

WOULD BUILD NEW HOTEL

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necessary as an auxiliary to and after the construction of Willow Creek supply. Nothing in the present system would be a loss. Basing costs to build on normal (pre war), prices for labor and material, they find a duplicate plant would cost \$56575.00; if constructed on present war prices, it would cost \$90,000.00. By reason of deterioration they find the actual normal value \$40667.00; this does not include any steam boiler, main building or supplies; if included, it would bring the actual value up to \$45,000.00, of which the City now owns \$15,000, leaving the balance of \$30,000 on the equity of the Light and Water Company. Many of the prices were taken from the purchase vouchers of material and labor paid for at the time of construction. I consider that the percentages, used by the Engineer, for deterioration were unfair to the Light and Water Company, they are arbitrary, taken as an average of the worst results experienced by utilities, and ignoring local conditions; as an instance, it is arbitrarily assumed that life of iron pipe is 20 years, when in fact we have in use in Heppner, wrought iron pipe laid in 1892, a life of 26 years, and yet has a remaining value. I hold that if actual deterioration values had been used, the water plant would have been valued at not less than \$48,000.

As any rights to the waters of Willow Creek and the drainage area, can be best secured by the City of Heppner, and as the Light and Water Company are short on the funds necessary to construct a conduit line, and cannot finance any for it, and as the City should own its own water works, and as it is very necessary that there be a hotel built in Heppner, and as the City can bond for water works but cannot do so for a hotel, I submit, for the consideration of yourself and the public, the following proposition:

The Light & Water Company will build a hotel of not less than 50 rooms, to be of concrete or other equally as good material, and modern in every respect, the details to be made by and between the City and the Light & Water Company. Provided the City will purchase and own the entire water works, valued at \$45,000, as enumerated herein: The Light & Water Company have had under consideration, and have an approved plan to build a combined steam and water power plant of upper Willow Creek, thereby utilizing the flood waters for water power and the cheap fuel there for steam auxiliary; two reasons why it has not been done before this, are, that it could not separate the water works from the lighting plant, and on account of the high cost of copper wire for transmission lines. If the water works were cut off, they would start construction on the electric plant, but probably not complete it until copper is cheaper. A plant so located, with its cheap power, could and would supply energy at such a price in Heppner, that it would be used for many more purposes than at present; the field for expansion of business, on lower rates, is a good one.

It will require some time to build a hotel, so the earlier it is started, the earlier it will be ready to supply the demands of the public, and an early start will forestall the construction of cheap, undesirable shacks, as hotels, which would be unfortunate for the City.

The City through its lower interest rates and the assistance of City employees, would reduce the expense of operation of the water works, so the rates would be less, or at least no more, than now.

Who would be the loser? Surely not the City, for it buys at a pre-war cost; but the Company would be loser because of the difference between what a hotel would cost now and its value after the war. No investor will take a chance in building a hotel in Heppner, for they will not invest until assured there will be no shrinkage.

Delay in starting a hotel will make the City of Heppner a loser in trade, financial and commercial standing, prosperity, discomforts of the public and those of its citizens who prefer a hotel home. I heard a government official, referring to the prices normal and war, say: "It has taken a long time to scramble the eggs, it will take just as long a time to unscramble them" — It took time to reach war prices, will it take as long to reach normal prices after the war? During this period, will Heppner go to sleep in its ashes?

Whether this proposition solves the problem or not, it may at least stimulate some other, and if one can be secured which will be a practical solution, then I shall feel amply repaid.

We want Heppner, like the experience of other cities destroyed by fire, to rise from its ashes, a greater and better city, all of which will take cash, not wind.

Our reason for making this proposal, is that we then could move our electric plant to a point of cheaper operation and with at least some profit, and to secure, through a modern hotel, additional business.

Respectfully yours,
H. V. GATES.

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HIGHWAYS WILL BE FACTOR

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for distribution overseas."

With the establishment of the rural motor express giving regular daily service over fixed routes, with definite schedules of stops and charges, starting in the country and gathering farm products and delivering them to the city, and on the supplies, etc., for those along the route, the farmer will be as advantageously situated in every respect as if directly located within the city. The co-operation of the Federal Railroad Administration has been assured and where formerly congested terminals and shortage of equipment caused great delay and wastage there will now be put forth every effort to avoid such recurrence by the rural motor express and motor short hauls in the cities.

The great need always is for the early encouragement of enterprises seeking to pioneer. If the farmers and merchants will understand and utilize the service as soon as it becomes available they will be the great gainers from such service.

All those organized at this time and those contemplating organization should send in their names and routes to the highways transport committee, addressing same as follows:

In the state of Washington, state chairman, W. C. Baldwin, 722 Broadway, Tacoma, Wash.

In the state of Idaho, state chairman, W. H. Turner, Kimberly.

In the state of Oregon, state chairman, Amos Benson, Yeon Building, Portland.

LOST—One 3-year-old mare mule, mouse colored, branded LH on left shoulder. Left my place last Sept. Reward for recovery.

41 T. M. ARNOLD, Eight Mile.

Arthur Wheelhouse, sheepman of Arlington, was in Heppner on Friday last, coming up to receive some sheep that he had purchased from John Kilkeany. He was accompanied by his daughters, Miss Clara and Miss Alta. Ray Lamereaux, cashier of the Arlington National Bank, of which Mr. Wheelhouse is the president, accompanied by Mrs. Wheelhouse, came up on Saturday with the Wheelhouse car and they returned home Sunday.

NOTICE OF ESTIMATED EXPENSES AND PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR MORROW COUNTY, OREGON, FOR THE YEAR 1919.

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 5th day of December, 1918, the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, will be in regular session at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon, and any taxpayer of Morrow County, Oregon, will be heard in favor or against the proposed tax levy hereinafter proposed:

ITEMIZED STATEMENT

Prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 234 of the 1913 Oregon Session Laws, showing an estimate of the amount of money required to be raised by taxation by Morrow County, Oregon, for the year 1919, to maintain each department of the County Government, county office or officer, and for each County improvement and maintenance of public highways, roads and bridges, and for other contemplated expenditures.

Also showing the probable receipts of Morrow County, Oregon, from sources other than direct taxation upon real and personal property for the year 1919, and also the estimated amount of the balance of the various funds of Morrow County, Oregon, at date levy will be made.

Proposed Appropriation For	Amount
COUNTY JUDGE	
Salary	\$ 900.00
Incidental expenses	50.00
COUNTY CLERK	
Salary	2,000.00
Salary deputy	1,000.00
Books and blanks	500.00
Incidental expenses	250.00
COUNTY SHERIFF	
Salary	2,000.00
Salary deputy	1,200.00
Traveling expenses	200.00
Incidental expenses	200.00
COUNTY TREASURER	
Salary	500.00
Record books and blanks	250.00
Incidental expenses	100.00
COUNTY ASSESSOR	
Salary	1,200.00
Salary deputy	900.00
Special tax extension	120.00
Field work	1,000.00
Books and blanks	200.00
Incidentals	100.00
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	
Salary	1,200.00
Traveling expenses	250.00
Incidental expenses	150.00
COUNTY CORONER	
Fees and expenses	100.00
Jurors and witnesses	100.00
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
Per diem and expenses	700.00
COUNTY SURVEYOR	
Fees and expenses	200.00
COUNTY SEALER OF WEIGHTS	
Per diem and expenses	100.00
STATE ACCOUNTANTS	
Per diem and expenses	250.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES	
Tax Receipt and Record Books	350.00
Advertising	500.00
TAX REBATE	
Refund on taxes paid by error	300.00
CURRENT EXPENSES	
Postage, express, freight, telegrams, telephones, incidentals	600.00
COURT HOUSE	
Janitor's salary	840.00
Fuel	800.00
Light and water	500.00
Incidentals	250.00
ELECTIONS	
Expenses and supplies	3,000.00
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	
Tuition of pupils	5,500.00
RAIL	
Board of prisoners	500.00
CARE OF POOR	
Salary of Health Officer	120.00
Board of inmates	1,200.00
Hospital Charges	1,000.00
Fuel, Light and Water	100.00
Burial Expenses	150.00
INDIGENT SOLDIERS	
Relief of old Soldiers	200.00
INSANE	
Expenses and Examination	150.00
WATER MASTER	
Per Diem and expenses	100.00
SCALP BOUNTY	
Bounty of Wild Animals	3,000.00
FRUIT INSPECTOR	
Per Diem and Expenses	100.00
SCHOOL LIBRARY	
Books from State Library	150.00
COUNTY INSTITUTE	
Instructors and Expenses	200.00
WIDOWS PENSIONS	
Pensions	2,500.00
FAIRS	
Appropriations to County Fairs	1,150.00
CIRCUIT COURT	
Witnesses and Jurors	1,200.00
Reporters Fees	100.00
Bailiffs	100.00
Meals for Jurors	100.00
Special Counsel	50.00
Stationery, etc.	50.00
JUSTICE COURT	
Fees of Justices and Constables	100.00
Witnesses and Jurors	250.00
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
Office Expense	250.00
COUNTY SCHOOLS	
Appropriation \$10.00 per capita	19,000.00
STATE OF OREGON	
1919 Tax	38,000.00
WAR FUND	
Relief and Donations	1,000.00
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS	
	40,000.00
TOTAL	\$139,180.00
INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES THAN TAXATION	
Fees of County Clerk	2,500.00
Fees of County Sheriff	100.00
One-half Bounty of State	1,500.00
25% Forest Rentals from State	500.00
5% Land Sales from State	75.00
	\$4,675.00
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$134,505.00

It is estimated that it will require a levy of 9.2 mills to raise the amount shown by the above estimate, after deducting all estimated receipts from other sources than taxation.

Dated at Heppner, Oregon, this 6th day of November, 1918.

C. C. PATTERSON, Judge.
GEO. J. CURRIN, Commissioner.
E. L. PADBERG, Commissioner.

Attest: J. A. WATERS, Clerk.