1920 Assessment To Be Increased 10 Percent-West

The 1920 assessment of Marion county property will represent an increase of nearly 10 percent over the 1919 figures, according to County Assessor Ben F. West. Assessor West claims that this increased valuation is necessary because of the removal of automobiles and mortgage notes from the tax rolls, which was authorized under an act of the 1919 legislature.

The total valuation of Marion county property at the present time is $42,292,142, estimating that the county will lose two million dollars of this from the 1920 tax roll, this would leave the county with a comparatively large levy in proportion to valuations here and elsewhere. The 10 per cent assessment increase will return the figure to about $42,000,000. The additional assessment is favored by many assessors of this state as presenting to the outside investor the aspect of a small levy and a large valuation.

While the valuation is increased in proportion to the expense of county government and other needs, Assessor West points out that it will give a lower millage on the final tax roll make up. Another point is that by this additional assessment, public utilities will be put in line to assume their share of the burden.

Speaking of the increase, Mr. West states "this office is making every effort to cooperate with the tax paying public, for the common benefit of all concerned, and trying to avoid any undue increase not consistent with the natural rise of taxes bound to come within the next few years. This county is among the lowest taxed counties in the state, especially when the scope of county projects and improvements is taken into consideration."

A meeting of deputy assessors for Marion county will be held at the court house Saturday at 10 a. m. At that time, Assessor West will furnish his deputies with annual instructions and supplies. An act of the 1919 legislature requires county assessors to repeat the agricultural and horticultural census taken last year. Farmers when interviewed by the assessors are asked to give correct information concerning the amount of acreage sown or planted in 1920. A complete survey sheet for this purpose will be furnished by the state tax commission.

Deputy assessors from the following designated districts will be present at the Saturday meeting:

M. B. Krombling, Hubbard and Aurora districts; J. N. Gooding, St. Paul; B. J. J. Miller, St. Louis; G. J. Moisan, Gervais; N. W. Hall, Woodburn; S. A. Peterson, Monitor; Sam Pennimore, Mt. Angel; A. A. Ullvin, Silverton; John Tweed, Howell; E. F. Matten, East Salem; Frank Lick, Books; George Haynes, Scotts Mills; O. Ottoway, south of Silverton; W. A. Jones, Macleay; Matthew Gibson, Sublimity; C. E. Van Nuys, Aumsville; George Farris, Turner; John Cornforth, Liberty; George Palmer, Rosedale; R. P. Nye, Ankeny Bottom; I. Conklin, Marion; Frank E. Wall, Jefferson; Grant Murphy, Stayton; P. C. Freres, Mehama; F. M. Arnold, Mill City.

Palmer Declares Packer Action Is Result Of Need

Washington, Apr. 2.—Court proceedings against the "big five" Chicago packers were instituted because "it had come to the time for a show down in the industry," Attorney General Palmer today told the house agricultural committee. The attorney general, appearing in connection with pending regulatory legislation reviewed what he called the long campaign against the industry in court and before public opinion.

"It semed to me that the thing had come to a point where the packers were either entitled to a clean bill of health," said Mr. Palmer, "or the public was entitled to a judgment of some sort against them."

The consent decree, finally agreed upon after the government had instituted suit, he said, was the result.

Lost Boys Found After Long Search

Tacoma, Wash., Apr. 2.—After a search of 20 hours in the heavy woods near Glen Cove, Bobbie Rich and Wallace McDicken, age 9, were found last evening, according to word from the Y. M. C. A. vacation camp today. The boys were found only a mile from the camp. They slept out in the gale and snowstorm of Wednesday night. Today they are being given medical attention at Glen Cove, and despite the fact that the McDicen youth has just recovered from pneumonia it is believed both will emerge little the worse for their experience.

COAL PRICES RAISED

St. Louis, Apr. 2.—Price increases ranging from five to fifty-five cents a ton were announced by local retail coal dealers today. Other advances will be made when the operators raise their prices as a result of the 13 per cent wage increase granted the miners, it was said. Operators have announced their prices would be increased from 41 to $1.25 a ton.

OIL PRODUCTION BIG

Oil City, Pa., April 2.—According to the monthly review of activity in the oil fields of the country, made public here today by the Derrick, the production during March amount to 283,574 barrels, a loss of 35,994 from the February record. Wells completed numbered 2394 or 237 more than in the previous month. There were 242 dry holes and 138 gas producers, the review said. New work at the close of March showed 2934 rigs and 7341 wells drilling.

M. Maeterlinck says the movie plots are not well developed. But the actresses are, and that fills the box office drawer.—Sioux City Journal.

Little Boy Makes Long Trip Only to Be Lost at Its End

Travelling all the way from California to Salem himself without mishap, thento fail in making connections here, is the experience of Loren Burkey, age 10, who was in the care of police here today. Loren was to meet his father, Noah Burkey of Airley, Or., at the Southern Pacific last night when the train arrived, but the father was not there. Officer Victor turned the lad over to Police Matron Shanks who procured him a room in the Y. W. C. A. for the night.

This afternoon the lad was forwarded to Airley, after Chief of Police Welsh had communicated with Mr. Burkey and made arrangements for his passage from Salem.

STRIKE TIES UP NEW YORK FERRY SERVICE THIS MORN

New York, April 2.—New York's ferry service was crippled today, rail road shipping was considerably curtailed and other harbor traffic was more or less affected by a strike of lighter, tug and ferry workers of railroads. Company officials indicated that strikebreakers might be pressed into service if necessary. According to union estimates 6000 harbor workers quit work.

RUSSIA WANTS SUPPLIES

Stockholm, April 2—Russia is ready to pay in gold and cereals for all kinds of industrial products, principally farming equipment, boilers and locomotives, which are needed urgently, according to a statement issued here by representatives of Russian cooperative societies.

RAIL STRIKE GROWS

Portsmouth, Ohio, Apr. 2.—Eighteen hundred shopmen at the local Norfolk & Western terminals walked out here today in sympathy with the 150 clerks already out. The men who went on strike today include car repairers, machinists, electricians, blacksmiths, pipefitters, sheet metal workers and laborers.

Batoum Disorders Growing Under Bolshevik Rule

Berne, April 2.—Radical elements at Batoum have been showing greater energy since the fall of Novorossiak and disorders are increasing daily, according to reports received by the Georgian press bureau here. Risa Bey, who pillaged Batoum in 1918, is leading armed bands recruited in Anatolia and is receiving munitions from Odessa regularly, it is said.

The Georgian government has taken steps to defend its northern front and has asked permission from the entente powers to place Georgian troops in Batoum as a strategic measure to restore order.

BAKER VISITS ARSENAL

Davenport, Ia., Apr. 2.—Post war problems involving the future of the Rock Island arsenal brought Secretary of War Baker to the tri-cities yesterday. The secretary will decide whether or not the present force of 9000 ordered workmen shall be retained after July 1, or reduced to a peace time strength.

Indian reservations throughout the United States and Canada report that the Indians suffered far more severely from the influenza this year than the white people.