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COUNTY BUDGET

The Amounts Allowed By The Court For County Expenses in 1920

NOTICE

Coos County Tax Budget for the year 1920

Notice is hereby given as required by Chapter 234, General Laws of Oregon, 1915, of the estimated amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the year 1920, and the estimated probable receipts of the County from sources other than direct taxation upon real and personal property, and the amount of balances on hand in the funds of the County.

On the 30th day of December, 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., in the County Court Room in the Court House at the city of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, is set for the date and place where such estimates may be discussed with the County Court, and the Tax Budget for the year 1920 determined.

Justice Courts: Fees of Justices, Constables, Jurors, Witnesses, etc., ..	1,250.00
Juvenile Court: Salary and expenses of Juvenile officer, trunkey matters, Reform school commitments, witnesses, ..	2,400.00
County Court & Commissioners' Court: Salary of Judge \$1000.00 per annum, Commissioners \$500.00 per day—\$500.00, Stenographer \$5.00 per day—\$750.00, Office furniture and supplies, mileage, etc., ..	5,000.00
Circuit Court: Salary of Bailiffs \$8.00 per day, Reporter \$10.00 per day, Jurors from \$5.00 per day, witness fees \$2.00 per day, mileage, meals, and Special Counsel, law books, etc., ..	6,000.00
District Attorney: Enforcement Criminal Laws—Stenographer \$25.00 per month, etc., ..	1,000.00
Special Counsel: Tax cases, etc., ..	800.00
County Sheriff: Salary of Sheriff \$3000.00 per annum, Salary of First Deputy \$1,500.00 per annum, Salary of Second Deputy \$1,000.00 per annum, Cashier \$1,500.00 per annum, Extra help \$1,200.00 per annum, Office furniture, supplies, etc., \$1,520.00	9,500.00
County Treasurer: Salary of Treasurer \$1,200.00 per annum, Extra help \$300.00 per annum, Furniture and office supplies, etc., \$500.00	2,000.00
County Assessor: Salary of Assessor \$1,250.00 per annum, Salary of Deputy & Draughtsman \$2,000.00 per annum, Field Deputies \$5.00 per day, \$1200.00, Extra help, \$1,500.00, Furniture, office supplies, etc., \$850.00	7,000.00
County School Superintendent: Salary of Superintendent \$1200.00 per annum, Salary of Supervisor \$1,200.00 per annum, Extra help \$750.00 per annum, Traveling expenses, \$500.00 per annum, Furniture and office exp. \$350.00 per annum	4,000.00
Teachers County Institute Fund: ..	400.00
County Coroner: Coroner fees, physicians, jurors, witnesses, etc., ..	200.00
County Surveyor: Establishing Government cor-	

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Murder Trial Next Monday

Next Monday is the day set for the second trial of Harold Howell for the murder of Lillian Leuthold in the Circuit Court here. There has been talk of new evidence on the part both of the state and of the defense but it is probable that there will be few if any new witnesses, and the testimony must necessarily be a repetition of that given at the first trial for the most part.

Still there will be great interest in the proceedings and the court room will very likely be packed as densely as before, and it is probable the entire week will be required to finish the trial.

Whether twelve men to act as jurors can be secured from the list of twenty-two talesmen elsewhere published is extremely doubtful. Indeed, we should hardly be surprised if the panel were exhausted before the jury box was half full.

The county officials inform us that there is a good deal of doubt as to how the excess of road warrant above the road funds in the treasury will be paid. The general road fund has been overdrawn to the extent of nearly \$20,000.

Everybody will see the minstrel, Dec. 19th at Goulds' Hall.

CHARGES \$300 PER PUPIL

The law providing for the payment of the high school tuition for pupils from districts that have no high school in the nearest high school as the expense of all the districts that have no high schools is an excellent one in the main, but it was certainly very carelessly drawn. The fact that the districts sending pupils to high schools outside do not pay their tuition as a district, but join with all other districts without high schools in paying a uniform property tax to raise the needed funds, has led to inequitable charges for tuition on the part of some districts having high schools, where the law itself should certainly have provided a maximum charge, as all high schools provide practically the same curriculum. Here we find the Powers district charging over \$300 a year tuition for high school pupils from outside the district, while Coquille charges only \$80. If the legislature has time at the special session next month a restraining amendment to the tuition law ought to be passed.

Medium Temperature Here

Last Monday was a bright, cool day here and it was interesting to compare temperatures throughout the United States as published Tuesday. The maximum for the day was 30 degrees at Portland and 54 degrees at San Francisco. Our guess was that on the coast in Coos county the record would show midway between these figures and so it proved, the Coos Bay report being 44 degrees. The minimum temperature here, however, was 23 degrees, only two degrees above Portland while San Francisco stood at 46 degrees.

Helena and Minneapolis were the only places in the United States reporting below zero weather, while the warmest place was New Orleans with the summer temperature of 72 degrees.

Big Slide Near Powers

It is expected that train service for Powers will be obstructed for several days on account of the big slide at the tunnel this side of there during last Wednesday night's storm. The tunnel is filled up at the south end except for a hole just big enough for a man to crawl through. Beyond that for nearly 200 feet the track is covered by rock, earth and trees. Some of the rocks are so large they may have to be blasted.

The passengers are being transferred at the tunnel. They can walk through the tunnel and get through the small opening and are taken to and from Powers in a caboose and Shea engine. The transfer does not cause more than half an hour's delay.

Absorbed by Coos & Curry

The Bandon Farmers & Merchants Telephone Company of Four Mile and Bandon has filed notice of dissolution with the corporation commissioner at Salem. The company recently disposed of its holdings to the Coos & Curry Telephone company which is now in possession of the line and has a crew busy making much needed improvements.—Bandon World.

MONEY IN SIGHT ALL FOR ROADS

That \$500,000 of Wagon Road Grant Taxes To Be Paid Early Next Year

That the department of the interior is about through with the Southern Oregon tax matter and will soon turn the accounts over to the treasury department to make out a warrant of something like \$500,000 for Coos county and a smaller one for Douglas, is the statement of John J. Broanan; a special agent of the department from Portland, who came in Tuesday and went out yesterday afternoon. He says that without doubt this county will get that money in from thirty to sixty days from January first.

He was here checking up some eliminations—about three tracts sold for taxes—and a few discrepancies in descriptions. He sent in the rolls for this tract last July and the department of the interior has been checking them up at Washington during the past four months.

He says the work of the sheriff's office here was remarkably free from errors and we hear that the only mistake in figures was a matter of three cents, which was found and corrected in a subsequent report.

The principal discrepancies he referred to he said were due to legal questions as to whether the appropriation was sufficient to cover the taxes in cases where the lands had been sold on tax foreclosure. The department had no authority to adjust claims outstanding in the hands of individuals. There were three such cases in which the holders of the land on tax title were offering to quit claim their tracts to the government on the receipt of the amounts they had paid us them.

The amounts the government is prepared to pay as soon as this final reckoning of a few items is completed comprise all the taxes on the Coos Bay Wagon Road last grant from 1909 to 1918 inclusive with penalty and interest, as figured by the sheriff's office here and checked over by the general land office.

Mr. Broanan was down here last summer and took the tax rolls on this tract to Portland, sending it to Washington July 16th. It was returned from the general land office Dec. 1st to check the few items mentioned and he says the paper will all go back to Washington within a week.

It has probably cost the government hundreds or thousands of dollars to go over these reports, check up the figures made at the sheriff's office here and O. K. them; but so little now remains to be done that there is no reason to doubt that the Treasury department will issue its warrant for that half million or such to Coos county at an early date.

Minstrel Show Next Friday

If the high school announcement of the minstrel show next Friday night is any index of the fun in store the patrons of the school have several laughs coming.

This lighter form of entertainment with the trivial admission charge will undoubtedly prove a popular innovation in school activities. The program promised includes male quartets, female sextets, ringing negro choruses, a coon wedding, a darktown camp meeting and irresistible dialogues, crowned by jiggling that you have to come from Dixie to imitate.

Dog With Apple Jack Jag

One of the bits which will delight all in "Daddy Long Legs," the Mary Pickford Company picture featuring the famous little star, is the performance of a dog who drinks part of a jug of apple jack. Audiences at the Liberty Theatre, where this picture will be seen Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 15th and 16th, will see a new type of humor in the antics of this animal which gives a first rate imitation of a tipsy trying to make his way home after a too liberal imbibition.

Burkholder the Delegate

Frank Burkholder returned last Friday from The Dalles, where he had attended the three-days' state convention of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union. He was chairman of the committee on resolutions, which prepared the excellent and timely declarations on some great issues there adopted, and was selected as Oregon's delegate to the next national convention of the Union.

They Get More Than the Courts Intended and the Schools Get Less

"Man shall not live by bread alone," the scriptures tell us; but it begins to look here in Coos county as if we were expected to live by roads alone.

The road law of 1917 provided that county courts "may levy" a county road tax of 10 mills, for roads and their upkeep. And the levy, whatever it was, must be divided so that out of each \$100 received \$30 should be spent by the county at large and \$70 divided among the road districts of the county in proportion to their valuation. It also provided that the money going to the city districts should be turned over to the city officers to be spent, but that in the country districts it should be spent under the direction of the county court. The latter provision should be kept in mind by the reader as we shall refer to it again later.

The road law of 1919 is practically the same except that it has been changed to "shall levy not less than one mill and not more than ten mills." The court here made up its budget as usual last month but at almost the last moment found where they "were at" under the 30-70 provision of the road law. The levies subject to the six per cent limitation on increases amounted to \$429,356.14 last year. Six per cent of that amount is \$25,761.37, so that the limit of the levy this year is \$455,117.51.

The county court here determined to follow the law requiring a division of the general road fund, thirty per cent to general road purposes and seventy per cent to the districts in a different way from what it had been before. In fact little or no attention seems to have been paid to this provision heretofore.

It happened that when the court doled out the pie in the order of previous budgets and allowed in about the same proportions for bridges, ferries and other items that they thought were to be paid out of the county's thirty per cent of the general road fund, and then attempted to provide \$70 for the districts for every \$30 they were going to spend, they were up against the six per cent limitation law and had to hedge somewhere.

So they went through the list reducing the amounts they were going to spend out of their portion of the fund, cutting the \$40,000 that they had intended to appropriate for bridges, right in two and writing down \$20,000. Thus the Coquille river bridge which was originally liberally provided for with a \$20,000 appropriation was reduced to \$12,500. The Powers bridge was cut to \$5,500 the Larsen Slough bridge to \$2,000 and everything else was dropped.

By the time they were through they had the portion of the county road fund to be spent by the court as a general road fund down to \$61,578.14, but to match that they thought they must give the districts \$143,670.65 in the 30-70 divide.

This made a total of \$205,248.79 for county road fund, and left them only \$259,508.73 for general purposes. Their provisional figures showed more than this amount and so they had to take their shears and prune and pare again.

The result was the abandonment of the proposed increase of the county school tax from \$10 to \$15 per pupil, amounting to \$35,000 in the county, which leaves the admittedly unjust and inequitable method of supporting the schools of the county unchanged. Even the appropriation of \$1,450 for the home demonstration agent, Miss Minnie Kaibus, here went into the discard, notwithstanding the general demand for it by the women of the county.

So the axe falls chiefly on desirable educational projects in order that a larger sum than was asked or expected may be distributed among the road districts.

And this, not only after the roads had got nearly half of the entire amount in the budget subject to the six per cent limitation, but had received \$47,099.70 more under the market roads law. And then it is proposed to vote a million more for roads while our educational needs are neglected or scrimped. Roads are to lick the platter clean, it seems, and leave nothing for progress in any other direction.

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All Mails Are Emboged

Wednesday we got no Postland mail but the California mail got through. Yesterday the belated Postland mail arrived but none for that day, nor any from California, the lines route evidently being closed by snow in the Siskiyou. When yesterday's Marshall dailies came this morning we looked for late news from the outside world but it was the same old story of "wires not working."

Coal Miners Go to Work

The latest news we have seen from the big outside came in Wednesday evening's Telegram and was to the effect that the coal miners had accepted President Wilson's terms and would go to work at the offered 14 per cent increase in wages, a commission to study the situation and to decide whether they should receive more and the addition, if any, to date back to this week.

May Get Federal Buildings

Congressman Hawley is going to put an appropriation for a \$100,000 government building at Marshfield in the Public Buildings bill. Astoria goes in for \$500,000; Corvallis, for \$100,000; Oregon City for \$150,000; Ashland for \$100,000; Grants Pass for \$100,000 and Eugene for a \$40,000 addition to the present one. Oh yes, "Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm."

PORTA'S DIRE PROPHECY

Here is that prediction of dire disasters to happen to the earth next week about which so many people are worried. It is credited to one Professor Albert Porta, a scientist hitherto unknown to fame:

"Owing to a strange grouping of six mighty planets such as has not been seen in a score of centuries, the United States next December will be swept by the most terrific weather calamity experienced since human history began."

"It will be caused by the biggest sun-spot on record—a sun-spot that will be visible to the naked eye."

"Since man first began to make record of events, no sun-spot has been large enough to be seen without the aid of instruments. This one will be."

"The sun-spot that will appear December 17, 1919, will be a vast wound in the side of the sun."

"It will be a gigantic explosion of flaming gases, leaping hundreds of thousands of miles out into space. It will have a crater large enough to engulf the earth, such as Vesuvius might engulf a football."

"Such a sun-spot will be rich enough in electro-magnetic energy to flood the atmosphere of our planet into a disturbance without precedence or parallel."

"There will be hurricanes, lightning, colossal rains."

"It will be weeks before the earth will regain its normal conditions."

"There will also be gigantic lava eruptions, great earthquakes to say nothing of floods and fearful cold."

"I make this startling prophecy with no desire to be merely sensational or alarming. It is simply because my study of the planets has revealed certain results with mathematical certainty."

"On December 17, 1919—no less than seven planets will pull jointly on the sun. These will include all the mightiest planets, those with the most powerful pull."

"Six of them—Mercury, Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune—will be in conjunction; grouped together in the greatest 'league of planets' ever known in the annals of astronomy."

"They will be massed in the narrow limit of 26 degrees on the same side of the sun!"

"Directly opposite, coming into opposition with this gigantic league will be the huge planet Uranus. The magnetic currents between Uranus and the six planets will pierce the sun like a mighty spear."

"Our earth is outside the league, at an angle."

The latest reports from Humboldt county, California, are that good dairy land is selling there now at \$1000 an acre. No wonder Humboldt county dairymen are up here now negotiating for Coquille valley property.

Don't for any reason miss seeing "Daddy Long Legs." At The Liberty Theatre Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 15th and 16th.

DROWNED AT LEE

Marcus Brown, of McKinley, Swept From Raft Into North Fork River

Wednesday afternoon about three o'clock Marcus Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, of McKinley, was drowned in the North Fork near Mrs. Harmon's place at Lee. In company with Alva and Joseph Harry and Grant Wilcox he was bringing a raft of logs from the McCarthy camp near McKinley down the river. A maple limb projecting out over the stream swept three of them into the water, but the Harry boys got out safely. Marc grabbed a log and for a time it looked as though he would save himself, but he suddenly let go and sank from sight and at last reports yesterday the body had not been recovered. Swollen with the heavy rains of the past week the river is over its banks, making the work of locating the body extremely difficult.

Young Brown was about 23 years of age, and his loss is a sad blow to his parents. In company with four or five other young men of the McKinley neighborhood he was expecting to be initiated into the local I. O. O. F. lodge this evening.

Advertising for Postoffice

S. D. Riddle, postoffice inspector from Roseburg, was here Wednesday. His principal business was to take action on the postoffice lease, which will expire on the present quarters March 22, 1920. The present lease was for five years, and the government is now asking bids on a building for five or ten years, and Mr. Riddle posted notices to that effect while he was here. Bids will be received up to Dec. 24 for a building fully finished and equipped and supplied with light, heat and water. The postoffice boxes, safe, etc., are also included.

The Odd Fellows, who erected the present building five years ago expressly for postoffice purposes, will probably be the only bidder this time.

Will Open Next Wednesday

F. A. Logan expects to have his new cafe and grill in the Machon building opened to the public next Wednesday. No expense has been spared in fitting this up as one of the finest cafes in Coos county and Mr. Logan assures us the service will be of the best. He has also engaged one of the best cooks in this section as chef.

Beside the lunch counter there will be private boxes accommodating as many as six people where one can be sure of a good meal at any time. He expects to cater to family parties on Sunday.

Goes To State Training School

Juvenile Officer Hark Dunham, of Coquille, went north Tuesday morning, taking in his custody Harvey Culvin, a young lad 15 years old, who was committed to the state school at Salem for petty larceny and breaking into the Murphy home in North Bend about a week ago. The lad's parents are divorced, his father now lives in California and his mother in Wyoming.

"Like a Letter From Home"

A subscriber, who failed to receive his Sentinel for several weeks on account of having moved, writes: "We most certainly miss the paper. It was just like getting a letter from home."

To make the home paper like a letter from home to people who have lived in the Coquille valley is the Sentinel's ambition.

The steamer Bandon which sailed from Coos Bay Tuesday sprung a leak during the heavy gale that night and as the pumps could not keep the water from rising, a hundred thousand feet of lumber was thrown overboard and she limped back to the bay.

People coming from the Willamette valley by yesterday's train say there was 30 inches of snow at Portland, 36 at Albany and twelve at Eugene. Portland reports the coldest weather since 1883.

\$40,000 cash was paid by Mary Pickford for the screen rights to "Daddy Long Legs." See it at The Liberty Theatre Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 15th and 16th.

If you enjoy laughing, see the minstrels at Goulds' Hall, Dec. 19.