

"Hew to the Line, Let the Chips Fall Where they May."

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## STATE LEVY TO BE TEN PER CENT LESS

### 1915 TO SEE SECOND REDUCTION IN TWO YEARS—RECALLS SESSION FIGHT.

The state tax levy to be made this year, with taxes payable in 1916, will be approximately 10 per cent lower than last year's levy. State taxes levied last year and being paid this year, were approximately 10 per cent lower than the levy of 1913, which reached the high water mark of 8.89 mills.

1914 state levy was 8.07 mills and the 1915 levy, from present indications, will be about 7.12 mills, if the general fund levy is a mill and a half, and 7.17 mills, if the general fund levy is 1.55 mills. All other levies are expected to remain unchanged.

### Total of General Fund.

Authoritative figures place the total of general fund appropriations of the Fourteenth legislature at \$6,950,911.63. Toward meeting these appropriations the state board of equalization last year levied general fund taxes totaling, with 1907 delinquent taxes, to be paid by the counties at the same time, \$2,553,358. In addition collections of various departments of the state government that go to the general fund will net during the coming biennium approximately \$2,796,750 more, according to estimates of these departments, as supplied to the state bureau of inspection.

This makes a total of \$5,350,108 toward meeting the general fund appropriations, leaving \$1,600,803.63 to be raised by taxes levied this year. On the present assessed valuation a levy of 1 1/2 mills would raise \$1,547,000, and a levy of 1.55 mills would raise slightly more than the required \$1,600,000. If the assessed valuation of the state should be increased by the assessment now under way, however, a 1 1/2 mill levy might prove sufficient.

This goes to explain the frenzied efforts of leaders of the last legislature to take control of the state board of equalization away from Governor Lister, which finally prevailed, the membership of the board being changed so that it consists of Auditor C. W. Clausen and Land Commissioner Clark V. Savidge, Republicans, and one member of the public service commission, to be appointed by the governor.

### Lister Enforced Economy.

The 1913 legislature, controlled by the same group, left the control of the board in the hands of the governor, and made appropriations so extravagant that it was necessary that year to levy the full statutory limit of 3 mills for the general fund. Even this amount would have proved insufficient, as the general fund was overdrawn more than \$500,000 when Governor Lister came into office, had the governor not impressed it upon all his appointees that whenever possible savings must be made and the department kept inside their appropriations.

Now that Lister's economical administration has given the general fund a balance that is running close to \$1,000,000, instead of an overdraft, a Republican board of equalization will claim the credit for reducing taxes.

### Local Women Re-Elected.

Mrs. C. E. Beach of this city was again re-elected president of the Mothers' Congress and state organization of Parent-Teachers' associations at the close of the annual convention in Spokane the latter part of last week and Mrs. George H. Funk was re-elected recording secretary. Quite a number of local people attended the convention.

Twenty-four girls of the Washington school have organized the "I Kan Kan Club," promoted to furnish a practical school in canning fruits and vegetables, with Mrs. Daniel Setchfield as instructor and Gertrude Cone as president. The club is to hold classes during the summer in the school's domestic science department, supplementing this instruction with work at home, and the products canned by the girls are to be entered in the Thurston County Agricultural and Industrial exhibit next fall.

## PROPOSE DAY NURSERY.

### Women of City Work on Plan to Aid Mothers and "Kiddies."

Mrs. J. K. Renker is chairman and Mesdames R. F. Gruelke, Jesse Mills, J. F. Kearney and J. W. Clemmons members of a committee of the Associated Charities now engaged in a canvass of the women of the city to obtain support for a day nursery they propose to establish in Olympia, a project which has been endorsed by the local Chamber of Commerce. The local Humane society is also working on a plan for a detention home here for delinquent girls and minors, but there is no connection between the two projects.

## HURLED FROM MOTOR TRUCK

### George Grimm Victim of Tragic Auto Accident Wednesday.

Hurled from a loose box on the driver's seat of the Capital City Creamery truck as it swerved to avoid some glass on Main street near Fourteenth Wednesday afternoon, George Grimm, 18 years old, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grimm, sustained internal injuries from which he died at St. Peter's hospital a half an hour later. His wife, formerly Miss Margaret Davidson, to whom he was married April 8, was at his bedside.

Young Grimm had been employed at the bottle house of the Olympia Brewing company for the last two years, but was not working Wednesday. According to the driver of the truck, Louis Braghetta, Grimm got on the truck on Fourth street and rode with him out that street and back and down South Main street, the accident occurring as they were returning to the business district. Rev. Henry S. Champie, who was riding right behind the truck on his bicycle, says it was not going more than eight or ten miles an hour.

The box on which Grimm was riding was not fastened to the truck and as the machine swerved he lost his balance, and his body presumably struck the rear wheels of the truck as he was falling. Grimm was the son of Mrs. Grimm by a former marriage and was sometimes known as George Case. He was a native of Olympia, having been born here November 24, 1896, and is survived by the widow, mother and stepfather.

### New Weather Stations Busy.

H. R. James of Rochester and George C. Gardner of Grand Mound have been furnished by the government with complete sets of flags for weather signals and instructions how to use them, and the Olympia Chamber of Commerce this week began furnishing the farmers of the southwestern part of the county, through these new signal stations, the weather forecast for each day.

### Graduating Dresses to Cost \$7.

None of the dresses to be worn by the 30 girls in the 1915 graduating class of the Olympia high school is to cost more than \$7, including material and trimmings, according to an agreement the girls have made with the approval of the school directors. Nine of the girls propose to make their own dresses and eight others will do a considerable part of the work on their dresses.

### Senator Jones Here May 15.

Former Postmaster W. T. Cavanaugh has received word from Senator Wesley L. Jones that he will be in Olympia Saturday, May 15, to spend the day with Olympians. Arrangements are being made for his entertainment while here and it is probable that that evening he will deliver his illustrated lecture on the national capital and the methods of legislation.

### Congressman Humphrey Here.

Congressman William E. Humphrey, ranking member of the rivers and harbors committee of the lower house, spent Thursday in Olympia, collecting information concerning the local harbor and consulting local people with reference to its development. A big public meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce that evening, when the congressman delivered an address.

## LAST BIG VOTE OFFER CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT

### EVERY SUBSCRIPTION WORTH JUST DOUBLE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE UNTIL THEN, SO WORKERS SHOULD MAKE BIG SHOWING—CONTEST CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 1.

Following is the list of contestants nominated to date and their standing:

Names—	Address—	Votes.
Miss Alma Parse	South Bay	436,000
Miss Irene Abbott	Tumwater, R. F. D. No. 1	402,000
Miss Evelyn Eunson	Olympia	400,000
Mrs. Rose Gaisell	Gate	390,000
Mrs. L. S. Barnard	Chambers' Prairie	205,000
Miss Ethel Newlin	Little Rock	152,000
Mrs. Chas. Prince	Tenino	150,000
Miss Stella Cook	Tumwater, R. F. D. No. 1	141,000
Miss Clara McCarty	Olympia, R. F. D. No. 2	75,000

The last extra vote offer, namely the straight double vote offer on all subscriptions, positively closes Saturday evening, April 24, at the close of business for the day, and this means the end of extra vote offers of any kind or description, for during the balance of the contest the original schedule only will prevail, namely 2,000 votes on a one-year subscription up to 50,000 votes on a ten-year order.

Every subscription turned into The Standard office from now until Saturday night will be worth just double what it will bring during the rest of the contest, so it behooves each and every contestant to get busy and round up every possible vote obtainable during this short period that is left for the extra votes.

### Contest Closes May 1st.

Saturday evening, May 1, at 3 p. m., will see the finish of this big whirlwind campaign and will be a red letter day for some young lady when she rides away from The Standard office in her own touring car.

It marks an epoch in some lady's life when she can sit back and rest after a whirlwind campaign and realize that owing to her own efforts and the efforts of her friends and relatives she can beat her competing ladies in the race for first honors.

Only one week more and the contest will be ancient history.

During the last few days of the campaign, commencing with next Monday morning, April 26, there will be installed in The Standard office a regular voting ballot box, similar to the kind used during the regular county elections. This box will be locked and the key given to the three

gentlemen who are to act as judges of the contest.

### Judges Take Charge of Contest.

These judges will all be upon the scene at The Standard office just before the contest is announced closed and will take immediate charge of the campaign from that minute on, making a complete recount of all votes turned in during the contest. They will then open the ballot box and count the votes the ladies have in that receptacle. In this way no one can in any way get a line on how her competitors stand, not even the contest department of The Standard can know what the different ladies intend to have at the finish of the contest. This guarantees an absolutely square deal to all. Let the best one win.

Each lady will during this last week take the stubs of the receipts she has been accustomed to turn over to the contest manager and will place them in an envelope, together with the actual amount of cash necessary to pay for same, and will deposit this sealed envelope in the ballot box. These last week's receipts will not be opened by the judges until the contest is closed.

### Don't Miss the Double Votes.

Of course it is possible for any or all contestants to reserve votes during this last big offer, as it does not close until Saturday evening, and these votes will not be shown, as the contestants can reserve the certificates. But if you want to take advantage of these double votes, be sure to turn in all the subscriptions you can before the close of business Saturday.

## COUNTY SAVES \$4,000

### Seven Competing Bids Result in Low Price for Perry Creek Bridge.

Bids received from seven bridge companies by the commissioners last Monday for the construction of the new steel bridge across Perry creek on the Olympia-Shelton road resulted in a saving to the county of about \$4,000, according to the commissioners, the contract being awarded to the Coast Bridge company of Portland for \$8,400 though the county engineer had estimated the cost of the new structure at \$12,000.

The new bridge is to have three 80-foot steel spans set on concrete piers, with a 20-foot roadway. The bids received ranged from \$8,400, the successful one, to \$11,917 from the local firm of Yelverton & Wolfe. Incidentally, more bids were received on this job than on any the county has had for several years, the commissioners advertising for bids in the regular way instead of using the "emergency" method so popular heretofore.

At the same time H. L. Ellsworth, local contractor, was awarded the job of remodeling the courthouse, to give more light to the county assessor's office, on a bid of \$685, only two others being received. The work is being started right away. The commissioners expect to advertise for bids for the proposed new bridge across the Des Chutes river at Tumwater, about May 1.

Former Postmaster W. T. Cavanaugh has been appointed deputy county treasurer by Treasurer W. H. Britt, succeeding James H. Stanford who has accepted a position in the state land commissioner's office.

## CITY WINS WATER CASE

### Pierce County Jury Values Local Plant at \$68,500—Mayor Ticked.

Eighty-eight thousand five hundred dollars is the value of the Olympia water works and is all the city of Olympia will have to pay for the plant, if it wants to buy it, according to the verdict given by a Pierce county jury Tuesday, after more than two weeks' trial. The company is expected to appeal from the verdict, its motion for a new trial having been denied.

Mayor Mottman and all the city officers, as well as the mayor's supporters, were overjoyed at the decision, which is quite a feather in the caps of City Attorney George H. Bigelow and Attorney P. M. Troy, who handled the city's case. The verdict is \$1,500 less than the amount of the bond issue authorized by the voters of the city in the special election nearly two years ago, and is from \$110,000 to \$125,000 less than the valuation placed on the property by the company's experts. It means that the city can buy the property at practically its own figure, as estimated by City Engineer J. B. Weddell and Engineer W. J. Roberts, who placed the valuation upon which the proposed bond issue was based.

Mrs. Clara Cottle of Olympia was elected grand chief of ceremonies of the grand lodge of the Degree of Honor of the A. O. U. W. at the close of the grand lodge session in Hoquiam the latter part of last week. At the banquet in honor of the two lodges Supreme Judge Stephen J. Chadwick was one of the principal speakers.

## PREPARE TO ISSUE BONDS.

### Capitol Commission to Be Ready When Law Becomes Effective.

Investigations as to the legal points involved, so that these questions may be disposed of by the time the law becomes effective, June 10, will be made by State Auditor C. W. Clausen, Tax Commissioner Clark R. Jackson and Land Commissioner Clark V. Savidge as a special committee of the state capitol commission, following a meeting of the commissioners Wednesday. The last legislature authorized the immediate issuance of \$1,500,000 of a total bond issue of \$4,000,000 and the commission hopes to dispose of the bonds immediately.

## FORMS COMMERCIAL CLUB

### Tenino Effects New Organization With Aid of Olympia Boosters.

Spurred on by a crowd of boosters from the Olympia Chamber of Commerce, who made the trip by automobile, the business men of Tenino last Friday night effected the temporary organization of a Commercial club to look after that city's business interests, and then very royally entertained their visitors at a banquet at the St. Francis hotel after the evening's business had been accomplished.

Mayor S. M. Peterson presided at the business meeting, and speeches were made by T. F. Mentzer and Postmaster J. F. Canon of Tenino, President J. L. Peters and Secretary H. L. Whitting of the Olympia Chamber of Commerce, and Judge C. E. Claypool of Olympia. Some 50 business men of Olympia made the trip, Secretary Whitting acting as toastmaster at the banquet, when a series of sensible talks were made.

The members of the new club met in their first regular session Tuesday evening of this week, when the constitution and by-laws temporarily adopted at Friday night's meeting were made permanent and plans were outlined for active work. The formation of the club comes as the result of the activities of Maurice MacDonald, who recently established a new paper, the Journal, in that city, and who was elected secretary of the club at Tuesday's meeting. T. H. McCafferty is president, E. E. Engle vice president, T. F. Knight second vice president, and the other directors are S. W. Fenton, J. F. Canon, L. A. McLain, William McArthur and A. D. Campbell.

### Collect Saloon Taxes Now.

The state tax commission has instructed all county treasurers to demand 1915 taxes immediately from all wholesale and retail liquor dealers, since next year, after the prohibition law has gone into effect, there will be no property upon which such taxes can be collected. Many saloonmen already are making preparations to go out of business. If such taxes are not paid promptly, the treasurers are instructed to distrain sufficient property to meet the taxes. Since 1915 levies have not been yet been made, the taxes will be computed on the 1914 levy.

### Kenney President of Bankers.

Frank M. Kenney, cashier of the Olympia National bank, was elected president of the Southwest Washington Group of the State Bankers' Association at the close of its meeting in Tacoma the latter part of last week.

### George E. Ryan, secretary of the Democratic state central committee and one of the prominent younger Democrats of Seattle, was an Olympia visitor Monday.

The state supreme court this week denied Attorney General W. V. Tanner's petition for a re-hearing of the land board case wherein the court had previously ruled on the application of the emergency clause by the legislature.

The attorney general's office has ruled that under the new fish code, which neglected to make any provision for licensing pound nets for catching smelt and herring, the use of these appliances is prohibited.

## TO PROVE CRESCENT WELL BY SATURDAY

### HOLE WILL BE CLEANED OUT AND PRODUCTION TESTED THEN, COMPANY SAYS.

Friday afternoon or Saturday of this week the Crescent well will be proved.

This is the official information given Thursday by those in charge of the work at the well. Delayed all of Wednesday by the loss of the drill early that morning, the tools were regained within half an hour after the "fishing" apparatus reached the well that night from Portland and drilling was immediately resumed.

At the time the tools were lost Wednesday morning, the drill had penetrated the concrete inside the casing and had pushed the "bridge" or "plug" into the oil formation and within 10 feet of the bottom of the hole. The oil was reported to be showing very strong, the drill was said to be constantly contending with gas pressure, and those in charge of the operations were very optimistic over the prospects.

### Ball Water Out of Well.

Some time Thursday night or Friday the work of bailing out the 1,800 or 2,000 feet of water in the hole was to be started and it was confidently stated by officers of the company that the well would be entirely cleaned out by Saturday, when the amount of oil could be proved. This work may be finished by some time Friday, say those who have been keeping in touch with the operations.

Unless the well comes in flowing, a possibility some have suggested an account of the reported gas pressure, it will be necessary to use the 10-gallon bailer to test the extent of the production, as the company has not bought pumping equipment or made any arrangements for casing, if it is found, naturally preferring to wait until production is proved before making this investment.

### Estimate 25-Barrel Well.

However, for the first time since last November, when the work on putting the hole in shape in show production was begun, all of the water in the well is to be bailed out this time, so that when the bailer is sent down after this work is finished it will bring up oil if it brings up anything at all. Those in charge of the drilling estimate that the test Friday or Saturday will show a production of at least 10 barrels a day, while it is hinted that it will be much stronger.

Interest in the work at the well has been considerably revived during the last two days and large crowds have visited the well daily.

### Samuel Prather Injured.

Samuel Prather, son of Thomas Prather and well known in this city, suffered two fractures of the leg last Sunday when the motorcycle on which he was riding with Miss Nina Barker of Seattle collided with an automobile on the Tacoma-Seattle highway near Firwood. Miss Barker and young Prather were taken to a Tacoma hospital where it was found that the former was more seriously injured. The driver of the auto is unknown.

The industrial insurance commission has been advised by the attorney general's office not to allow pensions under the compensation act to the families of three employes of the Simpson Logging company, who were shot and killed recently by a discharged employe.

Miss Ruth Dunbar, daughter of Mrs. R. O. Dunbar and a former resident of Olympia, is now on the staff of the New York Sun, according to word received here this week, having obtained a position after completing a course in the school of journalism at Columbia university.

Reports of the 274 state banks to State Bank Examiner W. E. Hanson in response to the call of March 4, shows their combined resources to be \$124,722,856, an increase of \$2,027,193.97 as compared to resources shown by the corresponding call of 1914.