

TAXPAYERS 1920 MILLAGE IS ESTIMATED

TOTAL OF 77 NOW SEEMS PROBABLE

VALUATIONS GO UP

Higher Assessment Keeps Figure At Last Year's Mark in Spite of Greater Taxes—Much Depends on Utility Values and Rates

Although the exact millage to be paid by an owner of Bend property in taxes in 1920 cannot be exactly determined until the complete valuation is known, the county ratio announced and the county tax levied it is still possible to make a fair approximation based on the factors which are now available.

To the individual this means that the amount of taxes he will pay in dollars and cents depends on the relation his new assessment bears to the old. If the valuation is higher because of the increases made in the assessments he will pay more; if lower he will pay less.

Of the unknown factors the amount of the county tax may be said to be practically determined without waiting for the county court to fix the levy. Undoubtedly it will be the full amount permitted by law, or last year's total plus six per cent, and plus, also, the interest on the road bonds voted last spring, which presumably has to be paid into the treasury, although the bonds have not yet been sold.

The factors which remain unknown until announcement comes from Salem are the valuation of the public utilities and the county ratio. Since there has been little or no addition to the properties of the utility companies in the past year it may be expected that the valuation will remain about the same, but the ratio by which it is determined on what proportion of their valuations the utilities will pay taxes, and what is to be the county's share of the state tax, is certain to show an increase.

Last year the county ratio, as set by the State Tax commission, was 45 or in other words, the commission decided that property in Deschutes county was assessed at 45 per cent of its true value. Only 45 per cent, therefore, of the actual value of the public utility corporations was included in the county assessment of \$6,261,328.

This year property in the county, exclusive of utilities, is valued at \$8,342,160, according to a recent announcement by County Assessor Mullarky. This is an increase over last year's figures of slightly over 40 per cent, and if accepted at its face value, by the state tax commission, should mean an increase in the ratio to 63.

Assuming then a ratio of 63 and an unchanged utility valuation by the Public Service commission the total valuations will be as follows: county \$9,033,368; city, \$1,692,678; school district, No. 1, \$3,589,862.

The city and the school district levies have already been set at \$51.010, and \$109.311, respectively and the county levy is estimated above to be \$140.208. Applying these figures to the valuations given in the preceding paragraph we find that the millage will be city, 30.1; county, 15.5; school district, No. 1, 30.4, or a total of 77 mills. Last year it was, city, 28.5; county, 20.1 and school district No. 1, 30, making a total of 78.6 mills.

APPRECIATION IS EVIDENCED

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO EXPRESS THANKS

Judge Barnes, Absent From Gathering, Criticized by Whisenant, and Overturf, Who Denies Political Motives.

Appreciation of the gift, announced in Tuesday's issue of The Bulletin, which The Shevlin-Hixon Company will make in the form of a natural park in the Tumalo Canyon, and in the preservation of timber near Dillon Falls and the Ryan ranch, was voiced yesterday at the Pilot Butte Inn, when at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial club, a unanimous vote favored the drafting of resolutions of thanks. A committee is to be appointed by T. H. Foley, president of the club, which will have charge of this work.

Appointment of another committee was authorized on the motion of H. J. Overturf, and will be empowered to draft resolutions expressing the attitude of the club as favorable toward the purchase of the C. O. I. holdings by the settlers on the project.

Discussion of the county court's road policy was introduced by A. Whisenant, who characterized the members of the court as "an incompetent bunch of procrastinators," although declaring that there was nothing personal either in this, or in recent attacks of a similar nature. Attempting to prove his charges, he told of the progress made by Crook county on the Crooked River road, which he said would connect with the McKenzie Pass highway, and effectively forest all the Bend to Burns highway, while he intimated that it would also divert tourist travel from Bend. "It is in the minds of the people that I favor Jim Overturf for county Judge," he concluded "but I don't think that Jim would take the job on a silver platter."

Further discussion was participated in by N. G. Jacobson, H. C. Ellis, and E. L. Payne, but was terminated by D. G. McPherson after Mr. Whisenant had again taken the floor to voice the opinion that the court has been squandering money on roads. "It's easy enough to sit around the table and criticize," Mr. McPherson declared, "but I consider that the club is to blame for much that has been laid at the door of the county court today. I consider the remarks made today have been of a highly personal nature, and needlessly so."

LADIES PLAN CIVIC LEAGUE

More than 200 mother and ladies of the city responded Saturday afternoon to the call issued Friday by Mayor J. A. Eastes at the Liberty Theatre for a discussion of the health and moral conditions of the city.

Perfecting a temporary organization, and selecting the name Women's Civic League of Bend, Mrs. C. P. Niswonger was named temporary chairman and Mrs. J. P. Keyes, temporary secretary. These ladies, together with Dr. Anna-Reis Finley, city health officer, Mrs. V. A. Forbes and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence will meet tomorrow to draw up the by-laws for the permanent organization when it will be decided as to the time of regular meetings.

FIREMEN PLAN FOR DANCING PARTIES

The Bend Volunteer Fire Department has made arrangements for a program dance to be given Christmas night, and a masquerade and New Years celebration on New Years eve. Both affairs will be given at the gymnasium. Further details will be announced later.

Sunflower Comes Into Its Own In Central Oregon Climate



The illustration above is the likeness of the two large silos and ample sunflowers on the ranch of J. L. Parberry, in the Cloverdale section. Mr. Parberry's experiments with sunflowers, seed of which was obtained at the instance the First National Bank's sunflower campaign have been highly satisfactory and will use them extensively next year for ensilage.

NELSON GUILTY DECLARES JURY

After four hours deliberation, the jury in the case of Gus Nelson, charged with a statutory crime against the minor daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penney, of Bend, brought in a verdict Tuesday of "guilty as charged." W. P. Myers represented the defense, District Attorney A. J. Moore representing the state. It is expected that sentence will be passed tomorrow morning.

The case of J. B. Anderson vs. C. F. Hoakins, for the recovery of \$900 alleged due as a commission in a real estate sale, went to trial this morning and indications were that the hearing would last through today at least. N. G. Wallace, of Prineville, and H. H. DeArmond, of Bend, represented the plaintiff, R. S. Hamilton, of this city, appearing for the defendant.

COUNTY RATIO IS NAMED AS 42

In spite of an increased assessed valuation amounting to about 45 per cent of the county valuation last year the county ratio has been tentatively set by the State tax commission at 42, a reduction of three points below last year's figure. The ratio has been reduced annually by the commission since the county was formed having been 52 in 1916, 48 in 1917 and 45 in 1918.

Because of the serious effect on county finances and on the problem of taxation in the county in general an effort will be made to persuade the Tax commission to make the ratio higher, instead of lower, than it was last year. The county court is now considering sending Assessor Mullarky to Salem to take up with the commission the matter of increasing the figure.

12 Pound Baby Arrives in Bend; Name Is Pershing

John Pershing arrived in Bend last night. Very few people in Bend knew anything of it until this morning, but great was the rejoicing at the home of Charles Carroll when the 12 pound baby boy, the first in Bend to be named for the commander of America's overseas forces, announced his advent with a lusty yell.

ATHLETIC CLUB IS TURNED OVER

Completion of the fund for the payment of the debts on the Athletic club building having been practically assured arrangements have been made by the Bend holding company, holding the title to the property, and the Bend Amateur Athletic club, in charge of the management for the past year and a half, to turn the management over to the Industrial department of the Y. M. C. A., according to the plan heretofore announced.

Carrying out this plan L. W. Trickey, of Portland, has arrived to act as secretary in charge under the new arrangement. Mr. Trickey has had experience in Portland and at Bayonne, N. J. He was stationed at the Hog Island shipyard during the war and made an enviable record in his work. Mr. Trickey began on his new duties on Saturday and is proceeding as fast as possible in the reorganization work.

May House Library.

Another local activity which it is hoped may be housed at the club building is the library. For nearly a year the Library club, faced with the necessity of moving from its present location in the rooms adjoining the Baptist church, has been looking for a new location. It is now proposed that the library move to the athletic club, continuing under its present management, but giving its aid in making the building a true community center.

PENNANT GAME TO BE FRIDAY

To decide the championship of Central Oregon in football, the Bend and Prineville high school teams will meet Friday afternoon on the Redmond gridiron, it was announced this week by Principal Johnson, of the Bend school. The two teams stand at the head of the percentage column, and each has won from the other. Bend taking the long end of the score when playing here, while Prineville won when the game was staged in the Crook county seat. It is for this reason that neutral territory has been chosen for the deciding contest.

Both the Redmond and Prineville merchants will close their stores on Friday, and a similar request is to be made here through the Commercial club. A large delegation of fans is expected to make the trip to Redmond.

SHEVLIN-HIXON COMPANY TO GIVE BEAUTY SPOT IN TIMBER TO CITY OF BEND

Through the munificent gift of The Shevlin-Hixon Company the people of Bend are to have a park which will include one of the most beautiful spots in this section. There will also be preserved for the benefit of the public another beautiful timbered location and the strip of timber along The Dalles-California highway through the company's land which will save it from the desolation which has already overtaken the section of the road nearer town.

The park is to include the Tumalo canyon from the fish hatchery to the national forest boundary and will be dedicated as a memorial to the late Thomas L. Shevlin, first president of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, famous Yale athlete, prominent timberman, and friend of Bend and Central Oregon. In the main its side boundaries will be the top of the canyon walls but wherever the road to Broken Top is not too far from the canyon it will be included in the park area.

To make the gift possible the company will be obliged to secure the title to sections of the canyon floor now owned by The Bend Company, L. B. Baird, Chas. Orewiler and A. J. Davidson and negotiations for the purchase have already been begun. All, it is understood, on learning of the use to which the property is to be put have shown a desire to cooperate by placing the lowest possible price on it.

Beauty Spot Preserved. All who have visited the canyon recognize it as the most beautiful spot there is within easy distance from town and will agree that its preservation for the enjoyment of the public is a service of the highest possible character. In the flats adjoining the creek on the lower section of the proposed park grow quantities of shrubs, grasses and flowers not found on the levels above. Fir trees are found among the pine and there are stands of larch, poplar and other deciduous trees, saved.

Deschutes Valley Timber Spared. The timber which will be saved from the sweep of the logger through the Deschutes valley is that lying around the Ryan ranch, The Tules, and adjoining Dillon falls. Here all the timber will be spared so that to one standing at the falls it will appear as though there were an unbroken stretch of forest around him.

ROLL CALL MAY AMOUNT TO \$2000

REPORTS ON SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW INDICATE BIG ADVANCE OVER SUM ESTIMATED AS TOTAL LAST WEEK.

New reports which have come in since the last announcement of the Red Cross roll call standing indicate that the total will be in the neighborhood of \$2,000, when complete returns are received from Deschutes and Jefferson counties. No reports whatever have been received from the latter county, but from the Shevlin-Hixon and the Brooks-Seanlon mills in Bend, including their woods camps, it was shown today that subscriptions would be \$800 more than had already been definitely assured.

Redmond has added \$74 to her total since last Saturday, and now has a total of \$130, and from the Hampton section, Mrs. C. B. Harmon, who is in charge of the drive there, sent in \$5.

HIGH SCHOOL TO MEET BENSON TECH.

Portland Prep School Will Sign For Big Turkey Day Game in Bend November 27.

The Bend high school will have a real foot ball game on Turkey day when it meets the Benson Polytechnic school of Portland. According to a message this morning from the Bend Tech, the Rose City preps are anxious to have the Central Oregon trip and will be on hand. Telegrams were also from the Oregon Agricultural college freshmen and the Estacada high school, both wanting games. Coach Moore selected the Benson Polytechnic school.

DEEP WELL TO SOLVE DRY RANGE PROBLEM

N. G. Jacobson, as supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest, signed a contract on Monday with John M. Perry for the drilling of a well which is expected to reach a depth of from 400 to 500 feet, near Roberts Cabin, 25 miles northeast of Fort Rock. Steel casing is provided for the well by the forest service. Mr. Perry will start work as soon as he completes a contract with the Brooks-Seanlon Lumber Co., probably in about 15 days.

The sinking of the well is an important step in the carrying out of the forest service program for increasing the available range. Thousands of acres tributary to Fort Rock cannot now be used because of the lack of water.

LENGTHY RANCHER MARRIES IN BEND

One of the tallest ranchers in Deschutes county, Frank A. Beard, of the Cloverdale section, was married Monday afternoon by County Judge W. D. Barnes, to Miss Lettie Arvilla Wilson, also of Cloverdale. Mr. Beard is six feet five inches in height, while Mrs. Beard is slightly under five feet. The groom is 38 years of age, and the bride 17.

County Commissioners Seth Stookey and C. H. Miller were witnesses at the ceremony.

PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN NOVEMBER 26

A program and auction will be held at the Richardson school at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 26. A special program pertaining to the Thanksgiving season will be given. All persons who attend are requested to bring an article, the value of which is not to be less than 10 cents. A general auction sale of these articles will be held. The program is under the direction of Miss Eva L. Slack.