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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 3rd 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.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT.

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.

	Amt.
County Judge—	
Salary—	\$450
Incidental expenses—	250
County Clerk—	
Salary—	1500
Deputy Salary—	900
Record Books and Blanks—	150
Incidental expenses—	100
Sheriff—	
Salary—	1800
Deputy salary—	900
Traveling expenses—	500
Office supplies and incidental—	300
Treasurer—	
Salary—	400
Record book & incidental exp's—	50
County Assessor—	
Salary—	1500
Field Deputies—	250
Rolls, detail sheets and miscellaneous—	220
District Attorney—	
Incidental expenses—	50
Superintendent of Schools—	
Salary—	1000
Traveling expenses—	150
Incidental and office supplies—	50
Eighth grade examination—	50
Coroner—	
Fees and expenses—	100
Jury's fees and witnesses—	50
County Commissioners—	
Per diem and mileage—	250
County Surveyor—	
Expenses—	200
Sealer of Weights and Measures—	
Per diem and expenses—	125
State Account—	
Per diem and expenses—	100
Current Expenses—	
Stationery, postage, freight, express, telegrams, telephone, furniture, for all offices—	750
Jail—	
Board of Prisoners, etc—	150
Care of Poor—	
Expenses—	600
County Physician—	
Salaries—	332
County Health Officers—	
Salaries—	100
Expenses, etc—	100
Indigent Soldiers—	
Relief of old soldiers—	50
Boys' and Girls' Aid Society—	
Relief—	120
Insane—	
Examinations and expenses—	50
Elections—	
Judges and clerks—	600
Ballots and registrations—	150
Hall rent, repairing booths and deputy sheriffs—	125
Scalp Bounty—	
Bounty on wild animals—	500
Fruit Inspector—	
Per diem and expenses—	80
Stock Inspector—	
Salary—	300
Stationery and advertising—	20
School Library—	
Books from State Library—	120
School Instruction Children's Fair—	
Expenses—	250
County Institute—	
Expenses—	150
Widows' Pensions—	
Future allowance—	500
Fair—	
Appropriations—	1500
Circuit Court—	
Witnesses and jurors—	1200
Reporters fees—	150
Special counsel—	50
Stationery—	25
Meals for jurors—	100
Bailiffs—	
Justice Court—	
Fees of justices and constables—	200
County Schools—	
Appropriation of \$8 per capita—	9000
County high school tuition fund—	2400
State of Oregon—	
1917 state tax for Sherman county—	25000
Auditor—	
Auditing county records—	250
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
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 mills to raise the amount shown by the above estimate.	
Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 6th day of December, 1916.	
Frederic K. Krukowski, County Judge.	
E. D. McKee, Commissioner.	
J. K. Irby, Commissioner.	
Attest:	
K. A. McPherson, Clerk.	

RECESS OF CONGRESS BEGINS SATURDAY

Trouble Encountered Finding Sources of Funds to Finance Government.

Washington.—With a holiday recess planned to begin next Saturday and extend until January 2, congressional leaders do not hope to accomplish anything before adjournment except the passage of a few appropriation bills in the house, and possibly the disposition of the Sheppard prohibition bill for the District of Columbia in the senate.

The house ways and means committee is working hard in an endeavor to find funds to finance the government next year, and it has its hands full. Chairman Kitchin says he is at his wits' end to discover new sources of revenue.

President Wilson and the cabinet already have begun consideration of ways and means to raise revenues to meet the threatened deficit on June 30, 1918. The president let it be known that he had reached no conclusion, but, in general, was opposed to bond issues except to meet expenditures of a temporary nature. He probably will address congress on the subject later.

Army Heads Want 3,000,000 Soldiers.

The mobilization of the national guard for border service was described as a military failure, emphasizing the urgent necessity of abandoning the volunteer system as the nation's reliance for defense, in statements by

Major-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, and Major-General Leonard Wood, commanding the eastern department, before the senate subcommittee considering the Chamberlain universal military training bill. Both of the generals advocated universal training. General Wood declared that the country now was utterly defenseless against a well-organized foe; that the mobilization was a tragedy, and that if the guardsmen had met good troops they "would never have known what hit them." General Scott told the committee that lessons drawn from the present war proved that in case of war with a first-class power the United States would need immediately a trained force of 1,500,000 men, with another 1,500,000 available within 90 days.

Wilson Not to Offer Mediation.

President Wilson decided to forward the central powers' peace notes to the senate without any mediation offer by the American government.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, said after a 10-minute visit with Secretary Lansing: "We did not discuss peace terms in any way. I have not received any formal terms and the American government knows officially that no formal terms have been proposed. All Germany has suggested is that the belligerents get together and talk."

440-Acre Bill is Passed.

All the disputed points in the Ferris bill to provide 440-acre homesteads, principally for grazing purposes, were smoothed out in conferences between house and senate and the measure goes to the president now for his signature.

The bill has been supported by the interior department and western congressmen as a measure of further opening the public domain.

HOW RED CROSS SEAL IDEA CAME INTO BEING

Originating in Norway, Method Was Taken Up Here Nine Years Ago.

Over \$2,500,000 has been raised by Red Cross Christmas Seals in the last eight years, and yet many people who will buy these holiday stickers at this year's annual sale do not know how this idea originated.

While Red Cross Seals really date back to the Civil War when "Charity Stamps" were first used, the first campaign to sell holiday stickers for the tuberculosis fight was only nine years ago in Delaware. Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington read an article by Jacob Rills describing stamps used for tuberculosis work in Norway, and she conceived the idea of a similar plan here. Single handed, she launched a sale which resulted in \$3,000 clear money. When Miss Bissell tried to convince the American Red Cross that this idea should be made national as a peace activity of that society, she met with opposition, but finally persuaded the authorities, with the result that on an investment of a few hundred dollars \$138,000 worth of Seals was sold in 1908 and the great national campaign was launched. Since then the sale has gone forward by leaps and bounds, until now the Red Cross Seal is an institution in the United States, and offers to every one a chance to help in the people's fight against the people's disease. Last year over 70,000,000 Seals were sold, and this year the American Red Cross and The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, who conduct the sale, are out for a 100,000,000 sale or \$1,000,000 for the Tuberculosis War.

The policy on which the sale is conducted is that the money, except for the deduction of legitimate expenses, shall remain in the community where the Seals are sold.

"Salem Week" is being celebrated in the state capital this week. The week is being devoted to awakening the civic spirit and bringing citizens in closer touch with the forces working for the advancement of the city.

A bill limiting the employment of women to 48 hours a week will be prepared and introduced at the legislature next January. The Consumers' league will be sponsors for this measure and will work for its enactment.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

More than a million dollars has been made available by the war department for providing winter quarters for troops stationed on the border.

An attempt was made recently to assassinate William Morris Hughes, the Australian premier, at his home in New Victoria, according to a dispatch from Sydney.

Divorces are on the increase in Chicago, according to a survey of the years 1914 and 1915, just completed, by Gertrude Howe Britton, county superintendent of social service.

A 400 per cent increase in the operating income of nine interstate express companies during the fiscal year of 1916 over the fiscal year 1915 was reported by the interstate commerce commission.

Dr. Friedrich Adler, assassin of Premier Count Stuerghk, arraigned for preliminary investigation, declared that he had no accomplices in his crime and that he committed it with full knowledge of the responsibility entailed.

Mrs. David Starr Jordan, wife of Stanford's ex-president, now chancellor-emeritus, with the wives of Stanford professors and other Palo Alto, Cal., women, has launched a movement to standardize women's dress and desert fickle fashion.

Cognizance of the allied blockade was taken by the postoffice department in recommending to postmasters throughout the country at offices where international money orders are sold, to post notices advising patrons to purchase such orders intended for Christmas presents by December 1 or as soon after that time as convenient.

American Artillery to Use Motors.

Washington.—Equipment of army heavy artillery batteries with motor tractors instead of horses is forecast in a report on recent tests made at the artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla.

Americans Take Nicaragua Revenue.

Managua, Nicaragua.—Americans are taking over the management of all the internal revenues of Nicaragua.

Hughes Named for Bar Presidency.

Albany, N. Y.—Charles E. Hughes has been named for the presidency of the New York State Bar association by the nominating committee of that organization.

FRENCH AT VERDUN ARE VICTORIOUS

Paris.—As his last act before assuming the chief command of the French armies on the western front, General Nivelle smashed the German line east of the Meuse along a front of six miles. The victory advanced the French positions two miles, and they are now within a short distance of where the Germans stood at the outset of the great Verdun drive. The military authorities describe the victory as complete and crushing, and carried out without a hitch.

Although the Germans offered a desperate defense, the attack was so powerful there was no withdrawing it, with the result that the Germans were pushed back along the line by the French, who only ceased on orders when the objectives had been gained.

The number of German prisoners taken, according to the latest counting, is 11,387, including 284 officers.

LYDD-GEORGE REPLIES TO PEACE PROPOSALS

English Premier Says Peace Is Impossible Without Reparation.

London.—The first appearance of David Lloyd-George before the house of commons as premier was made in circumstances seldom, if ever, faced by a new holder of the office. Even if the peace proposals of the central powers had not intervened, his statement of the policy of his government, which was chosen in reply to a public demand for more vigorous prosecution of the war, would have marked an important step in the world conflict. The peace note and every corner of the world awaited the announcement as to the British attitude toward the more of the central powers.

The premier said in the house of commons that it was felt that they should know before entering on negotiations that Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe, and that without reparation peace would be impossible. There were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany. Much as they longed for it, the premier added, the central powers' note and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

Mr. Lloyd-George said: "Our answer will be given in full accord with our allies. Each of the allies has separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia." He said the allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

F. C. Harley has been elected as Mayor of Astoria.

The new concrete bridge at Independence has been opened for traffic.

It cost O. A. C. \$296 per football man to maintain a team in the season just passed.

The Oregon Woolgrowers' association met at Heppner for the nineteenth annual session.

Dice games, punch boards, raffles and card games for trade checks are under fire in Pendleton.

Indications are that there will be but little road-building in Folk county during the coming season.

The report of county superintendent W. L. Jackson shows that Linn county has 8052 children of school age.

Wild dogs, or tame dogs running wild, have killed 50 sheep belonging to F. A. Stewart, near Roseburg.

The Northern Pacific Brewing plant, at Astoria, has been purchased and will be converted into a milk condenser.

The first of the Willamette Valley Intercollegiate debates will be held on Friday evening, December 23 at Lebanon.

Two by Bros. of Portland, have received an initial contract to build 200 freight cars for the Union Pacific railway system.

The National Mohair Growers' association, in sixth annual convention at Galveston elected U. S. Grant, Dallas, Or., president.

Rev. O. E. Holmes, of Forest Grove, has tendered his resignation to Governor Withycombe as a member of the state parole board.

In a duel in which at least eight shots were fired, Salvatore Amato was killed by his brother, Frank, in the latter's home in Portland.

Total resources of all the banks in the state of Oregon on November 17 last were \$204,365,342.51, an increase as compared with November 10, 1915, of \$39,884,216.37.

Farmers of southern Klamath county are beginning a strenuous campaign towards the extermination of jack-rabbits, which are becoming a serious pest in that section.

The contract was let last week for the erection of the government coast guard building at the mouth of the Stuslaw river near Florence, to H. R. Kibler of Portland. His bid was \$8389.

W. D. Barnes of Tumalo, A. L. Mackintosh of Bend and L. E. Smith of Redmond, have been appointed as members of the county court of Deschutes county, created at the November election.

So great has been the demand for flour in Grant county that the Prairie City mill has been running 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is so far behind orders that a second mill will be opened at John Day.

The Klamath irrigation project stands second in the list of 28 government projects now in operation for its cash value returns in crops this year, according to the annual report of Secretary Franklin K. Lane.

The total assessed valuation of the state for this year, including property assessed by county assessors and that assessed by the state tax commission is \$778,753,944.71, as compared to \$744,495,032.25 for last year.

One fatal accident was reported to the industrial accident commission during the past week, this being Fred Coombs, a box factory worker, of Klamath Falls. A total of 307 accidents were reported for the week.

Steps to organize a Willamette Valley Corn association with eight counties represented, was a feature of the closing of the Marion county corn show and the exhibit of the Marion County Potato Growers' association at Salem.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has sent F. Small, a San Francisco manufacturer, samples of flax grown in Lane county for the purpose of testing it in the manufacture of fishermen's twine. This twine is now selling for \$3.25 a pound.

The state tax levy for 1917 will be \$2,690,250. These figures were arrived at by the State Tax commission by taking the last year's tax levy, arbitrarily adding 6 per cent to it, and leaving it up to the legislature to keep within the amount designated.

The famed MacRae ranch of 8000 acres in Grant county, known as one of the most efficiently conducted cattle ranches in the west, has been sold by its owner, Mrs. Lillian MacRae, to C. P. Ragsdale of Joseph. The price was \$200,000 and the deal was cash.

Percy Cuppet, assistant state engineer, has sent letters to the secretaries of the 17 irrigation districts of the state suggesting that the districts form an association in connection with the Oregon irrigation congress to promote the interests of irrigation generally and of the districts in particular.

Figures furnished from the records indicate that the taxpayers of the different counties have been required to pay an average of more than \$3000 a year per county, beginning with 1911, for the publication of the delinquent tax lists.

Members of the Hood River commercial club unanimously endorse a proposed tax of \$1 a horsepower on automobiles. The club further recommends that the fund so raised be used toward matching federal appropriations for state road work under the Schakelford road bill.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Oregon normal at Monmouth, which is planning on a big expansion in training school activities, the beginning of regular extension work, larger dormitory space, an addition to the main building, and minor campus improvements, to be embodied in a bill for an appropriation for \$86,000 when the legislature meets.

Although Secretary of State Olcott urged cancellation of a contract whereby Jason Moore is to be allowed to remove salts from Summer and Albert lakes, in Lake county, the state land board has refused to take that action and the matter remains in status quo. The question of the lease and contract on the lakes has been hanging fire since 1914 and six extensions of time have been granted.

Announcement of plans for the construction of a three-story, 80 by 250 feet, reinforced concrete addition to the plant of the Oregon City Manufacturing company at Oregon City, and the complete rearrangement of the plant-improvements which will increase the capacity of the mill 50 per cent and make it the largest woolen mill west of the Mississippi river—was made by Adolph Jacobs, president of the company.

In the second Oregon congressional district, all of eastern Oregon, N. J. Sinnott, incumbent, has been re-elected by an overwhelming majority over Barkley, his specialist opponent. He has a lead of about 15,000 votes.

Orders have been issued by the war department detaching Lieutenant-Colonel Charles L. Potter from duty as engineer officer at Portland, and sending him to Boston, Mass. His successor at Portland has not been chosen.

Examination of a majority of the officers of the coast artillery branch of the state troops was held in Eugene this week. This examination is required by the war department semi-annually, under the new army bill.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company has filed with the public service commission a petition asking for a rehearing in the case recently decided by the commission, fixing the valuation of the company's properties.

One of the largest ranch deals consummated in Baker for some time is the recent purchase for \$90,000 of the F. W. Talmadge 760-acre ranch by R. N. Warnock, of Portland. The ranch is located near Sparta, 26 miles from Baker.

Three thousand acres of raw land in the west end of Umatilla county will be brought under irrigation and cultivation next season according to L. A. Rineman, county watermaster. The land consists of 1000 acres under the Furnish project, 1000 acres under the Western Land and Irrigation project, 500 acres under the Umatilla project and 500 acres under the west extension.

A larger and more complete normal school is the programme of the

Figures collected by O. P. Hoff, state labor commission, from Oregon land offices show that July 1, 1916, there were 15,337,809 acres of vacant public lands in Oregon open to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws. Of this amount 13,842,248 acres are surveyed. This acreage is a decrease in the year of 104,369 acres and 632,637 acres since July 1, 1914.

Finderne Mutual Faye Valdesa, a junior yearling Holstein bull, consigned by Bernhard Meyer, of Finderne, N. J., sold in the ring at the sixth Pacific International Livestock show at Portland for \$21,500, the highest price ever paid on the coast for a single animal.

With a record of having eclipsed all similar shows ever held at Portland in the quality and number of animals shown and the sales made, the sixth annual Pacific International Livestock exposition, which had been in session at the Union stockyards for a week, closed Saturday.

For the purpose of permitting adult Indians of the Umatilla reservation to express their views as to whether tribal lands of the reservation shall be allotted to children of present allottees, Superintendent Swartzlander has issued a call for a tribal council for January 2, 1917.

With the money in the state school fund piling up and loans being paid up practically twice as fast as the money is loaned out, the state land board has decided to increase the amount allowed to be loaned from the school fund to any individual from \$2500 to \$5000. At the same time it was tentatively decided that the board will ask the next legislature to reduce the interest on school fund loans from six per cent to five per cent.

The board of directors of the Portland schools will ask the legislature through a bill already drafted and ready for submission, to untie its hands in the management and administration of the public schools of the city by giving the board authority to transfer teachers from place to place as occasion requires; to discontinue the services of women teachers marrying while in the service; to dismiss teachers without the right of appeal after a hearing at which neither the board nor the teacher shall be represented by counsel. The bill also lengthens the probationary period prior to definite tenure of office from two to four years.

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 50x60-foot 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 on the ranch if desired. No quarrel with neighbors over irrigating ditches, nor with ditch riders over water. The intake to my ditches is just above my line fence and the water returns to main stream on my own land, AND THE WATER IS ABSOLUTELY FREE.

The Soil is Mostly Creek Sediment as Deep as 10 and 12 Feet

Hence very rich in plant-growing materials. Owing to depth of soil one irrigating early in the Spring will produce three heavy crops of alfalfa hay per year, and much of the land sub-irrigates from the creeks and springs. The fourth crop I have always pastured off up to the first of the year.

Big Demand for Alfalfa Hay in the Stack or Baled

Local sheepmen and cattlemen furnish a ready market for all the hay produced here, and it has been sold from this ranch at \$20 per ton. The 1915 crop sold for \$15 in the stack and \$19 in Portland, so it is not difficult to figure what your yearly income is likely to be. Luxuriant shade trees and pools of spring water along the creek make excellent summer conditions for cattle, horses and hogs. This farm is in the center of a famous Eastern Oregon wheat belt, and grain feed can be had at minimum cost.

This fine, healthful Eastern Oregon home and all its belongings can be had for \$30,000 (and is easily worth \$50,000), one-fourth of which can be paid in annual installments of \$500 at six per cent interest, and the remainder can be arranged agreeably between owner and purchaser. Will sell for less without investment. Possession can be given at any time. Write or call upon

Alex Hunter, — Moro, Ore.