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## TAX LEVIES ARE BEING MADE UP FOR 1916

### Springfield Council Sets Levy at 17 Mills

#### SPRINGFIELD'S TOWN TAX FOR 1916

General fund . . . 10.0 mills  
St. Improvement . . . 3.0 mills  
Library . . . . . 3 mills  
Gen'l improvement 3.5 mills  
Second St. bridge . . . 2 mills  
Interest fund . . . . . 7.0 mills  
17.0 mills

A city tax of 17 mills was levied by the town council in its special meeting of Monday evening. This is expected to raise \$16,910 for the use of the city for the coming year, and will no more than pay the actual running expenses. Miscellaneous revenues will help somewhat in paying the city's way, and an effort will be made by the council to collect at least part of the \$40,000 to \$50,00 due the city on delinquent assessments or open accounts.

The meeting Monday evening was called for the purpose of considering the budget and to give the citizens generally an opportunity to express their views. A large number were present, but no one cared to take an active part in the discussion, so the councilmen themselves took up the budget, and after talking it over, item by item, reduced the amount by \$1100 from the amount asked for in the original budget estimate.

The assessed valuation of the town of Springfield this year, taking this year's figures from the county assessor, and last year's figures on the public service corporations, is \$971,538, or some \$120,000 less than it was last year. This accounts for the larger millage of the levy, as the amount to be raised is less than for last year.

Following is the segregation of the amounts as adopted in the budget:

Police . . . . .	\$ 830
Recorder . . . . .	600
Treasurer . . . . .	480
Attorney . . . . .	300
Lights . . . . .	2,400
Water . . . . .	1,400
Engineer . . . . .	100
Street Improvement . . . . .	2,500
Library . . . . .	500
Interest on bonds and war- rants . . . . .	7,000
General Expenses . . . . .	2,000
Total . . . . .	\$16,910

No levy was made for the sewer fund, as it was found that sufficient money is due that fund from other funds to take care of the probable repairs this coming year.

#### SOUTHERN PACIFIC OFFERS COMPROMISE IN LAND GRANT CASE

Salem, Ore., Dec. 1.—Appearing before the Oregon and California railroad land grant conference committee here today, D. W. Campbell, assitant general manager for the Southern Pacific company, declared that he was clothed with absolute authority to negotiate a compromise with it for the disposition of the lands in the Oregon and California railroad grant, and that he was prepared to give consideration to any plan the committee might propose.

After listening to him, the committee decided to adjourn until tomorrow forenoon when it will meet and endeavor to agree upon a plan. If it agrees on one, it will submit it to the railroad officials tomorrow afternoon. If the railroad company submitted to congress, which then accepts the plan it will take final action in accordance with a ruling of the supreme court, which held the grant

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Dist. No. 19 . . . . . 9.5 mills  
Town taxes . . . . . 17.0 mills  
Probable county and  
state levy . . . . . 16.0 mills  
Probable tax for  
Springfield . . . . . 42.5 mills

forfeited. The court held, however, that the railroad has an equity in the grant, and a settlement of this equity has been the cause of contention. Attorney Ralph E. Moody, for the Southern Pacific, took the position that the company was the absolute owner of the lands and lumber, subject only to the restriction that when it sold any of the lands, it must be to actual settlers at \$2.50 an acre. Governor James Withycombe reiterated the salient features of a plan proposed by him at a previous meeting of the committee. This would provide for the sale of the agricultural lands at their actual value to settlers, and the sale of the timber lands at their market value. Besides the \$2.50 an acre, the railroad company would be given a sufficient surplus to reimburse it for any losses sustained in holding the lands.

### Grange Master Here Friday

C. E. Spence, master of the Oregon State Grange, will be in Springfield Friday to address a meeting of members of local Grange and all others interested at the Grange hall at 1:30 p. m. Mr. Spence has just returned from a meeting of the national grange at Oakland, California, and has a number of interesting things to impart to the Grangers of the county. He will be accompanied at each meeting by C. J. Hurd, organizer for this district, and R. B. Coglion, the county agriculturist. Mr. Spence will hold meetings at a number of places in the county.

#### W. O. W. ELECT OFFICERS.

At the meeting of the Woodmen of the World Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Fred Walker, consul commander; A. E. Cox, head advisor lieutenant; C. A. Hoag, escort; C. A. Clark, watchman; N. G. Griffin, sentry; Frank Powers, manager; H. E. Walker, clerk; A. L. Richardson, banker. A banquet followed the election and business session. A. E. Cox and John Gardner were granted transfer cards.

#### WEST SPRINGFIELD CLUB WILL GIVE PROGRAM

The program to be given by the West Springfield Literary society Friday evening will be as follows:  
"Piano solo, Mr. Collins; debate "Resolved that Washington was greater than Lincoln."  
Eighth grade—Recitation by Hazel Dean; solo, Miss Willie McGee; dialogue, An Unappreciated Genius; piano duet, Florence Furuset and Miss McGee; reading, Miss Weller; solo, Miss Ingalls; reading, Lavina Smith; dialogue, Gossip; male quartet, "Blossom;" song, Glenwood.  
The date for the spelling contest with Goshen will be December 10.

Salem, Nov. 29.—West Linn's new water system will be completed about Dec. 1st.

C. E. Lucke of Canby, purchased and shipped 26 carloads of hogs and cattle in October. Roseburg—Work has started on Umpqua-Crater Lake wagon road.  
Florence sells \$5,000 street improvement bonds to bank in Toledo, Ohio.  
Douglas county farmers get \$30,000 for 11,700 turkeys.  
Salem is to have a cheese factory next spring.

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Sixteen mills will probably be the 1915 tax levy for state and county purposes to be proposed by the county court at the annual taxpayers' meeting, to be held within a few weeks. This is based upon a property valuation of \$39,000,000, but according to the figures received here from the state tax commission upon the assessed valuation of the public service corporations in Lane county, the total is more than that. The valuation placed upon the property of the corporations by the tax commission is \$4,423,525, making a total valuation of property in Lane county of \$39,775,165. The valuation as placed upon all other property by Assessor Keeney was \$35,351,640. Sixteen mills is half a mill higher than the levy made last year after the taxpayers' meeting.

## COUNCIL DECLINES TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF NIGHT WATCHMAN

The Springfield council in a special adjourned session Tuesday afternoon failed to confirm the appointment of S. J. Calkins as night watchman, and Mayor Morrison deferred, for the time, the naming of a city attorney to succeed J. H. Bower, over the termination of whose tenure of office there was a difference of opinion.

The motion to confirm Mr. Calkins' appointment was withdrawn after charges had been made that liquors stored in the Morrison-Calkins warehouse when the saloons were closed here two years ago had been removed without authority. The mayor stated that he had no direct information on the subject, and suggested that Mr. Calkins be given an opportunity to appear before the council and answer these charges. It was agreed that this matter should be taken up at the regular December session on the 13th, and that in the meantime Edward Soleim is to continue on the job.

At the opening of the session, Councilman Peery moved the confirmation of the appointment and Councilman Fischer, saying he did so to get the matter before the meeting, seconded the motion.

Councilman Coffin stated he objected to the appointment of Mr. Calkins because he had interviewed many of the business men and had found a great many who favored the retention of Mr. Soleim.

Councilman Fenwick read a list of liquors which Constable L. E. Thompson certified comprised the Tad Luckey stock, which had been stored in the warehouse under orders of the town council. He quoted Mr. Thompson's statement of a conversation with Mr. Calkins in which the fact was brought out that a greater part of these liquors had been taken, at different

times to Mr. Luckey's home. Mr. Thompson was quoted as saying he had checked out none of the liquors. Mr. Fenwick stated, therefore, he could not vote to confirm Mr. Calkins' appointment.

Mr. Fischer stated he had come to the meeting with the intention of voting to confirm the appointment, but that he felt if Mr. Calkins were to be as careless in the matter of liquors while working in a public capacity as he appeared to have been as a private citizen, he did not see his way clear to vote for the appointment.

Mayor Morrison stated that he had confined his work to the

#### CAMP CREEK ITEMS

(Special to the Lane County News)  
Camp Creek, Ore.—Alvey Brown of Eugene is here visiting friends.

Mrs. Mable Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carr spent Thanksgiving day at the home of J. J. Chase.

J. C. Trotter has sold his ranch here and has gone to Marcola to visit friends for a time before starting to Kentucky.

The Oregon Social Hygiene society is backed by the state of Oregon, and has on its board of directors many prominent men of Portland, including President Foster of Reed college, Adolph Wolfe of Lipman, Wolfe C. A. Dr. Calvin S. White, and others.

The society is making it its work to educate the fathers and mothers of the state to the importance of the fact that their children should learn the facts of life from clean sources. The subject is an important one to taxpayers in general from the fact that the state is called upon to spend large amounts in care for blind and otherwise defective children, many of whom owe their afflictions to social diseases.

The sex problem touches every life sooner or later. Every child of our city must meet it. A sane, careful, helpful discussion of this vital matter should appeal to every parent.

#### MILL EMPLOYEES GIVE WATCH TO J. TOMSETH

John Tomseth, for seven years superintendent of the local mill of the Booth-Kelly company, was summoned from his home during the noon hour on Tuesday, with an urgent call from the mill. Fearing trouble there on the last day of his tenure of office, he hurried to the office to find a group of the employees there, with Engineer Edgar Martin as spokesman. With words of appreciation for Mr. Tomseth's fairness to the men, Mr. Martin presented him with a handsome 21-jewel watch the gift of the men of the mill, accompanied by a paper signed by all of them.

Mr. Tomseth was so overcome he could hardly respond, but he thanked the men. He is very proud of the watch and chain, and is especially proud of the spirit which prompted the gift. Mr. Tomseth resigned a few weeks ago, and will leave in ten days for Weed, California, where he will be superintendent of a big mill.

## ARGUMENTS ARE BEING MADE ON DISSOLUTION OF S. P. AND C. P.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—Arguments began before three federal circuit judges here today in the case in which the government seeks to separate the Central Pacific railway from the Southern Pacific. The case was certified to the circuit judges by the district court of Utah, where the proceedings were filed. The judges sit today as the district court for Utah.

The case for the government was presented to the circuit judges by Edward F. McClellan of Boston, who announced at the opening that the government would require the entire day for

### Dr. W. G. Eliot

#### Speaks to Mothers

W. G. Eliot, Jr. of Portland will address a meeting of women at the Lincoln school at 8 o'clock Friday evening, December 3, on the subject, "How Shall I Tell My Child?" He comes under the direction of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, and the meeting is held under the auspices of a local committee composed of Mrs. N. W. Emery, Dr. Keeney Ferris, Mrs. O. B. Kessey, Mrs. R. L. Kirk, Mrs. E. E. Morrison, Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. Lucina Richardson and Mrs. Gladys Smith.

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## DOES SPRINGFIELD WANT A NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING?

Do the people of Springfield want a new High school building—one that will not leak like a sieve and endanger the lives of the students?

Right now the price of lumber is as low as it will be for years—and that is an item. Labor will cost more later, and that is a big item in the cost of a building. The need for a suitable building, with heating and ventilating—and a roof—that will safeguard health, is certainly urgent.

The way to get a building is to ask the board of education to take steps to erect one, and the easiest way to ask the board will be to fill out the blank below and mail it to A. P. McKinney, clerk of the board, or to Thos. Silkes, Marvin Drury, or Carl Fischer, members of the board. Or leave it at the News office if you wish. Now for some real action.

Springfield, Oregon, Nov. . . . . 1915.

To the Board of Education,  
District No. 19, Springfield, Oregon.

Gentlemen:—I am a taxpayer of Dist. No. 19, and am interested in the welfare of the Springfield schools. I would request your board to make a careful investigation of the matter of the erection of a new high school building for Springfield, and if you find it feasible, call a meeting of the taxpayers of the district to take such steps as may be necessary to provide such a building.

Respectfully submitted,



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