawing it for the paymaster sustem cannot legally be installed according to an opinion rendered yesterday by District Attorney Evans to the county commissioners.

The commissioners had expected to have State Insurance Commissioner Ferguson devise a scheme by which certain county employes might be paid in cash instead of by warrant to save time and money. New legislation will be needed, according to the opinion, before the system can be made legal. The Taxpayers' league was behind the movement.

Another Mill Starts.

Centralia, Wash., Feb. 21.—The shingle mill of the Eastern Railway & Lumber Co. in Centralia resumed operations yesterday, making three mills that have reopened in this vicinity during the past week. A full crew was put to work in the mill, and the woods force was also increased.

EAST SKEPTICAL OF COAST'S ADVERTISING

Fake Realty Promoters Are Charged With Responsibility Therefor.

"Dishonest advertising by fake realty promoters is responsible for the failure of efforts to induce eastern people to come west."

This declaration was made by William Woodhead of San Francisco, president of the Associated Ad Clubs of America, during the course of a short address before the Realty Board yesterday.

"Eastern people have to a large extent lost confidence in the advertisements of western lands appearing in eastern papers and in literature sent east by western land dealers," continued President Woodhead. "Eastern people want to come west and they want to buy our land, but they distrust us. The only solution that I have to offer for this deplorable state of affairs is for such organizations as the Portland Realty Board and other civic organizations in all parts of the western states to be constantly on guard for fake advertisers and smite them every time they show a head."

The speaker declared that he had never seen the get-together spirit better exemplified than here in Oregon. "You people know how to get together and stand shoulder to shoulder for the upbuilding of your state better than we do down in California," he said.

A large number of Ad club members were present at the Realty Board luncheon, the occasion being a special address by the chief executive officer of the National Ad club organization.

F. N. Clark & Co. filed a written protest with the board charging that many board members habitually violate the scale of rental commissions prescribed by the board. The report was referred to the executive committee.

SETTLER PLEADS FOR MORE LIBERAL LAWS

U. S. Charged With Discriminating Against Everything but Raising Grain.

Pleading that the requirements of the homestead law should be made more liberal than they are at present, E. S. Ulrey of Nortons, Or., has written Congressman W. C. Hawley presenting some of his views on the homestead question. Mr. Hawley has a bill before congress at the present time amending the homestead law.

Mr. Ulrey states that he is a raiser of goats but that the law as at present constituted requires that he shall have 20 acres of his homestead under cultivation and the country is hilly and far from town, labor is expensive and it is almost impossible for him to cultivate the land. If he did raise grain, he points out, it would be almost impossible to harvest it and get it to market.

Why should the government dictate, he asks, the number of acres he should cultivate when he is making an honest living and improving it the best he can? Why, he further asks, is there a discrimination in favor of grain, one branch of agriculture, to the disqualification of fruits, stock, bees, flax, flowers or poultry.

Ulrey states that he has cleared the land of trees, piped water several hundred feet to his house, put up fences and the like yet under the present law he is liable to be disqualified from proving up. "The days of easy homesteading are past," writes Mr. Ulrey, "as all the best lands are taken, so why not make the law or requirements more easy to comply with?

BUSINESS CONDITIONS IMPROVE EVERYWHERE

"If granted permission to increase their freight rates to what they consider a reasonably remunerative basis, the railroads will immediately begin purchases of material of all kinds on a large scale," said E. W. Ortmann this morning, in speaking of business conditions in the country.

Mr. Ortmann has just returned from an extended tour of the states that took him as far east as New York and Philadelphia, and he took every occasion to size up business conditions.

"I found business improving everywhere, but it is apparent that the railroads are waiting for more favorable conditions before they spend much money for further improvements. And there is no question but that general conditions are considerably affected by the activity of the railroads in the supply markets."

Mr. Ortmann for the past five years has been associated with Jay S. Hamilton in the Jay S. Hamilton Lumber company, which operates a sawmill at Black Rock, and has sales offices here, but has retired from the firm and opened offices in The Journal building to represent a number of eastern manufacturers of railway supplies.

MRS. VIOLA M. COE WILL APPEAL CASE

Dissatisfied with the decree of Circuit Judge McGinn giving Dr. Henry Waldo Coe a divorce, custody of two sons and declaring the property of the family was held in trust for Dr. Coe and the boys, Mrs. Viola M. Coe yesterday filed notice of appeal from the decision.

The notice included both the divorce case and the suit for an accounting in the sanitarium company, tried at the same time and included in the decision. Drs. W. T. Williamson and Mae Cardwell signed appeal bonds in each case.

At the time of the decision about two months ago Judge McGinn scored Mrs. Coe. He declared that the evidence showed that when the family moved into the handsome residence at Twenty-fifth and Lovejoy streets trouble arose from the increased social and political ambitions of Mrs. Coe. Judge McGinn allowed Mrs. Coe to retain the property in trust until indebtedness against it should be cleared by Dr. Coe.

Plant for McDowell Creek.

Lebanon, Or., Feb. 21.—McDowell Creek, a hamlet near Lebanon, is soon to have an electric light and power plant. J. Sturtevant, who owns a sawmill located at that place, is in Portland purchasing the necessary machinery for the plant. He will also purchase machinery to increase the capacity of his mill.

OLDTIME BUSINESS MEN FORM SOCIETY

Many Reminiscences of Earlier Days Brought Forth at First Formal Banquet.

Memories of other days were recalled last night at the first formal dinner of the "Lang Syne" society at the Multnomah hotel. The membership of the society is composed of men who "lived or were in business in Portland prior to the year 1891." The dining room was decorated with pictures of early day scenes in the city, loaned for the occasion by George H. Himes of the Oregon Historical society. Judge M. C. George presided as toastmaster.

Frank Dayton, secretary treasurer of the society, told of the purpose of the society, and reviewed its organization. The idea had come to him, he said, that the only way to revive the happy memories of the past was to renew as far as possible all the old friendships through an organization that would enable all to mingle together on the basis of old acquaintanceship.

J. K. Gill, president of the society, made personal references to those about the table as prominent in the old days.

He also played a "fiddle" solo. Dr. Norris R. Cox sang a song and personal reminiscences were given by Charles H. Dodd, George M. Hyland, Thomas McCusker, I. H. Amos, John Gill, David M. Dunne, Frederick V. Holman, H. B. Bartlett, Whitney L. Boise, Horace D. Ramsdell, John W. Minto and W. M. Cake.

Those present were:

A. C. Goudy, George M. Hyland, Horace S. Butterfield, Albert E. Butterfield, Horace D. Ramsdell, I. H. Amos, John Corkish, George H. Himes, M. C. George, J. K. Gill, F. E. Beach, James F. Failing, A. E. Borthwick, Charles H. Dodd, Joseph W. Beveridge, Leo Selling, Frank C. Savage, J. P. Rasmussen, W. H. Beharrell, H. N. Wallace, E. F. Cannon, Joseph Paquet, W. M. Gregory, F. Breske, W. H. Morrow, A. Neppach, J. Thorburn Ross, R. F. Hall, Robert Bell, George Knight Clark, B. D. Sigler, J. M. Blossom, Henry Hockenyos, E. C. Frost, S. L. N. Gilman, J. A. Strowbridge, J. W. Watson, Dr. D. H. Rand, Theodore O. Gladding, John Gill, H. C. Campbell, R. L. Sabin, Frederick V. Holman, W. L. Boise, R. W. Hoyt, J. E. Bayer, Otto Kleemann, T. J. Geisler, E. House, Otto Schumann, G. G. Ames, W. H. Grenfell, Captain George Pope, Emil Schacht, A. J. Clarke, Edward Mendenhall, F. H. Lechler, C. W. Nottingham, B. S. Pague, H. L. Pittock, W. Y. Masters, J. W. Minto, Clare G. Morey, W. H. Fear, C. W. Hodson, Edward Holman, J. W. Hill, Francis Scaly, Thomas Gray, Delos D. Neer, John M. A. Laue, William C. Witzel, F. F. Roody, George A. Brodie, Thomas McCusker, Harvey Beckwith, John H. Hall, Herbert Bradley, Charles J. Schnabel, Norris R. Cox, George W. Hazen, Frank Dayton, A. M. Crocker, Henry W. Fries, Charles Hegele, W. M. Cake, J. F. Boothe, David M. Dunne, Frank H. Fleming, J. P. Marshall, S. R. Harrington, D. W. Wakefield, J. L. McCown, F. W. Baltes.

Will Dike Kelso Flats.

Kelso, Wash., Feb. 21.—Farmers on the flats west of here have started work on the dike that will protect a large acreage of good soil from the June overflow. This is considered the advance work of other and greater projects of similar nature.

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Men's $1.50 Faultless Pajamas for 98c

"Faultless" Pajamas of fine quality Percale—in neat striped and figured patterns. Made in "V" shape style, finished with mercerized Silk Frogs. All sizes—15 to 18.

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FROM THE OREGON JOURNAL FEB 16, 1914

THE MILK PROBLEM

Dr. Charles A. Ballard was the speaker Friday afternoon at the Child Welfare bureau, the occasion being the seventh lecture in the course on infant science which is being given by local physicians. "Pure Milk" was the subject of Dr. Ballard's lecture and he said in part:

"The pure milk problem of Portland has been quite well solved within the past two years. Today milk is being marketed which maintains a higher standard than that of any other city in the United States. Of all the milk for domestic use certified milk is the best beyond any question of doubt. Its expense, however, places it beyond the reach of the average family. Raw milk, uncertified, presents a number of problems in its handling between the source of production and the consumer that we have been unable to satisfactorily overcome, and for that reason we recommend the use of properly pasteurized milk, especially for infant food where the parents are unable to afford certified milk.

"The nutritive value of pasteurized milk is diminished very slightly if at all. Proper pasteurization necessitates the holding of milk at a temperature of 145 degrees Fahrenheit at least 30 minutes, and this is best done in a large plant properly equipped with apparatus for automatically regulating the temperature at this point, and rapidly cooling the milk after treatment and immediately bottling it for distribution. Home pasteurization can be simply done by placing the milk bottles in a pail of cold water. Have a perforated pie tin, inverted, to serve as a false bottom, plug the mouths of the bottles with ordinary cotton batting. Inserting into the neck of one bottle a thermometer so that the bulb is immersed in the milk. Heat the receptacle until the thermometer registers 145 degrees. Remove the thermometer, place it in the water and carefully add water until the temperature of the water is 145 degrees. Then wrap the receptacle with a Turkish towel or some heavy cloth, covering it completely, and keep it so for one-half hour, then as rapidly as possible, without breaking any of the bottles, cool the milk until it can be iced without danger of breaking the bottles, and keep so until ready to use.

"The bureau of health maintains a well equipped staff to aid the mothers of Portland in solving any phase of their milk problem, and carries out a careful supervision of the milk supply of the city from its source at the dairy until the time it reaches the consumer.

"The bureau of health keeps an accurate record of the ratings of all dairies, creameries and milk depots and will be very glad to answer any inquries, and through its monthly health bulletin, published by it each month, if any person interested will ask to be placed upon the mailing list."

Mothers of Portland This Is Important!!

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***Perfect Pasteurization* of this *high-grade* raw product makes the ideal milk—a milk rich in food value and free from harmful bacteria. Such is our Purity Milk.**

We possess the largest and best equipped pasteurizing plant in the Northwest, complete in every detail. The perfectly pasteurized product, Purity Milk, after cooling, is hurried on its way to you without having once come in contact with a deteriorating influence.

In addition to our trained corps of dairy inspectors, we maintain a fully equipped laboratory, where expert chemists daily test the raw product to determine FOOD VALUES. If you are having milk troubles, we will help you free of charge.

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WINTER SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1914

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Leave Victoria, B. C., 10 A. M. Thursday for Vancouver and Prince Rupert, B. C.

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Feby. 26th-March 12th, 26th for Stewart and Port Simon, B. C.
Feby. 25th-March 11th, 25th for Massett, B. C.

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