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EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN STATE ANNUALLY TAXED \$30

Oregon Tax Spending Bodies Yearly Expend More Than \$22,000,000 Schools Most Costly Item, Says A. H. Harris

Salem, Ore. Oct. 21.—"The tax gathering power in the state of Oregon is taking approximately \$30 from every man, woman and child this year to meet the expenses of government. Take another look at the figures. The average family consists of five persons, hence the family contribution to the expenses of government, state, county, city and schools, is \$150. The amount is greater than the earning power of the average man, over necessary expenses for food, shelter and raiment.

"In the order in which different branches of the government take money from the taxpayer the list looks like this: Schools, cities and towns, counties, highways, the state, miscellaneous, ports, fire patrol. The total of these items, for the year 1916, is \$22,090,920.94. By dividing that huge sum by the number of persons in the state the average amount collected may be found. How much of this money is wasted, how much of it goes in graft and needless expenditures, will never be known.

In levying for the expenditures for the year 1916, the assessment rolls prepared during the year 1915 are used. On this roll the total number of acres of tillable land in the state is fixed at 10,257,972. In order to raise the money needed each acre must contribute a trifle more than \$2. Understand, the figures are not for cultivated land, but "tillable" land, whatever that may be in mind of the Oregon assessor.

"The total expenditure for education during the year 1916 is more than 7,000,000, or to be exact: Levied for public schools, \$2,860,581.53; for the Oregon Agricultural college \$373,789.01; for the University of Oregon, \$280,348.51; for the Monmouth normal, \$37,379.80."

Polk County pays a total tax of \$383,195.26. Approximately \$38 per head. Of this amount \$124,139.52 goes for public schools \$12,418.97 to colleges and universities making a total of \$136,557.97, to educate 5,324 children.

Marion County has increased expenditures \$15 per voter in the last three years.

The State will spend \$160,000 in improvements and additions to state insane asylum, feeble minded institution and girls industrial school.

The office of county agent costs each of the counties that has one \$1200 to \$1800, and the state as much more. Then there is a state official "County Agent Leader," who gets a good salary.

The meeting held at Wagner's hall last Sunday evening to discuss the Brewers' amendment was very well attended. The speakers pointed out the evils of the amendment and reasons why it should be voted down.

These are anxious days for the politician feeding at the pie counter. Deep lines of care are marking their faces, and the smile that attempts to illumine the death like pallor of their faces flits away even as the light of a tallow candle when the front door blows open.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Luella Ward and Ethel Sampson returned to school Monday after a few days illness.

Our high school register still shows number of visits by parents 0 (zero).

The orchestra met for regular practice Tuesday evening, but as several of the members were absent they did not practice very long. They are expecting a better practice Thursday evening.

Why is a Ford like school? Because it has a crank in front and a lot of nuts behind.

After giving our library a good cleaning out we find we have 348 books; 23 of these are new books which arrived Wednesday afternoon. We have made some library rules and are enforcing them.

County Supt. W. I. Reynolds visited the schools Wednesday. He gave us a very interesting address.

The teachers celebrated the close of their first month acquaintanceship with us Tuesday by carrying a "weenie" roast to a successful conclusion. All reported a pleasant time, but my, how "cranky" the next day!

It is reported that the Student Body will request the city council to ring the curfew an hour earlier on the 31st. This is for self protection.

Mr. Lowe reports that while he was in Salem last week-end some kind-hearted student or students threw all his wood in the shed.

Have you some work which you need done? If so, phone to the office and we will send a student who can do the work. Many of our students earn all or part of their expenses and will appreciate the "small jobs."

The teachers put a ban on tardiness Monday morning. No more of the pleasant 8:30 naps for us! No more will we stroll into the study room at 9:07 with the satisfying announcement that the home clock was three minutes slow, or that the "standard time" to which the school clock is regulated does not run with our "Ingersol." No more pensive dreaming 'neath the shady trees of shady streets.

The cold, cruel, cynical faculty tells us that these things do not constitute the material of which success is made. So think we, too! Henceforth, "On Time" shall be our motto.

The boys of the high school have organized a foot ball team. They raised enough money to buy a foot ball and have some money left. Dr. G. E. Prime offered to coach the team. They have begun to practice an hour each day at the park. Emerson Wonderly was elected captain of the team. The boys will try to have a game by Thanksgiving.

Wednesday afternoon we had a meeting of the high school for the purpose of debating on the coming presidential election in November. Some of our silver tongued orators, Treval Powers and Claude Graham brought out the good and the bad points of their parties and candidates. After the discussion which seemed to come out about even, we had a vote of the entire high school which turned out as follows:

Wilson 25
Hughes 33
Benson 1

After this the meeting was turned over to Supt. Reynolds. He gave us a very good talk, that was appreciated.

Miss E. Lewis spent the week-end in Portland.

Miss Miller spent the week-end in Corvallis.

Lavon Gottfreid, George Dailey and Miss Gibson were visitors of the high school this week.

Norton Bell spent the week in Salem.

W. C. HAWLEY

Republican and Progressive Direct Primary Nominee for

CONGRESS

A Vote for Representative Hawley is one for an

Experienced,

Clean,

Able,

Faithful,

and Effective

Public Servant.

Please read his record in the pamphlet sent to every registered voter by the Secretary of State.

Republican Congressional Com.
W. J. Culver, Chairman.
(Paid adv.)

C. S. GRAVES

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

POLK COUNTY, OREGON
EXPERIENCE MEANS ECONOMY
If elected I will make no general raise in the assessed valuation of the County.
VOTE 59 X OFFICIAL BALLOT.
(Paid adver.)

Mose Manston

Republican Nominee for COUNTY COMMISSIONER

POLK COUNTY, OREGON
THIRTY YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ROAD BUILDING
(Paid adver.)

MISS ALMEDA J. FULLER

Republican Nominee for School Superintendent FOR POLK COUNTY
(Paid adver.)

FRED J. HOLMAN

Republican Candidate COUNTY CLERK

(Paid adver.)

R. E. WILLIAMS, M. L. THOMPSON, W. F. NICHOLS, R. G. WHITE,
President Vice-President Cashier Assistant Cashier

Bank of Falls City

FALLS CITY, POLK COUNTY, OREGON

Does a General Banking Business. Interest Paid on Time Deposits. Exchange sold on all points in the United States. Notary Public officially connected with the Bank.

Announcement

To our old friends and patrons we desire to announce the opening of our store and that we are now ready to serve you with our usual promptness and courtesy.

Our Grocery Department

It will be our aim, at all times, to keep a dependable line of staple groceries.

Shoes and Clothing for Loggers

As has always been our custom, we handle the very best in shoes and clothing for loggers and mill workers.

Prices, low as the conditions of the markets will permit.

Falls City Logging & Lumber Co.

WHEN BUYING YOUR WINTER SHOES REMEMBER

THE SHOE STORE

GOOD SHOES, LATEST STYLES, AT LOWEST PRICES FOR CASH.

MRS. E. FORSHEY, FALLS CITY, OREGON.

SUGAR SPECIAL

SUGAR \$8.25 PER SACK CASH

NEW ARRIVALS IN DAINTY WAISTS

SEE THEM AT

SELIG'S, Cash Price Store,

"Meeting and Beating Competition".

Pendleton Normal School

Proven Necessity

(Copied from Portland Oregonian.)

MONMOUTH, Ore., June 26.—The Oregon Normal school opened this week . . . students enrolled 715, largest on record for state Normal in Oregon . . . how to care for large student body a problem . . . 800 being crowded into auditorium with seating capacity of 550. Galleries filled with extra chairs in aisles. More than 150 students seated on platform. New boarding houses completed, additions to rooming houses built and tents used. One hundred girls sleep on upper floor of school. The official school report gives 150 grade pupils in Monmouth, for teacher practice.

Read what those you have elected to handle the affairs of your state and who are thoroughly informed regarding school conditions in Oregon have to say concerning measure 308 on the ballot at the coming election:

By James Withycombe, Governor of Oregon:
"Oregon is unquestionably in need of more normal school work and Pendleton is the logical place for a school of this class in Eastern Oregon."

By J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction:
"I trust that the voters of the State will assist in raising the standard of our schools by establishing a State Normal School at Pendleton."

By P. L. Campbell, President of the University of Oregon:
"At least one additional Normal School is urgently needed in Oregon."

By W. J. Kerr, President of the Oregon Agricultural College:
"Since the people of Pendleton are initiating a measure for the establishment of a Normal School at that place, it will give me pleasure to support this measure."

By J. H. Ackerman, President Oregon Normal School, at Monmouth:
"A careful analysis of the situation will convince any one that Oregon needs a Normal School in Eastern Oregon and Pendleton fills all the government requirements."

By the County School Superintendents of Oregon:
"Resolved, that it is the sense of the County School Superintendents of the State of Oregon, in convention assembled, that the best interests of the schools of the State demand increased facilities for the training of teachers, and that we, therefore, endorse the initiative measure to establish a Normal School at Pendleton."

By Mrs. Charles H. Gastner, President of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs:
"I most heartily endorse the location of said Normal School at Pendleton."

Prof. Robert C. French, Former President of the Normal School Located at Weston:
"An immediate establishment of such a school at some central point such as Pendleton would prove a great asset to the State of Oregon."

B. F. Mulkey, Ex-President Southern Oregon Normal School:
"I shall support the location of an Eastern Oregon Normal School at Pendleton."

State Board of Regents of Oregon Normal School declares that "the necessity for additional Normal school facilities in Oregon is apparent."

Portland Chamber of Commerce endorses measure 308 and say Pendleton most logical location for Normal school in Eastern Oregon.

308 X YES IS A VOTE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

(Paid Adv.) Eastern Oregon State Normal School Committee By J. H. Gwinn, Secy., Pendleton, Ore.