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HARMONY PREVAILS AT COUNTY BUDGET MEETING

Eastern Clackamas Well Represented at Annual Taxpayers' Gathering

For the first time in many years, the taxpayers of this part of the county, turned out in force at an annual county taxpayers' meeting, as was evidenced by the big local delegation present at last Saturday's meeting, at the Court House in Oregon City.

At this meeting were considered all of the budget appropriations for the ensuing year and with few exceptions, the appropriations were allowed, the principal exception being the striking from the list of the \$8,000 appropriation for an Armory at Oregon City.

The meeting, which was attended by several hundred taxpayers from all sections of the county, with the country districts in fair proportion, elected County Judge H. S. Anderson as Chairman and R. M. Standish of Estacada as Secretary.

In fairness to Oregon City, it must be conceded that no attempt was made on its part to pack the meeting, as could easily have been done, and the acceptance or refusal of the \$8,000 Armory appropriation was left to a meeting, representative of the rural and city districts.

With the further exception of a reduction of from \$2,000 to \$1,000 in the item for Damages and the complete elimination of the \$500 appropriations for Fruit Inspection and Forest Fire Prevention, the entire budget was adopted, with an increase being voted in the Apportioned Road Fund, Sec. 6320, amounting to about \$29,000 more, being the equivalent of a seven mill, instead of a six mill tax.

Contrary to the expectations possibly of some of the taxpayers from other sections, the Eastern Clackamas delegation, numbering fifty or more representative farmers, went on record as favoring all road, highway, bridge and kindred appropriations and thereby registering their approval of the past and future hard-surfaced road building program.

With Walter Givens of Estacada, acting as official spokesman for the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League, the wishes and views of the taxpayers of this community were ably and forcibly expressed.

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COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CONDENSERY

Estacada Bank Offers To Finance Buying Of Cows

That the Farmers' and Merchants' Club is now in a position to accomplish direct results, is evident, following a successful dinner-meeting held at the Adams Hotel in Estacada, Monday night.

About thirty-five farmers and business men were in attendance and after disposing of a chicken supper and amidst the smoke of good (?) cigars, several matters of importance to this community, were discussed.

Of especial interest to the meeting was the report of the committee appointed to report on condenseries, cheese factories and creameries. This committee, comprising Frank Ewing and J. E. Schenk of Springwater; J. C. Duus and R. C. Deming of Garfield and Irwin Wright of Estacada, reported having conducted a rough canvass of the community and believed that the consensus of opinion was in favor of the establishment of either a condenser or cheese-factory, rather than a creamery. They further reported that the question of financing a feasible industry along this line would not be an obstacle, as many farmers were willing to help and substantial help was promised from other sources.

This committee, or at least such part of the committee as can take the time, is this week making a trip to Hillsboro and Forest Grove, where they will thoroughly investigate the condenseries at those points and if possible investigate the Canby cheese-factory.

The report of this investigation, which will be made at the next dinner-meeting, on Monday evening next, should be of interest to every farmer and business man in this territory.

During the discussion of the proposed creation of some industry to handle the community dairy products, Cashier Wright of the Estacada State Bank, stated that his bank is contemplating the formation of a revolving fund, to aid farmers in the purchasing of dairy cows, advancing the money for the purchasing of well bred stock, allowing of the repayment of the loans on easy terms.

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CAN YOU COMPREHEND SUCH INCONSISTENCY?

Clackamas County Refuses to Make Appropriations for Fruit Inspection and Forest Fire Protection

It is hard to believe that Clackamas County—a county, which claims to be one of the leading fruit growing sections of the Northwest—a county, which has derived a large part of its past and present prosperity from the sale of its fruits and its fruit bearing lands—a county, which is depending upon fruit selling and fruit raising for a large part of its future prosperity—a county, which is today working to build up canneries, for the preservation and marketing of its fruits—a county, which is every day attempting to induce more settlers to buy and develop its fertile valleys and fruitful hillsides—a county, which through its commercial organizations is distributing thousands of attractive and alluring pieces of advertising matter, boosting its fruit lands—a county, which is taking a lead in the raising of fruit-tree-nursery-stock—can you comprehend the attitude of the residents of such a county, when at their annual Taxpayers' Meeting, they will vote to do away entirely with any appropriation for the protection of the fruit growers and the fruit growing business?

That is exactly what occurred at Saturday's annual budget meeting, when the sum shown in the budget was only \$500, as compared with thousands of dollars willingly appropriated for other important expenses.

But let it be recorded that the taxpayers from the Eastern part of the county, with two or three exceptions, voted for the appropriation.

Let it also be recorded that several members of the "Live Wires" of the Oregon City Commercial Club, the organization responsible for the distribution of more literature to attract the fruit raisers, than all other mediums in the county, voted against the appropriation; as did several of the county's leading men—men of Gladstone, who have profited by the sale of small acreage tracts for fruit raising—and one man who has received money from this county for many years in the

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SIDEWALK GRADE TO BE ESTABLISHED Sewer Petition and New Ordinance Considered

A meeting of the Estacada City Council was held at the Recorder's Office Tuesday evening, with but a part of the council present. Owing to the absence of several of the city officials, it was not expected that a meeting could be held, but as a quorum was finally rounded up, a meeting was called.

After auditing and ordering paid all outstanding bills, a petition from the property owners in the vicinity of Short St. was presented, asking for an extension of the present sewer system from the alley between Main & Currin Sts. down Second St. to Short St. A committee was appointed to investigate the cost of such improvement and report at the next meeting.

An ordinance was entered and read for the first time, asking for the proper regulation and creating of earlier closing hours for certain business, operating within the city. Until a full meeting of the councilmen can be gotten together, no further action on this ordinance will be taken.

It was ordered that in the construction of all new sidewalks in Estacada, that same be constructed to comply with the present laws, relative to proper grades and the council is having Surveyor Ewing, establish a proper grade on Main St. between Second and Third Sts.

Immediate action is to be taken in the condemnation and causing to be built of certain stretches of sidewalks within the city limits, the Recorder having been ordered to take the necessary legal steps at once.

The report of Marshal Osborne and the auditing of the bills incident to the building of the plank road on Second St. between Main St. and the foot of the hill were accepted, showing the cost of this improvement to be less than \$50, with labor of \$39, nails \$8 and the utilizing of old planks, nothing.

It was ordered by the Street & Public Property Committee that all road machinery belonging to the city be properly cleaned, oiled and stored in a dry place for the winter.