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COUNCIL REVISES AND PASSES TAX SCHEDULE

Council meeting last evening dealt entirely with a discussion of the occupation tax schedule. After deciding the rates should be placed on a quarterly basis and the tax collected every three months unless otherwise specified in the ordinance, each item in the schedule was taken up, views of those coming under each obtained and a final rate established. Among the business men taking part in the discussion were, Paul Stephen, S. Hansen, F. S. Perry, F. J. Chaburn, W. C. Sellmer, H. Brown, Gus Gross, John Nielson as chairman of the business men's committee, and a number of others.

A number of reductions were made, additional occupations or businesses added, rates raised in some cases, and one proposed tax eliminated entirely—that on theatres; Mr. Sellmer stating he was already paying the city an average tax of \$109 per year, which in comparison with the \$100 per year tax paid at Marshfield, was in his estimation all the business would stand.

The ordinance passed by a unanimous vote and will take effect January 1, on which date the first quarterly assessments must be paid at the city recorder's office.

The Tax Schedule

The schedule follows: (Amounts are the per quarter tax unless otherwise noted)

Agents: Real estate	\$3.00
sewing machine, piano, organ and other musical instruments	7.50
Attorneys: Each law office	9.00
Auto dealers, each	4.50
Bakeries: Over \$500 bus. (by the month)	4.00
under \$500 bus.	2.50
Family bakeries or persons selling less \$100 a mo.	1.00
Barber shops: Each chair	1.50
Banks: Each	18.00
Boot & shoe shops	1.50
Blacksmith shops: Ea. forge	1.50
Bricklayers: Taking contracts ea. person, firm or corporation	7.50
Butcher shops: Each	9.00
Butcher peddlers buying and selling meats or peddling meat from animals purchased from others and not raised by the peddler	9.00
Broomhandle mills (when in operation. By month)	1.00
Club or club rooms (by mo.)	2.50
Carpenters taking contracts for structures, each person, firm or corporation	7.50
Contractors (not otherwise specified)	6.00
Coal dealers: Each	3.00
Cigar manufacturers: Each	1.50
Creameries (in operation, by the month)	1.00
Bookkeepers & accountants	3.00
Bicycle & repair shops	1.50
Dentists	9.00
Drug stores: Each	12.00
Dry goods stores: (monthly tax) over \$2,000 bus.	5.00
\$1,000 to \$2,000	3.00
under \$1,000	1.50
Electricians: Each	1.50
Express offices or other offices or associations (except banks or gov. offices) handling money for hire, etc.	6.00
Foundries	3.00
Furniture stores: (same as dry goods stores. (see above).	
Gen. mdse. stores: over \$2,000 bus. per mo. (by month)	5.00
less than \$2,000	2.50
Gents furnishing, boots, shoes and clothing (by month) over \$1500 bus. per mo.	5.00
less than \$1500	3.00
less than \$500	1.50
Billiard and pool tables or bowling alleys, 1st table or alley	3.00
ea. additional table or alley	.75
Fruit, cigar, candies, confectionary stores (by the month) over \$250 bus. per mo.	1.50
less than \$250 per mo.	1.00
Grocery stores: (by month) over \$2,000 bus. per mo.	5.00
over \$750, to \$2,000	3.00
less than \$750	1.50
Hardware stores: (by month) over \$2,000	5.00
less than \$2,000	2.50
Harness and saddle shops	7.50
Hotels: 50 rooms or over	15.00
under 50 rooms	9.00
Hay, grain and feed stores (by month) over \$3,000 bus.	5.00
less than \$3,000	2.50
Jewelry stores	7.50

Jewelry or watch repair shops not retailing	3.00
Livery stables: Each	9.00
Laundries: Steam, each	6.00
Chinese, each	15.00
Machine shops: 1st lathe	3.00
ea. ad. lathe	1.50
Millinery stores	3.00
Music stores	1.50
Notion stores	3.00
Painters taking contracts, each person, firm or corporation	6.00
Photographers	3.00
Physicians and surgeons	9.00
Paint and oil stocks	1.50
Rooming houses. 2 to 6 rooms	1.50
6 to 15 rooms	3.00
over 15 rooms	4.50
Restaurants	6.00
Shooting galleries	4.00
Skating rinks	9.00
Soda water works	3.00
Shingle mills	6.00
Tailor shops	3.00
Traveling tailors or agents	15.00
Telephone companies	15.00
Undertaking parlors	1.50
Dance & amusement halls	6.00
Second hand stores (by month) over \$500 bus.	2.00
less than \$500	1.50
Sawmills in operation (month	5.00
Plaining mills in operation (by the month)	2.50
Veneer plants in operation (by month)	2.50
Oil distributors (by month) selling 1000 gal. or over	5.00
less than 1000 gal.	1.00
Ice plants	3.00
Print shops	6.00
Fire, life & accident insurance agents	3.00
Music teachers	1.50
Autos and jitneys for hire	3.00
Plumbing shops doing plumbing exclusively	7.50
Warehouse and docks	6.00
Electrical supply stores	.75
Electric power plants, operating or distributing electricity	6.00
Peanut or popcorn vendors	1.50
Landlords: (by month) bus. buildings renting at \$20 or under	.50
\$20 or over, to \$50	1.00
\$50 to \$100	1.50
\$100 or over	2.00
residences: \$10 or over	.25

Lamp Post Question
It was stated that there had been some misunderstanding in regards to city lamp post specifications and that the matter should be threshed out by the council and definite specifications decided upon, therefore a committee, consisting of Engineer J. S. Sawyer, Councilmen Nels Rasmussen, J. W. Mast, and Mayor Topping was appointed. It appears the present posts and the post manufactured by the local foundry are not of the same height or width of arms.

Moonlight Dances Eliminated
In connection with the discussion of a proposed orchestra occupation tax last evening, Councilman Chaburn stated he had been informed there was considerable objection to holding moonlight dances in Bandon, and that it would be perhaps to the best interests of all if such dances could be eliminated. In reply Messrs. Gross and Brown, who were present on behalf of their orchestra, stated people had come to them also in regard to the matter and that they had eliminated moonlight dances at their hall over a month ago. They also have employed a special officer to see that order is maintained in the vicinity of the hall and are doing everything possible to eliminate all objectionable features.

CHURCH WINS INJUNCTION

Judge Coke Renders Decision in the Oregon Avenue Case.

Just what the next move in the Oregon avenue improvement case will be is a question for the city council to decide in the very near future. Judge Coke in Circuit court has sustained the injunction brought by the Catholic church to prevent the city from extending that avenue over the church's property in order to bring it straight down the hill to connect with Wall and Second streets.

Elmer Drane of Parkersburg has purchased a scow from C. W. Ashton, which was formerly owned by Frank Willard. This gives Mr. Drane 7 scows now.

OVER THE TELEPHONE

Hello, Central, give me Santa—
Number? Just North Pole;
Just connect me with his palace,
And—you might reverse the toll;
For I'd like to talk with Santa,
And ask him why last year
He passed right by our chimney
With his team of swift reindeer,
When I wrote him a nice letter,
Telling him my heart's desire—
But I guess this method's quicker—
Can't you get him on the wire?

Yes, I wrote and asked old Santa
For some coal and things to eat,
And a warmer dress for Mamma,
And some shoes for baby's feet,
And I asked him for my Papa
For the job he needed so,
And a doll for me—I never
Really owned a doll, you know.

But I'll tell you—if THIS Christmas
Santa fails to come around,
Why, our hearts will be just broken,
And we'll all of us be found
Hungry and sad and lonesome—
There's so little we desire—
Hello, Central! Give me Santa—
CAN'T you get him on the wire?



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Baskets containing eats for Xmas dinner are to be prepared and sent into many homes. Your donation of something for these baskets or a little cash will be used to the best possible advantage.

CASH for this worthy cause may be left with O. A. Trowbridge, John Dickey, Golden Rule and J. Ira Sidwell.

Donations of FOOD may be taken to the Odd Fellows hall between 2 and 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon and from 9 to 12 o'clock on Friday.

If you know of any family whom you think would appreciate a basket or any family desiring a basket sent into their home, please let the committee know your desires.

MRS. W. E. CRAINE,
J. IRA SIDWELL,
MRS. THOS. WHITE,
REV. C. M. KNIGHT,
Committee.

LAIRD RANCH TO BE MODERN PLANT

Pure Bred Holsteins Now at Home in a Twentieth-Century Cow Barn.

Seven pure-bred Holsteins, purchased at the Star ranch in Curry county by George P. Laird, were brought to Bandon last Friday, and on Saturday shipped up the river to the new Laird ranch. They are of the finest and highest-priced stock in this section of the state, and will be the nucleus for a herd of equal quality. Eleven head of young stock for the same owner are at the Sweet ranch, where they will be fed until spring. A number of thoroughbred hogs and little pigs have also been taken to the ranch.

M. G. Lutsey of Curry county, who will have charge for Mr. Laird, took his family and belongings there Tuesday and will begin at once getting the dairy plant organized.

The Laird ranch consists of about 130 acres opposite and extends about a mile south of Riverton, along the river. It commands a beautiful view, the house and barn setting against the side of the hill, considerably higher than the rest of the land. The house is a modern six-room bungalow, with all the latest conveniences down to a shower bath. The barn is the envy of every Coquille valley farmer. It can accommodate about 50 head, has concrete floor, steel stanchions, stalls that

can be flushed out with running water, and all the latest tramways and conveyors. It also has a mammoth hayloft. Commodious outbuildings for pigs have also been constructed. Much slaughtering has been done on this place during the past few months but there is more to be done. When all the available bottom land has been cleared there will be sufficient to keep from 50 to 60 head of cattle.

The way in which Mr. Laird is keeping up quality in building his place, indicates that he will have one of the most up-to-date ranches in the county.

In the suit of the Southern Oregon company, the Merchant Land company, Dennis McCarthy and others, against the Port of Bandon, to be relieved from paying port taxes on the grounds that their lands are not in the Coquille watershed, Judge Coke this week overruled a demurrer filed by the Port. The plaintiffs may now continue their suit.

Art Gilbert, proprietor of Bandon's O. K. Chop House, which was closed about a year and a half ago at the time the business was in a tangle of court proceedings, is back in the business again near his former location, wearing "that smile which won't come off." Mr. Gilbert has closed a deal with T. Anderson where by he becomes the proprietor of Mr. Anderson's restaurant. The place has been re-christened the O. K.

COUNTY FARM WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED

COMMISSIONER G. J. ARMSTRONG SAYS JOB IS NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

Superintendent's Residence Costs Approximately \$3500; Fine Cottages, Water Mains, Sewer, Ceptic Tank, Laundry, Bridge and Sidewalk Bring Total Cost to About \$5800.

County Commissioner G. J. Armstrong, who has been spending the past two weeks at his home here, the other day presented Western World with several postcard pictures of the new buildings just completed on the County Farm. Judging from the photos they are well built and conveniently-arranged modern structures.

The superintendent's home is an eight-room, two-story house 30 by 32 with a full concrete basement. It is modern in every respect and built for permanency. It cost approximately \$3500. Five cottages, built in a row, are also ready for occupancy—one of four rooms; two of two rooms and two of one room. All have built-in porches and are modern in other respects. A 100 foot bridge across a 20 foot gulch and 200 feet of sidewalk have also been completed. Other improvements done include the laying of 600 feet of water mains, 500 feet of sewer, installing a ceptic tank and building a laundry. All of the buildings are painted white, each given three coats.

The work was done by day labor under the supervision of Mr. Armstrong and according to his figures, cost approximately \$5800.

Before the improvement work on County Farm was started, bids had been called for on the main residence and five cottages, says Mr. Armstrong, and the lowest was \$4300. This bid, he says, was for cheaper construction throughout and did not include a basement for the main residence, sewer, ceptic tank, water mains, laundry, bridge, sidewalk or any of the other improvements made.

It was decided by the County Court to have the work done by day labor, and Mr. Armstrong says the job is done and open for inspection, and he will leave it to any fair-minded person to decide whether the County got as much for its money as it would have received under contract.

TWO BIG INDUSTRIES MAY BE ESTABLISHED

Cold Storage Plants May Open Field of Deep Sea Fishing—Will Dredge for Gold.

There are two new industries which may start in the Rogue river country before another year, and both are important and big ones.

At Wedderburn and at Port Orford the Macleay estate owns large and finely equipped cold storage plants. They were erected by the former owner when fish was handled in cold storage. There is being formed in Portland a big company which will carry on deep sea fishing on the Oregon and Washington coasts on a large scale and will have stations at the smaller harbors where the fish can be held awaiting shipment to the market centers.

It is possible that the Macleay estate will put their two cold storage plants into the company for stock and if this is done it will mean big work for those who want to engage in deep sea fishing off the Curry county coast.

Another project which will likely be started is the handling of the gold bearing sands of the beach. A company of rich men have been formed in San Francisco and expect to bring a large dredge to handle the sands in such quantities that it will pay to extract the gold. It is said that sand running only 30 cents a ton in gold can be profitably handled because it will go through the dredge in such large quantities.

It is also expected later that the beds of the rivers and creeks will be dredged as they are known to bear gold.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Manton E. Treadgold, Monday morning, December 20, 1915, a 7-1-4 pound daughter.

CANNOT SPEND THAT \$30,000 AT PRESENT

GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS MUST CONSERVE THE REMAINING HARBOR FUNDS.

Col. Rosa and Secretary Norton of Port of Bandon Failed to Induce Portland Office to Continue Work on North Jetty—Rosa Favors Proceeding with Inner Jetty Project.

"There's many a slip, between the cup and the lip," said Col. R. H. Rosa, Monday, on his return from Portland, where with Secretary J. E. Norton of the Port of Bandon, he went to interview the government engineers in an effort to have the remaining \$30,000 of the local project expended towards the extension of the north jetty.

"Only a short time ago we thought we had that money cinched," he said, "but I guess there's no chance of getting it, for the present at least."

Mr. Rosa stated that they were unable to confer with Major Williams, who is at the head of this district, as he is sick and off the job, but that they were very courteously received by Col. Potter, who temporarily is looking after Mr. William's duties. Col. Potter informed them that no promises for future work whatever are being made at this time. Furthermore that the local project in the opinion of the engineers, did not necessitate an extension of the north jetty at this time, and that he could not report favorably on the present expenditure of the remaining \$30,000.

Col. Potter did promise to give the Port of Bandon the use of the government tools, plant and quarry for the construction of a suitable inside jetty to confine the main current of the river near its mouth in the event the Port wished to make such improvements in the near future. He also stated that a boring survey of the bar had been authorized and would be made as soon as weather conditions permit.

Mr. Rosa stated that he was in favor of beginning work on an inside jetty at once, and as soon as Commissioners Hanly and Johnson return from San Francisco the matter will be taken up. If the commission is favorable a \$25,000 bond issue will be sold and a definite project begun.

It is stated on good authority that the government engineers at Portland are conserving what money they have left from this year's appropriations in view of the fact that the outlook for next year's appropriations is not very bright. The reductions in tariff revenues by the new Democratic tariff laws, together with the effect of the war on our foreign trade and the vast expenditures along other lines made by the present administration, has depleted the coffers of the nation to a lower point than it has been in many years. On top of this comes the cry for preparedness which will cost many millions. President Wilson has already recommended that appropriations for rivers and harbors be cut to the lowest terms, and it is altogether probable that the little ports of the Pacific will get the "go by" at this session of Congress.

MAY KEEP LIQUOR IN BASEMENT OF STORE

Attorney General Says That Nuisance Section of Dry Law Only Menace.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 17—Under the prohibition law it is not a crime for a person to store intoxicating liquor in the basement of his store, when it is not kept for the purpose of gift, distribution, sale or use as defined in sections 19 and 15 of the law, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Brown. Under section 39, however, such possession constitutes prima facie evidence that the place is a common nuisance, he says, and in view of this advises against liquor being so stored.

He has also rendered an opinion that after the first of the year it will be a misdemeanor for any bank, individual, firm or association to present and collect any draft, bill of exchange or order for the payment of money to which is attached a bill of lading for intoxicating liquor.

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