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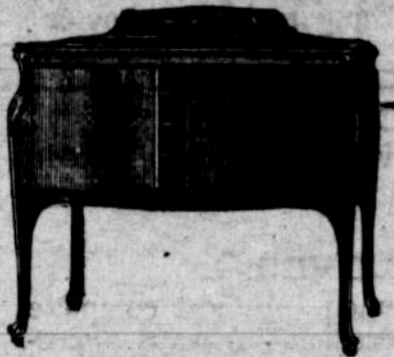
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## VICTROLA

A Christmas Gift for Every Member of the Family



A Christmas Victrola will make the World's most famous Artists live for you Anywhere—Anytime

GIVE VICTOR RECORDS FOR CHRISTMAS

KRESSE DRUG COMPANY *The Rexall Store*

## BEAUTIFUL TOILET SETS

GIFT SETS

Woodworth—Karess and Fiancee  
Hudnut's—Three Flower  
Jonteel—Bouquet Ram'ee—Colgates  
Cara Nome—Juneve

Unique and original in the artistic touches which give to them a positive air of distinction, these sets are particularly appropriate for gift purposes.

## TAX LEVY IS PRUNED

TAX COMMISSION CUTS GENERALLY

Action of The Newly Established Body May Lead, it is Announced, to Test Litigation

Litigation to test the validity of the legislative act establishing the county tax and conservation commissions was predicted Monday, following the filing of the annual county budget by the local commission, which slashed numerous appropriations. While County Judge Hasbrouck stated that he had no statement to make, he indicated that the county courts of Oregon, which will soon hold their annual convention, intend joining in test litigation.

The heaviest salary cut made by the commission, composed of A. I. Mason, Edw. Hawkes and M. D. Odell, all members of county granges, was that of roadmaster, reducing \$2,200 to \$1,500. The present incumbent, W. L. Nichols, announced the preparation of his resignation. The deputy in the county clerk's office was reduced from \$125 to \$90 per month.

The commission reduced the appropriation of the circuit court from \$1,200 to \$1,000. Courthouse officials declared the court would be without funds for operation the coming year. Nine hundred dollars was cut from the salary and expenses of the county fruit inspector. The only city item molested by the commission was that for the county library supported by a contract entered into between the county and city governments, jointly by the two bodies on a 50-50 basis. The institution is deprived of funds for the purchase of fuel and lighting and janitor service. Librarian salaries were reduced to a minimum.

The chairman of the tax commission for several years has advocated that the city government should pay the entire library expense.

The county court proposed the expenditure of \$2,000, to be matched by an equal amount of federal money, on the Lost Lake Highway; the commission reduced this to \$1,000.

No pruned item has aroused greater comment than the salary of Geo. B. Wilbur as secretary of the East Fork Irrigation District. He formerly received \$900. The commission cut him to \$480. Mr. Wilbur was appointed to serve on the commission but tendered his resignation almost immediately.

The total tax last year for the general road and county fund reached \$95,179.47. The total for this year reaches \$82,461.35. The tax commission's total pruned from the tentative appropriations reached \$22,316.

Talk of closing the library was discussed Tuesday. Mrs. W. H. McClain, president of the Woman's Club, which sought Carnegie funds for construction of the building 12 years ago, cited that the contract with the Carnegie association would cause the building to revert to the donors in such case.

While the tax commission proposed library appropriation to the extent of more than \$2,000, the chairman of the body, A. I. Mason, announced Tuesday night that the items on fuel and light were omitted unintentionally.

The tentative appropriations, as made by the county court, the sums allowed and the cuts of the commission on various items were respectively as follows:

County commissioners' expenses, \$550, \$450, \$100.  
Circuit court expenses, \$1,200, \$1,000, \$200.  
Justice court expenses, \$225, \$175, \$50.  
County clerk deputy, \$1,500, \$1,080, \$420.  
County treasury office expense, \$100, \$50, \$50.  
County assessor office expense, \$250, \$150, \$100.  
Fruit inspector's salary, \$2,200, \$1,380, \$820.  
Fruit inspector, traveling, \$400, \$200, \$200.  
Fruit inspector, office expenses, \$200, \$100, \$100.  
Surveyor's office expenses, \$1,000, \$800, \$200.  
Janitor, court house, \$720, \$460, \$260.  
Printing, \$800, \$600, \$200.  
Salvation Army, \$90; cut, \$90.  
County librarian, \$1,500, \$1,200, \$300.  
County librarian, assistants, \$1,350, \$1,080, \$270.  
County library janitor, \$600, \$560, \$100.  
County library, binding, \$150, \$100, \$50.  
County library, new books, \$600, \$100, \$400.  
County library, periodicals, \$125, \$75, \$50.  
County library, supplies, \$300, \$150, \$150.  
Widows' pensions, \$2,000, \$1,800, \$200.  
Oil and gas, road fund, \$3,600, \$3,400, \$200.  
Road master, \$2,200, \$1,500, \$700.  
Road foreman, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$1,500.  
School fair, \$300; cut, \$300.  
County nurse, \$1,920, \$1,500, \$420.  
County nurse, car hire, \$400; cut, \$400.  
County nurse, telephone, \$40; cut, \$40.  
County nurse, supplies, \$140; cut, \$140.  
Culverts, bridge fund, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$1,000.  
Concrete culvert, Dec., \$1,000, \$500, \$500.  
Concrete culvert, Phelps creek, \$1,000; cut, \$1,000.  
West Fork repairs, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500.  
Miscellaneous, \$1,500; cut, \$1,500, \$0.  
Lost Lake road, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$1,000.  
Tax commission, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$1,500.  
Weed fund, \$1,000; cut, \$1,000, \$0.  
Scarifier, \$6,500; cut, \$6,500, \$0.

## HOMEMADE ADVERTISEMENTS IS POPULAR

Hood River folk displayed a creditable interest in home products last Thursday night when a large audience greeted "Punch" Isenberg and "Curly" Thornton, entertaining advertising specialists, in their show at the Rialto theatre. Those who participated in the gala and profitable event declared that it was one of the best shows of its kind ever presented here. Merchants are showing a keener interest in the activities of Mr. Thornton and Mr. Isenberg than ever shown in any of the visiting advertisement men.

The second of the series of advertisements will be given tonight. Despite a hard rain many attended the theatre last week with the result of a show business that has never been so popular.

The advertising entertainers show a spontaneity that carries real humor.

**State Tax is Less**  
County Clerk Shoemaker Monday received an announcement from Secretary of State Koser that the state tax for the county was reduced \$72,096.65 for 1924. The state tax for last year was \$86,347.35.

## ELKS CLUB, HOWEVER, WILL COLLECT FUNDS

ORDER TO PURCHASE BASKETS FOR HOMES OF NEEDY

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Mr. Fredrick, Mr. Bell and Mr. Baker are proceeding with their plans to be good fellows. They have more than 100 brother Elks who are going to help them, and other fraternal organizations are going to join in the happy work.

All who wish to contribute to the good fellows' fund should call and see any one of the Hood River Santa Clauses.

## SOME OF THE PROBLEMS OF UTILITIES

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## FLOOD DAMAGE HERE IS CONSIDERABLE

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## BUY IN HOOD RIVER

YOU WILL

Find Good Stores.  
Find Well-Selected Stocks.  
Get Good Service.

THE TOWN WILL

Grow Faster.  
Make More Improvements.  
Tax You Less.

OUR PEOPLE WILL

Be Happier.  
Have More Good Things.  
Enjoy Greater Prosperity.

PATRONIZE HOOD RIVER MERCHANTS



The First National Bank

HOOD RIVER, OREGON



## NEW MONEY FOR OLD

By a fortunate circumstance, which is not an important part of this ad, we have received a supply of the new 1923 series of One Dollar Bills.

We also have accumulated during the year several small gold coins, including some \$2.50 pieces.

We are, therefore, in better position than usual to meet an increasing demand for desirable coins and bills for Christmas presents.

BUTLER BANKING COMPANY

Member Federal Reserve System

THE STORE WITH THAT CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The Gift That She Really Wants



CHRISTMAS BOXES OF Cat'n Fiddle Candy

Just From The Factory

EXTENSIVE LINE OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

FOUNTAIN AND LUNCHEON SERVICE

While You Do Your Shopping

HOOD RIVER DRUG CO.

Phone 1551 Ladies' Rest Room

"We are as near to you as your telephone"

## Is Your Fuel In?

WINTER is here and a cheery fire once more becomes our best friend. Good fuel is essential to both comfort and health. We have honest fuel in any form you wish and we deliver promptly. Phone 2181 for

SLABWOOD BODY FIR OAK BRIQUETS AND



EMRY LUMBER & FUEL CO.

"Everything to Build Anything"

## Communion Service

at Riverside Church, Next Sunday at 11 a. m.

A Special Program of Fine Music

A Short Communion Address by Dr. Boddy

No General Evening Service until Dec. 23rd.

Sunday Evening, Dec. 16th., Dr. Boddy will speak at the Park Grange.

The one outstanding Department that deserves especial mention:

## WOMEN'S PHOENIX HOSIERY

This store is ready with every sort you will want to get—light filmy ones for party wear; practical heavy all-keen hose for daytime service, or woolen variety for chilly days.

SILK HOSE RANGE

Black, Brown, White, Beige, Bobolink, Fawn, Gray, and many colors between \$1.25 to \$3.50

A Special Silk of sturdy wearing quality, perfect in texture and fit—Black, Brown and Gray \$1.00



WOOLEN HOSE RANGE

Heather, Silk and Wool, and Cotton and Wool Mixtures \$1.55 to \$2.50

"Wear Phoenix—you travel in fine luxury and wise economy"

J. G. VOGT