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TAX MILLAGE IN COUNTY CUT

The Interpreter

By S. O. BURGDORF
A young woman interviewed Emil Ludwig, the distinguished author and among the great brought out was the statement that "women hold the fate of the world in their hands". They can do more to end war than all the pacifists and writers put together. "That's real nice of you but let us ask why the women didn't prevent the recent well known but most deplorable World War? They had all the chance in the world but they didn't stop the firing of one gun. We don't blame them for it. They simply couldn't do anything about it. Nor will they ever stop a war in the future. Wars are not stopped by sentiment or appeals or tears. They will be stopped only by the leaders of the nations. But Emil knows all that. He was just spoofing his interviewers.

A great majority of the Democratic newspaper editors have come out anonymously in favor of Newton D. Baker for the Democratic nomination for president. At the same time they express the opinion that Gov. Roosevelt will be nominated. None of them favored a dry man for the place yet about two-thirds of the editors are always upholding prohibition. Perhaps if these editors would voice their real views in their editorial columns and their real views as to candidates, they might have a little more influence than they do now.

When we reach that point in our more or less tempestuous career when our fellow citizens think it would be best for us and for them also to segregate us and put us where street dogs can't bite us, we hope they will send us to that New York prison, best known among its alumni as "old Auburn". The prison is now a brand new building. But you ain't heard nothing yet. The cells are spacious and airy with washbowls, toilets and running water. "Still there's more to follow", as the old gospel song goes. There's a radio set in each of the cells. Whether there is a cafeteria or meals are served in the cells, we do not know. But "Old Auburn" for ours whenever you are ready and the way things look nowadays, the sooner the better we'll like it.

It begins to look as if the charging cavalry horse is doomed. All previous reports to that effect have been scoffed at by men in army ranks who were supposed to know what they were talking about. But Chief of Staff MacArthur is credited with planning the immediate mechanization of one cavalry regiment by replacing all the horses with motorized vehicles and combat cars similar to the combined wheel-and-track-laying fighting machine. Of course, there will be an appeal to the Congress for funds for the purpose, for all these new fangled things cost money. Well, it is going take all the glory out of cavalry. You can't dash a round in splendor with only a fliover. These motor cars don't cavort and arch their necks and prance. There won't be any flashing sabre. How can you flash a sabre and handle the gears at the same time? It simply can't be done. If they do motorize the cavalry, we're going to join the navy where everything is a machine.

TAX MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED IN HOT SHOTS

By L. M. SWEET
Recently, I discussed resolutions in these columns and warned the public to beware of gossip, prejudice and imagination, and again, I wish to point to the fact that the resolution calling for commissioners to inspect and over-see road repair and construction work, only called for four supervisorial districts and two commissioner districts in the county. Also, to the fact that supervisors were to furnish their own cars for transportation to and from their work same as the common laborer, no one being furnished cars excepting the two commissioners, who receive four (4) dollars per day, the supervisors five (5) dollars and the common laborer three (3) dollars per day. I still maintain that the latter does not receive a fair comparative wage with the supervisor—Am I wrong about this Bro. Taxpayer?

A poll of all supervisors, I am advised, shows they unanimously favor inspection by the commissioners instead of the engineer, unless it be final inspection on heavy construction work. Taking into consideration that between seven and eight thousand dollars is annually paid supervisors for mileage, one can easily figure that two pickups at \$650, each deducted from above would leave over \$6,000, and allowing \$1,000 for upkeep, gas, oil, etc., would effect a saving of over \$5,000 and the two cars would belong to the county. Study this out friends, and tell the court about it.

Another resolution, demanded that the county engineer's and water-master's departments be consolidated and extra help be hired during the irrigation season only. Lin county is doing this now and pronounce it a pleasant experiment. This would save one engineer's salary and expense at least, making a saving of \$3,000, no matter who was the engineer. That the making of a budget to suit everybody is simply impossible, goes without saying. If you don't believe me just hang around the courthouse a while and listen to the general conversation. Some of these arguments would be anything but inspiring pictures if printed upon the front page of a Sunday school leaflet. To reduce taxes and inflate a budget at the same time is somewhat difficult, if you don't believe it just step into a local store, buy everything you need and then proceed to pay the bill from (Continued on page 4)

Burglary Charge For Alleged Hen Thief New Looms

The district attorney's office said today that it would probably file burglary charges against William Boren, local resident, held in the county jail charged with entering a number of henhouses in the valley and taking therefrom fat hens and roosters, and selling same to produce houses. Boren, the authorities say, has admitted robbing a dozen roosts but that sales records show he has sold close to 775 chickens in the past year. The burglary charge would make Boren liable to a state prison sentence. He is desirous of having a petty larceny charged filed. Authorities claim that Boren's operation extended over a year, and allege that his loot would approach the 1500 mark. Boren claims that he never stole more than half a dozen hens at a time from a henhouse, but the losers claim that their flocks were depleted. He is suspected of stealing a neighbor's chickens, but Boren denies such unneighborliness. According to Boren's statements, his operations extended over the floor of the valley, as a rule, but sometimes he visited the hill sections.

Shade of Paul Bunyan! What Next to Come?

Durango, Colo. —San Juan national forest officials have discovered a new enemy of tree—porcupines. The animals rub trees with their sharp quills, stripping a ring around them and causing them to "spike top," or die at the top first. Forest Supervisor Andrew Hut-ton estimated porcupines have caused as much damage to the timber during the last few years as that caused by fires. A campaign against them, he said, would be made this winter.

Golden Link Has Pleasant Social Session

The Golden Link Bible class of the Christian church met Friday afternoon in the recreation room at the church. Mrs. Lampman, the class President, presided and she also read the scripture lesson. Mrs. Powell offered prayer. A delightful program was put on by Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Conker. Mrs. Weaver read a beautiful story of the "Nativity of Christ" which was interspersed with songs "The Babe of Bethlehem"—"While Shepherds watched their Flocks by night" and "Star of the East" sung Mrs. Harry Young and Miss Doris Richardson, closing with "My Faith Look up to Thee" sung by all.

A year ago when the ladies met at the home of Mrs. Bursell, it was decided to draw names and have a "Pal" for the year. None were to know who their "Pal" was until the Christmas Party—then a gift from each one was to reveal who their "Pal" was. Mrs. Conger had charge of presenting the gifts and as each member received hers from under the Tree, she opened it before the crowd and told who her "Pal" was. A most delightful time was had. Refreshments of plum pudding and coffee were served by Mrs. Lampman, Bursell and Hoover. Mrs. Lampman invited the class to meet with her in January. There were fifty three ladies and children present.

Stolen Safe Safely Hidden

The gentry who made away with the safe from the Central Point Service station, selected a safe spot to dump it, as efforts so far to locate it have resulted in failure. It probably reposes in the brush on some side road not far from the city, as about the first thing the robbers would think of was to get shed of it. Mr. Pendleton estimates his loss between \$400 and \$500. It seems that he was working on some valuable papers which he had removed from his safety deposit box in the bank. He placed these in the safe for overnight keeping and they were carted away with the safe.

Walker Building Nearing Completion

A. W. Walker, who recently purchased the building adjoining his dance hall, is remodeling same, making a decided improvement in the outside appearance, while the interior is undergoing changes, making it thoroughly modern and attractive. Mr. Theodore Glass has full charge and supervision of the work, which gives assurance the thoroughness of the workmanship. Mr. Fred Hesselgrave is doing the plumbing, leaving no doubt of satisfaction and competency in this improvement. To fully appreciate this improvement you'll have to attend the dance this Saturday night. Walt Paister, the local trapper, says trapping isn't what it should be. Prices are very low and the animals are scarce.

State Tax Levy Reduced Over Half for 1932

Levy Will Produce \$385,532.14 Based on 28.7 Per Cent Reduction in Millage Under Last Year

The state and county tax millage for Jackson county for the coming year will be 13.8 mills for districts outside of high school districts, and 8.7 mills for inside high school districts. The tax millage in the city of Ashland will be 7.9 mills, as that city is exempt from the school and school library levy, and the general road load levy, by reason of special city levies for such purposes. Last year the millage for districts inside high school districts was 13.6 mills and outside high school districts it was 17.6 mills. The state tax levy this year is 1.7 mills, and last year it was 5.3 mills. The 1.7 mills will be devoted to the elementary school fund of the county, will be kept here and will raise between \$52,000 and \$64,000, according to estimates by the state tax board.

Fund—	This Year	Last Year
General	2.7	2.5
School and School Library	3.1	2.8
High Schools	5.1	3.7
County Library	2.2	2.2
County Fair	1.1	1.1
General Roads	.6	.3
Emergency	.4	.4
State	1.7	5.3
Total	13.8	17.8

Turkeys Are Coming Through In Quantity

J. D. Watkins, representing the Half Moon Fruit & Produce company of San Francisco, shipped out about 3500 pounds of live poultry Wednesday evening. He expects another truck load of live poultry to go out Sunday. The large trade Mr. Watkins has built up for this firm the past six years has been accomplished by Mr. Watkins' accommodating and liberal dealings, coupled with firm's policy of paying the very highest prices and making prompt remittances. See announcement elsewhere in this issue.

Holiday Trade Swings Into Last Week

Central Point merchants are well supplied for the holiday season. Splendid stocks of merchandise that appeal to the Christmas shoppers. It pays to trade at home. The home-town merchant is the backbone of the community. The burden of taxes always rests with the business man. Make it a point to trade in Central Point. Keep the town alive by giving it a boost whenever possible.

Leaves for Southern California

M. F. Coleman left last Friday for Los Angeles, Calif. On his way he will visit Oakland and his daughter, Mrs. Louis Hughes at Marysville. He is driving Miss Mildred Blingers' car to Los Angeles for her as she is returning here for the Christmas holidays. While in the south Mr. Coleman also plans a visit to the Boulder dam. A nine-pound son was born last evening to Mr. and Mrs. George K. Lowe of Central Point at the Community hospital. Mr. Lowe is connected with the Central Point schools and the son of D. K. Lowe, former sheriff of Jackson county.

Enos Rhoten Passes Away At His Home

Enos M. Rhoten, 79, known here as the father of pocket hunting and who is credited with taking more gold out of the hills of Jackson county than any other individual, died in poverty at his home on Kanes creek, northwest of Central Point, Saturday. Death was due to apoplexy. Rhoten originated the art of hunting gold pockets in the days of the gold rush here, and his process was followed by thousands of miners. He took \$150,000 out of one pocket on the head of Kanes creek which is considered the largest individual pocket ever uncovered here. Rhoten always spent his money in true miner fashion. He uncovered a pocket valued at \$50,000 one time, according to the old timers here, and with the money he bought two saloons, one at Grants Pass and one at Gold Hill. Always too generous for his own well being, he opened house with his saloons and gave whiskey and beer away to all who cared to drink. His \$50,000 lasted about three weeks, and when the money was all gone he returned to the mountains there to mine more gold. Known by every old timer and every miner in southern Oregon, Rhoten's passing will be regretted by many. By his death southern Oregon loses one of its most picturesque characters, and many a tale of early days will be with him. Rhoten was in the Indian wars here and received a pension from the government for his services. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Ellen Rhoten and one daughter, Ida Le Clair of Gold Hill. He also leaves three brothers, Abraham and Albert Rhoten of Gold Hill and William Rhoten of Yreka, and one sister, Mrs. Al Bogatz of Gold Hill. He was born in Appanoose county, Iowa, in 1852 and came to Jackson county 60 years ago. Funeral services were conducted by Reverend W. H. Eaton at the Conger chapel at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday. Interment was at the Gold Hill cemetery.

Sheep Killing Coyote Meets Timely End

There is no way of checking up the number of coyotes Ted Morava has killed the past year, and some have doubted his statements, averring he never killed one of these animals. Wednesday morning he brought in a large mother coyote and showed her to his "Doubting Thomas" friends. Ted stated that there was no doubt that she had killed many sheep in his vicinity.

County Court To Hear Road Pleas

Petitions signed by residents of the rural sections—some recently, and some three months ago—asking for road development and road improvements, are scheduled to receive the attention of the county court at an early date. The road fund is practically exhausted, and there is only a slight levy provided for the general road fund, in the 1932 budget.

One of the petitions, signed by 26 residents of the district west of Central Point, asks for the graveling and oiling of the West Side-Central Point Market road. The plan is endorsed by the city council of Central Point. It is set forth that the road is widely used and is an important side road.

Twenty-four residents of the Dead Indian district, near the Applegate ranch, ask for road improvement, and agree to donate work by the day, if the county will provide the gravel and the machinery.

L. M. Sweet of Sams Valley, requests the court to fence the Sams Valley Market road at this time, and make other improvements, as a means to furnish employment at this time when farm work is at a low ebb.

Residents of the Siskiyou, near Steinman, request that a leading road of that section, used by school children and the public in reaching the Pacific highway, be smoothed and gravelled.

Some of the country roads are getting rough and ragged and their maintenance is retarded, as under the road retrenchment policy. Five men with a scarifier and other road smoothing machinery, have 1200 miles of road to cover, and they can only hit the worst places.

Orchards Use Sprinkling Plan For Irrigation

WENATCHEE, Wash., Dec. 17—The rill system of orchard irrigation, which reclaimed 40,000 acres of sagebrush land in the Wenatchee and Okanogan district of north central Washington and developed them into some of the richest fruit tracts in the world is being challenged by a new reclamation method. This challenger is sprinkling. At the end of the second season of a considerable number of thorough trial installations, it is meeting with more and more favor among orchardists, and especially in the modified form which has been introduced by a Walla Walla grower and tested in local orchards. While the regular devices consist of large sprinklers erected on stand-pipes which top the trees, the new method consists of a circular pipe laid around the base of the tree, throwing water through perforations along the upper surface of the pipe uniformly in all directions. The overhead sprinklers, on the other hand, drench the foliage as well as the ground. Sprinkling generally is preferable to the present rill, or subsoil, system in that it wets the entire feeder-root area around the tree and prevents run-off on side-hill tracts.

HASS THROWS HAT IN RING FOR SHERIFF

Charles J. Haas of 606 West Tenth street, Medford, is the latest candidate to enter the race for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Jackson county. Has formerly owned the property where Captain Black now has his summer home on the Rogue and still owns several hundred acres in that locality. Haas, in declaring himself a candidate for the nomination, says that if elected, he will serve the people of Jackson county in a diligent way, and believes that all arrests he might make, if any are necessary, will be done without a gun.

J. H. Dennison, in response to a story appearing Tuesday, emphatically said yesterday that he had no intentions of running for sheriff, and hadn't had any at any time. He did admit, though, that his friends, many of them, had urged him to make the race, but that it didn't appeal to him.

RACE SPEEDS UP

The race for sheriff and justice of the peace seems to be attracting the most candidates this year, with the county commissioner running a close second, or third, as the case may be. Others who are entering the race for sheriff are Ralph Jennings, incumbent, and George L. Schermerhorn, democrats, and W. T. Berry, and John Grieve, republicans, all of Medford. Some talk has been going on about Polk Ninninger of Ashland running on the Republican ticket, but Ashland politicians declare he will run for commissioner, if anything.

Justice of the peace has its appeal this year, in contrast with other years when Judge Glenn O. Taylor was elected year after year without competition. Besides Judge Taylor, Everett Brayton, Carl Narregan and Fred Colvig, all republicans, and W. H. Canon, democrat, are said to have intentions. None of these men have filed for the candidacy so far, but reports are that they will soon.

MANY COMPETE

The job as commissioner on the county court has a levy of aspirants, most of whom are waiting for their friends to urge them. Victor Bursell of Central Point, whose term expires this year, has said that he does not intend to run again, but political observers over the county are of the opinion that he will because he said three years ago he would not run, but changed his mind at the last minute. Others who will seek the office, rumor says, are W. E. Morris of Table Rock, L. M. Sweet of Sams Valley, Harry Hanson of Medford, and H. T. Pankey of Central Point.

County clerk and county treasurer aren't creating so much disturbance so far, with no one having filed to run for either and few waiting to be urged. It is believed, though, that there will be competition for these two jobs, as there will for office of county superintendent of schools.

4 Bob Cats Are Killed By Conley

R. M. Conley returned to his Table Rock home Wednesday night from a hunting trip on Butte Creek and brought with him four bob cats and one coon pelt. A short time ago Rolly killed two bear in one day in the same vicinity. J. D. Watkins, representing the Half Moon Produce and Fruit company, shipped one of the bears to his company, who later mailed Mr. Conley a check for \$20. Some credit for Rolly's success should be given his dogs, the best in this part of the state. The Christian Endeavor boys of Central Point are planning to start week for games with other independent teams in the valley. Mr. Jewett has given them the local gym to practice in.