

LANE COUNTY'S TAX BUDGET FOR 1917 IS SETTLED BY COURT

Few Changes Are Made In Budget of Committee, Except Agriculturist Fund.

LEVY WILL BE 17.5 MILLS

Based Upon Valuation of \$30,325,458 Which Will Raise Total of \$290,821.14 For Support of Work.

Lane county's tax levy for 1917 will be 17.5 mills as fixed by the county court at a meeting Thursday afternoon. The budget as published by the court is allowed to remain unchanged, notwithstanding the action of the meeting of taxpayers last Saturday, favoring a change in the item for the county agricultural agent from that as published. The meeting voted to raise this item from \$1500 to \$2000, but the court allowed it to remain at the lower figure.

Commissioner Harlow favored the increase to \$2000, but Judge Brown and Commissioner Hawley voted otherwise.

The valuation is \$30,325,458. The tax levy is based upon a property valuation of \$30,325,458, and the amount to be raised for state and county purposes is \$539,695.52.

The segregation of the funds as made in the official order follows: For general fund, 9.59 mills, \$290,821.14. For county apportionment of state tax, 3.715 mills, \$112,659.07. For county high school purposes, 1.15 mills, \$35,177.53.

For county school purposes, 2.97 mills, \$90,066.61. For county school library purposes, .04 of a mill, \$1213.

For school district maintenance fund in cases where the amount proposed for the county school fund from Lane county to any district, together with the special district school tax levy for maintenance authorized by law does not equal \$300, .025 of a mill, \$758.15.

General Fund Items. The general fund items as contained in the budget are as follows:

Advertising	\$ 2,500.00
Auditing	400.00
Assessor	9,030.00
Bounty	750.00
Care of poor	14,000.00
Circuit court	14,000.00
County court	4,240.00
County fairs	2,700.00
Court house	6,500.00
Coroner	500.00
County clerk	13,730.00
County agriculturist	1,500.00
District attorney	1,280.00
Health inspector	2,000.00
Health officer	200.00
Inmate	500.00
Indigent soldier	1,500.00
Juvenile	630.00
Justice court	1,250.00
Roads and bridges	160,000.00
Retiring warrants	16,000.00
School superintendent	5,400.00
Sheriff	12,100.00
Surveyor	4,000.00
Sealer weights and measures	500.00
Tax rebate	1,500.00
Treasurer	2,390.00
Widows' pensions	9,000.00
Veterinarian	100.00
Emergency and slaughtered animals	1,601.14

Total \$290,821.14. The municipalities of Lane county will have total levies to pay taxes on next year as follows: Florence, 67 mills; Cottage Grove, 46.50 mills; Springfield, 48.50 mills; Junction City, 42.50 mills; Eugene, 41.75 mills; Creswell, 35.90 mills; Coburg, 35.50 mills; Glenada, 33.50 mills.

Mason's Hold Installation.

The Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite Masons of Springfield held a banquet and installation at their lodge room Friday evening. S. H. Haines, provincial grand master of Oregon was down from Portland to install the new officers. The principle officers sworn in are Charles Kingwell, right worshipful master; F. A. Rankin, senior warden; Charles Darity, junior warden; P. A. Johnson, secretary; L. K. Page, treasurer; E. H. Morrison, master deputy. The visiting grand master found the local lodge in prosperous condition.

Mill to Start Wednesday.

The local Fischer Bouthin mill is preparing to start up again Wednesday after having been closed down for furnace repairs since December 23. The camp at Bally resumed operations the 28th after the Christmas holiday.

Sues Husband For Divorce.

Mrs. C. R. Whitlock of this city has filed a suit in the circuit court for a divorce from her husband, C. R. Whitlock. The plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

2 Aged Men Die Within 2 Hours

Both Named "Brown" And Both Wards of County; Funerals To Be Held Tomorrow.

A strange coincidence occurred yesterday morning when two aged men, both wards of the county farm, and both named Brown but no relation, passed away within two hours of each other.

Jackson Brown, an inmate of the Lane county home farm, passed to his final reward, Sunday morning December 31, 1916, and a couple of hours later another inmate, Willis Brown passed away at the Springfield hospital, where he had been taken for treatment. Jackson Brown was a paraletic and had been a ward of Lane county for 26 years. He was formerly from Wisconsin. He was born in 1847, being 69 years old at the time of his death, no relatives are known of in this section, he had no family. There's a niece in Missouri. Jackson Brown came to the coast country nearly 40 years ago. Having broken his back in a rock quarry at the age of 21 he lived in a wheel chair. He was known on the McKenzie where he managed to keep the little store until he trusted his customers too far, and quite generally through the county.

Willis Brown, came from the state of Kansas. He was also unmarried. Having been born in 1832, he was 84 years old when death took him. He has no known relatives, and had been in the county's care about four years. The remains of both are in the care of F. A. Walker, at his undertaking parlors here, from where a brief obituary service will be held Tuesday, January 2, at 2 o'clock p. m. when the remains will be taken to Laurel Hill cemetery for interment. Reverend J. W. Perkins will be in charge of the services.

Atlas Club Wins From Christians

Former Takes Thursday Evening's Game With A Score of 55 to 31.

The Christian Sunday school basketball team was badly defeated by the Atlas club of Eugene at the old Opera house Thursday night. The score was 55 to 31. The game was not fast and was not well played. Neither side showed any great degree of team work. The Eugene team scored most of its points on long spectacular shots, one or two being made practically the whole length of the floor.

The teams lined up as follows: Christians Atlas Club
R. Moshier f West
C. Hill f Larwood
Wilkowaki c Warnock
G. Moshier g Alexandra
Cairns g P. Green

The second game played between the Springfield and Mapleton high schools was interesting and exciting from the first whistle and was only won by the home team by three points. The score was 27 to 24. The Mapleton players surpassed the home team in passing the ball and in team work but they were short on shooting baskets. There were times when the visiting team was a few points ahead of the victors, but Springfield won out at the finish.

The Springfield News extends to all its patrons

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

BAPTISTS ARE NOSED OUT OF VICTORY BY SHOOTING OF FOUL

Methodists Victors After Playing Off Tie in Five Minutes by Six Points.

TIED WITH BOOTH-KELLY

Christian Second Team Defeats Booth-Kelly Players in Slow Game By Two To One Score.

League Standing			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Christian	2	0	1.000
Booth-Kelly	1	1	.500
Methodist	1	1	.500
Baptist	0	2	.000

One of the most exciting games played on the local floor was contested between the Baptists and Methodists Saturday night. The final score was 35 to 32 in favor of the Methodists. At the end of the first half the Baptists led with seven points over their opponents. The Methodists rallied and shifted their lineup in the second period and soon tied the score which ended 26 to 27 with the Baptists one point ahead. A foul was called on a Baptist player the last instant of play and the Methodists converted it into a point tying the score 27 to 27.

In the five minute extension that was mutually agreed upon by the captains the Methodists rushed the other team off its feet rolling up 11 points to their five.

Methodists		Baptists	
Fogles (14)	f	M. Chase (6)	
W. Dimm (14)	f	L. Hill (6)	
R. Dimm (2)	c	Hinson (8)	
Brattain (8)	g	Pengra (10)	
Byrne	g	Hardy (2)	
J. Dimm			

Referee, Hugh McCallum of Eugene; scorer, Delbert Bucknum; timers, Gerald Van Valzah and Hallie Bryan. The preliminary to the first team game was played by the Christian and Booth-Kelly second teams in which the lumber rustlers were defeated 16 to 8. The teams were fairly well matched although they did not display many finished basketball tactics. Those who contested the game were: Booth-Kelly Christians
Nest (2) f Conley (7)
Ditto (6) f McKinney (7)
Rathbunn c Nixon (2)
Calkins g Vincent
Olson g Lavee

The same persons officiated at this game as at the first team game. Next Saturday night the Christian and Methodist teams will clash for high standing in the league. The Baptist and Booth-Kelly second teams will play the preliminary.

REVEREND JENSEN GIVES RESOLUTIONS FOR CHURCH PEOPLE

Splendid Watch Night Service Held At Methodist Church Sunday Night.

REVEREND FERRIS SPEAKS

Much Fine Music Is Rendered During The Evening—Reverend James T. Moore Presides.

The Reverend C. H. Jensen, who delivered one of the principal addresses at the annual watch night services at the Methodist church last night suggested four good resolutions for church attendants and church attendance. They are:

"First: I resolve for 1917 that I will not have church rheumatism on Sunday nights and Sunday mornings."

"Second: I resolve for 1917 that I will not be big I at lodge and other kindred meetings and little Willie at the house of God."

"Third: I resolve for 1917 that I will not be a six-cylinder rooster at basketball and other sports and a one-lunger at prayer meeting."

"Fourth: I resolve for 1917, whatever the provocation that I will not go to sleep in church, that I will not yawn for it consumes too much oxygen for one person, that I will not look at my watch during service and snap the case, that I will look the preacher in the face if he can look you in the eye."

Reverend Jensen discussed "Four Reasons for Peter's Fall" which he attributed not to a single sin, but to a gradual process of sinning. Peter was a boaster and boasting made trouble for Peter. There are men who are continually boasting of their own strength who will at some time or other fail. Goliath boasted of his prowess until little David killed him with a sharp stone from a sling. "Peter slept on duty. The boaster was found asleep by his friend Jesus when he was most needed. There are two kinds of Christians, the lazy Christian and the consecrated Christian. The lazy Christian comes to church when the church is offering something special to attract him and stays away when the work returns the routine. The conscientious Christian lives the Christlike life and works for Christ continually regardless of the attraction.

"Peter followed his Master afar off. Peter feared for his life when danger came. Many who call themselves Christians fail to show their colors when the test comes. Sitting around the Devil's camp fire Peter denied his best friend. It is mighty hard to serve Jesus when you are in the wrong kind of company."

Reverend James T. Moore, pastor of the Methodist church presided over the watch night service. The following program was carried out: Continued on page three

Parent Teachers Will Meet.

"Study Habits of Children" is the topic to be discussed by Professor F. L. Stetson, of the school of education of the University of Oregon, at the meeting of the Springfield Parent teachers association scheduled for 8 o'clock Friday evening at the Lincoln school. At this time also, the matter of constructing a play shed for the local children, will be discussed.

O. P. Will Extend Properties Soon

Company Plans Spending Between \$300,000 and \$400,000 in Willamette Valley

Extensions and improvements in the Oregon Power company's properties in the Willamette valley are in store for the near future as a result of the voluntary placing of the Northern Idaho & Montana Power company in the hands of a receiver in Spokane Tuesday. The Oregon Power company is a branch of the other organization, which in turn is a branch of the parent company in Chicago, the H. M. Bylesby company.

J. L. White, of Albany, superintendent of the Willamette valley division of the Oregon Power company, has made the statement that the transaction will mean the spending of between \$300,000 and \$400,000 in the valley shortly after the first of the year. The exact time is not known but is expected to be soon.

According to Superintendent White the lines in Oregon have reached the maximum of their earning power, and it is necessary to extend the service and make improvements to operate on an economical basis. The action in placing the holding company in the hands of a receiver was done to effect a reorganization and enable it to raise from \$500,000 to \$800,000 for the necessary improvements. The outstanding obligations of the company mentioned in the suit do not mature until 1940.

The principal cities in which the company operates in the northwest are Kallispel and Whitefish, Mont.; Sand Point, Idaho; Newport, Tacoma, Aberdeen, Wash.; Albany, Eugene, Springfield, Corvallis, Dallas, Marshfield and way towns in Oregon.

Elmer Dover of Tacoma, who was appointed receiver for the company, is vice president of the H. M. Bylesby company and president of the Oregon Power company.

President Creates Game Reserve

Issues A Proclamation Making Pisgah National Forest A Reserve.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation by which the Pisgah National Forest, in Western North Carolina, is made a Federal game preserve. This is the first Federal game preserve of its kind to be created east of the Mississippi River.

The Pisgah National Forest consists largely of the George W. Vanderbilt estate, part of which has been purchased by the government. The land is located near Asheville and Biltmore, N. C. Owing to the protection against hunting which has been afforded the tract for a number of years, the game has not been killed out, as is the case in most places, in the southern mountains. Deer, wild turkey, and pheasants are said to be plentiful.

After it was known that the tract would be acquired by the government, many of the local citizens urged that the protection to the game should be continued. The North Carolina Legislature passed an act whereby the State consented to the enactment by Congress of laws for the protection of game, birds and fish on any lands purchased by the Government under the Weeks Law in the western part of the state.

As a game preserve, no hunting will be allowed on the Forest and as the deer and other game increase on the area, it is expected that the overflow will drift out of the forest and gradually restock the adjacent lands. A movement is now on foot to place a herd of wild elk and one buffalo in the preserve this winter.

Regulations governing the camping and fishing privileges have been drawn up. Continued on page three

LEGISLATURE MAY KEEP STATE BUDGET IN 6 PER CENT LIMIT

After Officers Have Made Study of Needs Decision Is Reached That Cuts Can Be Made

EDUCATION WILL SUFFER

Authority Shows That Total of \$742,536 Can Be Eliminated To Reduce Deficit Now Forced.

Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—As the state budget calls for \$715,000 more than can be raised by taxation during the next biennium, speculation is rife as to where the ways and means committees of the legislature will prune to bring the total within the scope of the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment adopted by the people at the last election.

Secretary of State Olcott yesterday expressed the opinion that the appropriations may be held down to the 6 per cent limitation and none of the state activities be seriously impaired. Others express a similar view, but so far they have not pointed out just where the trimming may be done.

As a result of the foregoing conclusion that there must be a thorough pruning of asked-for appropriations, heads of state institutions and departments and commissions are more apprehensive as the time for the legislative session draws near than ever before.

Where Pruning May Be Done.

A taxpayer who is in close touch with state affairs went through the budget today and checked off items totaling more than \$715,000 which he declared could be eliminated or trimmed without working a hardship on those who had asked for the appropriations. The legislature no doubt, will find many others, and may not agree with some of these, but they are pointed out merely to show the speculation being done to bring the budget within the tax limitation.

Here is the list he checked:

Oregon state fair	\$165,000
State banking department	7,000
Oregon conservation commission	850
Oregon Agricultural college	100,000
University of Oregon	180,475
University Medical school	50,000
Oregon state normal	55,000
Oregon state hospital	55,000
State Tuberculosis hospital	14,300
Oregon Historical society	10,000
Oregon Social Hygiene society	40,000
Oregon state library	15,000
Hydrographic and topographic surveys	40,000

Total \$742,536

Reasons for Checking Explained.

As each item was checked, the taxpayer gave his reasons. The check against the Oregon State fair covers two requested appropriations, one for a new livestock coliseum and the other for a woman's building. The State fair can well get along for a time without those buildings, it was said.

Next comes the banking department which estimates that its expenditures for the next biennium will be \$38,000 and its receipts will be \$35,000, leaving a difference of \$3,000 to be supplied by the legislature. But an appropriation of \$10,000 is requested on the theory of making certain of having enough. The one who checked the budget would appropriate the 3,000 and eliminate the extra \$7,000.

The Oregon conservation commission is asking for \$1000, while during the last two years it got along with \$200. The taxpayer considered that the commission could get along on \$200 during the next biennium.

New Library Might Be Waived. The Oregon Agricultural college is asking for \$100,000 for a new library building. This is over and above the sum the college will receive from its regular millage tax, which will produce about \$700,000, and the taxpayer says the college should be satisfied with its millage tax and get along without the new library this time.

The University of Oregon, for new buildings and improvements, is asking for practically \$150,000 over and above the revenue it will receive from its millage tax, and the opinion is that this extra sum should not be granted. For the University of Oregon Med. Continued on page three