

COUNTY LEVY FIGURES GIVEN

GENERAL FUND TAX IS LOWERED.

Rodent Bounty and Increase in General School Levy Make Total Same as Last Year—Estimated Valuation \$8,534,400.

THE COUNTY LEVY.

General fund	18.85	mills
General school	4	mills
City high school	2.5	mills
County library	.05	mills
Rodent bounty	.6	mills
Total	26	mills

Returning from Prineville last night, County Commissioner Over-turt reported the exact details of the budget levy of 26 mills as announced in The Bulletin yesterday.

With these items available, local taxes for 1917 are seen to be as follows: For Bend city property, city 18, school district 12.17, and county 23 1/2, total 53 1/2; for school district 12 outside city limits, district 12, 17 mills, county 23 1/2, total 40 1/2 mills. The county high school tax is not paid in district 12.

Court Had to Guess.

To a large extent the labor of the court in setting this year's levy was guess work because of the lack of definite information on several points which are necessary to be considered in deciding on the tax. One of these, the actual county assessment for the current year, which is the valuation on which the tax is levied, is not yet known because of the failure of the State Tax commission to announce before this time what the public utilities of the county are valued at.

Lacking this information, the court proceeded on the theory that this item of the total was the same as last year, and that the grand total was \$8,534,400, and all computations were made on that basis.

Another piece of information lacking was the amount of state tax that the county will be called upon to pay next year, and this also was estimated on the basis of last year's tax. If it turns out that the amount is greater the county general fund will be reduced by the amount not anticipated, which is taken for state purposes.

Comparison is Made.

Comparing the levy for 1917 with that for the current year it appears that the general fund millage is reduced 1.6 mills and the general school tax increased one mill. The county high school and the library millages remain the same, or .25 and .05 mills, respectively, and one new item is added, .6 mills for rodent bounty.

In setting the rodent bounty at the figure given it is understood that the court was influenced by the fact that the bounty law, which was adopted by the initiative at the last election, may be contested in the courts and declared unconstitutional. It was argued in the budget meetings that if the full \$50,000, estimated to be needed, were raised by taxation, and then the law knocked out in the courts, the tax payers would have paid in an uncalled-for amount, which would have increased their bills beyond reason.

Following this reasoning, the court set the amount to be raised for bounties at \$5,000, with the understanding that if the law stands warrant will be issued to pay bounties after the \$5,000 is expended.

Tax League Quits.

One of the interesting features of the budget sessions was the retreat of the forces of the newly organized tax league, promoted in the vicinity of Redmond and Lower Bridge. The expectation of the leaders of the league, according to general understanding, was to go to Prineville and ferret out the many instances of improper expenditure on the part of the county court which they were sure they would find. Then they were to come to the budget meeting and relate what they had found and insist that for the coming year the tax be lowered and the money spent properly.

Up to the ferret business everything progressed smoothly, but there the party ended because there was nothing to be found. This was admitted publicly by J. J. Ellinger, one of the leaders in the movement. In his statement, Mr. Ellinger said that he was much pleased with what he had found when he came to get actual facts at first hand. Mr. Ellinger had no complaint to make, but stated that the Tax League would be continued as a bureau of exact information for the benefit of the taxpayers of the country.

JUVENILE COMMITTED

John Trambitas Sent to State Training School.

County Judge Springer left last night for Salem, taking with him John Trambitas, brother of the Portland pugilist of the same name, the boy having been committed in the juvenile court yesterday afternoon to the State Training school for boys at the capital. A series of petty thefts in which the boy was alleged to have been implicated, constituted the cause of the commitment.

Young Trambitas was sent to Fort Rock last month by the Multnomah county juvenile court, being given into the custody of Charles Wold. A little later he ran away, coming to Bend, where he has remained ever since.

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ERSKINE GETS MUCH SUPPORT

Responses, indicating that he will have ample support from the legislators of the next Oregon session to assure him of the position of calendar clerk at the coming session, are daily being received by Chas. W. Erskine, of Bend, who has communicated with many legislators in the last week.

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SHEEP ON RANGE ROIL CATTLEMEN

LOCAL RANCHERS ARE EXERCISED.

Contentions are That Outside Sheepmen Will Destroy Local Grazing—Cattle Industry Threatened—Says J. H. Stanley.

Relations, which it is understood are not altogether too amicable among the cattle and horsemen, east of Bend, and sheepmen from various parts of Lake county who, it is said, have come north into Crook county for winter range, are strained almost to the breaking point, according to J. H. Stanley, a well known cattleman, and owner of the Stanley ranch.

The appearance of 6,000 head of sheep on the Carey Act lands, known by the cattlemen as "open range," is, according to the cattlemen, probably the commencement of unfriendly relations, and threatens, if the number is increased and grazing is permanent, to destroy the cattle raising industry of this immediate locality. This is the first year, they say, that the southern sheepmen have taken to the northern range to any great extent, and the initial movement of sheep to this locality is only a test. If the range is profitable the cattlemen believe that other sheepmen will follow with larger bands.

Thirty Stockmen Concerned.

In the opinion of Mr. Stanley, who is one among 30 stockmen to utilize the range in the Horse Ridge vicinity, they have a prior right, not particularly under the law, but under a gentlemen's agreement, for the use of the range. He says that the stockmen have kept close to their ranches, which dot this locality, and have so far been able to graze their stock in a fairly economical way. He contends that the range will not carry horses and cattle and also the sheep, and that the range is essentially in character a horse and cattle range, cattle at the present, predominating.

With regard to local sheepmen, he

says, never has any serious difficulty arisen, and that the feeling among the cattlemen and local sheepmen has always been friendly. The range over which the controversy is said now to exist embraces about 30,000 acres, upon which approximately 1,500 head of cattle and horses are being wintered.

Difficulty is in Distribution.

One of the principal features arising bears upon the territory into which the sheepmen from Lake county should enter. With the cattlemen there is no desire to grab all the range, but they desire to have protection on that part lying north of the Bend-Burns road. They say that they have year around water holes north of the road for some distance, and south of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's canal, and that it has been found that the cattle do not graze south of the Bend-Burns road, owing to the distance from these water holes. These water holes, the stockmen contend, are invaluable to the grazing of their stock and that any encroachment by a large number of sheep will greatly hamper their business. Further contentions seem to be that the foreign sheepmen are invading these precincts to the displeasure of the cattlemen, and it is indicated, from the opinion given by Mr. Stanley, that trouble may arise if the practice continues.

Sheep Range Scarce.

The Lake county sheepmen have not been seen, but it is understood that they have complained to local authorities about expressed intentions of the cattlemen, if sheep are not moved from this range. The scarcity of range in Lake county has been assigned as one of the reasons actuating their migration this year into Crook county.

Trouble is Not Wanted.

"There is no desire to bring up old feuds on matters of the range," said Mr. Stanley last night when in town, "but the cattlemen out our way are very much exercised about the situation. They feel that as they have occupied this range for a period of 14 years, and have developed a system of handling their stock, they are entitled to the exclusive use of the land, which lies near their ranges."

"This is certain, if the sheep continue on the local range, cattlemen will have to go out of business, be-

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cause cattle cannot feed on range grazed over by sheep. Many of the farmers have purchased a few head of cattle, and one man has just come into the county with about 200 head of horses, purchased considerable land and, if the range is not maintained for them, it just means going out of business."

Mr. Stanley expressed the belief that the sheepmen when intelligently approached upon this subject, making plain the inevitable results of their grazing several thousand head of sheep, would take such action as would bring about continuance of friendly relations.

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HOSCH ELECTED MAYOR

At the city election held this week at Redmond, J. F. Hosch was elected mayor over Alfred Munz. J. R. Roberts, W. B. Daggett and J. D. Butler were chosen as members of the city council for the two-year term, and P. M. Reedy, L. C. Marion and Matt Carlin for the one-year term.

MRS. PLUMLEY TO WED

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 8.—A marriage license was issued here today to Paul Krause and Carrie Plumley, of Bend, Oregon.

Mrs. Plumley is the divorced wife of A. C. Plumley, a homesteader living in the vicinity of Dry Lake, the divorce having taken place last summer. The cause named in the complaint was desertion. Mrs. Plumley owns a little property here and for some time has supported herself by working in restaurants and running a rooming house. Paul Krause is a painter. He painted all the Shevlin-Hixon buildings.

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