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LEVIES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ANNOUNCED

County and State Taxes Reduced As Are Most of Schools

VALUATIONS MUCH LOWER

Reduced Valuations Raise Millage in Some Districts

As the new year begins the property owner who is cautious of expenses starts his annual worry about how much the taxes will be when he receives his tax statement in February. The last two years since tax reduction has been one of the most discussed topics this worry has become a mania for information.

Here are the millages that are levied against property in this county on 1931 taxes to be paid this year:

County and State	7.9
Roads	1.1
Wasco	26.1
Moro	30.7
Grass Valley	13.6
High School Tuition	2.3
Dist. No. 1	60.0
" 2	8.9
" 3A	6.7
" 4	60.0
" 5	1.2
" 7	7.1
" 9	11.3
" 10	60.0
" 11	6.4
" 13	1.4
" 15	1.2
" 16	1.2
" 17	8.0
" 19	1.0
" 20	2.9
" 21	4.2
" 22	1.7
" 23	4.7
" 24	2.1
" 25	2.1
" 26	1.2
" 29	2.6
" 30	0.7
" 32	2.2
" 33	6.0
" 33A	4.9
" 33B	2.3
" 35	11.4

These millages are in some cases higher than they were last year for the same district. This may be accounted for in two ways. First, the valuations in the county have been reduced on nearly all property especially on untilled land and unillable land

H. H. Byers Laid To Rest Last Saturday

The oldest man in the county was laid to his last rest Saturday afternoon when the funeral of H. H. Byers, father of K. C. Byers, of Moro, was held. Henry Harrison Byers was born in Florida, Putnam county, Illinois on Oct. 10th, 1838 and died at Moro December 30th, 1931 at the age of 93 years 2 months and 20 days. As a youth he lived in the then pioneer states of Iowa and Illinois and when 24 years old was married to Mary R. McCord in Cedar Creek, LaSalle county, Illinois. To this union was born four children of which only one, R. C. Byers of Moro, survives the parents.

Mr. Byers came to Oregon with his son in 1891 and has resided here with him since that time. In 1911 they came to Moro and in the last years the elderly gentleman lived on the place between Moro and Demoss. Besides his son, the deceased is survived by four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery near Moro on January 2nd, 1932.

Woman's Club Plans Library Meeting

Now that the holidays have been duly celebrated and normal order is again restored, the members of the Moro Woman's Club are looking forward to resuming the work of the club year.

The next meeting, which is scheduled for January 15th at 2:30, will be observed as Library Day. Contributions of books will be accepted and turned over to the local library.

around the edges of the county; and second, some districts found it necessary to raise more money this year than last because of unpaid taxes and to pay bonds and other necessities.

The high school tuition fund is levied on all districts of the county with the exception of 3, 3A, 7, 9, 17, and 23, which are all districts maintaining a high school. These districts received the fund which is paid by the districts sending children to the high schools.

It will be possible for anyone, knowing his valuation, and his school district to figure his taxes for the coming year. Valuations in the county have been cut from \$13,950,660 to \$11,687,743. School districts will raise \$54,869.67 this year as compared to \$64,870.99 last year, which is almost exactly a cut of \$10,000.00.

This Looks Like the Days Before the War



Here is a picture that will bring memories of pre-war days. Former Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany and his wife are shown heading the procession of German royalty during the commemoration of the 100th birthday of Kaiser Friedrich III. Behind Wilhelm are his two brothers, Eitel Friedrich and Oskar. The brothers are wearing uniforms they affected previous to the establishment of a republic in Germany.

End of Dry Cycle Declared in Sight

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 7th.

Oregon's climatic dry cycle, which has continued with more or less severity for 10 years and which has been acute the last two years, appears definitely broken. A check up on the year's rainfall together with present conditions throughout the state shows the most favorable moisture condition from an agricultural standpoint in the last decade, report men of the soils department of O. S. C. Experiment station.

Weather records at Corvallis show that the rainfall there for 1931 was 39.50 inches as compared with 23.68 inches in 1930 and 24.45 in 1929. The present normal for the calendar year at the experiment station is 40.92, having been lowered somewhat by the long succession of dry years.

More significant, in the opinion of the soil men, is the fact that for the rainfall or crop year starting last Sept. 1, the total to January 1 this season is 21.41 inches compared with 9.19 inches last year. While these figures would not apply throughout the state, the comparative difference exists elsewhere, indicating a much better moisture supply for crops than for many years past.

Much of the recent rainfall in the warmer sections of the state has come in the form of snow in the mountains and other higher or colder regions, thus assuring better irrigation supply and

better range conditions than have existed recently. Fall crops west of the mountains went into the winter in good shape in the main, but in the lower sections fields will require some attention to prevent damages from standing water.

Meanwhile the extra moisture which may be expected between now and spring will still further add to the welcome supply of stored moisture in the mountains and in eastern Oregon where more may still be held in the subsoils.

Wasco School Enjoys Amateur Program

Friday afternoon a very enjoyable assembly was held in the Wasco high school auditorium. A play entitled "No Men Wanted" was presented by three girls, two pledges and one member of the Masque and Dagger club, which is a dramatic organization in the Wasco

high school. The cast consisted of Georgia Harper, Mary Jeannette Sargent, and Orion Wattenburg.

After this athletic letters were presented to the football and volleyball players. The football letters were of chenille with purple W upon an old gold background. Each letter had a miniature football woven in it, so that it might easily be identified as a football letter. The following received them: Melvin Walsh, who was this year's captain, Max Williams, John Jr. Johnson, Henry Richelderfer, Chester Watkins, Harry Dean Proudfoot, Gene Hull, Arthur Spencer, Kenneth Walker, Delmar and Leon Smith, Charles Charles Nunn and Paulen Kaseberg.

Girls achieving the plain letters were Elna Houston, Bella Clothier, Myrtle Garland, Joy White, Mable Thomas, Winifred Fortner, Cathryn Johnson, and Marie Olson.

Virgil Brock was also awarded an In dian head as a symbol of his having served as athletic manager this season.

Delicate Sarcasm

When the tomato was regarded as poisonous it was called a love apple, which shows that there was delicate sarcasm in the language a century or so ago.—Miami (Fla.) Herald.

Muskrat's Winter Abode

The muskrat's winter hut is a dome of vegetation mixed in with mud walls and frozen stiff, which enables the muskrat to eat the roots in the walls, and to keep comfortably warm from the heat generated by the decaying vegetation.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 6

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Dec. 31	31	24	.22
Jan. 1	30	20	.00
" 2	30	20	.00
" 3	31	28	.00
" 4	42	28	.00
" 5	41	30	.00
" 6	42	34	.03
Total for week			.25

Unemployment Will Be Handled Differently

From information given to the county unemployment committee by the state it is apparent that there will be less work per man on state work for the remainder of the winter.

In the state at large it is not expected that any one man will be given work oftener than one week in five and state officials will adjust this work between the counties so that this average will be maintained as nearly as possible. Some of the men on the state work in this county have been able to work every other week for the past month, but this will not be permitted by the state hereafter.

A faster rotation of unemployed men will be enforced by the local committee because they are forced to do so by the state and crews will be changed in conformity with state regulations. This will result in less work for the needy for the remainder of the winter.

Grass Valley Library Loans Many Books

During the year of 1931 the library at Grass Valley has loaned 2016 books to the adults of the community and 82 to the children. In the last quarter of the year as divided by months there was loaned in October 119 books and 6 children's books; November 189 and 5 children's; December 226 and 4 children's books.

This library is sponsored and managed by the Grass Valley Women's Club with Miss Anna Schwartz in active charge on the days it is open. For those who are located so it is possible for them to use the library this is probably an average of over three books per year.

Spraying System Needed

Does Satan exist? He certainly does, and somehow, like the worm in the apple, he appears to have reached your interior when you were in the bud. There seems no satisfactory spraying system for youth, but there may be.—Exchange.

Uncle Eben

"A good banjo player," said Uncle Eben, "is kind of lucky. Even if unemployment hits 'im, he kin while away de time an' mebbe call attention to hissef' in a way dat'll help. De truth is, dat as a payin' implement de banjo alius did have considerable de best of de shovel an' de hoe."—Washington Star.

COUNTY COURT MAKE MINOR APPOINTMENTS

First Meeting of Year Given Over To Detail Work

ELECTION OFFICIALS CHOSEN

Sherman County Journal Named As Official Paper

The first meeting of the year for the county court is always one in which considerable detail work must be done for at that time the appointment of minor officials comes up and plans must be made for the new year.

These little matters were so numerous that the court session lasted all of Wednesday and a part of Thursday before the business was finished. Matters settled on Wednesday were the reappointment of James Stewart as stock inspector for the coming year, the appointment of Hugh Christman truant officer and the decision of the court to handle Demoss park again instead of through a board.

The Sherman County Journal was appointed to be the official county paper for 1932 as it has much the largest circulation in the county.

Road viewers were appointed as follows: Homer S. Wall, D. E. Vinton and Roy Powell. Dr. Poley was made county physician and health officer.

Wasco Civic Library Has Successful Year

At the meeting of the Wasco Library Board the report of the librarian for the past year was received showing the number of books loaned during 1931. There were 5841 books loaned to readers and 787 books renewed. In December 625 books were read. This represents a gain of 917 books over last year.

The largest circulation for any one day was June 24, when 106 books were asked for by patrons. The Library Board expressed their gratitude to Iva Lou Peugh for the typing she has done for them.

Political Year Causes Early Discussion of Office-Seekers

Just because the politicians consider R. R. Butler to be vulnerable, as the bridge experts say, every postoffice in the district is grooming its favorite son as a candidate against him and certainly Mr. Butler, as he gets the reports, must be very pleased with this condition.

There is the venerable Walter, who has spent half of his life running for something, and the Mrs. Walter, who seems to have gotten some of the fever herself; Francis V. Galloway, whose oratorical ability is known in nearby counties; W. S. Nelson, a booster for The Dalles and the open river; Wilbur of Hood River; to mention the local crop.

District and county politics has not even reached the whispering stage as far as known so far but it is certain that several candidates for the big year is here and political ambitions cannot be kept quiet much longer if they are to be gratified this year.

There is a possibility, but not a

probability that there will be competition for the senatorial seat of the district. J. P. Yates of Wasco, has consented to make the race and as it is this county's turn to send a man to Salem as a senator and as Mr. Yates has ably represented the district in the lower house he will have the inside track over any contestant. Earl Snell of Arlington, is expected to run for his seat in the lower house and having attained a position of prominence there will probably be returned.

County offices may bring out several applicants for voters favor for times are hard and some that would scoff at the salaries offered in normal times would not be adverse to receiving them now. The term of C. P. Axtell, as commissioner expires this year, as does that of Hugh Christman, Sheriff, George Vinton, Clerk, Mrs. Margaret Peetz, Assessor, George Updegraff, District Attorney, L. W. Baker, School Superintendent, and A. M. Young, Treasurer.

The Holidays Are Over



News of Another Day For Those Who Remember Olden Times

January, 5 1893

Miss Lottie Cushman, of Grass Valley, was thrown from her horse on the ice and considerably shaken up last week.

The members of the Grass Valley Comedy Company wishes to thank the public for their liberal patronage Thursday evening.

Frank Sayra became the happy possessor of two town lots in Moro this week, which he purchased from P. C. Walton and wife.

W. H. Fraine, one of Grant's wide awake business men, was in the city this week. He says that Frank Brown, the elevator man, and he are going to erect a large ware house in Grants right away.

January 9, 1908

Robert Urquhart is proud of his New Year's gift—an eleven pound baby boy. Sherman Huff was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hoasford last week.

Hon. R. J. Ginn left for Salem yesterday to serve the people forty days in the house.

Ex-Assessor Pike turned over the togs and paraphernalia of that office to

his successor, R. L. Campbell, who was sworn in Wednesday to serve two years.

P. W. McDonald has started to improve the poultry in his neighborhood. He imported the white Plymouth Rocks from Nebraska about three years ago.

January 10, 1918

County Judge Krusow and Commissioner McKee adjusted themselves to the revolving chairs at the court house Monday.

M. A. Bull was the first person to receive a parcel post package at the Moro post office.

The government instruments at the Experiment Farm registered thirteen and one half inches of rain during the year 1912.

Editor D. C. Ireland, of the Sherman County Observer, died at his home in Moro the evening of January 7, 1913.

Christie E. Frazier, second daughter of the late Thomas Frazier, formerly a resident of Sherman county, was married to Guy R. Simmons on Christmas day. Mrs. Simmons was at one time a student of the Moro high school.