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TAX LEVIES IN CO.

Coquille Combined Rate .9 Mill Higher This Year Than Last.

The combined 1927 tax levy for the city of Coquille is 63.4 mills, an increase of .9 mill over the 62.5 levy for 1926. The increase is due to the state and county levy which is 24.5 mills this year where it was 21.9 last year.

The special city levy shows a decrease from 18.8 to 17.4 of 1.4 mills; the school tax is reduced from 20 to 19.7 mills and the Port of Bandon levy remains stationary at 1.8 mills. The following table shows the combined tax levies, for both the years 1926 and 1927 and the increase or decrease in millage:

	1926	1927	
Coquille	62.5	63.4	.9 inc.
Myrtle Point	61.7	62.8	1.1 inc.
Bandon	91.0	85.6	5.4 dec.
Marshfield	66.7	71.0	4.3 inc.
Eastside	72.0	65.9	6.1 dec.
North Bend	82.4	77.5	4.9 dec.
Empire	64.8	61.2	3.6 dec.
Empire	46.5	54.1	7.6 inc.

The following shows the comparison between the city special levies for all the towns in the county, all but two of which show a decrease in the rate to be paid this year:

	1926	1927	
Empire	23.8	20.5	dec. 3.3
Coquille	18.8	17.4	dec. 1.4
Marshfield	19.2	19.9	inc. .7
North Bend	30.8	27.0	dec. 3.8
Myrtle Point	17.2	19.1	inc. 1.9
Eastside	24.9	19.6	dec. 5.3
Bandon	41.5	36.9	dec. 4.6
Lakeside	21.6	18.5	dec. 3.1

Port levies are the same this year as last for the Port of Bandon at 1.8 mills and Port of Coquille River at .3 mill, while the Port of Coos Bay has decreased from 6.5 to 6.1 mills.

School district special levies for the 1927 taxes, payable this year, are as follows:

2—Broadbent, 6.4
3—Arago, 18.6
4—Riverton, 9.0
5—Twin Oaks, 10.1
6—Empire, 10.1
8—Coquille, 19.7
9—Marshfield, 20.5
10—Cunningham, 3.7
11—Parkersburg, 2.6
12—Catching Inlet, 21.7
13—North Bend, 19.9
18—Flagstaff, 16.6
19—Pat Elk, 3.5
21—Randolph, 4.3
22—Riverside, 1.0
23—Lee, 2.8
24—Pleasant Point, 4.7
25—Fairview, 13.8
26—Haynes Slough, 3.9
27—McKinley, 1.7
29—Two Mile, 7.9
30—Summer, 14.8
31—Powers, 17.7
32—Dora, 3.6
33—Bald Hill, 2.6
35—Seaside, 2.9
36—Coos River, 10.1
38—Templeton, 2.4
39—Floras Creek, 10.0
41—Myrtle Point, 7.6
43—Norway, 5.6
44—Roy, 11.2
45—Alleghany, 5.8
46—New Lake, 18.2
47—Etahka, 5.4
48—Shiloh, 2.6
49—Eastside, 15.7
50—Remote, 1.4
51—Merchant, 17.9
53—Hauser, 5
54—Bandon, 22.4
55—Willanch, 4.0
57—South Slough, 10.0
60—Prosper, 2.9
61—Beach View, 3.7
62—Bear Creek, 3.4
63—Johnson's Mill, 1.9
65—Sitkum, 6.4
66—Lakeside, 11.1
68—Larson Inlet, 1.9
69—Leneve, 8.6
71—Eden Valley, 3.8
72—Coaledo, 4.2
74—Pleasant Hill, 2.2
75—Locust Grove, 3.0
77—Bridge, 22.0
79—South Slough, 2.3
81—Laurel Lake, 1.4
83—Lakeview, 5.7
85—Bunker Hill, 23.5
86—Upper Two Mile, 12.3
87—West Alleghany, 7.6
89—Davis Slough, 10.0
90—Mulkey, 13.6
91—Charleston, 16.4
92—North Lake, 4.4

For Union High School district No. 2 at Myrtle Point, the levy is 11.3 and for U. H. S. No. 3 at Riverton, the rate is 11.1 mills.

Jno. E. Ross Chosen President

John E. Ross was yesterday afternoon elected president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank here by the directors, who added the further responsibility of chief executive in addition to his duties as cashier. The other officers chosen by the three directors—J. E. Ross, C. J. Fuhrman and Lyman Carrier, who were elected by the stockholders at the annual meeting—were: C. J. Fuhrman, vice president; W. S. Sicksel and Miss Edna Robison, assistant cashiers.

The stockholders and officers expressed themselves as exceedingly well satisfied with the condition of the bank which has maintained a very even keel throughout the year, with no sudden fluctuations either up or down. The officers express themselves as grateful to the public for the confidence shown in the bank in the past and give assurance that the management for the coming year will be along the same safe and conservative lines that have been their policy in the past.

With a loss of less than 3 1/2 per cent in its 1927 business from that of 1926, the Coquille postoffice shows a smaller loss than many offices in the state for the year. The 1926 total was \$13,372.96, and for last year, \$12,921.65, or \$451.31 loss.

JOHN YOAKAM PORT COM'R.

Before proceeding to the election of for the Port of Bandon for the coming year at Bandon Tuesday, John Yoakam was appointed a commissioner to succeed Philip E. Johnson, resigned.

The officers chosen were: Pres.—J. E. Norton. V. Pres.—J. E. Walstrom. Treas.—P. E. Hanly. Sec.—F. E. Drane.

President Norton appointed Mr. Walstrom as Port Manager to be in charge of the affairs of the Port. The latter has been almost entirely rebuilt by the crew recently, the work being done between calls for towing.

One of the matters considered by the commission was that of placing a bulkhead along the river bank, just below the Twoby place, this side of Beaver Slough. Delegations from the Beaver Slough and Coaledo drainage districts were in attendance to ask for relief from the drift which accumulates on the land of their district during high water.

The Port will endeavor to secure the assistance of the federal government in bulkheading along that low river bank. The port and drainage district will also co-operate.

That the work done at the mouth of the river has been beneficial in allowing a more rapid run off during low tides was stated by J. E. Walstrom. Rocks which he had never seen before under his warehouse have recently been visible at low tide. There is now about thirteen feet of water on the bar at low tide and the port is making an effort to secure a project calling for a twenty feet depth. Not only the value of timber on the watershed will be enhanced by the greater depth but farm lands should also be worth more in the value, with an earlier run-off of the water in the spring.

Easier Now Than Later

While the city council has passed up the suggestion that the house numbers and street signs should be changed before city mail delivery is inaugurated March 1, here is one idea that may not have been considered.

Uncle Sam, on the application and petition of a large percentage of the population, has decided to give us mail delivery. Some time the present numbering system is going to prove so unpopular that a demand will be made for a relocation of the base lines from which numbering starts. A change in the future, after delivery is established, will be much more inconvenient and disturbing than it would be now; and with larger settled areas the cost will never be less than it would be now.

Master Masons Degree, Jan. 25

The date has been set for conferring the Master Mason's degree upon Perry E. Roper, for Wednesday evening, Jan. 25. The degree, which is to be conferred for Blanco lodge at Marshfield, will be conferred by a team of past masters, with J. E. Norton acting as worshipful master.

The members of Blanco lodge have been invited to be present both for the work and the banquet which will follow.

HENRY ST. BRIDGE C. OF C. REPORTS

New Structure to Be Finished in Two or Three Weeks—Very Substantial

The new bridge on Henry street, being constructed by Emil Styris, is being rushed as fast as the lumber can be secured from the Bay, and with good weather for another two weeks will be nearly completed.

It is not expected to allow traffic to cross it until the upper part is painted. The lower timbers will not be painted until summer, but if the entire bridge is kept well covered with paint, it should last for 30 to 40 years. It is probable new decking will be needed during that time.

One excellent feature of the new structure is the pathway, on either side for pedestrians. This is to be separated from the middle section by a heavy fence, with frequent post supports.

The entire bridge is of heavy timbers and is solid and strong enough to support any kind of traffic for many years.

A well posted construction man who examined it this week said it was the best constructed bridge in Coos county.

A wearing surface on the laminated decking and frequent protecting coats for the rest of the timber and exposed surfaces will mean that it will not need repairs for a long, long time.

Slagles Visit in Coquille

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slagle, Mrs. H. N. Butler and daughter, Miss Gertrude, were Coquille visitors this week from Sunday noon until Monday evening. They were entertained at the J. A. Lamb home, but put in a large part of the time greeting old friends.

Mr. Slagle had been in Coquille but once since they left here nine years ago, at the time his mother died in 1921, and he noted a great difference in Coquille's appearance and the condition of Coos county's roads.

He was not as easy to sell automobiles, as he was doing when he left here, as it is now with highways in all directions. Mr. and Mrs. Slagle had come up from Los Angeles, where they conduct a grocery store, to Medford, on account of the illness of a brother there. Mrs. Butler and Miss Gertrude have been living in Medford for the past three or four years.

Receivership Is Permanent

When the attorneys for some of the E. E. Johnson mill creditors asked Judge Brand in Circuit court Tuesday to make the appointment of M. O. Hawkins as receiver permanent, he replied that he did not know what was wanted. The appointment already made empowers the receiver to do anything the court orders, and it is understood that no temporary appointment was made.

The stock of lumber in the mill yard has been inventoried and it is expected that orders to sell it will be made next Tuesday, after which sale the labor liens will be paid and any remaining balance can be applied to the claims of general creditors. It is not expected that the balance will amount to a great deal.

New Ford Shown Here

A sport model of the new Ford coupe was brought over to Coquille Monday and again yesterday by the Marshfield agency and was demonstrated here by "Red" Coleman, local salesman. Aside from the name and the springs, no one who ever drove one of the Model T cars can recognize any similarity between the old and the new cars. It is a very nice appearing car and created a lot of interest here. It had no sooner stopped on the street than it was surrounded by a crowd which examined its every change and improvement.

Time Is Getting Shore

Traffic Officer C. C. Williams is not declaring any dead line when 1927 license plates become so passe that auto owners are subject to arrest. It will depend on the time when Secretary of State Koser issues notice that all licenses applied for have been mailed when an active war on the 1927 plates is declared.

The Busy Corner this week installed a Frozel refrigerator show case, which operates on the principal of a Frigidaire electric machine. It is but another step by the Busy Corner in keeping at the front of the progressive grocery stores in Oregon.

Winding Up Year's Business With Balances on Hand in All Funds

For the first time in six months every one of the ten directors of the Chamber of Commerce were present for the weekly meeting at the hotel Wednesday evening.

Closing up the year's affairs in preparation for a change of administration next Wednesday, was the order of business.

Suggestions from the various committees were made as to what should be included in the secretary's report of accomplishments by the Chamber during the past year. The report will be submitted at the annual meeting.

The proposal to locate a broadcast station at Marshfield, with wire connection in Coquille, was endorsed by the directors. What may have instigated the proposal was not made known.

The report of the building committee, signed by E. D. Webb as treasurer, was accepted and filed. A check for \$134.30, balance in the building fund account, was enclosed. The receipts for the year were \$230.40 with expenditures of \$96.10. But of the \$230.40 receipts, \$45 was paid by the Chamber for rent of the Community Building by the Boy Scouts, and \$10 by the Chamber for the flower show in June, so it can readily be seen that with a balance of \$79 from other than Chamber of Commerce sources, the rates adopted by the committee have not produced enough revenue to pay for the fire insurance premium which will be due this year.

The treasurer's and secretary's reports agreed to a penny, except for two warrants issued which have not been presented for payment.

Receipts were \$1,006.10, with disbursements of \$865.37, leaving a balance on hand of \$140.73. There is about \$200 of last year's pledges on hand.

The year's expenses are grouped under the following heads:

Boy Scouts Executive Com., \$200.00
Office Rent, \$24.00
Community Bldg. and Parks, \$20.00
Advertising, printing, publicity, \$22.37
Meals, entertainment, etc., \$58.60
Office expense, petty cash, \$64.85
Miscellaneous, emergency, \$56.71
Rent Community Bldg., \$45.00
Secretary's salary, \$381.75

The item for office rent was prior to the time when the secretary's desk was installed in the hotel; while the meals and entertainment was for expenses incurred for music, etc., at monthly meetings, as well as for taking the Cornfield Canaries to Crescent City on the caravan.

The directors extended the retiring president, C. C. Archibald, a vote of thanks for his fair, impartial and able conduct of the chamber's activities, and for the cigars which he passed around at the final session.

According to the ballot to be submitted next Wednesday evening, at least 70 per cent of next year's directorate will be of men who have not served on the board the past year.

Mrs. Ida Boldon Sells

Mrs. Esta Ellis this week took over the millinery shop of Bolden & Ellis, in the First National Bank building and will continue it under the title of the Ellis Millinery and Art Shop.

Mrs. Ellis has had several years of experience in the shop and when Mrs. Boldon decided to sell her interest, the former took advantage of the opportunity.

Mrs. Boldon has not announced her plans for the future, but she expects to sell her other property here and a little later will go up into Washington to visit her children.

Sells Three New Model Chev.

Paul McElwaine, of the Southwest Motor Co., is expecting the first of the week a carload of the new Chevrolet which are exciting so much interest in the automobile world this winter. He has sold three of the new models—an Imperial Landau to W. H. Fortier, of this city; a coupe to Lester Clausen, who lives on the North Bank; and a coach to Verl Johnson, manager of the Mast-Wilson hospital at Myrtle Point.

Rain in December was .32 of an inch less than it was in December, 1926. In December, 1927, it was 4.61 inches. The greatest in 24 hours was 1.1 on the 13th. On 19 days there was precipitation of .01 inch or more.

First National Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the First National Bank Tuesday evening, 495 of the 500 shares of stock were represented.

The meeting was mostly a matter of routine, the entire board of directors—A. J. Sherwood, L. H. Hazard, O. C. Sanford, R. C. Dement, E. D. Webb, and C. T. Skeels—being unanimously re-elected.

The annual report showed the bank to be in a very satisfactory condition. The year 1927 was a good one and the deposits showed an increase on Dec. 31, 1927, of \$65,000 over Dec. 31, 1926. This did not include any unusually large deposits of public money, which sometimes swell the resources temporarily.

The directors re-elected the same officers who have served the past year—A. J. Sherwood, president; L. H. Hazard and O. C. Sanford, vice president; E. D. Webb, cashier; Miss Beas Maury, assistant cashier.

Friday, the 13th, and at the hour of going to press no dire calamity or even an accident has been reported to give the superstitious a peg on which to hang their "I told you so." Even Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray were electrocuted in Sing Sing prison prior to the hour of midnight last night.

C. OF C. ELECTION JAN. 18

Next Wednesday evening will be held the annual meeting and election of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce. Beside the election there will be an entertainment program, in the preparation of which S. M. Nosler and G. L. Tuttle are the committee.

With prospects for a largely increased development of Coos county resources, the possibility of another railroad into Coos county, and for the location of new industries both in this valley and on Coos Bay, the Coquille Chamber of Commerce directorate should be composed of a live wire lot who will work more indefatigably for the advancement of Coquille than has possibly been done in the past. No electioneering or wire-pulling is needed to assure that such a board of directors will be chosen from the following list of those nominated as candidates at next Wednesday's election. And many more may be nominated from the floor if it is desired.

The Cornfield Canaries have promised a new song which they will sing for the first time that evening.

Those already named as candidates are:

For President—J. L. Stevens and J. L. Smith.
For Vice President—Lyman Carrier and S. M. Nosler.

For Treasurer—F. G. Leslie.
For Directors—C. W. Gardner, Geo. Oerding, Geo. Unsold, L. A. Parr, H. C. Gant, Fred Lorenz, E. D. Webb, Thos. Michelson, W. S. Sicksel, Geo. W. Bryant, E. A. Woodyard.

County Court Business

At the monthly session of the county court last week, C. S. Murphy was granted a license to conduct a dance hall at Bridge.

The salary of Miss Bernice Alpine, stenographer in the office of W. B. Riddle, personal property tax collector, was fixed at \$90 a month.

A contract was awarded to D. P. Plymale, for \$16,232.75, for constructing a portion of the Alleghany Market Road. There were three other bids ranging up to \$23,431.

Coquille Water O. K. Now

The condition of the Coquille water supply, given so much prominence by the Marshfield News Wednesday evening, refers to the amount of chlorine used. When the plant was out of repair last fall there was none being used and more recently the water has been too greatly impregnated with the chlorine. At its last session the council ordered a pair of scales to insure the correct amount being used daily. It was measured by guess prior to this time.

Deputy Marshal R. P. Bernhardt is enforcing the ordinance which prohibits dogs running at large within the city and has taken up several loose canines.

Those who have no radio are rather perturbed by the fact that no whistle now signals the hour of eight or twelve or five o'clock. And even the 8:30 school bell has been silenced.

TO MARKET EGGS

Producers Name B. A. Roberts to Handle Their Co-operative Selling

An association has been formed, known as the Coos County Egg Producers Association, with the following charter members: S. B. Leper, P. F. Gehlke, H. L. Varney, Mr. Rankin, M. D. Sherrard, B. A. Roberts, Gus Heard, W. F. Burgess, Sam Clinton, Joe Harville, Walter Norris, C. A. Holverstott, Verne Barker and Lowell Bothwell. These members represent a total of approximately 12,000 hens. The object of the association is as follows: To equalize the distribution of eggs produced in Coos county; to place a better product with the retailers; to give the consumer the opportunity to secure better eggs; to endeavor to market all eggs produced in the county at home and thus prevent any loss to poultrymen caused by shipping of eggs out of the county. In the past many cases of eggs have been shipped here from San Francisco, Portland and elsewhere, when it the same time it has been necessary for Coos county to ship eggs out, causing a loss to poultrymen and at the same time preventing the public from securing good fresh eggs.

The Association invites all poultrymen in Coos county to join the Association and believes that it will work for the advantage of poultrymen and consumer alike.

Through an agreement made with the Coos County Egg Producers Association, B. A. Roberts has arranged to market the eggs for the Association. Before coming to Coos county Mr. Roberts resided in China, where he spent several years as a salesman. Mr. Roberts entered upon his duties the first of the year and finds that the merchants are more than willing to assist in the marketing of Coos county products.

Anyone wishing to join the Association may do so by applying to the secretary for application blank. On page ten of this issue, is an advertisement listing the stores distributing Association eggs.

Erroneous Reports on Highways

It is again the desire of the local manager of the Oregon State Motor Association to correct false reports regarding the Roosevelt Coast Highway and the Redwood Highway. Tourists stopping at the local office report that the office of the California Transit Co., in Oakland, is giving out information to the effect that the road between Eureka and the state line is impassable and that road over the Redwood Highway from Crescent City to Grants Pass is closed until April.

While the association here has no proof that such information was given out by this company, it is the desire to correct such misinformation, wherever it may be starting, and to say that the road up the coast is in fair condition, and that in the past week one car made the trip from San Francisco to Coquille without the use of chains. The road from Crescent City to Grants Pass is in fairly good shape at the present time and in better condition than a short time previous and is causing no difficulty whatever.

The correction of such false reports is a part of the work of the association and in this way many people are routed into Oregon who would otherwise accept these reports and either stay at home or take other routes.

New Semester Begins Monday

The spring term of school will open Monday, January 23rd. Beginners will be admitted, providing they are six years old before February 1st. They will report to the Washington School, and be instructed by Mrs. Belva Gage.

It is considered best to start children to school in September so as to be in a regular class throughout their school career. Classes entering in September have always done the best work and they enter regularly into high school. We hope that parents will not enter children until September, however, we have made provision for the instruction of those who do come.

The Coquille grade school basketball team will meet the Marshfield grade team at the high school building gym floor tonight at 7:30. Admission will be free to all.