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## STATE TAXES TO BE LESS THAN THOSE OF 1912

LEGISLATURE HOLDS APPROPRIATIONS DOWN; \$2,750,000 IS AMOUNT PLANNED FOR EACH YEAR.

### LIST IS NOW COMPLETE

Tax of Not More Than 2 1/2 Mills, If Expectations Are Met; Exposition Appropriation of \$200,000 Is Still Undecided; List Is Practically Completed.

The state's tax levy for 1914 will be less than that for 1912 if the legislature holds the appropriations down to the mark it expects to, and there is no reason at present to indicate that it will not be able to do so. The appropriations in the 1911 session were \$5,700,000, and this year the ways and means committee hope to hold them as low as \$5,500,000. This will mean that the levy for the support of the state government will be in the neighborhood of 2 1/2 mills. This will be a comparatively small addition to the city, school and road taxes.

With the filing in the house yesterday of appropriation bills aggregating \$1,564,216, the list was practically completed. These appropriations were for general maintenance, salaries, and for the penitentiary, industrial school and soldiers' home.

State Levy to Exceed Last. Because the state levy in 1913 was only 1.2 mills, that in 1914 may exceed the mark indicated, for the tax in both years must average 2.4 mills to bring forth the necessary amount of money.

The appropriations this year will be in the neighborhood of \$5,500,000, or \$2,750,000 for each year. The miscellaneous receipts and left-overs from other appropriations will easily reach \$600,000, leaving \$2,150,000 to be raised each year of the biennium. This will call for a tax of not more than 2.4 mills. Compared with previous years this is rather below the average.

According to figures produced by Secretary C. L. Starr of the state tax commission, the state levy for the years from 1890 to 1902 were as follows:

1890, 5 23-35 mills; 1891, 4; 1892, 4 23-35; 1893, 6 23-35; 1894, 4.3; 1895, 3; 1896, 4.8; 1897, 4; 1898, 3.5; 1899, 5.7; 1900, 6.3; 1901, 5.7; 1902, 6.33.
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In 1909 the levy was 2.13 mills; in 1910, 2.2; in 1911, 1.6; in 1912, 3.4; in 1913, 1.2, and in 1914, (estimated), \$2.4.

The present legislature, therefore, will hardly go on record as one of extravagance beyond the ordinary. The ways and means committee, and the heads of both houses have worked together consistently in an effort to keep the appropriations below the mark set in 1911.

### \$200,000 Fixed at Present.

The most anxiety and turmoil about any one appropriation has centered around that of made for the Panama-Pacific exposition. The senate and house have practically fixed the figure for that fair at \$200,000, but still there is a clamor to make it lower. Representatives of the opposite faction in both houses have kicked hard to have it made larger. There still remains some doubt, however, if the \$200,000 figure will stand, for so vigorous are the assaults made on this appropriation that it is not considered unlikely if the ultimate figure will be fixed at \$150,000.

Wednesday's appropriation bills represent practically the tail end of that part of the legislature's work.

For the soldiers' home and for filling and improving the fair grounds one bill went into the house Wednesday from the ways and means committee for \$50,500. The state training school's figure was fixed at \$73,000 for the biennial period, and the general state expense bill, the largest of any, was placed at \$1,224,716.

### Encourage Fruit Growing.

The Pacific Fruit association is the latest organization formed to encourage the best methods of fruit growing, packing and marketing. The establishment of uniform grades, distribution of reliable market intelligence and affiliation with central marketing agencies are among the objects aimed at. Fruit growers of Western Oregon are interested in the association and its headquarters are at Portland.

### Fifty-Second Annual Fair.

Announcement was made of the dates for the fifty-second annual Oregon state fair this week by the officers of the organization, the dates being set for September 29 to 30, October 1, 2, 3, 4, at Salem.

## AIRLIE CITIZEN IS DEAD

After Brief Illness, Well Known Resident of County Meets His Master; Funeral Held Tuesday.

The death of Henry Tarter, of Airlie, occurred at the Dallas hospital last Sunday, February 16, at the age of 52 years, 11 months and 12 days, after an illness of five days, the body being laid at rest on Tuesday afternoon at the English cemetery, near Airlie, Rev. D. V. Poling, of Portland, conducting the services.

Henry Tarter was born March 4, 1860, in Klickitat Valley, Wash. He came to Airlie, Polk county, in June of the same year, and settled on the farm, where he continued to reside until his death. He was married to Miss Sabina Haight in 1897, at Albany, Oregon. Three boys and one girl were born to them, Stephen, Charles, Guy and Elta. The wife and children survive him, together with three brothers and three sisters, Prof. Nicholas Tarter, of Corvallis, Robert and Burra Tarter, of Airlie, Mrs. V. A. Williams, of The Dalles, Mrs. Laura Wiseman, of Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. C. E. Staats, of Airlie.

## TAX MONEY FLOWS FREELY NOW

TAX COLLECTOR AND DEPUTIES MAKE GREAT RECORD.

Collections For First Three Days Make High Average; Prosperity Manifest in Prompt Payments.

The office of the sheriff and tax-collector overflowed with business during the "spring opening," as Sheriff Grant called it, yesterday. Mr. Grant and his deputies were agreed upon the one point of attendance beating any record so far as known. The office had notified by mail 5000 taxpayers during the previous week, of the amount necessary to square accounts with the county. This duty itself was no small matter. Twelve thousand dollars flowed into the county's treasury the first three days of the "opening," as against \$6000 during the first three days last year. Deputy Richter, in reply to a request from The Observer man as to reasons for this remarkable showing, said that he didn't know anything about it, excepting that the dollars seemed to be about the same size, and there were more of them, the smiles worn by the taxpayers, outside of Dallas, were wider than the average, and there was very little trouble in adjusting matters to the satisfaction of all.

The taxable property of Polk county amounts to \$13,149,100 for the year past. Last year the total assessment amounted to \$305,572.30, according to the records. This year the total amount reaches the sum of \$294,215.17, a little scaling down of the total tax, with the same general levy.

### WORK MAY START AT ONCE

#### Big Irrigation Project in Eastern Oregon to Be Developed.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—Work on the West Umatilla irrigation project will, in all probability, be begun by Secretary of the Interior Fisher retires from office on March 4. Government engineers have directed preliminary work so that construction work may be commenced within the next few months.

This project will irrigate 30,000 acres along the Columbia river in Umatilla and Morrow counties and the government will expend \$2,500,000 on the work. From two to three years will be required to water the land in this unit. More than the required 95 per cent of privately owned land in the project has been pledged to bear the expense of development.

### Surprise Party.

On Wednesday evening, at the home of Mrs. L. E. Poe, at 810 Shelton street, in honor of Mr. Dolan Hatfield, a party of young folks, 16 in number, called at 8:15 and spent the evening in games, singing, etc., till the wee sma' hours were drawing near. Those present were: The Misses Dovie, Birdie and Maggie Odom, Miss Blanche Barber, Miss Fay Barber, Miss Esther Gates, Miss Arava Poe; Messrs. Wiley Carpenter, Foster Odom, Merrill Barber, Bolton Stinnett, Henry Friesen, Peter Friesen, Elbert Hays, Charles Quick, and Dolan Hatfield. After refreshments were served, all departed to their various homes, feeling that it was good for them to be present.

### Club Has Secured Quarters.

The Y. M. B. C. have secured the rooms above the Simonton & Scott grocery store and are now preparing them for occupancy. It is thought that the club will be ready to take charge of the rooms in about a week, the dues being collected this week from the charter members.

## Worst Smashup on New York Elevated System in Years

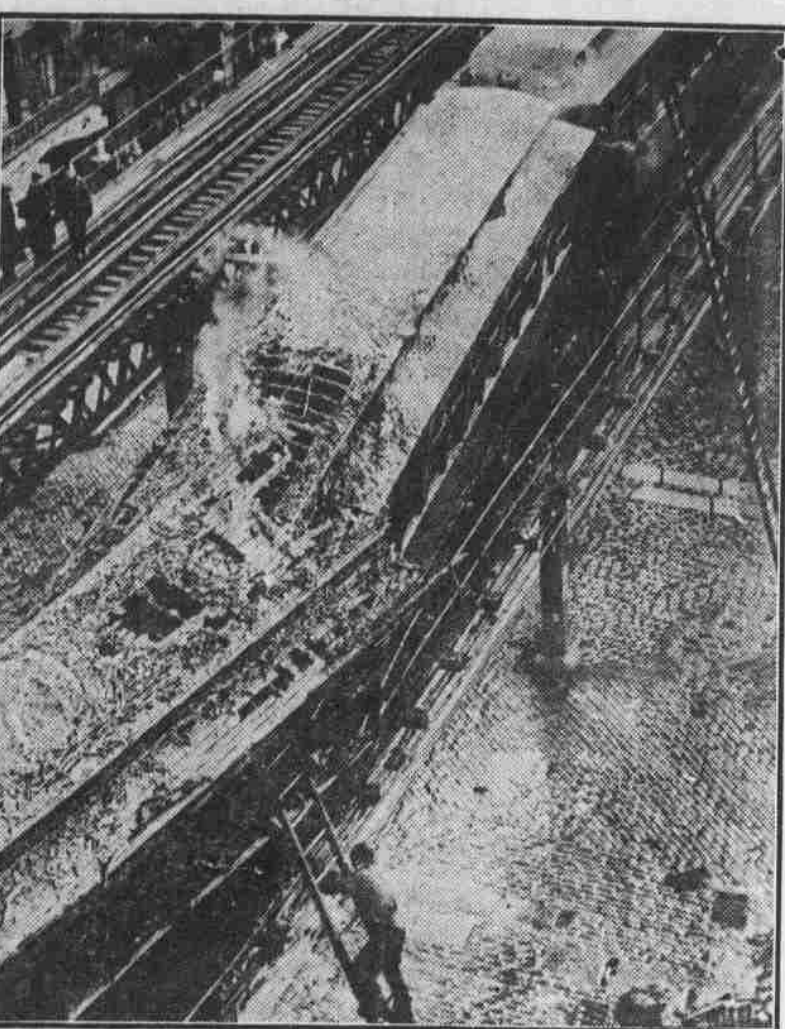


Photo by American Press Association.

ONE of the worst wrecks of recent years on the New York city elevated railroad system occurred when two Third avenue trains crashed while crowded, killing one man outright and injuring a score of other passengers. Fire broke out and partly consumed two cars, threatening to spread to buildings on either side of the street. Passengers were rescued by firemen's ladders, and the injured were also carried down them to ambulances waiting in the street. Steel cars would probably have prevented most of the casualties and done away with the danger of fire. The picture was taken shortly after the accident and shows how the cars partly telescoped and were hurled. Thousands who use the elevated roads shuddered at the accident.

## Vancouver Team May Repeat Silverton's Style of Playing

Company G basketball players will tomorrow night meet the Vancouver team, selected from the Athletic club of that place. Neither manager nor coach of the Dallas team would place an estimate upon the strength of the visitors, saying that their knowledge of basketball has been in a crippled condition since the visit to Silverton recently. Vancouver is the home of some army boys, but it is understood

## SCHOOL GROWING FAST CLUB TO GIVE BENEFIT

High Water Mark Reached at Christian Bible School; Pastor on Leave of Absence.

There was general rejoicing in the Christian Bible school Sunday when it was announced by the secretary that the count showed that there were present in time for the study of the lesson 320 students. They have placed the 350 mark before them and promise to attain to this number in the near future. This is an unusually large school for a town the size of Dallas and speaks well for the management of this work under the capable leadership of H. C. Seymour and his strong force of teachers and helpers. Mr. Curtis, the pastor, being the victim of a severe attack of grippe and neuralgia, Mr. F. M. Brooke, of Eugene, was called to supply the pulpit. Mr. Brooke is a man of unusual scholarship and pulpit ability and delivered two most excellent discourses. It is probable that Mr. Brooke will visit this church again the third Sunday in March, at which time the pastor will be absent because of a revival meeting which he will hold for Mr. Stivers in the Christian church at McMinnville.

All arrangements are being made for the pulpit supply during the absence of the pastor during a large part of the month of March. Two teacher training classes are being organized in the Bible school which will begin their work as soon as the books can be secured.

**Gesperanto Plant at "Mack."**  
A "Valentina Festina," a la Esperanto, is a game that was played at McMinnville last week, on St. Valentine's Day. One of the local papers at that place proclaims that the game is far ahead of solo and fully equal to checkers for excitement. The play has made great progress in Europe as well as McMinnville, which is in Yamhill county, however—not in Europe. About 50 Esperantists were present at the McMinnville meet, ranging in age from "steens to skeventy," all wearing emblems that nobody but an Esperanto could decipher. The menu consisted of gesperanto on toast, a little puncherante for an appetizer, and a common headache without the "eranto" next morning, it is said.

**Fire Company Elects Officers.**  
At the annual election of officers for the Dallas Fire company August Risser was elected chief; L. A. Ralston, assistant chief; Cliff Smith, secretary; Dick Webster, treasurer. Various committees were named for the year and the company apparently finished the year's business with encouraging reports from the work of the past year.

## COMPANY G NOW IN FINE FETTLE

INSPECTION OF NEW COMPANY AROUSES INTEREST.

Good Showing Made by Recruits as Well as Older Members; Inspectors Give High Marks.

Company G, of the Oregon National Guards is fully prepared for every emergency, as was shown at the annual inspection Wednesday night at the Armory. The inspection was in charge of Major Settlemeier, of Woodburn, and Lieutenant Endicott, of the regular army, a large number of the town's people being present to witness the various maneuvers of the new company, and watch the work that accompanies the annual inspection of arms and accoutrements.

Captain Staffin was well pleased yesterday morning on receiving the markings from the major, the company being rated far above expectations. Many of the company are raw recruits and saw their first annual inspection. The instructions given by the visiting officers will aid them much in the work that is to come. Captain Staffin was complimented upon his work in bringing the company so rapidly forward. Only five of the company were absent.

Many of the spectators saw in the inspection a carefulness that brought the thought to mind of what might be required later from the young soldiers. The crisis in Mexico came to the minds of spectators as well as soldiers, as the boys unfolded their rolls, spread their weapons and cooking utensils upon the floor of the Armory, awaiting the scrutiny of the visiting officers. Each soldier's kit had to come to the surface. Pick-ax and shovel, pans and skillets vied with each other in the glistening show for supremacy, the straight-backed, corset-laced fellow grew an inch or two as the inspector gave him a favorable mark, the thin fellow with tophick legs quivered perceptibly as the major grabbed the gun from his hands, and the girl friend wiped a tear away as she thought of what might happen to her "Jerry-dear" should he happen to be punctured in the back in Mexico. Some wag in the gallery dropped a cigar stub in a corporal's frying pan at the psychological moment—and the tears disappeared.

Jokes aside, the Company G boys are a likely bunch and when target practice begins and outdoor work can be done, there will be no question as to their making a mark.

**PORTLAND JUNKET YESTERDAY**  
Portland Paving Concern Entertains Dallas People.

By invitation of a Portland firm interested in the sale of paving material, members of the city council and others interested in hard surface improvement for the Dallas streets, yesterday were shown the advantages of hard surface paving at the Rose City, the mayor and a large portion of the council accepting the offer of the paving company to be its guests and view the different kinds of surface used in Portland, and to enjoy the beauties of the city. Those who accepted the invitation were Mayor Craven, W. V. Fuller, W. L. Ayres, A. B. Muir, H. L. Fenton, H. G. Campbell, Tracy Staats, John McElree and F. G. Coad. Mrs. Craven and Mrs. Ayres accompanied their husbands.

### Train Service by Fall.

Work on the Willamette Pacific railroad, the projected line from Eugene to Coos Bay and south along the coast, is being rushed and it is expected that trains will be running from Eugene to Mapleton next fall. It is thought the line to the coast will be completed early next spring. Construction work is being pushed along the Siuslaw westward.

### Boys Use Club Rooms.

The Vale Chamber of Commerce is taking care of the boys of the city by allowing them the use of its handsomely appointed club rooms twice each week. This is probably the first city in the state to take the rising generation into partnership in its development work and is a move that is certain to have good results.

### Fair Dates Fixed.

Dates for Oregon Fairs next fall were fixed at a recent conference of the North Pacific Fair association. Opening dates were set as follows: Oregon State Fair, September 29; Medford, September 19; Roseburg, September 15.

### Forwarded to McMinnville.

It is said that the Dallas postoffice had a consignment recently. A couple of rabbits were shipped by postal service, and before they left the office there were nine of them. The question was, was the weight increased and did the package need more stamps? We are not informed as to the decision of the postmaster.—McMinnville Joker-Register.

### Falls City Proud.

County Judge Teal called on The News Monday, while waiting for the morning's train. The judge is in the county's business for the good of all the people, and Falls City is proud of him.—Falls City News.

## CHARTER GIVES RIGHTS

Women, Having Become Electors By Enactment of State Law, Have Equal Rights With Men.

In the past few days The Observer has been appealed to for information regarding the rights of women to vote at the coming city election, the question of registration being the principal theme. So far as can be ascertained by inquiry, the women will have all the rights that are given to men. The city charter provides in section numbered eight that "no person is qualified to vote at any city election under this act who is not entitled to the privilege of an elector according to the laws of the state, and who has not resided in the city of Dallas for the three months last preceding such election, and in the ward in which he offers to vote for the ten days last preceding such election." The Observer would arbitrarily rule that the ladies may vote if they wish, although the pronoun "he" might have stood in the way had not the people of Oregon at the last election pluralized the word's complexion.

## MAY HOLD SESSION NEXT WEEK

LEGISLATORS ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT ADJOURNING.

Generally Talked That Adjournment Will Be Made Friday Evening For Five Days.

Salem, Oregon, Feb. 20.—(Special) Whether both houses of the legislature will remain in session until next week, or will adjourn Friday evening for five days, still remains in doubt. The present congestion of business has made it impossible for the house leaders to determine on a course of action.

The senate may, according to law, adjourn three days in succession without the consent of the house, or for any length of time on an agreement between the two houses. The house is most likely to be kept in session.

Whatever happens, there will be sessions some time next week. House leaders declare they can get a quorum present to "swat" the governor if he comes back with any vetoes. This is undoubtedly the principal object in the wish of the members to stay on the grounds.

Leaders declare forty-two representatives and twenty-two senators have expressed themselves as willing to stay, although some from the other side said these members made the statements under a misapprehension.

It is possible that the house, at least, will meet every day until about Thursday of next week, transacting some minor business each day, and waiting for the governor's communications.

Opposition to this movement has only started. If the minority can control more than twenty members of the house, they will win, for a two-thirds majority is necessary to pass over the veto, and two-thirds of the membership is necessary for a quorum, and before any action can be valid.

### HAVE LIVELY MEDAL CONTEST

#### Falls City People Enjoy Visit to Black Rock.

A silver medal contest was held in Black Rock on the evening of Feb. 15, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of Falls City. Fourteen young people, most of them taking some active part, accompanied by Mrs. Chloe A. Seymour, local superintendent of medal contest work, walked from Falls City, a distance of nearly four miles each way, and report a splendid time. The contestants did excellent work, Miss Sybil Wilson of Falls City, winning the medal. A solo by Rev. M. Howard Fagan of Eugene, delighted the hearers. He also sang a duet with Miss Edna Seymour, of Falls City. A reading by Bro. Fagan convulsed the audience and was perhaps the leading feature of the program, aside from the regular work of the contestants. Other attractive features were a piano solo by Miss Alma Huseby and a vocal solo by Miss Pearl Titus, both of Falls City.

Another silver medal contest will be held at the M. E. church in Falls City next Tuesday night, February 25, at 8 o'clock. An interesting feature of the program: will be club-swinging. Special music will be provided, and an admission of 10 cents will be charged.

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## LATE POLK COUNTY NEWS TOLD IN BRIEFS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS RELATED IN ENTERTAINING MANNER.

### OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

Observer Representatives Keep in Touch With All Matters of Importance in Their Part of the Famous "Blue Ribbon" District of the State of Oregon.

### FALLS CITY

E. M. Smith, ex-county clerk, was a Falls City caller last Wednesday. Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hellwarth went to Salem last Wednesday to hear the far-famed soprano, Mme. Lillian Nordica, give an evening's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Talbot went to Portland Wednesday.

Miss Edna Barnhart visited friends in Dallas last Wednesday.

T. J. Cherrington, of Dallas, was in the city last week, selling Portland real estate.

Arthur Trask, of Corvallis, visited his parents and children here this week.

The Southern Pacific company is gathering up the stray logs along the track from Black Rock to Dallas. This helps the appearance of things a good bit.

D. G. Murray and family moved to the Murray this week and will put things in shape to run in the near future. This section of the country has the prospect of several such mills being installed.

Mrs. A. A. Titus returned from Portland last Thursday, where she has been during the recent illness of Mrs. C. A. Titus.

Richard Paul and George Lowe were called to Portland again Friday on timber claim business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moyer returned home Friday from a two-months' trip visiting relatives in this state and Washington.

The Epworth League entertained the members of the Christian Endeavor society at a Valentine party Friday evening, in the new rooms of the M. E. church. There were about 60 present. After a social evening together, a lunch was served. Hearts of all sizes, shapes and colors, formed the decorations.

Lars Larson, of Dallas, visited friends in this city Saturday.

John Mahr, who has been working for some time in Arizona, returned to his home here last Friday.

Prof. Mathews, of Willamette University, pent Saturday and Sunday in this city.

William Ellis was a business visitor in Dallas Saturday.

The local W. C. T. U. conducted a silver medal contest in Black Rock Saturday night. Miss Sybil Wilson was the winner of the medal. About a dozen went up from here, and as many more attended from Black Rock. The next contest of this kind will be given at Bridgeport.

Prof. G. W. Montgomery came up from Salt Creek Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flower were passengers to Dallas Tuesday.

Frank Heydon expects to move to the Sileta about the first of April. He will take possession of the Zimri Hinshaw stock farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McFarlane, of Quincy, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Travis this week. It has been 17 years since they saw this city, and needless to say there has been a great change here since that time.

Miss Mabel Grant, of Dallas, visited relatives here Sunday.

J. R. James has again moved back to this city from Portland.

W. F. Nichols transacted business in Dallas Tuesday.

O. Aurland is building a barn for Dr. F. M. Hellwarth. The doctor has purchased a horse from W. F. Nichols.

Ed Brown moved into the Alex Courter house on South Main street last Wednesday.

Rev. M. H. Fagan held church services in Black Rock last Sunday. These services will be held every two weeks.

The plazer started up anew Monday morning, after a long delay. The new mill whistle sounds good to us again, as it has been rather quiet for some time.

H. H. Parsons, of Dallas, visited friends in Falls City Sunday.

A. E. Seymour was a business caller in Dallas Tuesday.

### MONMOUTH

Walter Norton, of Lewisville, was in the city on business Friday, and

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