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The Most Important Question - that has confronted the Taxpayers of Eastern Clackamas County in years, will be presented and discussed at Friday night's meeting of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club in Estacada, January 5th. This most vital matter just came up this week and it means thousands of dollars profit to this community. Dont miss this meeting.

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CHEESE FACTORY PROSPECTS

Committee Of Eight To Seek Road Aid From Court

At last Friday evenings dinner of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club, served by Mrs. Adams at the Odd Fellows Hall in Estacada, where fifty-five farmers and business men from this community sat at table, and with the addition of a score or more of farmers who came in later for the meeting, plans for the establishment of a co-operative cheese factory at Estacada, were further formulated.

Representative farmers from all outlying districts were in attendance and a majority expressed a willingness to co-operate in the undertaking, being willing to take the initiative and "not wait to be shown".

The discussion was entered into by all, with many valuable facts presented by Deputy G. H. Fullenwider of the Oregon Dairy & Food Commission.

The result was the appointment of a committee, comprising A. W. Botkin, J. E. Schenk, John Ely, J. C. Duus, John Stormer and C. W. Devore, to draft a form of organization and furnish complete data relative to the formation of a co-operative cheese making industry in Estacada, the report to be presented at a public dinner-meeting to be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Estacada, Friday evening, January 12th.

At this mass meeting, the final proposition will be laid before the farmers and business men, with subscriptions of stock solicited and a permanent organization probably effected.

The result of this meeting will represent the culmination of the cheese factory agitation, which has been current in this community for the past year.

Last Friday evenings gathering also enjoyed a short speech by Representative-elect, H. C. Stephens of George, at the conclusion of which a toast was drunk by all to the success of Eastern Clackamas' delegate at the coming legislative session, the toast being quaffed in an extra fine brand of loganberry juice, the product of the Estacada Cannery.

As the consensus of the meeting was that more direct and ef-

Duusedly Dangerous Ride

Last Thursday evening, Ernest Duus of Garfield, accompanied by two passengers in his Cadillac racing car, came near having a serious accident, when the steering gear balked on the Main Street hill in Estacada, resulting in the machine, driver and one occupant, running off the roadway down the steep bank and completely under the elevated sidewalk nearby.

With the steering gear out of order, nothing but pure luck kept the machine upright, and passed it through the foundation pilings under the walk.

No harm was done to the machine or occupants, but the one passenger who jumped before the accident received a worse fright than the two in the car.

fective results on road matters can be obtained from the County Court by a committee, than by petitions, Chairman Givens appointed I. D. Wright, J. W. Reed, E. W. Ficken, C. R. Lovell, R. H. Currin, E. W. Bartlett, J. A. Kitching and Elmer Davis as a committee of eight, to wait upon the Court at the January 3rd meeting and to ask aid in the improvement of the Douglass Hill, Ammersacker Hill, Clear Creek-Highland, Dodge and Trachel roads.

Prior to the meeting on January 12th, a dinner-meeting of the club will be held next Friday evening, January 5th, at which time a report of the committee of eight will be tendered and several matters pertaining to the coming legislative session will be presented. The social committee in charge of this dinner is Milton Evans and F. E. Beckwith of Estacada, through whom reservations can be made.

Among the visitors at Friday's meeting were F. D. Hunt and D. C. Zink of the P. R. L. & P. Co., and a representative of the Columbia Supply Co, the latter offering much information regarding prices of cheese making machinery and other equipment.

The committee in charge of the dinner-meeting to be held Friday January 12th, is composed of Fred Jorg and S. J. Howe of Estacada, through whom all reservations must be made.

New County Officials Take Office This Week

On Tuesday of this week, many changes were made in the officials of Clackamas County, with a general exodus from the Court House of all Democrats, as a result of the success of the Republican ticket last November.

Sheriff Wilson, Clerk Harrington, Treasurer Dunn, Surveyor Johnson and School Superintendent Calavan, all Republicans re-elected, will serve another term and W. W. Everhart, Assessor-elect and Dudley Boyles, Recorder-elect were successful Republicans.

District Attorney Hedges and his deputy, Tom Burke are the only Democrats in office and as the District Attorney's headquarters are not in the Court House, it leaves that public building in the hands of the Republicans.

As all new officials have appointed experienced deputies and re-elected officers are retaining their former assistants, the operation of the county's business should go forward as usual.

Popular Garfield Bachelor Marries

Announcement is made of the marriage on December 30th at Oregon City of Miss Mattie P. Smith of Eugene and Ralph Lemon of Garfield.

While Mr. and Mrs. Lemon have not decided definitely as to where they will make their permanent home, temporarily at least they will reside in Garfield, where their friends wish them much success.

High School Meeting Monday Night

Every taxpayer in Estacada and nearby sections is urged to be present at a meeting to be held at the Estacada School next Monday evening, January 8th when the question of the erection of a new high school building in Estacada will be presented.

Barton Store Robbed

Thieves broke into the Gibson Store at Barton Wednesday morning and succeeded in getting away with a supply of merchandise, including some shoes and other necessities.

GENERAL TAX LEVY 18.5 MILLS

Includes County, Road, State and School

The 1917 general tax levy of Clackamas County will be half a mill in excess of 1916, yet the income will amount to \$14,275.56 less than the past year.

This discrepancy is due to the decrease in valuation of some of the P. R. L. & P. Co.'s property and a loss in timber values, with the 1917 valuation, \$28,737,352, as against \$30,328,536.98 in 1916.

The total income for the county this year will be \$531,641.55, representing county tax, \$135,065.55; state tax, \$97,707.00 school tax, \$97,707.00 and road tax, \$201,161.46

A comparison of the levies of 1916 and 1917 show as follows:

	1916	1917
County	3.5	4.7
State	3.22	3.4
School	3.28	3.4
Road	8.	7.
	18.	18.5

As the taxpayers recommended to the County Court a 7 mill road tax levy and as a 2 mill tax for bridges and special road work is represented in the county tax of 4.7 mills, the entire road tax in reality represents 9 mills.

Under the tuition fund law of the 1915 legislature, there will be a tax of 1.3 mills on all property outside of districts with standard high schools. This levy will amount to \$25,120.

Mrs. Jack Brown Passes Away

On Saturday, December 30th, at the family home in Eagle Creek, Mrs. Adeline Giltner Brown, wife of A. J. Brown passed peacefully away, following a protracted illness.

The deceased, who was in her 68th year, had been a resident of this community for many years, having made her home on their beautiful ranch at the junction of Eagle Creek and the Clackamas River.

Under the direction of undertaker Chapman of Estacada, the remains were prepared for burial and shipped to Portland on Sunday, where funeral services were held the following day.