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Notice of Estimated and Proposed Tax Levy for Sherman County, Oregon, for the Year 1917.

Notice is hereby given, That, on Wednesday, the 3d day of January, 1917, the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, will be in regular session at the county court house in Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., and any taxpayer of Sherman County, Oregon, will be heard in favor of or against the proposed tax levy as hereinafter itemized.

Prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 234 of the 1913 Oregon Session Laws, showing an estimate of the amount of money required to be raised by taxation by Sherman County, Oregon, for the year 1917, to maintain each department of the County government, county office or county officer, and for each county improvement, the maintenance of each county building, structure or institution, and for the salary of each county officer or employee, and for the improvement and maintenance of public highways, roads and bridges, and for other contemplated expenditures.

Also showing the probable receipts of Sherman County, Oregon, from sources other than direct taxation upon real and personal property for the year 1917, and also the amount of the balances of the various funds of Sherman County, Oregon, upon Dec. 1, 1916.

Proposed Appropriations for the Following Expenses.

	Amount
County Judge—	\$ 450
Salary—	250
Incidental expenses—	500
County Clerk—	1500
Salary—	900
Deputy Salary—	150
Record Books and Blanks—	150
Incidental expenses—	100
Sheriff—	1800
Salary—	900
Deputy salary—	500
Traveling expenses—	300
Office supplies and incidental—	300
Treasurer—	400
Salary—	50
Record Book & incidental exp's—	50
County Assessor—	1500
Salary—	250
Field Deputies—	220
Rolls, detail sheets and miscellaneous—	220
District Attorney—	50
Incidental expenses—	1000
Superintendent of Schools—	200
Salary—	150
Traveling expenses—	150
Incidental and office supplies—	150
Eighth grade examination—	100
Coroner—	100
Fees and expenses—	50
Jury's fees and witnesses—	250
County Commissioners—	200
Per diem and mileage—	125
Expenses, etc.—	100
Sealer of Weights and Measures—	100
Per diem and expenses—	750
Current Expenses—	150
Stationery, postage, freight, express, telegrams, telephone, furniture, for all offices—	600
Jail—	332
Board of Prisoners, etc—	100
Care of Poor—	100
Expenses—	100
County Physician—	100
Burial expenses—	100
County Health Officers—	100
Salary—	50
Expenses, etc.—	50
Indigent Soldiers—	50
Relief of old soldiers—	120
Boys' and Girls' Aid Society—	100
Relief—	100
Insane—	100
Examinations and expenses—	600
Elections—	125
Judges and clerks—	125
Ballots and registrations—	500
Hall rent, repairing booths and deputy clerks—	500
Scalp Bounty—	80
Bounty on wild animals—	300
Fruit Inspector—	300
Per diem and expenses—	200
Stock Inspector—	200
Stationery and advertising—	120
School Library—	120
Books from State Library—	250
School Industrial Children's Fair—	150
Expenses—	150
County Institute—	500
Expenses—	500
Widows' Pension—	1500
Future allowance—	1500
Fair—	1200
Appropriations—	150
Circuit Court—	150
Witnesses and jurors—	25
Reporters fees—	25
Special counsel—	50
Stationery—	50
Meals for jurors—	100
Salaries—	200
Justice Court—	9000
Fees of justices and constables—	2400
County Schools—	25000
Apportionment of \$3 per capita—	
County high school tuition fund—	
State of Oregon—	
1917 state tax for Sherman County—	
Auditor—	250
Auditing county records—	
Grand total—	\$56467
INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES THAN TAXATION.	
Approximate balance, general fund—	\$2500.
Fees from County Clerk's office—	1800
One-half of bounty from state—	250
Grand total amount to be raised by taxation—	\$51917
Roads, Highways—	
Wages of supervisors, laborers, repairs and improvements and all bridges under 10 feet wide to be paid from road fund of the district in which they are built—	30000
Bridges—	
All bridges over 10 feet wide to be built from the bridges—	20600
Grand total amount to be raised by taxation for state, county and schools, roads and bridges—	\$102517

It is estimated that it will require a levy of 11.8 mill to raise the amount shown by the above estimate.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 6th day of December, 1916.

Fred Knusow, County Judge.

E. D. McKee, Commissioner.

J. K. Iby, Commissioner.

Attest:

K. A. McPherson, Clerk.

THE 64TH CONGRESS OPENS LAST SESSION

Railroad, Trade and Immigration Legislation First to Be Considered.

Washington.—The session of congress which opened Monday and will expire by limitation on March 3, is going to be a short one, but a busy one.

The first and most important business of the session will be the passage of the appropriation bills—the regular appropriation bills to meet the cost of running the government, in addition to which efforts will be made to pass a river and harbor bill and an omnibus public building bill.

Additional Railroad Legislation. Aside from the appropriation bills there will come up other important questions, some backed by the administration, and others brought forward in spite of the administration. The president, in his opening message, called attention to the railroad situation and strongly urged the passage of at least a part of the remainder of his original program. There will be a wholesome sentiment in congress, regardless of party, to do something to straighten out the railroad tangle.

Without a hint from the president, an effort will be made to get up and to pass the immigration bill which was sidetracked last summer, because of the politics involved. The bill provides for an educational test for immigrants; President Wilson does not believe in the educational test. If the bill, already passed by the house, should pass the senate, it will carry the educational test, and it then will be up to the president to determine whether he will sign or veto the measure.

Webb Bill May Be Revived.

Another bill to be revived is what is known as the Webb bill, recommended by two members of the cabinet and by the federal trade commission, empowering American exporters to combine to control prices in foreign markets, and to co-operate in the foreign trade. This bill is strongly urged by both republicans and democrats, and its early passage is to be sought. That American business men may more effectively prepare to meet trade competition in foreign markets after the restoration of peace in Europe.

Appropriations Only Bill Can Pass. Members talk of new issues, but it is the general opinion that little other than appropriation bills can be passed in the short session.

While congressmen appreciate that railroad problems, conservation legislation, immigration, suffrage, national prohibition, corrupt practices measures and other unfinished business will be pressed for consideration, and that efforts may be made to investigate alleged election frauds and expenditures of the national campaign, these subjects at present are overshadowed by the high prices of food and measures for relief.

One of the lively discussions of the short session will center around bills proposing to place an embargo on food products, and the bill to be introduced by Representative Fitzgerald of New York likely will be the principal measure of its kind, because of Mr. Fitzgerald's prominence in the house. This legislation is going to arouse such determined opposition that it is not expected to become a law, especially as the opponents of the bill in the senate will be able, with a relatively short filibuster, to prevent a vote.

Bills Designed to Cut Food Prices.

Four bills designed to reduce the high cost of food were introduced by Representative Fitzgerald, of New York. Two propose a food embargo. One would regulate transportation of cold storage foods and another would regulate the admission of farm products and manufactured foodstuffs to the parcel post and reduce the rates on food.

NEW LOAN IS ABANDONED

Morgan Calls Off Sale of the Allies' Treasury Bills.

New York.—The abandonment by J. P. Morgan & Co. of the proposed sale of a limited amount of short-term British and French treasury bills at the request of the entente allied governments announced here came as a surprise to the financial community. The announcement issued from the Morgan offices said that the action of the British and French government was taken out of regard for the attitude adopted against the sale by the federal reserve board. The surprise was heightened by the fact that all arrangements for the offering had been perfected.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Five Linn county cities held municipal elections Monday.

Secretary of State Olcott is in Chicago to visit his sister, who is seriously ill.

The older boys' conference held its 11th annual meeting in Corvallis last week.

The Rogue River Valley Berkshire association was organized at Grants Pass last week.

Dallas churches and lodges will unite this year in a municipal Christmas tree and program.

Affidavits to import liquor into Multnomah county totalled \$3,800 during the month of November.

Medford high school won the football championship of southern Oregon by defeating Ashland 10 to 0.

The Clackamas County Anglers' association was organized at Oregon City with a charter membership of 45.

A sleeping cow on the tracks between Coquille and Myrtle Point wrecked the Coos Bay limited passenger train.

According to figures compiled by Insurance Commissioner Wells the fire losses in Oregon in November totaled \$172,525.

The annual show of the Central Willamette Poultry association will take place in this city December 13 to 16, inclusive.

The Salem Junior Commercial club, which will be an auxiliary of the Salem Commercial club, was organized with 21 members.

A bill giving to Insurance Commissioner Wells power to appoint a fire marshal, will be introduced at the next legislative session.

The Oregon Agricultural college football team defeated the University of Southern California eleven at Los Angeles Thursday 16 to 7.

More than 500 delegates are expected to attend the sixth annual Oregon irrigation congress, which will convene in Portland January 4, 5 and 6.

The annual meeting of the State Association of County Judges and Commissioners will open in Portland December 12 for a four days' session.

Polk county Angora goats are in such demand by eastern and southern breeders and stock raisers that local breeders are finding difficulty in filling orders.

Governor Withycombe Monday re-appointed Harvey Beckwith, of Portland, as a member of the industrial accident commission. The appointive term is for four years.

With a total of 1823 entries, not including turkeys, ducks and geese, the eighth annual show of the Oregon Poultry & Pet Stock association opened in Portland Monday.

Mrs. G. H. Robbins, wife of a Hood River orchardist, finds profit in raising China pheasants, which are sold at fancy prices to breeders in different parts of the northwest.

The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union, with delegates from Oregon and southern Idaho, is to gather in McMinnville December 5 to 8 for its annual convention.

The cruisers in charge of the work of classifying the Oregon and California railroad grant lands have abandoned operations until next April, when the work will be resumed.

The Mosaic league, a society having for its purpose the creation of public sentiment against profanity, was organized at a union meeting of the congregations of Pendleton churches.

Examinations for state teaching certificates will be held at the county seat of each Oregon county December 20, 21, 22 and 23. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, has announced.

Following the discovery of two cases of infantile paralysis at Looking Glass Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, ordered the schools of the Looking Glass district closed for a period of 11 days.

A system of wholesale bootlegging in Bend is believed to have been uncovered by the arrest of a man named Wyatt and two associates, who are charged with having peddled liquor for several weeks.

The application of Arthur S. Beede & Sons of Drewsey for the construction of a reservoir for the storage of 3900 acre feet of water for the irrigation of 1500 acres of land has been approved by State Engineer Lewis.

According to the report of the commissioner of internal revenue, the total income tax paid by the comfortably-fixed and the well-to-do of Oregon aggregated \$118,437 for the last fiscal year, and was paid by 2421 men and women.

A "fifty-fifty" agreement between Warden C. A. Murphy, of the Oregon state penitentiary, and the convicts housed in the institution, has tacitly been reached and under its terms the men and the prison administration each agree to give the other a "square deal."

Five of the 276 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission resulted in fatalities last week. They were: B. Legurs, of Warren, killed in logging operations; J. W. Erickson, of Portland, run down by train; George Eddy, of Pendleton, killed in machine shop; J. P. Clark, of Klamath Falls, killed in dairy industry; and W. W. Kinnicut, of Jacksonville, killed while mining.

The grain growers' convention, which is to be held at the Oregon Agricultural college on January 3, 4 and 5, as a part of the programme for farmers' and homemakers' week, will offer the most complete and authoritative discussion of the bulk handling of grain that has ever been held in the northwest. Representatives from the largest growers, shippers and manufacturers will be in attendance, and the programme will cover every phase of the bulk handling of grain, from the culture until the time it is made into flour, or utilized in some other way.

Oregon will continue under the prohibition law permitting importation of limited quantities of liquors until additional legislation to cover the "bone dry" amendment adopted at the recent election, shall be enacted by the legislature next January. Governor James Withycombe and Attorney General Brown said that all doubt among district attorneys and other officials may be removed in respect to the new constitutional amendment. Attorney General Brown has issued a statement advising officials against trying to enforce the "bone dry" amendment until the legislature has acted. As the amendment now stands, the attorney general declared, it is unenforceable.

A course in apple packing for the special benefit of growers whose orchards are just coming into bearing will be one of the features of the winter short course, to be held at the Oregon Agricultural college from January 8 to February 2.

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Details of plans for highway improvement authorized by the passage of a \$280,000 bond issue at the recent election are being worked out in Wasco county. An advisory committee representing different sections of the county has been appointed by the county court.

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The city of Grants Pass, through its municipal, commercial, civic and church organizations, and the officials of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, was host Saturday to 600 sugar beet growers and their wives from points between Oakland and Sutherlin and Ashland, the occasion being the celebration of "Grants Pass Sugar Beet day."

With snows deepening on the surrounding range tops and a decided winter nip to the atmosphere, orchardists of the Hood river valley who, according to estimates, have at the present time 400,000 boxes of fruit unprotected from excessive frost, are worried. Because of the shortage of refrigerator cars, the storage plants of the valley, holding an approximate 600,000 boxes of fruit, were closed against further delivery.

Oregon will go totally dry December 1, if means are found whereby violators of the new prohibition amendment to the state constitution can be punished. Governor Withycombe has announced. If it is found, however, that the "bone dry" amend-

ment cannot be enforced, because it lacks a penalty clause, Governor Withycombe will not leave a proclamation putting the amendment into effect until the legislature meets and passes an enabling act, fixing a penalty for violations.

The vote on the initiative and referendum amendments with most of the counties complete, together with incomplete returns from the remainder, is as follows: Single item veto—yes 127,333, no 48,592, majority for 78,740; ship tax exemption—yes 109,063, no 58,768, majority for 50,310; negro suffrage—yes 89,025, no 87,523, majority against 1,502; Pendleton normal—yes 93,867, no 103,270, majority against 9,403; full rental land tax—yes 35,752, no 121,871, majority against 82,819; anti-compulsory vaccination—yes 89,017, no 88,587, majority for 430; Sunday closing law repeal—yes 112,320, no 87,972, majority for 24,348; brewers' amendment—yes 80,237, no 127,479, majority against 47,242; absolute prohibition—yes 108,813, no 105,712, majority for 3,101; rural credits amendment—yes 94,179, no 74,291, majority for 19,888; state-wide tax limitation—yes 46,609, no 74,401, majority for 12,298.

Notice of Executors' Sale of Real Property.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

In the matter of the estate of Frank G. Barton, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executor of the estate of Frank G. Barton, deceased, will from and after the 16th day of December, 1916, proceed to sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, and under conditions hereinafter set forth, the following described real property belonging to said estate, and all being situated in Sherman County, State of Oregon, to-wit: The s. e. quarter of section thirty-two (32) in township one (1) north of range sixteen east of the W. M. and fractional lots one (1) and two (2) in section five (5), and all of section three (3) and the s. e. quarter of the n. e. quarter of section four (4), in township one south of range sixteen east of the W. M. From and after the 16th day of December, 1916, and until said real property is sold, the undersigned will receive bids in writing for said real property at 312 First building in the city of Portland, Oregon, and bids can also be sent to the undersigned in care of the County Clerk of Sherman County at Moro, Oregon. The following described portion of said property, to-wit: section three and s. e. quarter of the s. e. quarter of Section four in township one south of range sixteen east of W. M. in Sherman county, Oregon, is subject to a mortgage of two thousand dollars (\$2000) and the executor will sell the property to the person who will offer the largest sum in cash for all of the real property heretofore described, subject to the said two thousand dollar mortgage and interest at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum from April 22, 1916, the purchase of said property to assume the payment of the said two thousand dollar mortgage and the interest from April 22, 1916. The sale of said property is made by order of the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, which order is dated November 1, 1916. Date of first publication of this notice is November 17th, 1916, and the last date of publication December 15th, 1916.

Maggie S. Barton, George L. Barton, Executors of the estate of Frank G. Barton, deceased.

We Are Thankful

—For your sake, because our own prosperity depends on what we do for you—

THAT we have succeeded, as far as we have, in making our business more of a HELP TO YOU;

THAT notwithstanding the natural difficulties of our business, we are more closely attaining the ideal for our mutual benefit;

THAT whereas we handle only raw materials, yet we are now equipped to help you make such such a use of those materials as will contribute to your comfort, health and prosperity;

THAT we have been able to make ourselves, through our Architectural, Engineering, Plan Book and Service departments, an economic necessity to this community and thus justify our being here in this business.

THAT we have passed the experimental stage of this service and can devote our efforts in the future to being of still greater help to you in solving all of your building problems.

THAT we can bring to pass your hopes of a home properly heated, or a barn or a silo, or any and all buildings.

THAT it is again "Turkey Time" and we hope that yours will be large, fat, sweet and juicy.

And we are especially thankful that we CAN be thankful for all of these things.

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Fine Alfalfa and Stock Ranch for Sale

356 acres, of which about 90 acres are Alfalfa Land, 1915 hay sold at \$15 in stack, and at \$19 in Portland. Noted as best-paying farm on the creek for its size. On O. W. R. & N. Railroad, and 3 1/2 miles to two towns. Altitude 918 feet; no better climate anywhere. Best watered farm in Eastern Oregon. Located 25 miles from Columbia River, 7 1/2 hours' run to Portland. Will sell with or without the livestock on easy terms.

Life is too short and time too valuable to buy raw land and build an alfalfa ranch. The task is too great a one for the ordinary man to tackle. Better to drop into a well-improved, modern farm and begin from the very first to enjoy the fruits for which others have labored.

Here is one of the best old-established alfalfa farms in Eastern Oregon for sale on easy terms, and the purchaser escapes the arduous, expensive work of digging irrigating ditches, building dams, leveling ground, erecting buildings, growing orchards, building fences and thousands of other things required in establishing a ranch like this.

Wishing to retire from farming the owner is offering for sale the following property: 356 acres of alfalfa and pasture land of which about

75 Acres is a Deeply Rooted, Heavy Producing Alfalfa Meadow

And about 15 acres or more of new land will be seeded to alfalfa as soon as the ground can be prepared. Already the ranch produces from 300 to 350 tons of alfalfa hay every season, which is the best-balanced single ration for all kinds of livestock the world has ever known, also the cheapest and easiest crop to grow; 102 acres are bottom land, balance hill pasture land, with good stream of water running through center of ranch, also many running springs. About 2 1/2 acres in peach, apple and pear orchards, heavy producing; six-room dwelling house, very cozy, surrounded by luxuriant shade trees, beautiful lawn, rose beds, etc.; new Swedish barn, blacksmith shop, well equipped with tools; wagon shed, wood shed, cement cellar, root cellar, poultry houses and other necessary outbuildings. Also all livestock, farm machinery and household effects. A complete and well-furnished country home to step into.

Pure Running Spring and Creek Water for Stock the Year Round

Water runs at all times through the stock corral, barnyard, lawn, calf lot, hog lot, and in every ditch