

PROBABLE COUNTY TAX LEVY IS 17.5 MILLS

Over a Mill Less Than the Rate Indicated in the Court's Published Budget

Taxpayers' Committee Goes Into Detail in Examination of County Expenses and Its Recommendations Are Accepted.

At the close of the annual budget meeting at the courthouse Saturday afternoon members of the county court announced that the 1917 tax levy for Lane county will probably be in the neighborhood of 17.5 mills. The tentative levy as estimated in the published budget is 18.75 mills.

Recommendations of the various sub-committees of the general budget committee were adopted almost in their entirety at the meeting. These recommendations included one that the legislature repeal the widows' pension law, placing the matter of assistance for deserving widows entirely in the hands of the county court.

The question of funds for the county fair was settled by a final recommendation that the full amount for the support of the fair this year—\$3700—be left in the budget. The committee had recommended the lopping off of \$800 which was wanted by the fair board for the creation of a stock barn, for the reason that there was no certainty that the use of the grounds could be had for another year, but Henry W. Stewart, president of the Lane County Agricultural society, which owns the grounds, stated that the society was willing to lease the grounds to the fair association for a term of years, and later in the day such a lease was agreed upon. By the provisions of the lease, the county is to pay the society rental at the rate of \$1000 a year for five years, and to pay the taxes.

The probable tax levy of 17.5 mills is based upon a total valuation of \$20,325,488 as compared with an even \$20,000,000, as estimated by the court when the tentative levy as published in the budget was made. This increased valuation and a number of items that have been reduced are responsible for the reduction in the millage.

The question of purchasing the county fair grounds by the county was brought up and it was voted to instruct the county's representatives in the state legislature to introduce a bill providing for the levying of a tax for this purpose.

THOSE OUTSIDE CITY MAY BE CHARGED FOR BOOKS

Money Thus Received Will Help in Replenishing Library Shelves.

The Cottage Grove library expects to put a new ruling into effect February 1, whereby those living outside the taxing district of Cottage Grove will pay a small membership fee of 50 cents a year for the first membership in the family, and 25 cents a year for additional memberships in the family. This ruling will be made for the reason that the funds for the purchase of books are not large enough to purchase the number of books required by the increasing patronage, a large part of which comes from outside the city. While those outside of the taxing district have received the same benefits heretofore as those who have paid the taxes, they have been asked to do nothing for the support of the library. The funds received in this manner will probably be used entirely for the purchase of new books. While the amount will not be large it will be of considerable aid.

Sunday School Classes Elect.

The intermediate and adult classes of the Christian church Sunday school have elected the following officers: Superintendent, J. B. Protzman; assistant superintendent, Fred Porter; secretary, Thelma Wilkinson; assistant secretary, Maud Doyle; treasurer, Marian Hess; assistant treasurer, Mary Wiseman; pianist, Virgil Powell; assistant pianist, Orpha Stevens; superintendent primary department, Mrs. Fred Porter; superintendent eradle roll, Mrs. Kittie Kime.

Motor Car Tears Up Crossing Planks.

The gasoline car of the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway met with a slight accident one day last week. The car seemed to be a little overloaded in the front end and the cowcatcher struck its nose into the planks at the Walden road crossing. There was no damage except to the cowcatcher.

Important Meeting of Tax League.

An important meeting of the Southern Lane County Taxpayers' league will be held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the commercial club. There will be a report from the committee upon municipal affairs, which probably will be the main subject of discussion.

A want ad. will get it. d14tf

Husband of Victim of Portland Accident Lived Here

Mrs. J. J. Chambreaux, the woman who was killed in the automobile accident at Portland a few days ago, was the wife of the first accountant employed by the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway, of this city. It was at that time the Oregon & Southern. Mr. Chambreaux was on the pay roll here during June and July, 1903. He completed the accounting for the construction work and made out the first annual report.

In the accident in which Mrs. Chambreaux was killed, the jitney in which she was riding attempted to cross the street between two street cars and was crushed between the cars. The driver claimed that his wheels skidded on the slippery pavement.

Creswell Taken Up Broccoli Growing.

Creswell, Ore., Dec. 21.—Razor Bros. and W. E. Wood were at Creswell Wednesday interviewing farmers relative to the planting and raising of broccoli the coming season. They propose to furnish the seed and guarantee the grower a certain amount of money per acre for the crop. In order to make the enterprise a go they want to secure at least 300 acres so as to be able to make shipments in carload lots. Several of the farmers are indicating an interest in the project.

HOME WINE MAKING IS UPHELD BY JUDGE M'GINN

Man May Legally Manufacture Intoxicants for His Own Use.

Manufacture from grapes of wine for home consumption is a right with which the dry law should not interfere, is the declaration of Circuit Judge McGinn, of Multnomah county, in overruling the demurrer of District Attorney Evans to the injunction suit of A. Lama, an Italian, who has brought a test case in the circuit court.

Limitation of the amount of liquor which may be shipped to one person, as provided by the two-quart a month regulation of the dry law, so long as the whisky was not bartered, virtually was held illegal, in a dictum indicated by Judge McGinn.

"The purpose of the prohibitory law is to stop all traffic in intoxicants, and to end the saloon," declared Judge McGinn, "but the law did not intend to take from man the right to consume intoxicants himself. The state could only deal criminally with him when his consumption of liquor became a nuisance, by his disorderly conduct. In importing liquor or manufacturing it in any amount for his own use, a man is within his rights."

Deputy District Attorney Murphy argued that there was a difference between liquor imported into a state and liquor deliberately manufactured within the state, but Judge McGinn held that in either case the ultimate use of the liquor and not the manufacture or importation, was the important point.

More Packages In; Not So Many Out.

The postoffice is barely recovering from the Christmas rush and the mails are yet heavy. The number of packages sent out this year was not as large as that of a year ago, but the number of packages received was larger.

GERMANY REPLIES TO THE WILSON NOTE

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville.—The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note was transmitted to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador.

The answer, which also contains the reply of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, says:

"The high minded suggestion made by the president of the United States of America, in order to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace, has been received and considered by the imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the president's communication. The president points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of road.

"To the imperial government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result.

"It begs, therefore, in the sense of the declaration made on December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place.

"The imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing further wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

"It will, when this moment shall have come, be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The answer of the central powers concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

Advertising and Subscription Rates Must Go Up

THE SENTINEL has been hoping against hope that the advance in the price of print paper and the other things that go into the making of a newspaper would stop at a point low enough to permit The Sentinel to in some way struggle through without advancing its rates, but the prices we must pay have now become as high as we can possibly stand without an advance in rates, and another advance in the prices we must pay will mean that our rates on both subscriptions and advertising must go up and remain up until prices again reach a normal level. We give this notice far enough in advance to permit those who desire to do so to take advantage of the present rates while they exist, and to prepare them for the advance that is sure to come with any further advance in the prices we must pay.

CHRISTMAS IS FITTINGLY OBSERVED HERE

Elaborate Musical Program at Methodist Church Under Direction of Mrs. Leon DesLarzes.

Christmas was fittingly observed with Christmas trees and exercises in the churches of the city.

On Saturday evening the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church gave a well received program, several of the numbers by the young folks being well rendered.

On Sunday evening an elaborate program was rendered at the Methodist church under the direction of Mrs. Leon DesLarzes. Following is the program:

Hymn—Choir and congregation. The Everlasting Light (Wilson)—The choir. Prayer—Rev. Jos. Knotts, pastor. A Dream of Bethlehem (Rodney)—C. E. Umphrey.

No Room in the Inn (Updegraff)—Mrs. Ilma Berger, Rev. Jos. Knotts. Responsive Reading—Choir and congregation.

Nations Adore (Shelly)—Miss Mae Armstrong. Rejoice, O Daughter of Zion (Fennis)—The choir.

Offertory—Miss Ada Matthews. The New Born King (L'Estour)—Mrs. C. A. Lineh.

Silent Night, Holy Night (Graeber)—Mrs. DesLarzes, Mrs. W. C. Conner, Mrs. Ilma Berger, Ernest Purvance, C. E. Umphrey.

Night of Wonder (Ashford)—The choir. Sermonette—Rev. Jos. Knotts, pastor. Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings (Robinson)—Mrs. Leon DesLarzes.

The Herald Angels (Lorenz)—The choir. Hymn—Choir and congregation.

On Monday evening the Sunday school of the Methodist church held its program. The address of welcome was given by little 4-year-old Ross Knotts. His tiny voice penetrated to every corner of the church. The best number was a pantomime of the shepherd scene from Ben Hur by the classes of the pastor and Mrs. J. S. Benson. The reading was by Miss Eunice Vandenberg. Several other numbers were well rendered.

The primary and junior departments of the Christian Sunday school held their exercises at the church Saturday afternoon. A very interesting program was rendered by the little folks, who were in charge of Mrs. Fred Porter, primary superintendent. After the program the little folks were entertained at games for a short time followed by the usual Christmas treat.

The intermediate and adult departments rendered a short musical and literary program Tuesday evening, followed by the election of officers.

Lane County Without Senator.

State Senator Bingham may not return from New York to attend the approaching session of the state legislature. This will leave the senate one member short and Lane County will be without a member in the senate. Senator E. D. Cusick, of Albany, holds the joint senatorship for Linn and Lane, but is not a resident of this county. It is understood that Senator Bingham will not resign, so that nothing can be done to fill the vacancy.

Several Fast Christmas Bouts.

Several fast boxing matches were put on at the Moose smoker Christmas day. In the main event between Leon Arne, of Cottage Grove, and Arthur Jones, of Rujada, the match was declared a draw. In the preliminaries, Billy Ryan, of St. Johns, received the decision over Harry White, of Portland, and Jimmy Duffy received the decision over Tommy Houck, of Vancouver. After the main event, the victors in the preliminaries went on for a bout that was not on the program, Ryan winning over Duffy.

G. McDonnell, of Eugene, acted as referee. There was a large attendance and a sprinkling of members of the fair sex.

Relatives Overlooked.

In the item list week about the death of Mrs. Guy Van Riper, the names of three surviving brothers were accidentally overlooked. They are Conrad, Joe and Sylvester Widdersheim, all of Nebraska.

Brown Lumber Company Distributes Christmas Money to Men

Despite the fact that the past year has been a hard one in the lumber business, the Brown Lumber company distributed about \$3000 among its mill employes as a Christmas present. The men in the logging camps were not included in the distribution, their wages being higher than those in the mill. The distribution amounted to about 6 per cent of the wages of the men.

Should Obtain New Licenses.

Hunters should obtain a new license or receipt for a dollar lodged with their application before attempting to hunt after the 31st of December, according to an announcement made by local game wardens. The results of the deer season recently closed have convinced the state game wardens that the shortage of deer, which has been complained of for several seasons, is indeed real, and they now realize that something must be done quickly if one of the finest outdoor sports is to be maintained in Oregon, and especially in the interior districts. Although many suggestions have been offered, the older sportsmen believe that hunting deer should be prohibited for several years. This, they declare, is the only manner in which the sport can be continued with any degree of permanency.

SCHOOL BOYS KEEP COW TEST RECORDS

The school boys of Santa Clara are getting a practical understanding of the rudiments of dairying and a knowledge of how to conduct a successful business farm through actual experience. The school cow testing association, under the supervision of B. T. Youel, the principal, has just completed a monthly butter fat and production record of 38 cows, according to N. S. Robb, county agricultural agent, who has been interested in the work. Most of the boys use their father's cows to get their records.

The boys of the school keep a record of individual cows and each month the results are totaled giving the value of the butter fat produced by each animal. The 30-day period record for November and December is as follows:

A cow belonging to Mr. Andrews and tested by K. Youel produced 43.6 pounds of butter fat, valued at \$17.32. This was the highest test.

"Old Boss," owned by Clyde Wells and tested by M. Short, took second place in the tests by producing 41.8 pounds of butter fat, worth \$16.60.

"Tibbitt" was third highest, producing 41.78 pounds. She is owned by Mr. Dale and tested by C. Dale.

"Jersey," owned by Mr. Robertson and tested by J. Robertson, took fourth with 41.76 pounds of fat.

The lowest testing cow produced \$6 worth of butter fat.

Each month a report is made out and sent to the First National bank of Eugene, which is trying to increase the interest of the boys in better farming. The bank furnishes all the necessary record sheets.

Wins Debating Honor.

Lewis C. Beebe, formerly of this city, took second place in the annual contest at the University of Oregon for the alumni association medal for extemporaneous debate.

BRITISH PLAN MORE VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN

London.—Although peace talk fills the air the Lloyd George government is aggressively going forward with its measures to insure a more vigorous prosecution of the war. At the same time troublesome domestic problems are being tackled.

Semi-official information was that the reply which the allies will render to Germany's peace proposals will go forward within a short time.

It will be a new year's greeting settling forth the entente's indomitable purpose to proceed relentlessly with their war until "separation, restitution and guarantee" is made certain.

That determination to continue, represented in Lloyd George's vast plans for harnessing every ounce of strength the nation affords, will therefore be formally announced through diplomatic notes. The United States will be the agency for communication, just as America was Germany's messenger. The British note will be identical in form and phraseology with the notes of refusal which every one of the allies will return to Berlin.

HOT CONTESTS ON FOR INTERCLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

High School Teams Will Each Play Nine Games During the Winter

Quite a contest is on for the interclass championship of the high school basketball teams. Each team will play three games with each of the other teams, each class having both a boys' and a girls' team. The games are played at the armory. The boys' teams play at 5 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons and the girls' teams play at 4:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The lineups of the clubs are as follows:

Senior Boys—Wade Leroy, f; Ernest Redford, f; Oval Powell, f; Bob Jones, c; Nubby Coffman, g; Marvel Randall, g.

Junior Boys—Frank Wallace, g; Virgil Powell, g; Irl Groves, g; Harold Dugan, c; Glen Smith, f; Pete Anhalt, f; Huston Medley, f.

Sophomore Boys—Donald VanBoskirk, f; Milton Leroy, f; Bill Haldeman, c; Holladay, g; Ralph Teeters, g; Virgil Gowdy, g.

Freshmen Boys—Bill Kidd, g; Mosby, g; Homer Kidd, c; Claude Kime, f; Bill Bartels, f.

Senior Girls—Neva Slagle, g; Ella-may Utterback, g; Emelie Haldeman, c; Ruth Powell, f; Genevieve Jury, f.

Junior Girls—Thelma Wilkinson, f; Trysta Martin, f; Marie Ridings, c; Lois Thomas, g; Esther Jorgensen, g.

Sophomore Girls—Rita Ridings, f; Juanita Short, f; Rose Haldeman, c; Hildred Hall, f; Bethel Gowdy, g.

Freshmen Girls—Alma Moser, g; Helen Rudolf, f; Grace Harding, c; Ruth Pielis, f; Eva Weeden, f.

At this time the standing of the teams is as follows:

THE WRONG UNCLE MAKES HIT WITH RIGHT CROWD

High School Play Is Well Received and Nice Profit Is Realized.

The high school play, "The Wrong Uncle," which was presented at the high school assembly room Thursday night, showed good work on the part of the students who took part. The two character parts, Mr. Aspen and Miss Aurora, taken by Carl Rodolph and Ruetta Boyd, were well sustained. The success of the play was due to the work of Alfred Skei, the director, as well as to the efforts on the part of the cast.

A musical program that added much to the enjoyment of the evening was rendered by Mrs. DesLarzes, Miss Silby, Mrs. Griswold, George Matthews, Ralph Brown, Miss Ruth Stewart and Miss Juanita Short.

About \$25 was put in the school treasury from the receipts.

The cast of characters was as follows: Miss Mary Marley.....Genevieve Jury a cousin of

Miss Nelly Marley.....Maud Doyle Mrs. Wade, their aunt.....Marie Ridings Jane, the maid.....Reta Ridings Zedekiah Aspen.....Carl Rodolph Fred Cureton, Nelly's lover.....

.....Robert Jones Reginald Rawlins, Mary's lover..... Claude Kime Miss Aurora Rawlins, Reginald's aunt

Ruetta Boyd Bates, servant.....Virgil Powell Robert Rawlins, Reginald's uncle..... Charles Fuhrer Henry Rawlins, Reginald's uncle..... Frank Wallace

LRORNE MAN COLLEGE DEBATER

E. W. McMIndes Is Winning Honors as Orator at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Dec. 23.—Special to The Sentinel.—E. W. McMIndes, of Lorane, is a member of the junior class debating team which won the class championship last Saturday by defeating the freshman team. This is the first time in five years that the first year men have not carried away the honors in this contest. The question debated was "Resolved, That the United States should abandon the Monroe Doctrine."

Mr. McMIndes has been prominent in forensics during his course at the college. He has been a member of his class debating team for two years, and last year represented his class in the oratorical contest.

Besides being a member of the junior class team he is a member of the college extension team which will tour the state this winter, debating on live questions of the day in communities that care to cooperate with the college in this matter.