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ASK WHETHER TAX IS LEGAL

ATTORNEYS CONSIDER CITY PLAN.

Farnham Tells Commercial Club That Proposed Measure Seems Unlawful—Benson Takes Contrary View—Forbes Uncertain.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Discussion of the legality of the proposed new tax levy to be voted on next week occupied the chief attention of the Commercial club at its noon luncheon today. Following the discussion the club voted to endorse the report of the special committee on city finances but left undecided whether or not it would work for the success of the measure at the election.

Reporting for the committee, H. A. Miller told of meeting with the council and finally deciding to recommend to it a plan suggested by City Attorney Benson by which a special election would be held to vote \$27,640 to meet bond interest, running expenses and to retire \$8500 in warrants. Since then, Mr. Miller said, serious questions as to the legality of the plan had been raised. Supplementing Mr. Miller's remarks H. E. Allen, of the committee, explained that while it might seem that the committee had exceeded its authority by recommending action to the council without first having taken the matter up with the club, it had been forced into the action by the necessity of having the election called before the club met again.

Attorneys Disagree.

Taking up the matter of the legality of the proposed plan, President Foley called on Ross Farnham, who gave his opinion to the effect that the plan could not be carried out under the law. The fact that all the procedure provided by the statutes for the levy of a tax had already been gone through with and a tax levied and extended on the rolls seemed to him to make a second tax levy impossible. He also pointed out the difficulty which would be created by levying a tax that was open to question in respect to its legality. V. A. Forbes said that he had not had time to study the question, but thought it might be possible to vote a legal tax at this time. C. S. Benson was certain that the tax would be legal and urged that while a question might be raised as to its legality, in the same way almost any proposition to come up might have questions concerning it raised.

G. C. Morgan stated that he would not give an opinion on the legality of the plan but urged that as a practical matter the new tax should not be levied. It is not a good precedent, Mr. Morgan urged, to keep voting on such matter. One vote should settle the question.

In closing the meeting, County Agricultural Agent Ward urged as many as possible to attend the irrigation school in Redmond next week and a general meeting in Tumalo on Saturday.

CALL ELECTION TO RAISE FUNDS

After considering the city's financial situation and ways to meet expenses for the coming year for nearly three hours on Saturday afternoon the council, in consultation with the Commercial club special committee on finances, decided to call a special election to vote on the question of an increased tax levy to care for the situation. The election will be held on February 15, the earliest date possible. Notices of the election are being posted today.

The plan proposed was the suggestion of City Attorney Benson and contemplates a levy of \$27,640 or 30.8 mills. Of the amount proposed to be levied \$6750 is for interest on outstanding bonds, \$12,390 for general city expense, and \$8500 for the retirement of a portion of the city warrants now issued, which allowed.

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TUMALO WILL HAVE MEETING SATURDAY

Farmers' Program Is Planned to Cover Principal Part of Day—Several Speak on Timely Topics.

For the purpose of meeting the new settlers in the neighborhood, discussing the issues of the day, and stimulating community interest, a general welfare meeting of the Tumalo people will be held in Tumalo on Saturday from 11 to 4 o'clock. An interesting program will be arranged and about 50 farmers are expected to sit down to the Hoover feed at noon. The program is as follows:

Discussion of Crop and Labor Survey—11-12 a. m., by County Agricultural Agent Ward, Council Member J. W. Brown and Fred N. Wallace.

The Hoover Feed—12-1 p. m. Brief Talks by Tumalo Farmers—1 to 2 p. m.

Hay Making in Tumalo—1 to 1:30 p. m., by J. W. Brown.

The Potato Situation—1:30 to 2 p. m., by R. U. Flickinger, director Deschutes Valley Potato Growers' Association.

Livestock and the Milking Shorthorn Movement—2:30 to 3 p. m., by County Agricultural Agent Ward.

Each talk will be finished in time to allow for ample discussion of the questions under consideration by the farmers themselves. In this present hour of national strife an absolutely unselfish unity of action is necessary to accomplish results. Community meetings such as this one to be held at Tumalo will aid in bringing this about.

ANNUAL SPRING SALE OF CATTLE COMING

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The eighth annual spring sale of the Northwest Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be held in Portland Feb. 25 at the Union stock yards. A number of choice stock, including young bulls from 16 to 24 months old, will be auctioned off. An attendance from all over the state is expected at the sale, which is in charge of Frank Brown, of Carlton, a breeder of prize-winning Shorthorn cattle.

ELECTION DATE IS FEBRUARY 15

NOTICES ARE POSTED AND OFFICERS NAMED—BUDGET ITEMS ARE GIVEN—HEAVY CUTS MADE IN ESTIMATES FOR YEAR.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Carrying out the instructions of the council, notices for a special election to vote on a new tax levy to be held next week, on Friday, February 15, have been posted. The election will be between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m., and the voting place in the hose house at the corner of Minnesota avenue and Lava Road.

Election officers have been named as follows: Judges, E. D. Gilson, chairman, Frank Gilbert; clerks, Ray Canterbury, J. F. Arnold and Walter Ferguson.

The new budget on which it is proposed to levy the tax for the year is as follows:

City attorney	\$ 240
City treasurer	300
City recorder	360
City engineer	400
Police	2500
Printing	300
Fire, lights and water	5400
Postage, Tel. etc.	100
Street repairs	1000
Walks and crossings	250
Miscellaneous	500

Bond interest \$12,390 |

Warrants 8,500 |

Total \$27,640 |

The chief reductions in this budget over the one first proposed and advertised are as follows: Engineer \$800 to \$400, police \$3000 to \$2500, printing \$500 to \$300, fire, lights and water \$7000 to \$5400, street repairs \$3000 to \$1000, walks and crossings \$500 to \$250, miscellaneous \$750 to \$250. The appropriation for the library is eliminated entirely. For interest on warrants \$1040 is allowed.

TAX BLANKS TO BE FILLED OUT

PENALTY IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING WAR REVENUE FROM INCOMES.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Somebody is going to tell on you if you do not pay your income tax. Congress has fixed it so that somebody must tell, whether he wants to or not.

One section of the War Income Tax Law, exhaustively comprehensive in scope, requires every person, without exception, and every corporation, partnership, association, and insurance company, in whatever capacity acting, who paid \$800 or more to another person, corporation, partnership, association, or insurance company, as interest, rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensation, remuneration, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable gains, profits, and income, to report the name and address of the person, corporation, etc., to whom the payment was made, together with the amount of the payment, to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, using a form prescribed for the purpose, Form 1099, now to be had from all collectors' offices. The form must be filled out and returned on or before March 1, 1918, accompanied by Form 1096, which is a letter of transmittal and affidavit certifying the accuracy of Form 1099.

Inspector Coming.

To consult and advise with the citizens of Bend and Deschutes county regarding the tax, which will soon become due and which will directly affect a large number of the residents of this district, Inspector James S. Hogg, of Portland, will arrive here Friday.

The fact is emphasized in this connection, that the government is providing this service for the convenience of the citizens, and that it is up to all who fall under the advertised schedules to make their reports in proper shape before the time limit expires.

Fine Is Penalty.

No effort will be made by the government to see that this work is done until after the payments fall delinquent. The fines and penalties thereafter attached are so substantial that it is very advisable to look after it on time.

Single men whose incomes are \$1000 a year or more, and married men with incomes of \$2000 are expected to file reports. In case of married with children there is a certain allowance made from each child of the family, those with one child being exempted up to an income of \$2200, and those with two children \$2400, and son on, but those are expected to file reports, however.

Will Make Farm Labor Survey in Central Oregon

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The labor situation on the farms of Crook and Deschutes counties is at the present time rather acute, with the prospects of growing worse instead of better, as the season advances.

The federal government for some time has been considering methods of relieving this difficulty. In order to get accurate information concerning the needs of the farms of the United States and the available labor supply, a country-wide labor survey is to be conducted during the week of February 11-16. This will be conducted by means of a questionnaire, which when filled out, will show the labor needs of each county, the acreage in crop, and the probable crop strength of the nation by next harvest season. It may seem that in filling out these questionnaires in times past it has been of little value. However, it is a war emergency request of the U. S. government, and as such, should be carried out to the fullest extent of our ability. If it operates in the smallest to guarantee the comfort that comes from being well fed of our boys in the European trenches, it has served its purpose and deserves our hearty support.

BEND SUGGESTED AS SCHOOL SITE

COMMERCIAL CLUB INVITES INSPECTION OF THIS TERRITORY BY OFFICER SEEKING SITUATION FOR AVIATION GROUNDS.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Bend as the site for an aviation school was suggested by the Commercial club in a telegram sent yesterday afternoon to Colonel George H. Crabtree, of the U. S. Aviation Corps at Spokane, Washington. Colonel Crabtree was in Portland last week on an official inspection trip.

A sunny place is being looked for in the northwest in which an aviation school can be installed, but Portland was found too cloudy and foggy. The officer in speaking of the prospects of Multnomah county getting the schools, said, "It is evident that Portland and contiguous territory cannot compete for flying schools owing to fogs and rain and a minimum of clear days. In aviation instruction safety is the prime requisite and Portland is handicapped."

That Bend could fill the bill is thought probable and the following telegram was sent by H. J. Overturf, through which it is hoped to invite inspection of this territory:

"Col. George H. Crabtree, U. S. Aviation Corps, Spokane, Washington: Note by recent press reports that you are seeking location of sites for training grounds and schools for United States Government Aviation Corps. Respectfully call attention to superior advantages of Sunny Bend for location of such institutions. Climatic conditions are ideal, having over three hundred days of sunshine per year, mild winters and practically no winds. Our facilities are yours. Please command us. THE BEND COMMERCIAL CLUB."

MILLER LUMBER CO. WINS IN CIVIL SUIT

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Suit for the recovery of \$145.04 and interest since 1916, instituted against George Davis, owner of the Portland hotel, was won yesterday afternoon by the Miller Lumber Company. A jury in the justice court composed of W. C. McCuiston, R. G. Blackwell, Roy Gilson, Walter Ferguson and R. J. McCann decided the case.

Davis had failed to pay the money owed on a quantity of lumber and building materials purchased in the fall of 1916, when his hotel was being constructed. The defendant claimed that his brother had the contract for the building and he was not responsible for the lumber bills.

Vernon A. Forbes was attorney for the plaintiff and W. P. Myers for Mr. Davis.

NEW JAIL ACCEPTED BY COUNTY COURT

Records to Be Transferred From Crook to Deschutes Court House—Report Is Given.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The new county jail was accepted yesterday at the meeting of the county court and the sum of \$4,639.55 was ordered paid, according to the terms of the contract.

Orders were given to transfer the Tumalo project records from Crook county to Deschutes county and arrangements were made for doing this. Registration cards now in Prineville will also be moved to Bend, in order to save the necessity of re-registering all voters of this county. The county treasurer has also been instructed to collect all money owing to this county after the settlement of the division of Crook.

A report of the amount paid out in scalp bounties from July 1 to December 31, 1917, showed \$1007.50, the largest sum paid on any one day being \$151.

SATHER'S TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS SOON

Stock of Dry Goods Store to Be Sold—Manager Expects to Enlist in Government Service.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Sather's store will go out of business shortly, as John Sather, Jr., its present manager expects to be drafted into the next national army. Saturday the stock will be put on sale and will continue so until entirely disposed of. This will probably require two months.

The merchandise now on hand is valued at \$35,000. After it has been removed the store and fixtures will be rented. Mr. Sather took over the dry goods store a year ago, from his father and has since managed it. He has made no definite plans, as he is anxious to enter some branch of government service.

BEND HIGH NOW LEADS IN SERIES

SENIORS AT HEAD OF INTER-CLASS CONTESTS—BASKETBALL GAME YESTERDAY WON BY FOURTH-YEAR STUDENTS.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Standing of Teams For Season, Interscholastic—	
Bend	1000
Redmond	567
Prineville	333
Madras	000
Interclass—	
Seniors	1000
Sophomores	567
Freshmen	333
Juniors	000

Then the Bend High Seniors, in an exciting game yesterday afternoon, won from the Sophomores with a score of 38 to 24, the former class was put in line for winning the cup offered in the interclass series. At the end of the first half the score stood 16 to 14 in favor of the Seniors. The Freshmen also won from the Juniors yesterday with a score of 19-8. This finishes the first round in the school series, the classes being scheduled to one more game apiece with each other, or three for every team.

The Bend high school quintet which entered the interscholastic series, is now at the head of the Central Oregon players, after winning from Prineville last Friday night with a close score of 23-21. This is the first time the Bend boys have defeated the Crook county team on the latter's home floor. Both Sanders and Norcott did brilliant playing Friday, and Coyner made the basket which decided the score.

Bend now has the best set of players in the history of the school. An active interest is being shown and a lively contest is looked forward to this coming Friday, when the boys will go to Redmond to play the Union high school. Prineville will play in Madras the same night. This week will probably show up the teams better than any other and the game in Redmond is a preliminary to deciding the championship. A number of automobiles have been secured to take Bend rooters to Redmond for the game.

THRIFT STAMP SALES WORK ON

BEND COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED.

Local Organization Ready For Work—Stamps to Be Placed On Sale in Every Business House—Postoffices Are Busy.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Organization of Bend and surrounding sections for the sale of War Savings and Thrift stamps is now practically complete and in a few days it is hoped to carry the work to Redmond, thereby placing the whole county in line for the sales campaign which continues throughout the year.

R. W. Sawyer is the county chairman and he has made appointments for the work in Bend and vicinity as follows: Promotion, A. Whelan; commerce, F. Thordarson; industry, J. P. Keyes, G. H. Baker, T. A. McCann; general, H. H. De Armond. In addition County School Superintendent J. Alton Thompson and Postmaster H. B. Ford become heads of the Education and Postoffice committees, respectively, by virtue of their offices.

No Reports From Some.

Stamps are now on sale in all the postoffices in the county, but sales have so far been reported only by W. E. Van Allen, at Deschutes; A. Laurel Fordham, at La Pine; P. B. Johnson, at Millican; J. W. Moore, at Redmond; Mary Hallmeyer, at Rivers; Grace Aitken, at Sisters; Charlie M. Peckham, at Terrebonne, and James M. Griffin, at Tumalo. The postoffices which have yet to report sales are Alfalfa, Brothers, Cline Falls, Fife, Gist, Hampton, Lower Bridge, Rolyat and Pringle Falls.

As chairman of the commerce section of the work, F. Thordarson will shortly arrange with practically every business house in Bend to put the stamps on sale. Through Mr. De Armond all social and religious organizations are to be reached in the sales campaign and through Messrs. McCann, Baker and Keyes, all mill employes and members of industrial organizations.

Several Agencies Taken.

Agencies for the sale of stamps have already been taken by The Bulletin and the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. In addition Superintendent Thordarson is making an active campaign in the schools.

The only agent so far appointed in the outside districts is W. E. Van Allen, at Deschutes. Mr. Van Allen wrote to Portland headquarters offering his services before the campaign was started in the county and has now offered to take care of the Deschutes section.

ENOUGH FLOUR TO STAY HERE

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Coming this morning to dispel the fear that Central Oregon flour would be shipped east, causing an increase in the price in this section, is a statement made in a letter from Assistant Food Administrator for Oregon W. K. Newell, promising that a sufficient supply may be kept on hand.

The letter which was received by County Food Administrator Rev. H. C. Hartranft, reads as follows:

"I have taken up the matter with Mr. Houser regarding the supply of wheat for the Bend Flour Mill Company and Mr. Houser says that Mr. Kroenert has not ground the amount of wheat that was allotted to him, but that he has told Mr. Kroenert that if he will make selection from the warehouses in his vicinity of the amount of wheat that he will need for his trade up until harvest, that he will hold the same for Mr. Kroenert."

Big Purchases Unnecessary. "There is no necessity for any dealers purchasing more than their 30 days' supply and Mr. Kroenert can grind it as they need."

A few days ago, Mr. Kroenert (Continued on Page 6.)