

COST OF GOVERNMENT COMES HIGH IN OREGON

Washington, D. C., November 19, 1923.—The Department of Commerce announces that the costs of government for the state of Oregon for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1922, amounted to \$28,563,652, which was a per capita cost of \$35.31. In 1917 the per capita cost was \$5.82, and in 1914, \$6.40, the totals for these years being \$4,279,689 and \$4,597,670, respectively. The per capita costs for 1922 consisted of expenses of general departments, \$16.50; expenses of public service enterprises, \$8.02; payments for interest, \$2.23, and for outlays, \$16.55, more than 90 per cent of which was for highways.

Revenues
The total revenue receipts for 1922 were \$19,447,935, or \$24.05 per capita. For the fiscal year the per capita excess of governmental costs over revenue receipts was, therefore, \$11.27. However, the revenue receipts exceeded the costs for the ordinary operation and maintenance and the payments for interest, excluding outlays, by \$3.29 per capita. This excess of per capita payments over revenue receipts is largely on account of permanent improvements, the costs of which were met by the issuance of debt obligations.

In Oregon property and special taxes represented 41.0 per cent of the total revenue for 1922, 41.6 per cent for 1917, and 74.2 per cent for 1914. There was a decrease of 15.4 per cent in the amount of property and special taxes collected from 1914 to 1917, and an increase of 179.4 per cent from 1917 to 1922. The per capita property and special taxes were \$9.85 in 1922, \$3.79 in 1917, and \$4.70 in 1914.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 6.4 per cent of the total revenue for 1922, 10.6 per cent for 1917, and 5.8 per cent for 1914.

Business and nonbusiness licenses constituted 25.4 per cent of the total revenue for 1922, 11.0 per cent for 1917, and 7.4 per cent for 1914. Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges.

Indebtedness
The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of Oregon was \$48.12 per capita for 1922 and \$0.66 for 1917. Highway bonds amounting to more than \$6,000,000 were sold during the current year.

Assessed Valuations and Tax Levies
For 1922 the assessed valuation of property in Oregon subject to ad valorem taxation was \$1,009,499,160; the amount of taxes was \$8,835,295, and the per capita levy, \$10.92.

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AT PORTLAND

Word was received here from Portland this afternoon that S. W. Meadows, a former well known resident of Heppner, died at his home in Portland this morning. He was about 70 years old.

Mr. Meadows formerly operated a livery barn where the Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co. is now located and was well known to all the old time citizens.

The body will be brought here for interment but the date of the funeral has not been fixed. He was a member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows and they will have charge of the funeral.

HARDMAN

The play, "The Time of His Life," which was to have been given in the High School auditorium Friday, November 16, was postponed on account of an accident which occurred in Hardman Friday afternoon, preventing two of the players from taking part on Friday evening. The play will be given Thursday, Nov. 22 at 7 o'clock p. m.

The cast of characters is:
Mrs. Bob Grey.....Lee Merrill
Mr. Bob Grey.....Neal Knighten
Tom Carter.....Teddy Burnsides
Uncle Tom.....Thomas McCarty
Mrs. Peter Wycombe.....Hazel Hays
Mr. Peter Wycombe.....Ralph Bedsaul
Mr. James Landon.....Dale Blackman
Dorothy Landon.....Hazel McDonald
Officer Hogan.....Hubert McDonald

This play will also be given in Lexington Friday evening, November 23.

Friday evening, November 16, a dance was given in the dance hall. A dance supper was served by the High School.

The grade school of Hardman is now completing their plans and preparations for an entertainment and dance which they will give November 30. The proceeds are to go for a payment on the piano recently purchased for the grade school.

Friday afternoon while unloading some wood in the warehouse, J. J. McDonald was thrown from his wagon when the horses started and ran over a block of wood. He was taken to the hotel. A doctor was called immediately. No bones were broken. The doctor said that a vertebra had slipped in the back of his neck. He is better this morning.

Newt Matteson Makes Big Killing

Newt Matteson, U. S. hunter of predatory animals, killed an old decrepit horse over on Rhea creek the other day and, at the suggestion of Arthur Keene, baited the carcass with quick poison for coyotes. "Better shut your dogs up," Newt cautioned Arthur, "or we may get them too." Mr. Keene said he would look after the dogs all right but evidently he forgot it because next morning five coyotes and two of Keene's dogs decorated the landscape around the "bait."

MACHINERY AND MEN MAKE BIG RANCH PAY

LARGEST WHEAT GROWER HAS CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM

Owner of 110,000 Acres of Montana Lands Markets 500,000 Bushels

Chicago—The use of farm machinery and the co-operation of his men today were held responsible for most of his success by Thomas D. Campbell of Hardin, Mont., head of the Campbell farm corporation and owner of 110,000 acres of semi-arid land which is under cultivation. Mr. Campbell raised and marketed 500,000 bushels of wheat this year and is reputed to be the largest individual wheat grower in the world. His wheat, he said, was marketed at a profit when thousands of wheat farmers were figuring up their losses.

Mr. Campbell summed up his recipe for successful farming as follows:
Machinery—and more machinery.
Pay high enough to meet city competition and keep good men on the farm.

Co-operation with selected employees.
Use of all the department of agriculture information available on semi-arid wheat farming.

Ranch Has No Horse

There is not a horse on his ranch, he said, but added that there are 42 wheel tractors and 13 caterpillar tractors.

"Farming, after all, is an engineering proposition," he said, in explaining his use of farm machinery for all possible operations. "It takes for example, more power to plow all the farm land in the country each year than it does to run all the other industries combined. When factories began to use machinery more and more to cut down labor costs, I said it was applicable to farming, too."

Farm on Co-Operative Basis

"We run the farm on a co-operative basis all the way through," he added, "and each man draws from \$300 to \$500 bonus at the end of the season."

Tractor men, he said, receive the equivalent of \$250 a month, figuring in room and board, and managers receive from \$6000 to \$7500 a year. He uses 250 employees, he said, where by ordinary methods about 800 would be required. Two men equipped with the proper machinery,

he said, disc 125 acres a day or seed 200 acres. With one arrangement of machinery two men plow, double disc, seed, pack and harrow 30 acres of virgin prairie per day in one operation. Three men with a combine harvester and thresher cover 50 acres a day.

"We seed by machinery and harvest by machinery," he said. "We have things down to the point where we can say that the grain is untouched from the time the seed goes into the ground to the time it is hauled to market by a caterpillar tractor."

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS CALL ON PRESIDENT

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entire crop when it leaves the growers' hands, reports County Commissioner Ralph Benge of Heppner, who returned from the meeting Thursday.

This plan, in conjunction with co-operative marketing, was presented in detail to President Coolidge on Wednesday by General Manager Jewett of the American Wheat Growers Associated, and is the one now proposed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace for the relief of the wheat grower, and has been consistently advocated by the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers since last December.

Football Scores

Fossil football team engaged in battle with the Heppner squad on Gentry field last Saturday, the result being a victory for the local team in a score of 21 to 6.

Lexington and Condon played at Lexington the same day when the Condon squad took the count in a 65-9 tally.

That Lexington team is sure cock o' the walk in this section of the state and it seems useless to try to outplay them.

Heppner holds second place in the league which is pretty good at that.

A STATEMENT

We, the members and coach of the Heppner high school football team, wish to inform the public that there was no official authorization for the article about the Lexington football game which was written by a student of this school and appeared in the last edition of this paper. We will say that we were fairly and squarely beaten and for such we offer no alibis whatever. We have only respect and admiration for the Lexington team and will say that it was a clean hard-fought battle with the better team winning in the game on November 10th at Lexington.

Heppner H. S. Football Team.
By
ELMER BUCKNUM, Capt.
AUSTIN SMITH, Mgr.
I. A. MATHER, Coach.

Leaves Today for Eastern Home

Gordon S. Banker, who has been spending the past year in Morrow county, expects to leave today for his old home at Morton, New York, where he will make an extended visit with his home folks. Mr. Banker has been on the Pacific coast about four years, during which time he has traveled over a good portion of the country from Canada to southern California. The purpose of his trip has been to see the country and get acquainted with the people of different sections while earning his way and more working at various occupations. During his stay in this county he has been working on farms and sheep ranches.

NOTICE OF TAKING UP AND SALE OF HOGS

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, under the laws of the State of Oregon, having taken up the animals hereinafter described while running at large on my premises in Morrow County, Oregon, 6 1/2 miles north of Heppner, Oregon, to-wit:

Three (3) black barrows (one with white spot on hip), earmarked with split in each ear and weighing about 225 pounds each.

That I will on

Wednesday, December 5, 1923,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, unless the same shall have been redeemed, at my ranch, 6 1/2 miles north of Heppner, Oregon, sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand for the purpose of paying charges incident to taking up, holding and selling said animals together with reasonable damages for the injury caused by said animals running at large on said premises.

Dated and first published this 20th day of November, 1923.

30-31 A. L. TUCKER.

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