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BERT MASON ADMITS HE WAS MISTAKEN

Portland Firm Asks for Specific Charge or Retraction.

A break in the county road squabble, that has been claiming the attention of Morrow county taxpayers the last two weeks or more, came yesterday when the Howard-Cooper corporation, of Portland, took a hand. The name of the Portland firm, with whom the county has had considerable business dealings, has been used in propaganda broadcast, and its president, D. I. Cooper, believes it has placed them in an unfavorable light.

In a communication to the editor of this paper, which is reproduced, Mr. Cooper has asked Bert Mason, of Ione, to either make a specific charge against them or retract his declarations. In consequence, Mr. Mason has authorized the publishing of his statement in which he admits that he never received a letter from the Howard-Cooper corporation.

Mr. Mason's statement follows: "To the Taxpayers and Voters of Morrow County, Ore.:

"I have made the statement to different ones that I had received a letter from Howard Cooper Corp., of Portland, Ore., saying that the above company would stand back of any agreement I had made or talked of with Mr. S. P. Wright about the sale of fire hose to the town of Ione, Ore.

"This letter was purported to be on a commission returnable to me by Howard Cooper Corp. If I am purchasing agent for the town of Ione, Ore., bought Eureka Fire hose. I wish the public to know that I was in error in my statements, and that the letter received was not from Howard Cooper Corp., but from the Eureka Fire Hose Company.

(Signed) "BERT MASON, "Dated at Ione, Ore., May 15, 1928."

A STATEMENT BY HOWARD-COOPER CORPORATION.

Portland, Oregon, May 14, 1928. Heppner Gazette Times, Heppner, Oregon.

For Attention of the Editor, Gentlemen:

In your issue of Thursday, May 10, 1928, considerable space has been devoted to a discussion of the road situation and letters have been published over the signatures of Mr. Bert Mason, taxpayer, William L. McCaleb and L. P. Davidson, all referring to the matter of sales by my firm to Morrow County.

While neither I, personally, nor the firm I represent (Howard-Cooper Corporation) are peculiarly or particularly interested in local politics in Morrow County, in fairness to ourselves we feel that the taxpayers are entitled to know all of the circumstances surrounding whatever business we have done with Morrow County.

To begin with, Mr. Bert Mason in his published letter states:

"I have to do some purchasing for the City of Ione and have come in contact with the main source of County supplies, and say that I certainly cannot approve of some methods used in order to secure business."

I take it that the gentleman is referring to the Howard-Cooper Corporation when he refers to the main source of county supplies. If so, the attack is not only unkind, but unwarranted and ought not to be considered by any taxpayer for the reason that no specific charge is made. However, I have been informed and advised that Mr. Mason has publicly criticized my firm and has gone to the extent of suggesting that there is something wrong with our method of securing orders from Morrow County.

If such is true, I would be glad indeed if the gentleman would make his charges specific so as to render himself liable for criminal slander or libel and if he is not willing to do this he ought to withdraw whatever statement he has made reflecting on our firm.

I have been advised that Mr. Mason claims to hold a letter over my signature, quoting certain prices on fire hose. This statement is absolutely false, and the only letter of which I have any knowledge in the recent months concerning the sale of fire hose to the City of Ione, was a letter written April 23, 1928, by Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co., which last named concern we represent as distributing agent. In that letter, copy of which is attached hereto for your use and information, you will note that prices for hose in 50 ft. lengths are on terms of 2 per cent cash, thirty days, four months net, or one year with six per cent interest from date of invoice. These are the regular published prices for Eureka Fire hose equipment.

The author of the letter was Miss Pettie, the regular salaried employee of the Eureka Fire Hose Manufacturing Company.

It will be noted that in the letter above referred to, the statement is made that Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co. will sell in accordance with any understanding Mr. Wright had with Mr. Mason. As to this point I have investigated the matter with the Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co. and am advised that this statement refers to nothing except the terms on which fire hose might be purchased

William Lillard Takes Own Life by Hanging

William Lillard, who had been a resident of Heppner for nearly forty years, ended his life on Friday morning by hanging. He had been busily at work about the yard at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Penland, where he resided, spending most of the morning irrigation hours in watering the lawn. On going into the wash room at about 8:30, Wm. Penland discovered the watch of Mr. Lillard lying on the stand, with a note under it, directing that the watch was to be given Mrs. Penland, and that his body would be found in the barn. On going to the barn, the body was found hanging to a piece of new rope which had been fastened to a joist. Mr. Lillard had evidently adjusted the rope carefully about his neck, tied it to the joist and then jumped off the manger. His neck was broken and death was instantaneous.

The piece of rope was purchased some two or three days previous from B. P. Stone and it is evident from this that Lillard had been contemplating the deed.

No motive for the act seems clear other than that he had been in poor health and was evidently in financial straits. Mr. Lillard was a native of Tennessee, and as stated above, came to Heppner nearly 40 years ago and made his home here continuously, working at various occupations. He was a single man and had no relatives in this part of the county. Being a member of Heppner Lodge No. 353, B. P. O. E., his funeral was held at Elks temple on Saturday afternoon and burial by the order in Masonic cemetery. He was aged 62 years, 4 months and 11 days, having been born at Newport, Tenn., Dec. 25, 1865.

BOARDMAN

Once more the year has completed its cycle and the goal for which the high school students labored diligently for four years was attained when they received their diplomas on Friday evening at the commencement exercises. The stage was beautifully decorated with a flower trimmed lattice and an arch at the back through which the class and members of the faculty, Mrs. S. H. Boardman and C. S. Calkins made their entrance as Miss Henry played the prelude. The program was as follows: Invocation, Mrs. E. H. Boardman; salutatory, Helen Chaffee; violin solo, Victor Hango; piano solo, C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction; piano duet, Mrs. Mead and Mrs. Spang; valedictory address, Mabel Brown; statement, L. E. Marschat; presentation of diplomas, C. S. Calkins, chairman of the board; vocal solo, Mrs. L. E. Marschat; benediction, Mrs. Boardman. Mabel Brown as the honor student received the scholarship. At this time Linda Hango was presented with the Lincoln medal for having had the best essay on Abraham Lincoln. Members of the graduating class were Rachel Johnson, Helen Chaffee, Mabel Brown, Russell Mefford, Eldon Wilson, Robert Berger and Roy Barlow.

Class Day exercises were held Friday afternoon at the auditorium with every member of the class taking part. Class greetings were extended by Mabel Brown, the class history by Rachel Johnson, class will by Russell Mefford, class poem, Eldon Wilson, class poem, Robert Berger, class ideal, Helen Chaffee. The presentation of the class gift was made by Ray Barlow, class president and consisted of a sun dial which has been placed at the foot of the steps as one enters the school house. Miss Henry and Mr. Marschat sang a duet with Miss Henry playing.

The teachers departed for their various homes, some leaving on Friday night and others on Saturday. The Marchants left Monday for Berkeley, Calif., where both will attend summer school. Miss Beougher left Friday night for Albany. She will teach at Toledo next year. Miss Chapman departed Friday night for Coos county to visit her mother. She will return next fall. Miss Leathers went to her home in Lexington. Her position will be filled by Mrs. Marschat. Miss Falk left on 17 Saturday for Salem, her home. She will attend summer

22 GRADUATES WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Baccalaureate Services on Sunday for High School Class.

School closing time means to Little Johnny more time to go fishing, play ball, fly kites and follow the various other diversions of youth; but to him who has reached the top rung of the public school ladder, there is at hand a very serious occasion—graduation. Next Tuesday, 22 of Heppner's young people will stand in a row to receive diplomas in recognition of their having completed the high school curricula with due credit.

These are Robert Turner, Ellis Thomson, Jon Conder, Maurice Brannon, Joe Brosnan, Kenneth Oviatt, Onex Parker, Hazel McDavid, Lucille Driscoll, Florence Bergstrom, Rosella Doherty, Margaret Smith, Letha Hiatt, Eva Hiatt, Claud Conder, Mildred Green, Stanley Minor, Stephen Thompson, Paul Hiler, Marvin Gammell, Wm. Driscoll and Gerald Slocum, constituting one of the largest graduating classes of Heppner high school.

A busy time for this group has been the past few weeks. Parties, picnics, dinners, all have been quite numerous, the outstanding of these events being the annual junior-senior banquet last Friday evening. Then there have been invitations to get out, and examinations to go through, making a crowded time, indeed, to be climaxed with the baccalaureate services Sunday evening and graduation exercises Tuesday.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered to the class by Milton W. Bower, pastor of the local church of Christ. These services will be held in the church, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Victor Morris, professor from the University of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address, these services to be held in the school auditorium-gymnasium.

In view of the fact that this is the first commencement to be held in the new auditorium, the classes are making special preparation for the event. Special music will be furnished from the glee club and other musical talent of the town. Mrs. E. R. Huston, chairman of the board of directors, will present the diplomas. An outstanding feature of the evening will be the presentation of the Norton Winnard memorial cup. This cup is presented each year to the junior boy picked by a local committee in whose opinion is the most outstanding in scholarship, activities and moral standards. The name of the recipient is not made known until the presentation. This year it will be made by Jas. M. Burgess, superintendent.

In celebration of its final issue of the year, the Heppnerian, school paper published as a regular department of the Gazette Times, appears this week in enlarged form and will be found on page six of this paper. From it may be gleaned further news concerning school closing activities and facts about the graduates.

RANCH HOUSE DESTROYED.

On Saturday forenoon the house on the George Dykstra ranch some 12 miles southeast of Heppner was totally destroyed by fire, along with the most of the contents.

The origin of the fire seems to be unaccountable, as there was at the time no fire in the range in the kitchen. It was about 9:30 when the woman at the ranch, who was doing some work on the outside, discovered smoke and on going to the kitchen door found that part of the house full of smoke. She endeavored to extinguish the flames but was unable to do so, and after getting out some articles, she ran to the field where Mr. Dykstra and the hired man were at work. On their reaching the house the flames had got beyond control. The ranch house, a woodshed, several cords of dry wood and a machinery shed nearby, were totally destroyed, as well as some machinery. Mr. Dykstra had insurance of \$500 on the residence.

DEGREE REORGANIZED.

The Kate Young Lodge No. 29 of the Degree of Honor Protective association has been reorganized and is meeting again. The following have been duly elected and installed: Nora Moore, Past Pres.; Anna Thomson, Pres.; Mard Ebb, Vice President; Muriel Aiken, 2nd Vice President; Clara Beamer, Fin. Sec.; Lillie Aiken, Treas.; Lucille Driscoll, Usher; Martha Driscoll, Asst. Usher; Claire Gilliam, In. Watch; Cecelia Driscoll, Out. Watch; Loa Taylor, pianist. Lodge night coming at commencement time the next meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, May 29.

LEGION MEMBERS NOTICE.

Because of conflicting attractions the next regular meeting of Heppner post has been postponed from Monday, May 21, to Tuesday, May 22. It is earnestly hoped that all members will be present Tuesday evening as there will be much business of importance to transact.

Because of the continued illness of Rev. Father Thomas J. Brady, who is still confined to his bed at the Heppner hospital, there will be no mass at the Catholic church on the coming Sunday. Father Brady has been ill for the past week or more.

THE MUSIC MASTER, a great play, a greater picture, Star Theater, Sunday and Monday.

Heppner Trap Team Placed in Shoot-Off

This week-end the trap team of Heppner Rod and Gun club, which placed second in the tournament recently completed, will take part in the shoot-off match of the Oregonian state telegraphic trapshooting tournament to be held in Portland. The champions will be decided Sunday.

With the same team that won the first shoot-off in this tournament two years ago, Heppner's hopes for victory are running high. L. Van Marter, a member of the team, had high game in the first shoot-off, breaking 99 out of the 100 clay birds. The other men on the team are Chas. Latourell, Chas. Vaughn, A. D. McMurdo and Albert Bowker. It is expected a number of other local nimrods will make the trip, and several good reserves will be on hand in case any of the team are unable to take part. Earl Warner and Frank Shively are two of the old reliables.

PROTESTS RESULT OF SUNDAY FRAYS

Loose umpiring combined with some loose playing featured Wheatland league games Sunday, resulting in two protests being filed with league officers. This is the first sign of dissent since the season opened. Heppner dropped her game to Wasco, 2-1, in the tenth inning after nine goosie-goes had been framed for each side. Ione won over Arlington, 2-0, the only scoring occurring in the eighth, and Condon defeated Umattilla after 14 hectic innings, 10-8.

The protests come out of the Heppner and Umattilla camps. Heppner's objection is based on an umpire's decision in the fatal tenth. Thorn went up to bat out of turn and one strike was called on him, when the mistake was discovered and Fred Hoskins, whose turn it rightfully was, was ruled out by the umpire. Heppner contends that according to the rule book no batsman out of order can be called out until he has become a base-runner. Hence, they contend for a tie game.

Umattilla's protest is the result of quite another matter. Along in the extra innings, with one man on base and two runs needed to win the game, a Umattilla man socked a ball out of the lot for a home-run. The man on base scored, and the hitter, thinking the game had been won, got in his car and started home, not bothering about going first. The ball was thrown to first base and the umpire could do nothing else than call him out. Of course when the game was finally over, and Condon had won, Umattilla thought they had a grievance, hence filed a protest with the league.

Good news for local fans comes in the announcement that Arlington will play here the league game with Heppner, scheduled on their field June 2. It is also expected another game will be played by the two teams on Saturday, June 2. This arrangement has been made to give the large crowd expected at Heppner during the chautauqua celebration, May 31, June 1-2-3, a chance to see some good ball games.

NEW CABINET INSTALLED.

The Morrow County Creamery company has just completed installation of their second 50-gallon capacity ice cream cabinet. This cabinet is exactly the same as the first one installed, being of galvanized sheet iron construction, with compartments for ten 5-gallon ice cream cans. The ice cream being kept thoroughly frozen all the time by the ammonia lines from their ice machine. By means of these cabinets the company can keep a 100-gallon reserve of ice cream on hand at all times ready to deliver on a few minutes notice.

Piano lessons. See Elizabeth Phelps. 9-10.

O. W. R. & N. Pays \$45,465.10 Check for First Half 1927 Taxes in Morrow County

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Portland, Ore., May 3, 1928

NOTSON CAMPAIGN IS WINNING VOTES

All Parts of District Are Swinging to Support of Local Man.

The vigorous campaign of S. E. Notson, republican candidate for representative in congress, is gaining him support in every section of the district, according to advices received by his supporters at Heppner. In fact, the success of his plan of "meeting the voters" has been such that political observers concede that he will figure in the finals when the vote is registered Friday.

This growth in strength is due, his friends claim, not only to his winning personality but to the recognition of Mr. Notson as a candidate who can command the undivided loyalty of his party in the November election. His record has been one of clean, conscientious and efficient public service and he is represented as a candidate without weakness.

Because of his wide public experience and tireless labor in behalf of many projects for the general benefit of his district he has proved himself very interested and group in the district, it is set forth in a statement issued by the Notson-for-Congress club. He is an educator, attorney and ex-farmer and commands strong support from every class of his constituents.

His friends contend that no man in the race will have a stronger claim on the support of the farmers. He was born and raised on a farm and proved up on a Morrow county homestead after coming to Oregon, and continued to farm it for years after he was engaged in educational and law work.

He has made a special study of farm problems and his counsel has been sought repeatedly in reference to projects affecting farmers. He has advocated improved methods in farming and himself originated ideas which have since been accepted generally. He has been a constant and popular speaker before farmers' meetings and picnics, having been invited twice within the past year to address the Morrow county Pomona grange and the inter-county grange celebration.

Following one of his addresses before the grange, the grange master, Charles Wicklander remarked, "I wish we could take Notson into the grange. We need such men. I believe he is a better farmer than I am."

He was twice a delegate to the Oregon Irrigation congress and has worked continually for the interests of the farmers of his district. At a meeting of 225 wheat growers at Lexington in 1924 he drafted a set of resolutions dealing with farm relief which were unanimously adopted. They opposed more extension of credit to wheat growers as a delusion rather than an aid, favored the McNary-Haugen bill and urged tariff protection for wheat similar to that afforded the products of other lines of industry.

Lexington School Closes; Exercises This Week

Lexington school activities will be completed this week-end with high school commencement exercises on Friday evening. Last Sunday the baccalaureate address was delivered to the graduating class by Rev. W. W. Head of Ione at the Lexington Congregational church. Commencement exercises are held for both the eighth grade and high school seniors, the eighth grade commencement taking place last evening at 8 o'clock with the following program:

Invocation — Miss Richardson
 Salutatory — Rev. Wood
 Vocal Solo — Helen M. Walker
 The Class Key — Ora Anderson
 Class Song — "After the Rain"
 A Parading Tribute, Lievevlyn Evans
 Piano Solo — Jeanette Turner
 Valedictory — Kenneth Warner
 Presentation of Diplomas —
 Mr. Lucas, Chm. of Board
 Response — Naomi McMillan
 Benediction — Mr. Wood

The class roll is Kenneth Warner, Lievevlyn Evans, Beryl Anderson, Ora Anderson, and Naomi McMillan.

The high school commencement program to be held Friday, when a class of five will be graduated, follows:

March — Pomp and Circumstance I
 Invocation — Rev. Mr. Wood
 Music — The Misseldine Trio
 The High School Rockies —
 Gwendolyn Evans
 To a Wild Rose — High School Girls
 Equipped Americans, Elsie Tucker
 Music — The Misseldine Trio
 Annual Address, Prof. H. S. Tuttle
 University of Oregon
 Presentation of Diplomas —
 J. F. Lucas
 Chairman Board of Education
 Convocation — Rev. Mr. Wood
 Eula McMillan, James Leach, Wester Lane, Elsie Tucker and Gwendolyn Evans are the graduates.

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HARDMAN.

The mothers of the lower grade children gave a surprise picnic in the orchard near the school for the little folks on Wednesday. They took so many good things to eat that it was with difficulty that the ball game was carried on in the afternoon. Every youngster declared it a most lovely surprise and hoped for another one day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Batty returned Friday from Portland where they were called by the death of Ben Thomas, who formerly lived in the Eight Mile country.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruby and daughter Viola of Heppner, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Johnson on Sunday.

Miss Wallace Howell came over from Wall creek to visit with friends and relatives over the week-end.

Tindal Robinson was in town Sunday chatting with friends. He says the grain in the Eight Mile vicinity is looking good.

Archie Bechoit was here Sunday from Lexington to spend the day with home folks.

Harlan Jones and family of Lexington enjoyed the Sunday in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams brot their baby daughter home from the Heppner hospital where the little one has been ill with pneumonia.

L. Redding of Eight Mile was here on business Thursday.

A number of enthusiastic anglers were seen coasting the trout from Rock creek during the pleasant days of last week.

Mrs. A. E. Chapin who is helping at the Tindal Robinson home, spent Sunday at home.

The advanced pupils of the grade school had a very delightful time in the mountains on Friday. A few parents and friends accompanied the children.

Wm. Meidinger has accepted a position as superintendent of the Dufur schools for the coming year.

A delicious picnic lunch was served by the ladies and the men vied with each other in the art of pitching horseshoes and other games.

The semester exams in high school and the eighth grade were given on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Saling and infant daughter were visitors here on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lotus Robinson were in town Friday from their ranch south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Booher and Mrs. Wes Booher were visitors here on Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Saling, Miss Hildergarde Williams, and Miss Mildred Farrans were Heppner shoppers last Saturday afternoon.

Joe Batty and wife of Eight Mile returned home from Portland on Saturday, where they had been called on account of the death of his cousin, Ben Thomas. The funeral of Mr. Thomas was held early in the week at Portland, he having died suddenly a week ago Sunday while on a trip to Astoria by auto.

Jake Young, prominent Eight Mile farmer, was a visitor in the city Monday, accompanied by his son, Glen.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hynd of Cecil were visitors in this city on Monday afternoon and evening.

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SETTLERS BEFORE '88 NAMED AS PIONEERS

Reunion and Grange Day Plans Progressing for Fine Chautauqua.

Continuous residence in Morrow county forty years or more, or settlement in this county prior to 1888, will constitute eligibility to be classed as a pioneer at the pioneer's reunion to be held the second day of the Morrow County Chautauqua celebration at Heppner, on June 1. This is the action of the pioneer committee, S. E. Notson, Heppner, Karl L. Beach, Lexington, and Bert Mason, Ione, who have already obtained a speaker for the meeting in the morning at 10:30, and who will complete the details of the program as soon as Mr. Notson returns from his campaign for nomination as congressman from the second district.

Hon. Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, a pioneer himself of this section and a noted orator, will deliver the pioneer address. Another feature already determined will be a picnic dinner at noon. It is the plan of the committee to feature the pioneers in every possible way on this day and they wish especially to give the old-time settlers ample opportunity to renew old friendships. Mr. Notson leaves word it is important that all pioneers register with one member of the committee as soon as possible, as this will be necessary to the carrying out of their plan.

Funds collected in now nearly equal the amount of the guarantee that will pay for the chautauqua entertainment outright, and there will be absolutely no admission charge for any of the chautauqua numbers. There still remain a few names of the subscription roll who have not paid and when this money comes in the guarantee will have been reached. Every contributor will be entitled to two reserved seats, these reservations being open at the Gordon confectionery in Heppner, Friday, May 25, and can be made either by telephone or personal call. It will be necessary for contributors to make reservations beforehand in order to obtain tickets and to reserve seats. If a large tent can be obtained from the chautauqua people, the entertainment will be held in it. However, it will take a very large tent, and if one of the proper size cannot be had the entertainment may go to the school auditorium-gymnasium which seats 600 people comfortably. In any case every effort will be made to handle the crowd in the most satisfactory way possible.

Arrangements have been made with Fletcher's band of Pendleton, who will play for dances the first three evenings, to furnish music Friday and Saturday mornings. They are always an attraction and will add the last necessary touch to make the morning programs on Pioneer and Grange days a complete success.

The seven Granges of the county are busy at work on their portions of the program to be given the morning of Grange day, and from early reports this will be mighty good. Two speakers have already signed up, and efforts are being made to obtain the Irrigon Club band. There may be some difficulty in getting this band, as their leader, Mr. Maaske, will be gone.

With the cooperation being given on every hand, no doubt remains that the celebration in Heppner, May 31, June 1-2-3, will be one of the very biggest ever staged in the county. You will not want to miss any of it.

MASONS ATTENTION.

Regular meeting of Heppner Lodge No. 69 will be held Saturday evening at Masonic hall. There will be work in the MM degree and a full attendance of members is desired.

R. C. WIGHTMAN, W. M.

C. H. McNerney of Portland, representing the State Motor association, which is affiliated with the American Automobile association, was in Heppner yesterday interesting local auto owners in the association. Ferguson Chevrolet company garage has been designated as a station of the Oregon State Motor association at Heppner, where service will be rendered to all members of the A. A. A.

Mrs. A. H. Gragg and baby daughter of Salem who have been visiting the past two weeks at the home of Mrs. Gragg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Aiken, will return to their Salem home Sunday. Mr. Gragg will come up after them Saturday and will be accompanied by Mrs. A. A. Amort and children who will visit Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson.

Word received by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Aiken of this city is to the effect that Cyrus Aiken, who was injured in an automobile accident at New York several weeks ago, is sufficiently recovered to be able to travel. He sent word this week that he expected to be in Heppner soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Copenhaver of Swagart Buttes have been enjoying a visit during the week from Mrs. Copenhaver's father, T. M. Scott of Salem. Mr. Scott formerly resided in the Lexington country.

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The total taxes levied against the railroad's property in Morrow county amounted to \$90,930.19, distributed as follows: school taxes \$44,254.93; road taxes \$33,135.47; county general taxes \$8,396.59; state general fund \$3,195.86; World War Veterans State fund \$1,126.68; city taxes \$721.00; and state military fund \$99.69. J. W. Morrow, the railroad's general tax agent, stated.