

COUNTY AND STATE TAXES SLASHED HERE

State and County Tax Levies for Marion County

	Amount	Mills	Mills
	1924	1924	1923
State	\$324,793.42	.0076	.0099
County	337,170.70	.0078	.0088
County School and Library	54,641.10	.0036	.0036
High School Fund	50,000.00	.0031	.003
General Road	138,000.00	.0046	.0046
Total state and county levy in Salem	244,585.78	.019	.0214
Total state and county levy high school districts outside of Salem		.0236	.026
Total state and county levy in non-united high school districts		.0267	.029

A reduction of one mill in the county taxes and one and four-tenths mills in the state tax for Marion county for 1924 is shown by the levies announced yesterday by Oscar Steelhammer, county assessor. The tax rolls are being prepared in the assessor's office but will not be ready for at least 10 days. These were delayed because of the tax supervising and conservations commissions being declared illegal.

The Salem city levy remains the same, 1.54 mills. The Salem school district levies are raised from 1.03 to 1.15 mills which is caused by the increased school population in the city. The road

fund for the county remains the same, 4.6 mills.

The county levy is reduced from 9 mills to 7.6 mills in spite of the fact that the county court is called upon to retire the first of the series of county road bonds and meet the interest.

Millages for various cities and towns are as follows, showing the comparison with last year:

	Amount	Levy	Levy
	1924	1924	1923
Aumsville	954.00	.0085	.0081
Aurora	1,363.00	.0075	.0091
Donald	988.00	.0129	.0135
Gervais	1,720.00	.0102	.0097
Hubbard	2,204.00	.0103	.0102
Jefferson	5,242.00	.0221	.0161
St. Paul	5,996.00	.014	.015
Salem	198,173.79	.0154	.0154
Scotts Mills	474.00	.0064	.0059
Staverton	9,087.35	.0072	.0077
Stanton	9,087.35	.0072	.0077
St. Paul	985.00	.0045	.0045
Sublimity	892.87	.0144	.0047
Turner	1,567.00	.0096	.005
Woodburn	13,975.00	.0158	.0156

Junior Basketball Games Attract Crowds Each Day

Basketball games among the junior YMCA boys are bringing out crowds to the building every afternoon and evening, as will the number of bicycles surrounding the YMCA testify.

After the Baptist team had defeated the boys' training school in

a hotly contested battle by a score of 17 to 16, the Beavers sprung a surprise yesterday by winning over the Baptists 9 to 6 on top of a 32 to 6 game with the Richmond Tigers.

The Pawnees left yesterday afternoon for a game with the Cloverdale Juniors, to be staged as a preliminary game between Cloverdale and Tillamook high schools. The game was played last night.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES MADE BY BREWER

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alleged irregularities to the notice of the treasury officials. Brewer also charged spurious securities had been issued and that duplicate bonds had been traced to "treasury sources from surrendered bonds stolen from treasury vaults."

The report of Brewer disavowed that he had caused the dismissal of bureau employees by President Harding and set forth that the president had been informed of "many irregularities," at the bureau before Brewer entered the case.

"That treasury officials from the start have given no real effort to officially determine the cause of duplication; that some impelling motive has caused them to intimidate employees; to join other enemies of the writer in other war fraud cases who are officially on record as seeking his discharge for two years; and to themselves attack him in the public press; and to falsely assail his honor in the same medium; to defy President Harding to deceive Mr. Mellon and to temporarily deceive President Coolidge."

While the charges of Brewer, the denial of Secretary Mellon and the threats of congressional investigation filled the air today, the employees discharged by President Harding and later exonerated, called on Secretary Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, who has been active in their behalf, to make complaint that they had not been reinstated. Secretary Mellon has announced they would be given re-employment.

aggregation. The visitors are said to have the strongest team they have turned out for several years.

LOTZ-LARSEN MINE BEGINS OPERATION

Copper Mine in the Santiam District Starts Mining and Milling of Ore

Announcement came last night from the Lotz-Larsen Mine company's mine headquarters that the mine and mill were now in operation and that ore was being run through the mill, which means that the promise made to Oregon residents and stockholders interested in the Santiam copper field was realized.

Twenty-eight miners are now working in the district and more activity than has ever been experienced in the canyon before is now making of it an infant that bids well to grow to gigantic dimensions in the very near future. The rattle and hum of mine and mill work echoes from wall to wall and the clank of drill hammers on steel is the ring of a new prosperity, a new industry to this part of the state, and is making many a man who has invested his money in the Lotz-Larsen properties swell his chest in pride at the thought of the possible future.

H. H. Lotz, operator, owner and engineer at the mine, came down Thursday evening and will return today in company with W. L. Meeker, prominent mining operator from Baker, Or. State-wide enthusiasm is evidenced in Mr. Meeker's visit of inspection, as he occupies a place of importance in the western mining world. He has had many years experience in the copper fields of the west and other

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Two Basketball Games Will Be Seen Tonight

Monmouth high school's basketball team will play the Salem high school aggregation on the local gymnasium floor tonight. The game is scheduled for 7:30. It is expected the game will be over in time for the Willamette university-College of Puget Sound game to be played at the Willamette gymnasium at 8:30 o'clock.

Waldo "Fat" Zeller, former Willamette university football artist, is coaching the Monmouth

mining fields in the north.

Wednesday's news story erroneously stated that there were four automobiles made the trip Sunday to the mine. There were but two cars sent up.

Two Comedies Will Be Presented at Clear Lake

Two comedies, "The Model Wife" and "Just a Little Mistake," will be presented by the Clear Lake Literary society Saturday evening, February 9, at 8:30 o'clock at the West Salem school house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Emerson motored to the city Thursday from Gaston.

Miss Marian Wyman, secretary of the YWCA, spent Thursday in Portland.

PRUNE GROWERS PLAN TO MEET

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