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## TAX LEVIES OF EACH TAXING UNIT FIXED

### School Districts Increase Taxes By Slight Amount

### CITY SCHOOLS MORE COSTLY

### High School Tuition Fund Doesn't Equalize Tax Burden

It will not be long now until the day when everyone in the county will find a letter in his or her mail box containing very distressing information to the party addressed. Tax statements will soon be mailed.

It is possible that several changes will be made in the tax levy before this event can happen. The state legislature still has a chance to take off the property tax and to replace it with some other means of raising money. That would effect the rate of taxation all over the state of course.

The total amount levied for state purposes is 3.7431 mills in this county which includes the elementary school tax. The tax millage for the county, bridge, market roads and schools is 6.3569 mills making a total of 10.1 mills to be levied for the general fund.

The high school tuition fund will be levied in all districts except those maintaining high schools. This year it will be 1.7 mills. The five districts having a high school within them will have an average tax of 7.7 mills to pay. Those without high schools will have an average tax of nearly 3.8 mills. Adding the 1.7 mills high school tuition tax this 3.8 makes the county districts pay a tax of 5.5 mills or five-sevenths as much millage as is paid by the districts that maintain high schools.

The general road fund is arbitrarily set. This year it will be one mill. The cities have made great reductions in taxes for this year and instead of demanding over \$18,000 from their citizens will be glad to get a little over \$10,000. Millages have been reduced from 26.1 to 18.4 in Wasco; from 30.7 to 19.7 in Moro and from 13.6 to 11.7 in Grass Valley making a welcome drop in taxes to residents of those districts.

The millage of the several school districts is given below and with the above information any taxpayer can figure his own tax bill when he knows his valuation:

School District:	Millage
No. 1	4.4
No. 3	8.8
No. 3-A	5.8
No. 4	12.5
No. 5	3
No. 7	5.7

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## Old Timers Ball Helpful To Charity and Community Enjoyment

Americans, they say, are fond of naming their activities with long explanatory titles. That may account for the fact that the annual dance given by the Grass Valley Community Chest Club is given the name of the Annual Old-Timers Mid-Winter Charity Ball. Like the famous Alexander it tells all.

But this thought aside, the 1933 edition of the A. O. T. M. W. C. B. was as much a success as any of those that have preceded it. Both from the angle of enjoyment given to a large number of persons who are old fashioned enough to like the easy time and natural grace of the old dances and from the practical angle of money laid by for charitable purposes the dance was successful.

The committee advertised that it would accept seventy five cents admission to the entertainment or in

### Miss Jeanette Medler Married Sunday

Miss Jeanette Medler daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Medler and Robert McDonald, son of W. G. McDonald of Rufus, was married Sunday. Miss Murdina Medler of Kent attended the bride and Mr. Williams of Arlington was best man. Only members of the families were present. After the wedding a dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald will make their home in Umatilla where Mr. McDonald runs the Texaco Service Station. Rev. A. A. McRea of the Presbyterian church of Moro read the service.

### Barbers Inaugurate 35 cent Hair Cuts

If there be any men, or women either for that matter, who have been letting their hair grow unhampered about their ears and face for lack of ability to save the necessary fifty cents to have it shortened they now may have the operation performed at a considerably smaller figure. Beginning Tuesday haircuts dropped to 35 cents in Moro and Wasco by an agreement between the barbers of those cities. Shaves, baths, etc., dropped in proportion and there is no reason—and anyway less reason—for one looking like the proverbial shepherd.

### Ruggles-Searcy Nuptials Held In Goldendale

Announcement was made here Wednesday of a wedding that united two of the young people of the Moro community. Miss Helen Searcy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Searcy was married to Charles Ruggles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles last Monday in Goldendale, Washington, according to cards received by relatives of the young couple.

Miss Searcy is 18 a senior in high school, and is well known for her musical ability. Mr. Ruggles now 22, is a graduate of Moro High School and spent a year at the University of Oregon.

### Granges Ask Continuance Of Experiment Station

The granges of the county in their meetings of last week passed resolutions favoring the retention of the Experimental farm here at Moro. These were sent to the legislators in Salem.

The grangers of this county, being largely farmers, are aware of the benefits they derive from the station and are particularly desirous that the work be continued according to the resolutions.

Read the ads in the Journal

### Professor Hyslop Will Speak In County

Prof. George R. Hyslop, known to nearly everyone in the county, will speak at Wasco at the Fraternity hall at 1:30 in the afternoon of Friday, February 3rd. That evening he will speak at the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Men's Club. There will be a pot luck supper and everyone is invited. Saturday afternoon at 2:30 Mr. Hyslop will appear before the granges at Grass Valley. All granges of the county are especially invited to attend this meeting and all others are asked to come and hear him.

Mr. Hyslop has spent considerable time in the wheat counties of eastern Oregon since the freeze and is now advising farmers as to the best way to treat their land to raise a crop in 1933. What wheat to sow, when to sow them and how to till the land for winter and spring sowing are subjects he is discussing. He will also speak of possible changes that will be brought about through the passage of the domestic allotment plan in case that bill survives the congressional session.

In the years that Mr. Hyslop has worked with and for the farmers of Oregon he has gained a knowledge of the state greater, in all probability than held by any other man. He knows the country roads and cross roads in every county of the state and the residence of many of the people living along them. Farm crops is the subject with which he is generally associated and in a state as diversified as is Oregon the title presumes considerable acquaintance with agriculture.

### Former Resident Dies In Sacramento, Cal.

Mrs. Tom VanLandingham, for years a resident of the south end of Sherman county, passed away January 14 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cyril VanMetre in Sacramento, Cal. She had been ill for several months. Mrs. VanLandingham will be remembered as a kindly woman who spoke softly and kindly at all times. She had many friends in Grass Valley.

### Grass Valley Library Used

During the year 1932 the library at Grass Valley sponsored and cared for by the Woman's Club of that city loaned a total of 2270 books to residents of that community. Of this number 257 or a little over 11 percent were children's books.

## GROUND TEMPERATURE OF 15° FREEZES WHEAT

### Air Temperature Often Much Lower Than In Earth

### MOISTURE CONDITION FACTOR

### Dry Earth Permits Lower Temperature Than Wet

One of the prerogatives of the American people is the chance to ask "Why?" about everything that interests them. Because of the habit of asking about the why of everything under the sun they have made no little part of their advancement.

Everyone, or nearly everyone, has concluded that the wheat is severely damaged if not completely killed since the freezing wind of last month. It is only natural that there should be some discussion of the conditions that made wheat freeze out at a temperature of five below zero.

Government scientists testing wheat in all its conditions have found that the temperature of the air has little to do with freezing of wheat or other plants. It is the temperature of the ground and it is stated by some experimenters that wheat will not stand a soil temperature of less than 15 degrees above zero at any time.

If the earth is moist so that ice forms in it the temperature will not drop much below freezing and the plants will not be injured severely. If the ground is dry the cold penetrates it to a depth of several inches and the plants are killed. This penetration of cold is much greater if there is wind with the cold as was the case last December.

At the Moro station when the soil was dry during the December freeze it registered a temperature of 9 degrees below zero.

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### WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 25

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JAN 19	21	07	.00
" 20	31	05	.00
" 21	38	20	.00
" 22	37	23	.00
" 23	38	24	.00
" 24	42	30	.06
" 25	37	22	.00
Total for week			.06

### Moro Woman's Club Planning Card Party

The meeting of the Moro Woman's Club at the home of our secretary, Mrs. Robert Hoskinson, January 20, was among one of the outstanding meetings of interest of the year.

Mrs. E. H. Moore gave a paper on "Astoria" and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs gave one on "The Life of Dr. Condon" both papers proving to be of unusual interest.

The program was interspersed by peppy singing of Oregon songs led by Mrs. Akers with Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton at the piano.

Twenty four members were present and two visitors.

A short business session was held, at which time plans were made for a benefit card party, to be held in the Masonic hall, on February 8th. Admission will be 25 cents and the public cordially invited.

The next club meeting will be held February 3rd at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale.

### Short Wave Set Fad Of Young Folks

Several young men of this community have been experimenting with short wave receivers this winter and have developed them far enough so that they hear reports, news items, and other signals with.

They report a great deal of information of an interesting nature is broadcast daily by means of the short waves and it is possible to pick up news items before they are put on the regular wave lengths. Lamer Sayrs and Lloyd Johnson have one of the sets and Clarence Huls and Charles Ruggles are owners of another.

### Winter Still Lingers With Snow and Cold

A little snow, and a little wind made a few drifts in the roads of Sherman county the first of the week. In some places east of summerfallow fields the drifts were of sufficient height to preclude the passage of cars but there was not enough snow to make very large piles of the chilly stuff. Tuesday afternoon the atmosphere was warmer than it had been for several days and the snow melted down to stop the drifting in most places.

While the snow came from the west and was comparatively damp snow it did not lay on the wheat fields but was practically all blown off into the draws or the roads.

### Street Lighting Problem Before Committee

The committee appointed to arrange a new street lighting schedule for the city of Moro is working to reduce the size or number of lights on the streets to enable the city to cut the lighting costs to the amount allowed by the budget passed by the budget committee last December.

Lights at present are costing the city \$67.58 per month which is a reduction from \$100 called for in the original contract. The drop to 67.58 was made two years ago when the city officials felt that they were paying more for lighting than conditions justified.

The budget for 1933 allows but \$50 for street lighting and it will be necessary to reduce both the number and the size of the lights to come within the budget. Whatever reduction is made will have to meet with the approval of the power company.

At the beginning of the year the city street lighting fund has unpaid warrants for over \$1100 in the hands of the company and some measures will have to be taken to meet the budget estimates or the total of unpaid warrants will grow larger during the year.

The committee in charge of this adjustment is composed of Fred Pickett, O. A. Ramsey and Giles L. French.

### Grange Working On Power Measures

Statehouse, Salem, Ore., Jan. 26.M

Not one cent of money is being asked in any of the bills being sponsored by the state Grange for the regulation of telephone and power districts. Any expenditures will be referred to a vote of the people, Ray Gill, State Grange Master, said today.

Some regulatory bills on power and utility measures have asked for appropriations but none of these bills are coming from the Grange, he added.

Mr. Gill explained that the telephone and power bills being introduced and in which the Grange is interested are merely measures setting up the "machinery" by which public ownership can be realized. He ridiculed the idea that the Grange has any intention of urging \$65,000,000 in bonds on the legislature.

Mr. Gill added that H. B. 99 giving a board authority to issue bonds and incur debts at will, will be opposed.

## Short Items From Old Files For Oldtimers Of Years Ago

From the Observer January 25, 1894

The state levy has been fixed at 4.3 mills instead of 7.3 mills as given in the dispatches. This is three mills lower than last year.

A school meeting was held in this district last Saturday for the purpose of taking a vote on the question of levying a tax, but shortly after the voters of this district had convened a motion to adjourn prevailed and no action was taken.

Last Saturday C. J. Deikmann executed a bond for deed to a 320 acre tract of land including the town site on which DeMoss Springs stands, the purchaser being Henry Wright.

Neil McDonald has taken charge of the Central Hotel in Goldendale. Neil will make the business go if anyone can as he is courteous and accommodating to all.

From the Observer January 29, 1904.

From Kent: Mr. Gates, formerly of Arlington has taken the management of the Kent Commercial store. Mr. Montgomery will run the warehouse and put in his spare time in the store.

From Triangle Bar: Miss Ruggles met with quite an accident a short time before leaving home having been thrown from her favorite saddle horse. The animal was frightened by

## COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL SYSTEM DISCUSSED

### Savings Made By Consolidation of School Management

### ONE BOARD HANDLES COUNTY

### School Consolidation Not Necessarily Part of Plan

There appears to be a general tendency to discuss the county unit system of school supervision throughout the state. The first manifestation of this tendency was shown at the Condon meeting of the wheat league and the directors of that program were persuaded to have state superintendent of public instruction, C. A. Howard on the program to discuss that system. Mr. Howard did discuss it but without committing himself to the support of the measure. As he stated at that time, he was not advocating it or attempting to have it adopted. He left that to the wisdom of the voters.

Simply stated the county unit system would place the supervision of all of the schools of the county under a body of five chosen from five different districts of the county. This board would have the same powers as the school board now exercises. The board would hire a school superintendent who would have active charge of the entire school system of the county.

The board would have the right to discontinue schools if it was shown that the patrons of a school could be more economically served by transporting the pupils to another school house. In a district or a county where transportation of pupils was practiced the board would have the power to realign the routes of the busses to care for as large a part of the population in the district as possible. Taxes would be levied equally all over the county and the money that comes from the state and county funds would be divided by the board in much the same manner as it is under the present system.

Those who favor the plan point to the fact that it would make consideration

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## Marking the Social Calendar

