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Annual Surplus of \$21,000

Now that Lake county is out of debt, unless it is to engage in some work of public improvement, the rate of taxation which we paid last year, 27.1 mills, will, if continued, leave a surplus in the treasury.

The county needs for general purposes about \$11,000 for school, about \$11,000 for roads about \$2,000, besides the \$5,000 or \$6,000 that come from the state as Lake's share of the money received from the sale of public lands and for state taxes about \$11,000, or a total of \$35,000.

The total taxable property is \$2,186,100. A levy of 27.1 mills on this sum would yield about \$59,220. Deduct from this, \$2,576 on account of rebate and double taxation, we have left \$56,447, raised in taxes, deduct from this, \$5,000 and we have a surplus of \$21,447. This would be about the situation if the present rate of 27.1 mills should continue.

Of course this surplus money must not be allowed to collect, unless the people are ready to enter upon some work of public improvement. We have found that the county will need about \$2,000 to run it one year. Sixteen mills on our total valuation of \$2,186,100 would be all we should need for one year's expenses, unless we are to do some improvement, there could be a saving to the taxpayers of 11.1 mills.

Can't Dodge the Tax.

Yamhill county has picked a flaw in the state law relating to raising revenue for state purposes. In 1891 a law was passed requiring each county to pay proportion of the entire state revenue as its average expenditure bore to the average total valuation, which ratio was ascertained by the average assessment of each county for a period of five years. This ratio has been in force since 1891 and is to remain in force until 1900 and was enacted for the purpose of putting an end to the constant reduction in valuations. Since the counties found that nothing was gained by reducing their tax bills began increasing values. Now Yamhill county has discovered that some counties that have raised their valuations and consequently reduced the levy are not paying the same levy that it is paying and concludes that the law is unconstitutional. Yamhill has not apparently raised the valuation on its property and pays 2.1 mills to the state, while other counties that have increased their valuation pay 3.5 mills. We presume that if Yamhill will double valuations it can get a levy oneself what the present levy is, but will pay the same amount of money into the state treasury. We see no way for Yamhill to get out of paying its just proportion of state tax.

A new political organization has been effected recently in Portland as a result of the new law governing primary elections. S. C. Beach is chairman of the new organization, which is known as the "New Deal Republican organization." The purpose of this organization is to secure candidates for city councilmen that are true patriots and not "yellow dogs."

Upon assigning the rights of way to the government The Dalles-Celilo canal will be constructed. The right of way has been secured by the state and is ready to be transferred to the government upon the approval of the bill by the Attorney General.

Help it Along.

In last week's Examiner we published an article copied from the Oregonian treating on the "Oregon Desert." Nowhere in the article did Lakeview appear, but people who are familiar with Lake county's so-called "desert," know that the arid section of the county is the same all over, and that while the arid region is more extensive in the northern part of the county, it extends almost to the California line, fifteen miles south of Lakeview. The soil is the same, the climate is the same and the presence of water at depths of from 10 to 20 feet is the same. That the "Oregon Desert" is attracting widespread attention throughout the Eastern states cannot be longer denied.

The only reason these lands have not been taken up years ago is simply because there was no effort made on the part of the people here to induce settlers upon them. It is a fact that the large stock raisers were not anxious to have them settled up, but now that it is believed the range is a thing of the past, and settlement of these arid sections is an inevitable coincidence of government irrigation, the stockmen are not opposed to a desirable class of people locating in the country. They are coming anyway, and we had just as well show a disposition to receive them kindly and welcome them into our land of plenty. If we get population we will get wealth and permanent wealth. If we get irrigation we have one of the best, if not the best county in the state.

Various complaints have from time to time been registered against the habit of abbreviating the names of cities and states. It is a habit. In some cases, for instance in the case of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and other states that have long names, the reasons given are that men writing business letters have not the time to spell the full name. But in the case of Oregon, Iowa or Ohio, these names take little more time or space to write the full name than to abbreviate them. People of Oregon, especially, ought not to shorten the one word that designates their home. We hope that Oregonians will during the year that the great state of Oregon is a trustee 50 million worldwide attention, take the time and trouble to write the full name of their home. Write "Oregon" not "Or.", nor "Ore.", nor "Oregon", but straight out "Oregon".

congressman Hull of Iowa has sprung a sensation which is irritated by government officials who think they are more likely to get on to facts from the state and other departments. Mr. Hull says that Japan intends to try to buy the Philippine Islands, and if it fails it will fight for them. Japan liked China and has Russia about beheaded, but the little brown men had better not get the big-head over these achievements and jump onto the United States; something might snap.

Another Japanese loan of \$150,000,000 has been arranged for. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York will share in the loan, which will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 percent.

The boom is launched for C. W. Fairbanks for President in 1908. Southern Republicans will support the vice-president for chief executive.

The remains of Mrs. Stanford were brought from Honolulu to Palo Alto, California, where they were laid to rest on the 24th inst.

Delaware is still deadlocked. The 47th ballot for U. S. Senator showed no signs of a break in the deadlock.

The Medford & Crater Lake railroad will be built. This road will open up a fine body of timber.

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There are some facts The Examiner would like to bring before the people of Lake county. We have pointed them out before, and that is the matter of raising alfalfa. There are millions and millions of acres of land to be developed in the Western states. Alfalfa growing is the most talked of, of any product at this time, and infact the chief one in any of the localities where development is the theme. The demand for alfalfa seed is increasing and there is no end to the future demand for it.

To show that it pays to raise alfalfa seed we point to our neighbors in Surprise valley. A few months ago The Examiner printed a statement made by a farmer of that valley, who said that the year of 1901 Surprise valley turned off over \$35,000 worth of alfalfa seed, and the year of 1902 the proceeds from the valley's crop of alfalfa seed amounted to more than all the other products of the valley put together. Hon. W. T. Cressler of Cedarville confirmed this statement, which was made by Wm. Toney a farmer of the Lake City neighborhood.

The Alturas paper printed a news item last week about M. M. Garrett of Lake City, having purchased a ranch last year for which he paid \$2,300. The first year he sold from this ranch \$1,300 worth of alfalfa seed.

There is no better land outdoors for alfalfa than right here within sight of Lakeview, lying vacant.

Klamath county has a debt of about \$100,000 hanging over it, while Lake county owes not a dollar and has money in the treasury.

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