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CITY OFFICIAL PAPER

NEARLY 3 MILLIONS GAIN IN ASSESSMENT VALUE

ROLL TOTALS CLOSE TO TEN AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS MARK

FIGURES FROM SUMMARY

Big Increase in Tillable Land, Town and City Lots - Railroads are Yet to Be Added.

The total valuation of the taxable property in Wallowa county, except railroads, telegraphs, etc., as shown by the summary of the assessment roll just prepared by County Assessor B. F. Miller, is \$10,459,415, a gain of \$2,720,190, over similar property in 1909.

Last year the county assessors assessed the railroads, telegraphs, etc., within their respective counties, Mr. Miller assessing such property in this county at \$937,545. This year the state tax board at Salem assessed all the railroads, telegraph, telephone, express, sleeping car, etc., property in the state. The board was in session this week and assessed those companies at full value as the state law requires. If the assessment sticks, this county's share will be close to a million and a half dollars, or enough to bring the total valuation of all property in the county to the \$12,000,000 mark, or a total gain over 1909 of over \$4,000,000.

The gain of 1909 over 1908 was a million and a half, and of 1908 over 1907 nearly a million, making a total gain in three years of about six and one half millions.

The figures show a splendid growth in wealth both rapid and steady. The same basis for assessment was used in each of the years above mentioned, that is full value. Following are the figures furnished by Mr. Miller:

Table with columns: 1910 Roll Summary, Values 1910, Values 1909. Rows include Acres tillable land, Acres non-tillable land, Town and city lots, etc.

The principal increases over last year were, in round numbers, as follows:

- Tillable land, increased acreage 13,770, value \$1,179,500. Non-tillable (mainly timber), acreage increase 22,578, value \$847,800. Town and city lots, \$247,520. Mdsse, and stock in trade, \$95,390. Shares of stock, \$85,000. Horses, number increase 1209, value, \$151,120. Sheep, number increase 16,942, value, \$77,125.

There has been a decrease in number of cattle of 4,349, and in number of swine, 1878, but owing to higher prices there is a slight increase in valuation of both.

The total valuation of Union county, with twice the population of Wallowa, is \$13,709,145, or only three and a quarter millions more than this county.

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FOR SALE. Sec. 36, 3 N 44-640 A. S E 1/4 sec. 22, W 1/2 NW 1/4 sec. 23, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 sec. 14, 3 S 46-280 A. 64b4 J. S. Cook, Burns, Ore.

FOR SALE. Pure white Langshar cockerels. Mrs J. D. Struble, South Depot street.

For Rent. For Rent-Good house and barn. Roe & Calvin, Enterprise. 64c3

COYOTE SHOWS NO FEAR OF TWO MEN

JIM AND ED DAY ATTACKED BY BRUTE IN OWN DOOR-YARD.

That the coyotes are infected with something that has changed the nature of the beast is attested by the experience of Jim and Ed Day, on the Day ranch 15 miles north of this city the night of December 5.

A coyote chased the Day's dogs to the house and tried to follow them under the house. Jim Day came out with a lantern to see what the trouble was and Ed followed with a 22 rifle. The beast turned on Jim who kept it off with the lantern. Jim, the coyote and the dogs fought all over the yard, being so mixed up that Ed could not get a shot. Finally Jim spied a pitchfork and dropping the lantern he grabbed the fork and pinned the brute to the ground on his next lunge. Ed then shot it.

Notice to Settle. All accounts due the Enterprise Meat company not paid before December 15, will be placed in the hands of a collector. 64c3

Joseph City Wins Waterworks Suit

Supreme Court Decides Against Private Company-Longfellow Wins Sheep Case.

Decisions in two cases appealed from this county were handed down by the Supreme court December 6, and Attorney D. W. Sheahan, who won both, is pardonably elated.

In an opinion written by Justice Eakin, the judgment of the circuit court giving the Joseph Waterworks company the right to extend its mains, was reversed and a perpetual injunction entered in the case restraining the defendant company from digging up Joseph's streets or extending its mains without permission from the council.

In effect the decision implies the company has no franchise and is occupying the streets at the sufferance of the council. The long-drawn out suit of Longfellow vs. Hoffman is again decided by the Supreme court in favor of Mr. Longfellow. This was a suit on a sheep contract that has been in the circuit court since 1905.

D. W. Sheahan was the winning attorney in both cases, while T. H. Crawford represented the other side in both suits.

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX.

At the special school meeting held this afternoon, a 3/4 mill tax was voted.

Recorder and City Treasurer Reports

Former Makes Quarterly and Latter Semi-Annual Accounting To Council.

Following are the reports by City Recorder Charles Thomas and City Treasurer W. F. Savage made to the city council at its meeting December 5:

Recorder's Report. Enterprise, Oregon, Dec. 1, 1910. The undersigned begs leave to make the following report for the quarter ending December 1, 1910. Collected from water rents, \$738 99 Average collections for water rents per month, 246 33 Collections for pipe sold to Joseph Water Co., 73 66 Collections for fines, license, etc., for general fund, 226 00 Report for November, 1910. Collections for water rents, \$196 49 For fines and license, 20 00 Respectfully submitted, CHARLES THOMAS, City Recorder. Treasurer's Report. Enterprise, Oregon, Dec. 5, 1910. To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Enterprise.

Gentlemen:-I beg to submit the following report from June 1st, 1910 to Dec. 1, 1910.

General Fund. Receipts \$4269 33 Disbursements as per warrants \$3751 34 Interest 92 32 Balance on hand 425 67 \$4269 33

Water Fund. Receipts \$1911 43 Disbursements as per warrants \$1321 28 Interest 7 02 Balance on hand 583 13 \$1911 43

Road Fund. Disbursements as per warrants \$380 52 Interest 4 29 \$384 81 Receipts 162 00 Deficit 222 81 \$384 81

Warrants Presented and Not Paid. General Fund \$399 75 Water Fund 79 63 Road Fund 46 25

Respectfully Submitted, W. F. SAVAGE, City Treasurer.

TESTS SHOW COYOTES HAVE GERMS OF RABIES.

Portland, Dec. 8-Germs of rabies have been found by Professor Pennot, state bacteriologist, in heads of sheep and a pig bitten by a coyote in Wallowa county. The same coyote bit John Bosley, a boy, who is being given Pasteur treatment by Dr. White and Professor Pennot, in order that any tendency to hydrophobia may be checked.

Professor Pennot's discoveries give foundation to the numerous reports that rabies or hydrophobia is epidemic among coyotes in Eastern Oregon. With Negri bodies, germs of hydrophobia, Professor Pennot, yesterday injected rabbits. One of the rabbits was dead this morning. The other will be expected to develop rabies in about two weeks, and if it does, will be taken as conclusive proof by Professor Pennot that "mad coyotes" of Eastern Oregon are really afflicted with rabies. The heads of bitten animals were brought to Portland by the state veterinarian Dr. W. H. Lytle.

Professor Pennot is anxious that the results of tests which he made upon the heads of bitten animals shall not be cause of general alarm until the results of the injections in the rabbits are obtained.

The parents of the Bosley boy have come to Portland, to be with him until it is proven whether or not he will develop rabies from the coyote's bite. His face is badly scarred where the coyote bit him.

Get Your Washing Done Free.

The Wonder Washer man, Siegmund, is in town and will do your washing free to demonstrate the machine. Leave word at Riley & Riley's. 60c4

J. H. Gross of Swamp Creek Pass has his new 6-room bungalow residence under roof. Another improvement recently made by Mr. Gross is a wind mill.

To Build Church Soon At Paradise

W. C. Straley Donates Land For Site-Horse Goes Over Cape Horn.

Paradise, Dec. 5-Snowing today. A good snow will help travel, the roads being in bad condition.

J. S. Kenville and wife were doing business with the local notary yesterday.

There will be a church built here in the near future. W. C. Straley has donated the site.

Bill Shelton and family were up from the Grand Ronde river last week.

A stranger passing through lost a valuable horse, which went over Cape Horn, a high place on the Grand Ronde river on the road between Amatoine and Paradise.

Roy Balls and Ray Rentrow went to Wallowa for freight for the merchants.

MAYOR VETOES TAX LEVY OF 7 MILLS

SAYS FIVE MILLS WILL PROVIDE AMPLE FUNDS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

The mayor and the council are in a deadlock over the amount of the tax levy. At the meeting Thursday night, a straw ballot was first taken by the four councilmen present, to give the idea of each as to the size of the levy. This resulted in 6, 6 1/2, 7 and 8 mills.

After some discussion, in which Mayor Burleigh contended that 5 mills would raise sufficient money, owing to the large increase in amount of taxable property, the councilmen finally compromised on 7 mills and the ordinance was so passed, Councilmen Funk, Hockett and Keltner voting yes, Ashley no.

This ordinance was vetoed Friday by the mayor, the following letter accompanying the veto:

December 9, 1910. To the Common Council of the city of Enterprise, Oregon:

Gentlemen:-I herewith return to you with my veto Ordinance passed December 8th, 1910, making an annual levy of seven mills upon each dollar of taxable property within the corporate limits of the city of Enterprise for the year 1911.

I veto this ordinance for the following reasons, to-wit:-

The assessed valuation of the property within the corporate limits as shown by the certificates of the County Clerk is \$898,145. The rate of seven mills as levied will produce a revenue of \$6287.01, which is \$1600 more than is necessary to meet the proper expenses of the city for the ensuing fifteen months. A levy of five mills will produce \$440.72, which with the road fund to be received from Wallowa county will be amply sufficient to defray the expenses of the city and pay all warrants in cash for the next fifteen months.

I do not consider it necessary to levy a greater amount of taxes than will defray the proper expenses of the city when economically administered. I attach hereto an estimate of the expenses of the city for the next fifteen months which I consider fair and fully covering the probable expenses. Unless you can show me wherein this estimate is erroneous I cannot give my consent to a higher levy than five mills.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. BURLEIGH, Mayor.

The mayor's estimate gives the amount necessary to cover expenses for the ensuing fifteen months as \$5294.25. Income from various sources and cash on hand \$1809.50, leaving to be raised by taxation, \$3484.75.

The councilmen contend the mayor is too low in his estimate and that he leaves out many items and makes no allowance for contingencies. The matter will be threshed out at an adjourned session, this, Saturday night.

The only other business transacted Thursday night was the passage of an ordinance prohibiting the placing of barb wire on fences adjoining streets.

LODGE ELECTIONS.

Wallowa Valley chapter, O. E. S.: Matron, Mrs. Elva L. French; patron, C. T. Hockett; associate matron, Mrs. J. C. Conley; Secy., Mrs. Mary Steel; Treas., W. T. Bell; conductress, Mrs. C. T. Hockett; associate conductress, Mrs. W. C. Boatman.

Enterprise lodge, I. O. O. F.: Noble Grand, W. E. Taggart; vice grand, S. K. Clark; recording Secy., Max Gummertman; financial Secy., V. I. Cronin; Treas., C. E. Crow.

Enterprise lodge, K. of P.: S. F. Pace, C. C.; W. E. Taggart, V. C.; O. T. Hockett, prelate; George Law, M. of W.; G. W. Franklin, K. of R. and S.; G. M. Gaily, M. of F.; Fred Zumwalt, M. at A.; Owen Stubblefield, I. G.; A. M. Pace, O. G.; B. Mayfield and Ben Weathers, trustees.

Take your eggs to Davis & Ward and get cash. 43b1t

Saturday Special, December 10th----5 pounds regular 30 cent Coffee for \$1.00 cash

WE GAVE AWAY \$10 IN GOLD LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

H. C. Laird received \$5.00 in gold, premium on an article he paid 45c for. J. Ellis received \$5.00 in gold, premium on an article that cost him \$2.00.

The Red Tag Sale is still on. Our store is full of good bargains with tags on them and we are adding more goods all the time. Now is the time for you to lay in a stock of shoes for this year and next. They will keep, you know, and you will never have such a chance to get the bargains we now offer. Come in and look things over. Buy something with a tag on. Maybe you're lucky and will get one of those \$5 gold pieces.

\$10 In gold given away Saturday night Dec. 10

W. J. FUNK & CO.

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