# Why State, County and School Taxes Are High

Republican State Committeeman Writes Interesting Letter To The Voters and Taxpayers of the County.

There is always more or less agitaxation previous to an election than Special taxes levied by 45 at any other time, as well as a great deal of misconception and mis-

the taxpayers of the county.

several years. One is that property boards are extravagently wasting Interest on bonds is bearing too much of the tax load, \$50,000 of the peoples' money, for Market roads sideration the interests of the prop- done. erty owners, who have to pay the CITY AND DRAINAGE TAXES fiddler. Facts prove this to be the

The way to reduce taxes is for all tax levying bodies to retrench. There is, however, something more to be done than this. The people must quit voting unnecessary special taxation, quit asking the state, county, city and school districts for this, that and the other thing, quit asking for new officials to be added to the pay rolls. Keep on demanding and obtaining these things and taxes will mount higher, and the property owner will have to pay for them.

sorry to admit, that it is no easy matter to reduce taxation with so many fixed, overhead expenses staring one in the face, when one delves into the matter for the purpose of ascertaining where a saving can be made, and for the further reason that the people will not stand for a reduction of taxes when an attempt

As an illustration of this, the school board of the Tillamook district schools took a little compassion on the overburdened taxpayers and decided to cut out some studies in the high school which some people seem to think could be dispensed with. But what happened. A petition was circulated to have these studies retained, and they were re-

#### COUNTY TAXES FOR ALL PUR-POSES AMOUNT TO \$920,612.36

\$920.612.36, in Tillamook county, for all purposes, including state, etc., and I will segregate amount and place it under differ- CIRCUIT COURT AND JUSTICE ent heads, so as to make it clear and intelligent where taxation can be reduced and where it is impossible to do so under our present dual Circuit Court ... system of voting taxes and burdens Justice Courts on property owners.

Of the above amount 82 1/2 per cent was levied by the county and local authorities for schools, roads, drainage and water districts, and city and port purposes. How could W. M. Pierce cut these local taxes in two? It is up to the people in the local districts to do so. Yet Mr. Pierce admits that his promise of 50 per cent tax cut is intended to apply to state taxes only. Only 17 1/2 per cent of Tillamook county's taxes this year were state taxes, viz., for soldiers' bonus 2 per cent, for mar- care for the poor and pay mother ket roads 2 per cent, for state aid pensions, which must be paid by the to elementary schools 4 per cent and county court. for state higher educational purposes 5 per cent, the balance of 41/2 state government. Only \$2,514,080 Assessor's office or six per cent of all taxes paid in School Superintendent's Oregon this year were for general state purposes outside of roads and education while 94 per cent were taxes voted by the people of the state for local and district purposes. This proves that the tax problem is mainly local, and up to the people of the various districts and municipalities to solve.

### STATE TAX

Tillamook county's portion this year is \$161,459.70. What have greatly increased the state tax is to Court house and jail pay monies voted by the people at different, times and being fixed ovis claimed by those who know, that expense of their respective office to apart from the monies voted by the the county court when the county people, the state government is eco- budget is made up. nomically administeerd.

### PORT TAXATION

It required \$91,542.00 for the Ports of Nehalem and Bay City to pay principal and interest on bonds voted by the people in the two port districts.

DISTRICT AND HIGH SCHOOLS For the education of the children Emergency Fund \_\_\_\_ up as follows:

County School Fund .\_\_\$(40,000.00 item, it is no easy matter to reduce strong boosters for the highway at

school districts \_\_\_\_\_139,973.90 diffures fixed by law. by office seekers are true or false. sary to give the children of their Without exception every taxpayer respective districts an education, in the county is anxious to have his and running their school districts

There are two reasons why taxa- who is butting into the affairs of up as follows: tion has been mounting higher for the school district, the school Roads and bridges and the other is that the people of he is wanting the school tax cut 25 Special road tax in road the state, and Tillamook couny as per cent, which can only be done by well, have demanded so many things reducing the salaries of teachers

Under this head \$82,996.97 of the tax money is accounted for, as fol-

City taxation, including Wheeler, Nehalem, Bay

City and Tillamook .....\$40,887.45 . 35,740.16 Special drainage tax ..... Fairview Water District ... 1,403.48 Forest Patrol Tax ....t

It will, no doubt, surprise most of our citizens to know that under the above four heads that it cats up \$536,095.53 out of the \$920,612.36 levied, and that it is impossible for the county court to make a reduction, for should it refuse to make a levy for any of the above amounts mandamus proceedings would be instituted, compelling it to make the levies for the different amounts. The county court is tied hand and feet, and must follow the law and the will of those who have levied and voted taxes. So this leaves \$384,516.83 to be accounted for out of this year's tax money.

### AGRICULTURE

	AND STREET, ST. Tr. Co. Co. Co. Co. Co. Co. Co. Co. Co. Co	
n.	Under this head there is	an ex-
7	penditure of \$17,600.00 as	follows:
8	Stock Indemnity	
5	County Agriculturist	
	Club Work Leader	
1	County Fair	1,500.00
ķ	Dairy and Food	
١,	Commissioner	2,100.00
٠,	Dairy Herd Inspector	
	Rate Crownda	5 000 00

Under this head four permanent officials have been added to the county's pay roll in recent years, at By way of preface, it is well to the urgent request of the dairy inmention that the total amount of terests of the county. It is in the tax to be collected this year is power of the county court to elim- 221.40, paid for by the state. inate most of this expenditure, but should it attempt to do so there pended \$50,000.00 on the Three Riv- amount of the tax money comes J. F. Jones, dist. sealer would be protests and petitions cirthat culated to retain these officials.

### COURTS

2,400.00

Under his head the expenses run up to \$9,400.00, as follows: 1.000.00

Expenses, District Attorney's

Office

This does not include the salaries of the circuit judge and the district atterney, which is paid by the state. Jurymen and witnesses are paid from this fund, and should the cost of running these courts run up to double the above amount, the county court would have to issue warrants to pay the expenses.

## COUNTY POOR

## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPTS.

per cent going mainly to support and supplies for their respective of- and being the most expensive to land was deeded back to Pierce. It institutions and paying expenses of fices require \$48,280.00, as follows: build, the state will help pay for it. is claimed that Pierce had some po-

SUPERIOR CONTRACTOR CO	
office	4,140.0
Treasurer's office	
Sheriff's office	12,390.0
Clerk's office	7.500.0
County Court	8,000.0
Surveyor's office	3,100.0
Coroner's office	150.0
	100.0
Truant officer	100.0
Health officer	750.0
Fire Warden	500.0
Auditor	550.0
Charles barrers and bull	

expenses The salaries of the heads of deerhead charges, the state officials partments are fixed by the state must make the state levy high legislature, and each elective official enough to meet the expenditure. It submits a budget of the necessary

## OTHER ITEMS

C CERTIFIC ET STORY	
Other items are as follo	ws:
County Teachers' Institute	\$ 250.00
Printing	\$1,800.00
Advertising	\$1.000.00
Library	1.000.00
Bounty	1.000.00
Elections	3,000.00
Re-cruising burned timber	20.000.00

(Paid Advertisement-By Republican County Central Committee)

ROADS AND BRIDGES

funds to each district.

county are in better shape now than they are being fooled by disgruntled Maud G. Phelps, pension ever before, with several road pro- politicians, jects incomplete, which, if the taxes want the road work stopped.

### ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY

of securing sufficient state funds to today in Tillamook county. finish that highway through Tilla- My candid opinion is, and my ad- T. E. Epplett, court house successful the county court has the greatest boom hey ever had. been in the building of this high- As Mr. H. M. Farmer has been will give the different items:

843, paid by the state.

50-50 basis, \$149.676. Ten mles of paving, \$350,000. Mr. Farmer. paid for by the state.

Riverdale to Hobsonville, \$35,-963.98, paid by the state. Neskowin to Lincoln county line, \$166,000.00, not costing the county

Rockaway to Jetty creek, \$17,300

Moore cut-off to Hebo, \$96,-

by the county court in its efforts to residents, who pay 60 per cent of C. A. Smith, indemnity complete the Roosevelt Highway in the taxes which go to educate the Constantin Peter, indemnity Tillamook county. But there is an- children, build roads and pay the Glass & Prudhomme Co. sup. other reason why the county court running expenses of the county, G. B. Nunn, justice court. is hurrying on this work as fast as which is all new money coming into West Disinfecting Co., sup. possible. As soon as the highway the county every year. A blind man is complete the State Highway Com- can see that by lowering the per mission will maintain it, which will capita less taxes would be paid by save the taxpayers of the county the non-residents. thousands of dollars every year. If sufficient money if available next year, there is every reason to believe that the State Highway Commission will join the county in completing the road from Mohler, through Wheeler, Brighton, Rockaway, Garibaldi to the Miami bridge, the only section of the highway which is not provided for in this county. It costs the county \$11,000 to It was through the efforts of the county court that the location was other persons, each of whom borrow- Leupold & Voelpei Co., sup. changed from the Miami to the ed \$5,000.00 from the state, which Homer Mason, county judge beach route, and the reason that it is the most that one person can G. B. Lamb, school supt did so was because it would have For the salaries of county officials to build the beach road, anyway, \$25,000.00 loan from the state, the

a little pep and kick into this letter. I want to give the people of Tillamook county some good, sound, fatherly advice, which they should ponder over. It was through the efforts of the Roosevelt Memorial Coast Highway Association that the Roosevelt highway was made part of the state road plans, and which was instrumental in having a large amount of money expended on the highway, with the promise from the State Highway Commission and a pledge from the republican party. that the highway will be completed in the near future. A few disgruntled politicians have succeeded in splitting up both political parties on a religious question, and from present appearances a large number of voters are grabbing at a will 'o the wisp, overlooking the fact that what they are advocating will do nothing for the up-building of Tillamook county and the coast counties and will retard the building of the Roosevelt highway, which, when complete, will bring thousands visitors and thousands of dollars into Tillamook county and the state 1,000.00 of Oregon. What they are advocatand young people of the county, the Under these different heads it in- ing will not even fill up one chuck taxpayers pay \$200,096.86, made volves an expenditure of \$651,425.53 hole on the highway this coming and after carefully studying every winter. Tillamook people were

High School Tuition Fund 13,000.00 taxation under existing conditions, the primary election, and it is surtation and discussion about high Union High School Fund 7,122.96 for the reason that there are so prising that they should flop over to many tax levying bodies and expen- the democratic candidate for governor, for it was the democratic party It is in the power of the school These are the naked facts, and the that mussed up the war and spent

understanding, for the reason that distircts to make a reduction of 25 real reason that taxes are high is the taxpayers' money like a lot of so many persons have not the time per cent, as R. O. Richards is want- because the people are to blame drunken sailors, so much so that the themselves whether statements made know what is requisite and neces- number of taxes upon themselves. give the ex-service men a bonus, F. C Baker, advertising Walter M. Pierce and R. O. Richards If any considerable reduction in and the latest political monstrosity Rosco Barker, Fair Grds. taxes reduced, so we are a unit on as economically as possible, it is safe taxation is brought about, the only Rollie W. Watson, who flopped over that point. And without blowing to say that the people of the county place this can be done is to reduce to the democratic candidate, are all Norman Dye, Fair Grds. off a lot of "hot air" and talking a will not countenance the efficiency the road fund, and to make a re-talking about reduction of taxes. look at all the facts squarely in the down 25 per cent, which will follow ty taxes, as Mr. Richards is talking running expenses of the nation up face as they exist at the present if the reduction is made. The about, would mean that there would to \$6,403.343,841 in 1920, and the Joe Magarrell, Fair Grds According to Mr. Richards' logic budget called for \$284.547.00, made taxpayers of \$3,030,735,941, and the Kasper Schild, Fair Grds. republican party is still on the job \$208,000.00 reducing taxation. Why republi- Johanna York, pension 7,850.00 cans can flop over to the spend- Ivel V. Gillam, pension complain about high taxation, is a Marie Getchell, pension them, rarely ever taking into con- best judges whether this can be districts, and \$20,000 market road and vote for men who belong to the Mary L. Dye, pension spendthrift party will feel sorry The roads and bridges in the when they know how completely

> When we went down to the depot are to be reduced 25 per cent, will and bade the boys good-bye, who be a long time before they are com- had been drafted, no one asked them they were of German, French, Can- T The county court has been quite adian, English or Irish extraction. T. fortunate in procuring a large They were our boys, every one of C.

mook county next year, but it can- vice to the people of the county is to road fund to match state funds on a by doing so the Roosevelt highway 50-50 basis. It may interest the will be completed in the near future,

way and the large amount of money highly successful in having so much that was obtained from the state, so of the highway completed in Tilla-Wilson River to Riverdale, \$13,- to keep him in office until the high-Clatsop county line to Mohler I think it is to the best interest of J. C. Holden, salary (incomplete), 50-50 basis, \$93,- the county that he should be re- L. B. Lucas, salary & Exp. Hebo to Neskowin (incomplete), the roads in all parts of the county

### THE \$104.52 PER CAPITA BUGABOO.

one cent, paid for by state and fed- per capita tax of Tillamook county is \$104.52, the highest in the state. The increase was brought about by the people voting money for so J. L. Carter, justice court many things. This bugaboo of Mr. W. J. Norris, justice court. Richards is not going to scare the E. W. Stanley, justice court. In addition to this the state ex- people, for it shows where a large E. W. Stanley, justice court Over two-thirds of the land G. W. Biddle This is a splendid showing made in Tillamook county belongs to non- Bay City Examiner, printing

> When Walter M. Pierce addressd Tillamook people at the county F. E. Cross, health office fair they little dreamed that he had R. F. Rachman, repairs been mixed up in a fraudulent deal City Transfer Co., election orrowing state school funds. It is Lamars Drug Store, supplies a fact, however, Along in 1903, Mr. C. L. Lewis Co., painting, Pierce was in need of \$25,000, and Chas F. Pankow, supplies to obtain this he deeded his farm to and Repair Having obtained the

litical pull and that was how the fraudulent deal was pulled off. Is Now, by way of deviation, to put that the kind of a man Tillamook Tillamook Mercantile Co., poor 20.92 people want for governor. It is not A. F. Coates Lumber Co., surprising that those who had made up their minds for Pierce are now Wheeler Reporter, justice court 2.00

going to vote the republican ticket. most people that taxes are too high, it is going to be impossible to bring them down at one jump or in one year. It took several years for them to jump skyward, and it will take several years to bring them down. Anyone who will take the trouble with me, on account of fixed, overgradually brought about, but it is impossible if the people keep on demanding all sorts of things and voting money to pay for them, which the over-burdened property owner has to pay for.

# COMMISSIONERS' COURT BILLS ARE ALLOWED FOR SEPTEMBER

Robert H. McGrath, Jus. Ct Morris Safe & Lock Co. safe and inclination to investigate for ing done, but as the school districts themselves, having voted a large country is not financially able to Mrs. Asta Erickson, Jus. Court blue streak, it is first necessary to of the districts schools being cut duction of 25 per cent in the coun- The democratic party increased the O. W. Kinnaman, Fair Grds time and to fairly and intelligently probabilities are that with the in- be no road funds, or a very small republican party reduced it to discuss the matter, which I now pro- crease of population taxation for amount, to build and maintain \$3,372,607,899 for the present fispose to do for the information of schools will increase 25 per cent. roads in the county. This year's cal year, which is a saving to the J. J. Rupp, Fair Grds & Imp. 30,000.00 thrift democratic party, and then Augusta E. Williams, pension district No. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 38,797.00 mystery. Anyway, before a few Myrtle F. Dougherty, pension The county court apportioned months roll around those who in Gertrude Bigelow, pension. and have voted taxes to pay for \$59,000. The school boards are the \$69,000.00 to each of the three road tend to desert the republican party Henrietta Burdick, pension. Elwe Hellebuyck, pension... Rosa Landolt, pension ....

> pleted. Do the people of the county whether they were democrats or Margaret R. Shearer, salary republicans, whether they were Gladys G. Edner, salary. Protestants or Catholics, or whether Carolina T. Portmann, salary amount of money for the Roosevelt them, and we were one happy, unit- Myrtle Wallin, salary Highway from the State Highway ed community family. That is the F. S. Armentrout, salary Commission, with bright prospects atmosphere we should be breathing C. A. Johnson, assessor

not be done if this county has no vote for Governor Ben B. Olcott, and Myrtle O. Mills, salary people of the county to know how which will give the coast counties D. R. Tinnerstet, Dairy and

> mook county, it is the proper thing W. E. Anderson, salary . way is finished, and for that reason L. S. Hushbeck, poor elected. The splendid condition of E. W. Holden, salary & Exp. a splendid recommendation for

Mr. Richards complains that the P. W. Barrett, printing

#### PIERCE OBTAINED STATE MONEY FRAUDULENTLY

But to get back to the question Haltoms, poor of high taxation, although I feel like King Crenshaw Hdw. Co., sup. 2.70 to delve into this will have to agres Ranson Widner, circuit court 26.60 head expenses. But with a united Lloyd Hunt, circuit court effort on the part of all tax levying | Lon Trent, circuit court bodies to retrench, this can be Headlight Publishing Co.,

With all due respect to my republican friends who have flopped over. blind-folded into the spendthrift democratic party, there is yet a few F. W. Christensen, advertising 50.00 weeks for them to see the error of their ways, and return and vote for

is reducing taxation. FRED C. BAKER.

# and repairs

32.50

H. V. Alley, commissioner... Max Crandall, auditor... 150.00 H. S. Brimhall, clerk 100.00 Edna L. Mills, salary 90.00 E. Epplett, janitor 125.00 H. Goyne, Dist. Atty 150.00 100.00 Kathleen Mills, treasurer. 54.30 35.00

Kathleen Mills, emergency. Dr. J. N. Shaw, Dairy 280.00 Thelma Sewell, circuit court 23.20

Maud Sewell, circuit court... W. S. Coates, surveyor .... H. Stark, salary . Ellen Norberg, salary John Aschim, sheriff & Exp. Crystal Laundry Co., poor Remington Typewriter Co. B. W. Turner, emergency...

210.83 Miles Watrous, emergency. 18.24 A. L. McCarty, fire warden 170.00 7.05 A. E. Simmons, supplies 28.50 Bushong & Co., supplies... R. T. Boals, health office Glass & Prudhomme Co. sup. R. T. Boals, health officer. Dr. H. E. Rinehart, health ofc. Mrs. E. B. Gillen, health ofc.

Mrs. Lee Lyster, health ofc ... E. R. Ayer, health office G. E. LeFevre, health office. Mrs. Alexandria Rock, helth ofc 1 Oscar Taggart, health office. Margaret Armentrout, salary Mrs. Joyce Willis, supt. ofc.

Conover & Conover, supplies Archie R. Long, indemnity... G. B. Lamb, expenses G. B. Lamb, expenses Fair Grounds

Mrs. Cora E. DeFord, poor\_\_\_ Mutual Telephone Co. Nelson Electric Co., supplies and repaisr Cloverdale Merc. Co., poor. Tillamook Herald, printing .... 25.00 H. M. Farmer, commissioner 159.95 Southern Pacific Co., freight 295.00 Louie Widner, sheriff's office 225.00 Louie Widner, circuit court

printing Nehalem Tel. & Tel. Co. Coast Power Co., light & pw. 56.41 Pac. Tel & Tel. Co... H. S. Brimhall, bounty and express Tillamook Tire Co., supplies. A. F. Coats Lumber Co. 28.90 Nelson & Co., Inc., poor Herald, printing 80.35

Royal Restaurant, court the good old republican party that Roscoe Barker, fair grounds 43.89 Norman Dye, fair grounds \_\_ 25.52 A. A. Kinnaman, fair grounds 45.88 F. Powers, fair grounds. 35.91 Jack Rupp, fair grounds \_\_\_\_ 59.88 Dr. J. E. Shearer, poor

Chas. I. Clough, supplies ..... Tillamook Garage, supplies

inset Garage, supplies and A. McIntyre, court house 12.00 Judson Moore Dr. Forest L. Howard, poor ... Barrick Transfer Co., express. Paul Fuzpatrick, advertising Chas. Gross, advertising Howard Harris, advertising. 10.00 Paul Flizpatrick, advertising BOND FUNDS

104.24

2.50 E. E. Nelson 47.14 Art Owens 47.14 Axel Reusser 47.14 Elno Lightfoot 16.62 H. W. Vogle Dunn & Baker 13.52 Steinbach Iron Works 47.27 Standard Oil Co. 10.75 Union Oil Co. 29.90 Preston Marolf 42.06 Frank Deveney (Continued on Page 7)

103.35 Ernest Belleque

55.45 Herman Smith 15.00 Sol Earl -

Harley Earl

Mark, Bloom

Wayne Blackburn

# Children Using Milk Wake Most Rapid Progress

Fifty two thousand five hundred children of Los Angeles were questioned as to the amount of milk they consumed daily, their ages were recorded and heights and weights obtained. The heights and weights of these children were compared on the basis of their consumption of milk, and the figures revealed the startling fact that in every age, without exception, the milk-using children were taller and weighed more than the non-milk using children. It was also found that the milk-using children made more rapid progress in their studies. In every grade the milk-using children were slightly younger than the non-milk using children. The milk using children gaised on the average 2.28 years on the non-milk using children, from the kindergarten to the eighth grade.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE A QUART OF RAW MILK DAILY. ORDER GOLDEN ROD DAIRY CLAR-

# Golden Rod Dairy

Both Phones

73.84

28.44

16.74

201.30

152.25

120.35

Erwin Harrison, Prop.

Office: Nat'l Bank Bldg.

Both Phones: Bell 43-J P. O. Box 197

# PACIFIC ABSTRACT CO.

L. V. EBERHARDT, Prop.

Complete Set of Abstracts of the Records of Tillamook County

# WALLPAPER

The largest stock of wallpaper ever in Tillamook

Wholesale and Retail

Paints, Oils, Turpentine, Etc.

C. L. LEWIS COMPANY

# SUPER-AUTOMATIC **ELECTRIC RANGE**

Come in and let us tell you about this new kitchen marvel.

COAST POWER COMPANY

"The Electric Store"