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## Polk County Budget Requires 20 Mill Tax

The county court of Polk county will be in session at the court house in the city of Dallas, Oregon, in the court room thereof, on the 30th day of December, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at

which time and place opportunity for a full and complete discussion of the estimates of the amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, will be given any taxpayer subject to such tax levy, when made, to be heard in favor of or against any proposed tax levies. Total estimated expense of the county for the year 1916 \$275,495

The probable receipts of Polk county for the year 1916 from other sources than direct taxation upon real and personal property are estimated to be 5,309

Total amount to be raised by direct taxation 270,186

Total to be raised in general fund including state tax 179,670

Total to be raised for county school fund, including high schools and libraries 57,525

Total to be raised for general road fund 88,300

Total \$275,495

This estimated budget makes provision for Polk county's share of the cost of the inter-county bridge across the Willamette river at Salem.

The county court recommends that there be levied upon the property liable therefor:

General fund, including state tax, 12.75 mills.

General road fund, 3 mills.

School fund, 4.25 mills.

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## SOME OF THE DOINGS OF SPORTING WORLD

**AGGIES MAY LOSE STEWART.**  
Corvallis, Or., Dec. 10.—Offered a salary of \$4500 a year to coach the football team of the Michigan Agricultural college, Dr. E. J. Stewart, may leave the Oregon Agricultural college where he turned out an exceptionally strong team this year.

**Bikers 24 Miles Ahead of Record.**  
New York, Dec. 10.—Two of the teams which have been clinging tenaciously to the leaders in the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden lost a lap at 9 a. m. today, and eleven teams were bunched in the lead. Up to that hour, 2,090 miles and one lap were traversed. The former record for the same time was 2,066 miles and nine laps.

**To Coach Nebraska.**  
Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 10.—E. O. Stiehm, football coach of the University of Nebraska, will coach the Indiana eleven next year. Stiehm will become head intercollegiate athletic director.

**May Act As Scout.**  
Chicago, Dec. 10.—Billy Sullivan formerly with the Chicago Americans and last year with the Minneapolis American association club today declined to say whether he will accept the offer of the Chicago Nationals to coach young pitchers and act as scouts.

**Australian Sport Be-Knighted.**  
San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Hugh McIntosh, formerly prominent boxing promoter in Australia is to be knighted, according to information brought here by passengers on the liner Ventura.

**This will be his reward for activity in securing recruits for England.** McIntosh is reported to have been one of the leading war party leaders in New Zealand and Australia.

**Approves Football Schedule.**  
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—The University of Washington board of control has approved the football schedule made at the recent conference meeting in Portland but took under advisement the adoption of the basketball schedule. Basketball games were scheduled with teams that insist on playing freshmen and the board of control postponed action until next week whether the games should be played.

**A committee of the board, composed of Dr. David Thomson, Tom Alderson and Ray Gardner, to confer with the alumni representative, Dr. Don Palmer, will scout around for a new football coach for the university team.**

## Cross Examination of McManigal In Progress

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.—Ortie McManigal, state witness in the M. A. Schmidt dynamite and murder trial, faced the cross-examination of defense attorneys this afternoon. His direct questioning concluded, the lawyers for Schmidt headed by Senator Nate Coghlan, attacked his story with vigor. The defense claimed Schmidt was not connected with the alleged dynamiting of the Times by McManigal's evidence. A gasp ran through the courtroom when the confessed dynamiter on the stand exhibited an alarm clock bomb. A bomb of that character was used to blow up the Times, according to the state. McManigal explained how the device worked, and asserted four such infernal machines were used in causing disastrous explosions in Peroria, Ill., in one night.

**1,200 SERBS CAPTURED.**  
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 10.—Austro-German capture of 1,200 Serbs and Montenegrins and Bulgarian capture of 10 English cannon, south of Strumitza, was reported officially today.

## Shipping Men Think Vessel Is Identified

New York, Dec. 10.—Shipping men feared this afternoon the new Dante Alighieri, in service less than a year, was the vessel submarined as reported in London cables.

There are, however, two vessels of this name. One is comparatively small; the new one is a 10,000 ton ship plying between New York, Naples and Genoa. This one left here October 25 with more than 1,000 passengers, arriving Tuesday at Naples. She was scheduled to return to New York on the 14th, but as the sailing was cancelled, it is assumed Italy requisitioned her.

## HOPEWELL IS QUIET.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 10.—Hopewell is quiet. The militia commander there denied this afternoon that any troops had been killed or that there had been lynching after the conflagration in the city yesterday. Refugees insist there was a lynching.

Portland people who find it hard to choose between the charms of chickens and cows can dodge the issue by attending both shows.



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## COMMITTEE WILL OFFER COMPROMISE

### Will Pay Railroad \$2.50 An Acre and Also Certain Portion of Taxes Paid

A proposal to compromise the Oregon-California land grant question will be made by the committee representing the state, providing the railroad demands that the state make a definite offer. Briefly, the state will offer to pay the railroad \$2.50 an acre for every acre in its holdings of 2,300,000 acres in Oregon and, in addition, all the money it has paid in taxes on a valuation in excess of \$2.50 an acre. The railroad, however, will be asked to deduct from this total whatever money has been received through its sale of lands in the original grant.

This agreement was reached by the committee representing the state this morning at a conference held in the governor's office and at which the Southern Pacific was to have been represented. The delegates from the railroad failed to arrive in time for the conference but will meet with the state committee this afternoon.

In agreeing to make its proposal the state recognizes no moral obligation but makes its offer solely for the purpose of reaching a settlement in the matter which has been the subject of a number of conferences and is apparently still far from solution.

### Generous to Railroad.

Governor Withycombe was strongly in favor of letting the railroad make something on the deal as a settlement means that approximately \$12,000,000 will accrue to the state, part of which would go into the irrevocable school fund and the remainder be divided among the various counties interested. Present assessed valuation of the 2,300,000 acres is about \$29,000,000.

The railroad company maintains that, regardless of the funds accruing from sale of lands, it is \$2,369,000 behind, and that this is the reason it asks the state to join it in petitioning congress to release it from its obligations. Although valued originally at \$2.50 an acre, the lands have recently been assessed at more than \$10 an acre. For the past two years the railroad has neglected to pay these taxes.

In accepting the state's offer, Governor Withycombe estimates that the railroad would get nearly \$8,000,000. In order for Oregon to get the \$12,000,000 it would be necessary for the state to sell the lands secured from the railroad. This sale, the governor believes, should be made only to actual settlers and not to individuals for the purpose of speculating in either the timber or the land.

To this end he proposed that sales be made in tracts not to exceed 160 acres at \$2.50 an acre, payment to be completed in 10 years. Each quarter section so sold, however, should not have more than 1,000,000 feet of standing timber on it or the settler would be required to pay for all additional timber.

### Would Protect Settler.

"The state," declared Governor Withycombe, "should seek to protect the actual home builder. The small settler with his little cottage and a small barn on his farm should be given protection that will make it worth his while to develop the property, and for this reason I don't favor letting heavily timbered tracts go into the hands of those who wish only to make a profit in the lumber market."

The governor also was of the opinion that it would be a good step for the state to take over deforested lands for the purpose of reforestation. He believes that a wonderful revival in the lumber industry, with particular reference to Oregon, will follow the moment the European war is ended.

Senator S. M. Garland of Linn county, declared himself willing to give the railroad a bonus simply that the controversy may be settled. He declared the state didn't owe the railroad a cent above the original \$2.50 valuation and charged that the road had not lived up to its agreement with Oregon. Before a settlement is reached, he continued, the company should give an accounting for money received for sale of lands. If the railroad has lost money on the lands it is not the state's fault, he maintains.

### Taxes Are Big Item.

Senator L. E. Bean of Lane county, a member of the committee, averred that there are two essentials which the state must insist on. First, the state must have its delinquent taxes now due on the property and second, the land should be privately owned and utilized.

There is now owing Lane county on the holdings, he stated, about \$200,000 in taxes, interest and penalties. On its holdings the railroad company has paid \$1,955,343 exclusive of the 1914 and 1915 assessments which have not yet been met. Taking two-thirds as the average valuation throughout the state the road declares it has paid about \$3,000,000 in taxes on a valuation of \$1.65 an acre. On this valuation a total of more than \$1,000,000 has been paid since the land grant was made.

Absence of railroad representatives at this morning's meeting prevented adjudication of the matter. Representative W. I. Vawter of Medford, and C. E. Spence of Oregon City, advised the committee by letter that they would be unable to attend.

## Staten Plans Possessed Little Military Value

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Reports of the uncovering of a spy plot, which aroused army men today, were set at rest this afternoon when Captain Richard L. Dingley, of the California National Guard explained the alleged theft of fortification plans from the quartermaster's department.

When the home of Henry McDonald, former quartermaster in the quartermaster's department was raided early today police found plans of mortars at Fort Winfield Scott. The plans had disappeared three months ago and possessed little military value.

McDonald is held at the city prison. Italy says she wants no separate peace. So do the rest of them; but people are entitled to their doubts.

## WAR COLLEGE HAS SUBMITTED REPORT

### Points Out Especial Needs of California and Puget Sound

Washington, Dec. 10.—Puget Sound, California and Atlantic region were termed "critical areas," needing particular defense, in a special defense report of the war college submitted today to Secretary of War Garrison. The report, advocating a program of preparedness far greater than the administration adopted, counseled that for these three areas the needs are: Puget Sound, one division of troops, less the divisional cavalry, and a brigade of cavalry.

California, one division and a brigade of cavalry.

Atlantic region, the same as California.

The war college recommendations, based on the Monroe doctrine and the avoidance of entangling alliances, called for a co-ordinate plan of land and sea defense. For the land forces, the college advised 1,500,000 men either fully or partly trained.

These would be divided into standing army of 121,000 with the colors plus 379,000 reserves at the end of an eight year enlistment term; a continental army, trained three months a year for each of three years, totalling 500,000 and 500,000 others on furlough subject to field duty after an additional three months training; while there would be no additional provision for state militia.

The cost of this plan would be \$353,460,000 the first year. The administration plan contemplates a \$182,234,559 outlay annually when the system it suggests is in full operation. Reinforcement of the island possessions was suggested, and the college pointed out that miles of coast line is unguarded by harbor defenses and that hence strong mobile forces are needed to guard against enemy's landing force. Particular attention was paid to the Philippines and Hawaii and it was suggested there must be a strong controlling navy in the Pacific if this nation ever needed to send forces there.

## WILLAMETTE NOTES

The Y. M.-Y. W. C. A. have decided to hold another joint vesper service, since the last one was so greatly enjoyed by all. The two associations will therefore meet Sunday afternoon in the Philodorian halls at 3 o'clock. Prof. James T. Matthews will speak on "The Christmas Spirit," and special musical talent has been secured for the occasion. The last vesper service was well attended by a large number of university students and any and all who are interested are cordially invited to the coming Sunday.

The Y. M. C. A. extension department which is under the charge of Joseph Gerhart is planning on making several deputations trips during the holidays to neighboring towns and cities as requests have come in for them to send out speakers and musical talent. This is commendable line of work and Mr. Gerhart is giving a great deal of his time to the advancement of the Y. M. C. A. work in the extension department.


The Woman's Willamette club today read a resolution which provided that hereafter the Willamette athletic field should be officially known as Dr. G. J. Sweetland Field inasmuch as Dr. G. J. Sweetland, Jr., was the direct cause of the field being established and through his constant untiring efforts it has come to be recognized as one of the best athletic fields in the northwest. Dr. Sweetland is now athletic director of Hobart college in New York and his record for the year shows that not a single defeat has been chalked up against his football team. He is fast establishing a record as a coach at his old alma mater.

The yell writing contest which has been on at Willamette for some time was closed recently and this morning the students were given the chance to decide which was the most popular yell that had been written. A large W. U. pillow top was given for first prize and a pennant for second place. The winners are not known yet as the ballots had not been counted.

The competitive essay contest which was inaugurated by John Gary while he was forensic manager was completed this morning when Paul Smith, present manager, announced the decision of the judges in awarding places to the contestants. In a brief speech before presenting the prizes, Mr. Smith stated that man was one example where survival of the fittest did not depend upon brute force alone, but that mind was the predominant factor. This he used to illustrate that debaters, orators and essayists who represent colleges should receive as much recognition for their efforts as do athletes who represent the college in athletic contests. First place was awarded to James Reed Bain a senior, on his essay, "A Sane View of the Great War." In his essay, Mr. Bain endeavors to do away with the lies which are advanced as reasons for stating that this or that nation is to blame, and tries to take a fair minded, impartial outlook on the war and its following consequences. It is an essay that one would gain from by reading over and in order that everyone may have the privilege of so doing it will be published in a near edition of the Collegian. Mr. Hubert Blatchford, a senior, took second place, while Mr. Walter Gleiser, also a senior, received third place. The first prize was a beautiful cardinal and gold Indian blanket with the W. U. monogram worked in the center. Second prize was a large W. U. pennant.

Two girls won the first prizes for electrical prosperity week essays, and girls took 18 of the 25 prizes. Explanations are due from the boys.

"We must learn it is just as necessary to provide labor as learning for those who need it," says Rev. Frank L. Loveland. It is something worth thinking about during the glad Christmas season.



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## Alleged Counterfeit Placed Under Arrest

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—I. W. Schweitzer, arrested on charge of having counterfeiting molds in his possession, today faces the possibility of more serious complications as the result of a pamphlet found in his possession which tells, in language and layman can understand, how to manufacture bombs. Schweitzer was given a preliminary hearing this afternoon before United States Commissioner Krall.

## LOW RATES FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Immigration Commissioner Gammett said here today he will ask congress to amend the interstate commerce act so that immigrant farm laborers may secure low railroad rates and he will also seek permission to send thousands of unemployed men to work on government lands.

## WOULD INVESTIGATE PLOTS.

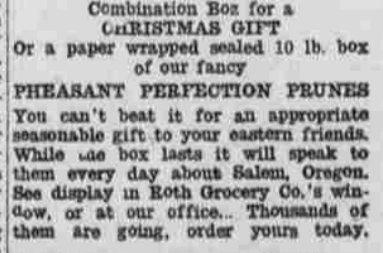
Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts this afternoon moved appointment of a senate committee to investigate bomb plots and the sinking of the Lusitania, Arabic, Ancona and other vessels.

Over in Europe they dig in; down at Panama they dig out; at both places something important is expected to happen by next spring.

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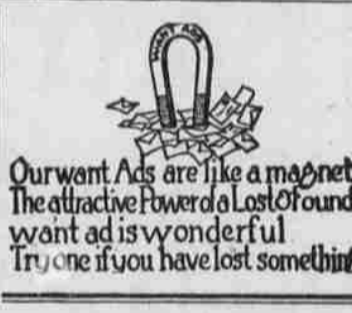
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