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WHY DIDN'T THE COUNTY COURT CUT STATE LEVY?

To the Editor:
I notice in the county tax budget published recently that the state tax is put at 9 mills the same as last year and inasmuch as the legislature, at its last session, cut the state tax considerably, in fact more than any of the local tax bodies have done so far as I have seen, I wondered why this cut was not shown in our county budget.

Therefore, upon my recent trip to Portland and Salem, I inquired of the state tax commission and find that the state government did reduce the state tax for the coming year from the 9 mills of last year to 7.15 mills, a cut of almost 20 per cent.

Looking the matter up further upon my return I find that the county tax conservation commission, composed of Judge Phipps, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Dinmick anticipating that there would be a cut in the state tax, because of reductions made by the legislature and anticipated revenue from the income tax did cut the item of state taxes in the county budget 1/2 a mill. This was good as far as it went and probably neither the county officials nor the tax commission knew the actual cut. However, since the state tax levy has been cut almost 2 mills it seems to me that someone should take it upon himself to see that Jackson county gets its share of this cut like the other counties are doing. Surely there is little reason in the counties sending legislators to Salem and after they have cut the taxes considerably to come back and find that the county court is still levying the old rate of 9 mills instead of the almost 7 mills to which the state tax was cut.

This is especially so, as I find upon inquiry that the counties further north are not only cutting the state tax the 2 mills in their budgets, but they are also cutting their own road and other county taxes another 2 or 3 mills in addition to the almost 2 mills that they are cutting from the state tax, making a total reduction to the tax payers of 4 or 5 mills.

I can see no reason why we cannot do the same, especially when statistics show that our county is considerably above the average of the other counties of Oregon in its tax rate.

However, this may be as to reducing our county budget proper, there certainly is no excuse for a budget that has a reduction of only 1/2 mill in the state tax when the actual reduction is almost 4 times that.

Were it not that there are hundreds of farmers and small property owners who are unable to pay their taxes and tax shirkers have taken them for delinquent taxes in the last year it would not be so serious, but homes and farms from a number of under the circumstances it is most important that we reduce our taxes as much as possible so that people can pay them and save their property.

This matter ought not to be allowed to slip by as under a recent ruling of the Attorney General, the Tax Conservation Commission can recall the budget and has until the 28th of this month to finally certify same back to the county.

Respectfully,
JOHN H. CARKIN.
Medford, Dec. 21, 1923.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY AT THE PHOENIX CHURCH

The young people's choir will sing Christmas music at the Phoenix church on Sunday morning, December 23rd at 11 o'clock, including "Silent Night," as a duet by two of the boys. The pastor will follow with a special Christmas message, and at the opening of the Sunday school at 10 o'clock representatives from the different classes will present "The Meaning of Christmas," briefly.

Following the usual custom and the action of general assembly and of the session, a special offering for carrying the "good tidings" of Christmas to all the world will be taken in church and in Sunday school.

Christmas meeting of the C. E. society, with a hearty welcome to all, at 8:30 p. m.

CASHIER DEFAULTS, BANK IS CLOSED

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—The Chippewa bank in the southern part of the city closed today and a report reached prosecuting officers that the shortage may reach \$500,000. Gottlieb Weyermann, president, issued a statement that the cashier, John S. Carr, confessed that he was short in his accounts and returned \$34,000, but that the exact shortage has not been ascertained. The capital of the bank is given as \$200,000 and the surplus as \$100,000.

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