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MUNICIPAL TAXATION

Springfield belongs to the 17 most heavily taxed towns in the state of Oregon with a municipal tax of 17 mills. Florence, Lane county takes first honors for heavy taxation with 27 mills to bear local expense. The 17 most heavily taxed towns in the state are: Florence 27 mills, Vale 25, Madras 25, Jacksonville 22, Medford 21, Redmond 20, Independence 19, Marshfield 20, Sumpter, 20, LaGrande 18.5, Astoria, 18.5, Lebanon, 18.5, Ashland 18.2 Nyssa 18, Freewater 17, Condon 17, and Springfield 17.

Municipal taxes in Oregon have made a rapid rise in the last three years. The 36 principal towns and cities of the state had an average tax rate of 10.77 mills in 1914, 11.7 in 1915, and jumped to 14.15 mills in 1916. This average is consistent with the individual cities as only two of the 36 municipalities had a decrease in the tax rate in the last year. They are Bend and Albany. During this three year period the taxes at Vale jumped from 15 to 25 mills and at Medford from 12 to 21 mills.

These figures show very conclusively that there is no lack of a public development spirit among the urban people of the state. In many of these towns where taxes have been soaring like the high cost of living the people are complaining about the excessive taxes. But investigation shows that this increase in taxation was voted by the taxpayers themselves. If the 6 per cent increase had applied to municipalities the average incorporated town would map out a farsighted plan of development instead of trying to modernize the whole place within two or three years at a large expense to the property owners.

The municipal assessments, rates and levys for the municipalities of Lane county this year are as follows:
Coburg \$ 197,898, 10, 1,978.98
Cottage Grove—
—879,247, 16, 14,067.95
Creswell 156,408, 11, 1,720.49
Eugene—
—9,083,219,13,118,081.85
Florence 211,362, 27, 5,706.77
Glenada 110,783, 10, 1,107.83
Junction City—
—446,641, 10, 4,466.41
Springfield 963,077, 17, 16,372.31

Something seems to be wrong with the system of keeping convicts at the state prison at Salem. Thirty have escaped during the present administration and only nine of these have been returned to the institution. From the reports we read it seems that anyone with sufficient ingenuity can gain his freedom if he wants it bad enough.

INTERNATIONAL BLACKMAIL
Great Britain's curt and unsatisfactory reply to the protests to the United States against mail seizures shows that the misunderstandings between the two Governments are becoming serious. In the matter of the blockade, as in that of the mails, there has been no evidence as yet that the

PENDLETON IS IDEAL LOCATION FOR NORMAL

CITY'S RAILROAD, HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER FACILITIES ADAPT IT FOR SCHOOL SITE.

Pendleton, Ore.—Pendleton's claims for the establishment of a State Normal School are based upon the unusual advantages offered for such an institution. It is ideally located with respect to railroad facilities and in the center of the country which it will serve. Its health conditions are excellent. It has a bountiful supply of clear, cold, pure mountain water.

It offers a library of 12,000 volumes, to which are added 3000 annually, housed in a beautiful new building, erected at a cost of \$40,000. The largest athletic stadium in the Northwest, capable of accommodating 20,000 people; a natatorium, modern and equipped for the use of men and women, built at a cost of \$11,000; ample auditorium room for lyceum courses and lectures and a school system that is without equal in a city of its size. Its facilities and the students necessary for practice teaching have been guaranteed by the city board.

British Ministry attaches much weight to our complaints or is disposed to abandon the practices which it has authorized.

Financial London, always considerably more enlightened than any British Government, shows an intelligent appreciation of the situation when it expresses fears that the blacklisting of American business houses may lead to "extra-legal reprisals." The blacklist, with its unlimited possibilities of private blackmail, has caused more indignation in this country than the abuses of the blockade, for the reason that its unfriendliness is recognized and its uselessness, except for the unfair promotion of British trade, is apparent.

In fact, the whole controversy, from the American point of view, grows out of British commercial creed rather than any legitimate military policy. Our trade with the European neutrals has been seriously interrupted on many frivolous pretexts, the only excuse being a blockade never lawfully declared; our mails have been lawlessly rifled, delayed and destroyed, while there is reason to believe that information gained from them has been given to British manufacturers and merchants, and now we have a blacklist of American business houses which threatens them with ruin and offers them but one avenue of escape—the transfer of their enterprises to British interests.

The note now at hand expresses astonishment that Secretary Lansing in his recent communication on the subject of the mails should have insinuated that business secrets contained in our pilfered mail-bags had been given to British competitors and made use of to our disadvantage. Perhaps this surprise is only simulated. If so, it will be well for the State Department in its next utterance on the subject to make the whole American case so plain that there will be no room for interference and amazement.

Unless a change takes place in the attitude of Great Britain toward the United States, there will be extra-legal reprisals, no doubt. When a democracy is goaded into such courses its irritation soon finds expression in public action also.—New York World.

FREE ADVERTISING

The amount of publicity matter, free advertising, designated as news matter that is being sent out to the country papers throughout the state would necessitate the running of a daily paper, equal in size to any of the Portland papers. One of the things that they use as a lever to lift their free dope, which is reading advertising, is that they are going to issue some paid stuff in the near future and they promise the country paper a contract if he will fill his paper with their so-called "news matter" for six months. When the advertising contract arrives it is usually for about 50 cents worth of space subject to 25 per cent agents commission and 10 per cent for cash. These high salaried press agents seem to have the opinion that the country paper can run on hot air and that their "free news dope" is all that is necessary for the subscribers of such a paper to read.—Brownsville Times.

HIGH PRICES PAID FOR PAPER STOCK HITS SMALL PAPERS

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scribers who did not pay in advance have been dropped from the list. And by practicing these economies the amount of paper used has been decreased to a large extent.

There is nothing to cause the publisher to think that immediate relief is in sight. The editors are fighting their battles as best they can and will win because the country press is the greatest educational asset that the nation possesses to-day. Upon the country press depends largely the industrial, commercial, financial and social progress of the nation.

PROBABLY 10 STUDENTS TO DEBATE FOR S. H. S.

Local High School Plans to Take Part in Triangle and State League Meet

Eight and possibly ten students will take part in the Springfield high school debate tryouts, which are to come off sometime before Thanksgiving, according to Miss Esther Campbell, Latin and English teacher, who will be the coach for the team. Superintendent R. L. Kirk will assist in training for delivery.

Springfield is a member of the Oregon State High School debate league, and as such, must debate first in her triangle, which is Cottage Grove, Eugene and Springfield. The triangle work begins sometime before the holidays.

"It looks like a pretty good team, but we are not hoping for such great things this year, as for next, as now we are working with raw material," said Miss Campbell.

Those who have signified their intention of debating for Springfield, or who are considering the matter are: Harry Nixon, president of the freshman class; Chris. Bossen, freshman; Lillian Mulligan, senior; Ella Bossen, junior; Erdine Carruthers, freshman; Luella Courtwright, freshman; Ella Signor, sophomore; Harold Wynd, sophomore; Royal Doane, sophomore; and Frank Hardy, sophomore.

FOREST NOTES

Official announcement is made today, by District Forester George H. Cecil, that the successful bidder for 330,000,000 feet b. m. of timber on the West Fork Hood River, within the Oregon National Forest, was John W. Palmer of Hood River.

The area embraced in the proposed sale lies on the upper West Fork of Hood River, in T 1 S, Ranges 8 and 8½ east, and T 1 S, Range 9 east, and includes about 7020 acres. The timber, which is medium size but ripe for cutting, is chiefly Douglas fir, the detailed estimate being 237,000,000 feet of Douglas fir, 58,000,000 feet of western hemlock, 18,500,000 feet of amabilis fir, 8,000,000 feet of western red cedar, 5,000,000 feet of noble fir, and 3,500,000 feet of western white pine, a total of 330,000,000. This is the largest amount of timber in one body placed on the market in this District by the Forest Service for some time. It was cruised, mapped and advertised for sale during the past two months.

The prices bid for the timber are the minimum prices named in the advertisement, viz., \$1.20 per M for Douglas fir, western red cedar and noble fir, \$2.50 per M for western white pine, and \$5.00 per M for all other species.

One ton of coniferous wood waste will produce from 15 to 25 gallons of 95 per cent pure alcohol.

The farm woodlots of the United States contain about 10 per cent of the total standing timber in the country.

Los Angeles was the first city on the west coast to establish a vacation camp on the National Forests.

The stand of timber on the two great National Forests in Alaska is estimated by the Forest Service as over 70 billion board feet, while the annual growth will, it is said, produce pulpwood alone enough for the manufacture of 3,000 tons of wood pulp a day.

Over 98 per cent of the trees planted by the Forest Service this spring at Hebo, Tillamook County, Oregon, on the Siuslaw National Forest, are still living. This has been the most successful planting operation in the Forests of the Northwest.

Communication

As I, by appointment of the Lane County Court have the distinction of being the Juvenile officer of said County, and having been in cooperation with that work from the Sheriff's office for the last four years, have through the advice of the district attorneys office from time to time, and the council of said court, been enable to handle my part of that work, without friction, with candor and discretion. As I have now had my duties enlarged to that of the entire county, and knowing from past experiences the complications to be met with in this field of work, we solicit the cooperation of every citizen in Lane county to help us, that with the distinction of farmers and equity, every case of every kind (Dependents, Delinquents or truants) may be disposed of without explanation or anger, settling every one as far as it will be possible to, out of court. And with as little expense to the county as can be.

It is the wish of the court, and of this office to guard the highest standing for every home within our borders, that our administration may be progressive and not dryadative. So that it will be said of us at its close, it has been one of the most human, in the Pacific Northwest, we feel that such a reputation is worth seeking and maintaining. Good citizens rally to the stand and help us over and help us.

Springfield, Oct. 9, 1916.

JOHN W. PERKINS

ADMINISTRATION IS DEFENDED BY MAN WHO IS ON THE INSIDE

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who put good sense before politics we Americans would not have had much of the legislation passed by the last congress.

Then he told of the transformation of the Senate from a place for the vested interests of the nation to buy legislation to a body of men that were elected by the people to serve the people. "The United States senate is a representative body of the people," insisted Mr. Chamberlain, "because senators are now elected by the direct vote of the people."

"Every act of this administration has been aimed to protect the weak against the strong; to protect the child against the factory owner; the poor man against the millionaire. The administration passed an eight hour law which affected trainmen and did not affect other classes of labor, because the trainmen are employed in interstate commerce and that is the only kind of trade the United States government has power to regulate. This was not class legislation. The states have the power to regulate the hours of labor of men engaged in business other than interstate.

"It has been recognized the world over, and we are the last to recognize it, that every man has a right to devote eight hours to his family, eight hours to work and eight hours to rest. This eight hour day bill is far from perfect but it served to avoid one of the most disastrous strikes that ever threatened the American people."

Then Mr. Chamberlain shifted to the tariff and his comments were something like this. "Do you know that there are some words in the Aldrich tariff bill that are so long, that even those who framed the measure could neither spell, pronounce nor tell you what these long words mean. There are 6000 items in the tariff law. But this has also been taken out of politics and put in the hands of a commission of experts who will make intelligent recommendations to congress before any more tariff legislation is enacted.

"Some people talk about, and even want war with Mexico. On the sixteenth of last March congress authorized the enlistment of 20,000 additional men to serve in the army. The recruiting office has worked ever so hard and even now in the whole country only 11,000 men have enlisted. This does not look as if the American people wanted to fight."

Music for the rally was furnished by the local band which played on the street before the meeting and rendered several selections before and after Senator Chamberlain's address. The promoters of the meeting added a little excitement to the affair by shooting off several Roman candles before the meeting began.

Classified Ads

For Sale, Rent, Wanted, Etc.

WANT WORK:—Must have work at once. Call on 10th and C streets, or telephone 22. Mrs. Greenberger.

COCKERALS FOR SALE: White Leg horn pure bred O. A. C. strain, six months old, \$1.00 each. Call at 710 C street.

FOR SALE—Practically new Oliver Typewriter number 5. Machine is equipped with tabulator and back spacer. It is in good running order. Call at the News office and have it demonstrated. Terms.

FOR SALE Second hand Ukelele and instruction book, good as new, will sell cheap. Inquire at News office.

FOR RENT—Furnished cottage. Inquire 287 6th street.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Small fruit ranch within sight of Creswell. Will consider trade on Springfield residence property. Address, C 31, Springfield News.

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