

CITY TAX LEVY SET AT 18 MILLS

BIG CUT MADE IN THE ESTIMATE.

Hope to Economize in 1917—Debt is Big—Marshal Recommends Installation of Police Signal System—Bills to be Paid.

The tax levy for the coming year was set at 18 mills at the regular meeting of the council last evening. The total is made up of three items, one mill for the library, seven mills for sewer bonds interest, and 10 mills for general purposes. The levy for the current year was 15 mills on a valuation of \$461,584. The valuation for 1916, on which the new levy is made, is \$532,700.

In setting the levy at 18 mills, the council trimmed seven mills from the tax proposed in the figures prepared by the Ways and Means committee, published in The Bulletin in November. The reduction comes wholly on the levy for general purposes, the library and sewer fund millages remaining unchanged.

Only two taxpayers attended the meeting to express their views on the proposed levy. Of these, V. A. Forbes, when asked for his opinion said that he thought the 25 mills proposed should not be levied.

"With the school district levy at 17 mills, and the county promising to be 27 or 28 mills," said Mr. Forbes, "if you place the city tax at 25 mills, you will get a total of 70 mills or more, which means a 7 per cent tax, or better. Now this may be needed to run our affairs, but it is sure to scare away the investor who comes here looking for a business opening, in spite of the fact that our valuations are low."

Following the budget discussion, **Marshal's Report Read.**

The report of the city marshal was read, the most important feature being a recommendation that the city install an electric police signal system for use in calling the officers at night. The marshal also recommended the construction of a cement sidewalk on the east side of Wall street, between Oregon and Greenwood.

A request from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Commercial club that the council grant the use of the council room for a rest room was referred to the committee on public property.

The elections committee canvassed the Tuesday's vote and declared the result.

Bills were ordered paid in registered warrants as follows:

R. B. Gould, city eng.	48.25
M. Mirich, street work	35.10
N. Mirich, street work	50.00
Bend Press, adv.	2.40
M. E. Coleman, treasurer	26.20
L. A. W. Nison, police	109.90
Bend Bulletin, printing	16.55
Oregon Transfer Co., dray	25.00
A. B. Gertson, jitney	4.00
H. O'Kane, rent	47.55
Henry Tamm, police	12.00
F. F. Hubbard, labor	3.75
M. J. Main, supplies	3.75
Skene Hardware Co., supplies	.40
Gen. Harelas, adv.	.75
Bend Buyer, adv.	25.00
H. C. Ellis, recorder	33.82
Ray Thomson, police	1.50
B. W. L. & P. Co., light and water	294.33

DALTON STEALS WATCH WHICH COSTS 365 DAYS IN JAIL

Former Restaurant Man Finds Assaulting His Attorney Expensive When Time Piece is Dropped.

When George Dalton started to handle his attorney, A. J. Moore, roughly Tuesday evening, by using abusive language, little did he think that he would not only be the worse off for getting up Mr. Moore's ire, but also that he would have to serve 365 days in the county jail.

Dalton will not serve one year in the county jail for assaulting Mr. Moore, but he will find the taking of Levi Ruthruff's watch rather expensive.

It appears that on Tuesday evening, Dalton and Mr. Moore, his attorney, who has been defending him in former suits, had some words. Dalton was under the influence of liquor, and his language was anything but pleasing to Mr. Moore. While the men were scuffling, a watch dropped from Dalton's pocket.

Shortly before the altercation, Levi Ruthruff complained to the city authorities that he had lost his watch and that he presumed it had been stolen. Ruthruff gave marks of identification. When Frank Kulp, night policeman, picked up the watch which dropped from Dalton's pocket, he noticed the marks on it, given by Ruthruff. Dalton was arrested, tried before Judge J. A. Eastes, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail.

Dalton, with several others, was formerly tried before City Recorder H. C. Ellis on a gambling and perjury charge. The case was dismissed.

Mr. Moore suffered a badly sprained hand in the affair.

The state was represented by Deputy District Attorney Chas. W. Erskine, and Dalton, by F. S. Hale.

COMPARES TOWNS

Says Bend Has Done Wonders in Five Years.

It is little wonder that the enterprising community of Bend wanted to be cut off from Crook county and become a separate county. They evidently want progress and dislike mossbackism. In looking over the official election returns, it will be noticed that the three precincts comprising Prineville, the old home- stead of the first mossback in Eastern Oregon, defeated the Pendleton Normal School bill by a vote of three to one. The same vote carried the tax limitation amendment. How different in Bend, where a town has grown to be a city in a year. There progress marks the way to empire, and with a belief that Normal schools produce brains that build cities and empires, they return a majority for a higher education. However, Bend has done in five years what Prineville has been attempting to do for forty—she has built a city and filled it with push and energy; with homes and mills and stores, and surrounded them with farms, and the end is not yet. A comparison of the two towns will tell where the vote would be on any public enterprise.—Crescent News.

DAILY BULLETIN IS SURPRISE

MANY CONGRATULATE NEW PAPER.

Merchant and Laborer, Alike, Show Their Pleasure Upon Receiving Copy of Central Oregon's First Afternoon Paper.

"Well"—
"What do you think of this?"—
"More Bulletin enterprise."—
"Just what this town needs"—
And many others, were expressions which greeted a representative of The Bulletin as he made a tour of the business section of town yesterday afternoon. To everyone presented with a copy of The Daily Bulletin, the first Central Oregon daily newspaper, the change was a big surprise.

Within a few minutes after the first issue appeared on the streets in the hands of newsboys, The Bulletin telephone, 561, was ringing, and the paper was heartily congratulated by many of its patrons. Already merchants have expressed themselves highly pleased with the transition, as the columns of The Bulletin will be more effective for their advertising. The laborer, also, expressed his delight that now he would have an evening paper to greet him upon his return from his day's work, with news of his town fresh and the biggest happenings from the world at large.

Yesterday was a busy day in the Bulletin office, making preparations for the initial appearance of the new paper, which was issued together with the regular 16-page weekly paper. One important thing The Bulletin wishes to call the attention of its readers. The Bulletin, above all, wants local news. Local news is understood to be anything that is of interest to any of its readers. A departure of a friend or an acquaintance to another town, or the arrival of a friend or an acquaintance from another part of the country, illness, a death, a birth, a social function, the weekly happenings of the various fraternal orders, a real estate transaction, announcements of the erection of new buildings, or improvements in the buildings standing, is news. The Bulletin will appreciate calls from officers of church societies telling of their meeting dates. These matters will receive careful attention if you will take down the receiver of the telephone and call 561.

HAS STATE AGENCY
T. L. Collier, who owns a ranch on the Tumalo project, has recently arrived from Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Collier has the Oregon agency for the sale and installation of the National Metal Weather strip, the company's factory being in Pittsburg. He has just installed the device in A. J. Kroenert's new home.

Our Jitney Offer—This and 5c DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds, and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

BULLETIN AND U. P. SIGN UP

MANY OREGON DAILIES USE THIS SERVICE.

Correspondents in Principal Points in War Zone Keep Vigil on Latest Military Moves—Speed and Accuracy Features.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—Long-time contracts have just been closed by George Palmer Putnam, publisher of The Daily Bulletin, and Hugh Baillie, manager of the Northwest Bureau of the United Press, giving this newspaper unequalled facilities for getting TODAY'S NEWS TODAY, over United Press wires.

There are 23 afternoon dailies in Oregon, and 18 of these are United Press clients. This has enabled the United Press to develop a state service which will bring The Bulletin readers details of all important happenings in Oregon.

The United Press has American war reporters in every zone of the great European conflict. They have scored many remarkable achievements in rapid and accurate cabling of big events to the United Press and its clients.

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Service Most Enterprising.
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Before signing contracts with the United Press, the publishers of The Bulletin considered the merits of all the press associations in the field. They chose the United Press. Among Oregon papers with United Press service are the Salem Capital-Journal, the Oregon Journal, the Marchfield Record, the Albany Herald, the Pendleton East Oregonian, the Baker Herald, The Dalles Chronicle, the La Grande Observer, the Roseburg Review, the Astoria Budget, the Albany Democrat, the Roseburg News, the Corvallis Gazette-Times, the Grants Pass Courier, and other strong daily papers.

SANTA TALKS OF WATCHONWRIST

SAYS WE, U. S., ARE BEHIND TIMES.

Wants to Bring All Americans One for Christmas—All Europeans Wear Them, and Thinks We Should—Better Watch Out.

By Margaret Mason,
(Written for the United Press.)

"I'd like to bring peace as a gift to the world,"
Said Santa. "But, since that can't be,
A time-piece is better than no peace at all,
I think everyone will agree.
And as every nation a wrist watch now wears,
Except North America, silly,
I'll bring every American a wrist watch so he'll
Be timely and wear it—but will he?"

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—"It's a funny thing to me," remarked Santa to Mrs. Claus, as the two of them stood out in the hangar inspecting the new 1917 model hydroplane in which Santa Claus was to make his record 1916 flight. "It's a funny thing to me that the United States, as up to date as it is about everything else, should be so provincial and behind the times when it comes to wearing a wrist watch."

"That's just like it, Nick dear," said Mrs. Claus. "How can it help but be behind the times as long as it wears its watch in its pocket? A watch pocket it always in front of a person you know. On the other hand a person with a wrist-watch can always be a little ahead of time by holding his hand behind him or at least in high time by slightly raising the left arm."

"Well, it's all tommyrot, I say," went on Nick wrathfully. "Here's all the other best nations of the earth proud and happy to have a little tick tick on their pulse, Italy, France, Belgium, England, Russia, Switzerland, Holland, Spain, Norway, Sweden, and Japan, have all tried it out and know a watch on the wrist is worth two in the pocket. Down in South America they watch their wrists much more closely than they watch their step. It's so much easier to see what time one revolution begins and another ends. And for Germany, the Watch on the Rhine isn't in it any more with a watch on the wrist. And in the face of all this that young whipper snapper the U. S. A., that hot-blooded young nation which of all others ought to keep close watch on its pulse in these pulsing times, refuses to take on a wrist-watch, for the simple reason that it considers the effeminate. Effeminate, my goodness! And Santa Claus begins to sputter and grow purple in the face.

"For heaven's sake, Nickie, being, don't get excited; calm yourself," soothed his better half. "I know it's almost time for your Christmas journey and you mustn't your nerves all on edge. But if Americans are so idiotic as to prefer to go digging under their heavy overcoats in winter and delving in sweaty pockets in summer to get out the time, when they might as well have it open-faced right on hand, I don't see why you have to get all fussed up about it and let it disturb your piece of mind, or your time piece either." And Mrs. Claus glanced merrily at Santa's smart new wrist watch, with illuminated hands.

"You're right, always, my own sported Santa, fading from a sapphire purple to a deep rose madder, although he really wasn't madder than than he had been, know it's foolish of me, but I can't help getting all worked up when people are so stubborn and headed about adopting the sensible and obvious thing. And I ask you what could be more obvious than a wrist-watch, especially one with mine, with illuminated hands of dark night, when it's all lit up like a Christmas tree?"

"And, speaking of Christmas reminds me, that according to wrist-watch, I'll just have time to take Dasher, Dancer, Prince, Vixen, Comet, Donner and Blitzen out for short trot before dinner. Poor dears they can't get half enough exercise since they don't do the Christmas run with me anymore. So long, my Mrs. Claus' maiden name was Merry Xmas, you know; have dinner all ready when I get back. By the way, I've just thought of a splendid scheme about these Americans. I'll take every mother's of 'em a wrist-watch for Christmas, and then of course they'll all be one on hand. Oh they'd better watch out!" and Santa Claus departed chuckling, to the stable.

Look ahead for Christmas, for a Victrola, at Reed & Horton.

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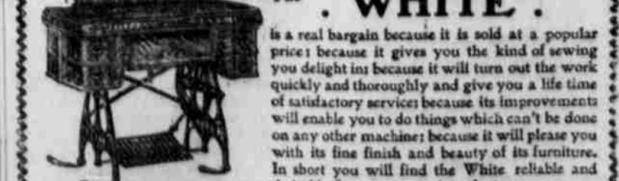
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