

"HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY."

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OLYMPIA TO PAY 6-MILL TAX IN 1919

COMMISSIONERS FIX COUNTY LEVY AT 24.11 MILLS—CITY SCHOOL RATE HIGHER.

Residents of Olympia will pay practically a 6-mill tax next year—59.61 mills to be exact—compared to the 53.35 mill levy this year, as though the city levy is the same, the city school district has raised 5 mills, the general county school levy is almost 1 mill higher, and the state tax is a half mill more.

The commissioners this week finally adopted the county budget for 1919, accepting the estimates originally made without any change. These were published in this paper a couple of weeks ago.

They then proceeded to fix the levy as follows:

Current expense	6.07 mills
State tax	9.30 mills
General road and bridge fund	1.50 mills
Bond redemption fund	2.50 mills
General school fund	4.70 mills
Soldiers' and sailors' relief fund	.04 mills
Total	24.11 mills

The city levy of 20.5 mills and the city school district levy of 15 mills must be added to this general county levy of 24.11 mills, to determine the tax that will be paid by Olympians next year. It is practically 6 mills, the highest rate for years.

The largest part of this increase, the additional 5 mills on the city school levy, is due to the construction of the new high school building.

Taxpayers of the county outside Olympia, in addition to this tax of 24.11 mills, must also pay a road district tax of 8 mills, which the commissioners ordered levied in each district, and the school district tax which is fixed by the district boards and varies in the different districts from 2 or 3 mills to 12 and 15.

In addition to these items, taxpayers residing in school districts that have no high schools must pay a one-quarter of a mill tax as provided by the last legislature.

STATE DRAFT OFFICES TO OCCUPY REED BLOCK

Governor Leases Quarters in Preparation for Coming Legislature.

The lower floor of the Reed block, across Sixth street from the statehouse, is being remodeled by the owner, Mayor Jesse T. Mills, for the use of the state draft headquarters, the department having grown so rapidly in recent weeks that Governor Lister found it necessary to obtain larger quarters for it.

For the past few months the department has been using some of the senate committee rooms in the capitol, and the senate chamber and desks as the place in which the tons of draft supplies are made up into packages for mailing. These quarters will be needed by the legislature at the coming session.

Prior to the burning of the old high school building last summer the governor had planned to transfer some of the state departments to that building this winter and make room for the draft department near his office, as its work is under his supervision.

Idea Wins Tires for Red Cross.

The Red Cross has been getting a lot of old auto tires this week, all because E. H. Schultz, salesman for the Bronson Motor Car company, got an idea the other day, told it to Chief of Police Cusack and the latter had a sign painted on the post in the middle of the intersection of Fourth and Main streets, inviting autoists to hang old tires on it. Ten or 12 old tires is now the daily contribution, where one or two was the average before.

ARMY PATRONIZES OLYMPIA

Quartermaster's Corps Buys 200 Slicker Coats from Local Merchants.

Olympia merchants are due to get considerable more business from Camp Lewis as the result of the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, the quartermaster's department having bought 200 slicker coats here the fore part of this week.

Captain Donnelly, who made the purchases, said the need for the coats among the boys in the army was so great that the manufacturers could not supply the demand. The purchases were made at the regular retail price.

EXTEND PACIFIC HIGHWAY PAVING

COMMISSIONERS DIVERT MONEY NOT USED IN SOUTH END OF COUNTY.

Some ten or fifteen thousand dollars which the county had set aside several months ago for road projects at Little Rock and Grand Mound but did not use because the bids submitted were considered too high, was diverted by the commissioners this week to the Pacific highway paving improvement east of Olympia, and arrangements made with Contractor Hardy to extend the paving a half mile further than originally ordered.

The motion withdrawing the money from the south end of the county and the subsequent action diverting it to the east end were put through by Commissioner Sams and Bennett, Commissioner Dodge voting against both and otherwise trying to prevent the transfer of the funds.

The additional paving is to be done by the contractor at the same cost as the original contract, and will carry the improvement to the point where the new road strikes the old, about a half mile from the Nisqually river bridge.

Commissioner Sams pointed out that this will mean that the entire paving can be used next year while the remaining stretch to the bridge is being laid, while otherwise the present detour would have to be used, as that work is done next year.

LOCAL BOY NOT MISSING.

Henry Deisler Back With Company Again, Mother Says—Error in Casualty List.

One Olympia boy, whom the war department reported in Tuesday's casualty list as missing in action, Henry Deisler, is back with his regiment again, according to letters received by him from his parents, who live at 101 Quince street.

A telegram Mrs. Deisler received from the war department October 1 advised her that her son had been missing since July 13, but her son had written her July 23 from a Red Cross hospital, saying he had been gassed. He has since recovered and has been out of the hospital several weeks, for in a letter his mother received recently, written September 4, he said he was back with his company and preparing to enter one of the big offensives.

Ewald on Canned Goods Committee.

Mark Ewald, manager of the Olympia Canning company of this city, has been named by Charles Heberd, federal food administrator for this state, a member of the special committee on canned and dried fruit products, of which T. F. Spencer of Spokane is chairman. W. H. Paulhamus of Puyallup, E. L. French of Vancouver and George S. Pelton of Seattle are the other members.

Scobey Funeral Private.

Private funeral services were held at the Jesse T. Mills chapel Wednesday afternoon for Arthur M. Scobey, who died near Boston September 30 from Spanish influenza. Rev. R. Franklin Hart conducted the services. On account of the municipal order against gatherings, friends were not permitted to congregate for the services, but the body lay in state at the chapel Wednesday morning, where it was viewed by many friends.

ALIEN DRAFT DODGER DUE FOR HOT TIME

UNCLE SAM WILL DEPORT HIM. STATE WILL TAKE HIS PROPERTY.

The foreigner who comes to the United States, takes out his first citizenship papers and then gives them up in order to avoid military service under the draft law, is in for a hot time from the federal and state authorities.

In the first place, the federal department of justice has instructed the state council of defense to compile a list of such aliens, so that after the war all of them can be rounded up for deportation. In the second, Captain I. W. Ziegans of the selective service department announces that the provision of the state constitution prohibiting aliens owning property in this state hereafter will be rigorously enforced through the attorney-general's office. In such cases the attorney-general will bring escheat proceedings and the property will be confiscated by the state.

Several instances have been reported where aliens, principally Scandinavians or Finns, have repudiated declarations of intention to become citizens in order to claim alien exemption. In addition to losing what property rights he may have in this state by that action, it is pointed out that the alien also forfeits all future prospects of becoming an American citizen.

GOOD SPIRIT RULES DEMOCRATIC SESSION

STATE COMMITTEE HOLDS FINE MEETING, P. M. TROY REPORTS.

The best of spirit prevailed at the meeting of the Democratic state central committee at Everett last Saturday, according to Attorney P. M. Troy, state committeeman from this county, who attended it and was chairman of the platform committee.

George F. Christensen of Stevens, Skamania county, was elected state chairman, defeating J. M. Simpson of Spokane, and Christensen named George E. Harroun of Seattle to continue as vice chairman and secretary. The expected clash between the federal and state administration forces did not materialize, as no representatives of the latter were present.

George E. Ryan of Seattle and H. D. Merritt of Spokane were members of the platform committee with Mr. Troy, and they submitted the following declaration of party principles and strong endorsement of President Wilson, which was unanimously adopted:

The Democratic state central committee of Washington, duly assembled to organize for the 1918 campaign, hereby adopt the following platform of principles:

We congratulate the citizenship of our state and nation on the unparalleled progressive record of constructive achievement by the Democratic administration of the past six years.

Legislation long desired by the nation, but refused by the Republican party during the many years it was in power, has promptly, and yet wisely, been enacted giving new life to commerce and industry, new hope to labor and prosperity to all.

While in the midst of this wonderful period of achievement, the peace and happiness of civilization of the entire world were jeopardized and threatened with destruction by a world-mad monarch, inspired by lust for supreme power.

In the face of this awful menace to democracy throughout the world, we declare the winning of the war to be the supreme task and pledge all our candidates to the subordination of all other questions until a peace shall be established upon the terms

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ONLY ONE TICKET IN CITY ELECTION

REPUBLICANS PUT UP COMPLETE SLATE, HEADED BY MILLS. ONE PRIMARY CONTEST.

There's only one ticket in the field for the municipal election this fall, and only two contests on it, and it is rumored that one of these is not going to materialize. The time for filing closed last Saturday evening; the nominations will be made at a primary to be conducted the same day as the general election, November 5, and the municipal election will be held December 3.

Two candidates have filed for the mayoralty nomination, Jesse T. Mills for re-election and Councilman Joe Forstell. Mills has served as the city's executive for the past two years, while Forstell has been on the council for four years, being elected to a four-year term at the last city election two years ago.

Forstell, it is reported, will withdraw from the mayoralty race in which event there will be but one primary contest, that between Hiram Dohm, present city clerk, and Mrs. Charlotte E. Steele for the nomination as city clerk.

Mrs. Loan Smith seeks re-election as treasurer, Mitchell Harris re-enters municipal politics as candidate for councilman-at-large, Joseph H. Wohleb appears as councilman from the first ward and Councilman L. C. Ramberg of the third and George W. Draham from the fifth seek re-election. W. W. Manier, incumbent, is the only candidate for city attorney.

BANS MEETINGS TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC

COUNCIL ORDERS ALL ASSEMBLIES DISCONTINUED ON ACCOUNT OF INFLUENZA.

As a means of preventing the spread of Spanish influenza in Olympia, the first local cases of which appeared the latter part of last week, a number of new ones developing over Sunday, the city council, at its special budget meeting Monday morning, adopted a resolution closing all the schools of the city, including Providence academy, and kindergartens, and also all the churches, theaters, lodges, pool rooms, the public library and places generally where people congregate.

The resolution supported action taken earlier in the morning by the municipal and school authorities, closing the city schools, and broadened it to include all indoor meetings, dances and card parties. The council also authorized the appointment of five teachers, O. B. Gregory, J. W. Liddell, DeFore Cramblitt, A. G. Embry and W. T. Meyer, as special policemen to aid the local force in keeping children from congregating on the streets.

The action is similar to that taken by the city and health authorities of Seattle last Saturday. It is stated that the disease has not yet attained alarming proportions here and that it can be kept well in hand if the people will co-operate with the school and city authorities.

Radio Operator Visits Parents.

H. A. Campbell, radio operator on the U. S. S. "Vestal," is spending a week's furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Campbell, 416 East Fourth street. Campbell enlisted a year ago, starting his training at the radio school at the University of Washington and completing it at the Harvard University school. He was stationed on a submarine chaser for a while after his graduation and was then transferred to the "Vestal."

A 9-pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Hart Saturday at St. Peter's hospital.

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"Y" STARTS WINTER'S WORK

Program of Varied Activities Arranged—Alterations in Building.

The local Y. M. C. A. inaugurated its winter season this week with a program of more varied activities than has been conducted for some time, arranged by G. S. Cottle, general secretary.

A number of improvements have been made in the building during recent weeks, including the construction of a new locker room for business men, the installation of a canteen, and the repainting of the interior of the building. The association also expects to receive soon an appropriation from the National War Work Council of \$1,375 for equipment and \$200 for monthly operating expenses, for use in special work among the soldiers, and plans to make further changes in the building and to obtain the services of another man to carry on this feature of the work.

WORLD APPROVES PRESIDENT'S NOTE

ALLIED AS WELL AS AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS ENDORSE REPLY TO GERMANY.

Official opinion in England, France and Italy, as reflected in the comment of the semi-official newspapers and news agencies, as well as the comment of all the leading newspapers of the United States, strongly approves of the note sent by President Wilson this week in response to Germany's latest bid for peace.

Meanwhile rumors are persistent in Copenhagen, Amsterdam and other neutral cities near Germany that Kaiser Wilhelm has abdicated in favor of the crown prince, but these reports are as yet unconfirmed.

The president's note was dispatched Tuesday and a reply is looked for the latter part of the week or the first of next. Declaring that "the momentous interests involved require" that he know "the exact meaning" of the German note, the president said:

"Does the imperial chancellor mean that the imperial German government accepts the terms laid down by the President in his address to the congress of the United States on the 8th of January last and in subsequent addresses, and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon the practical details of their application?"

"The president feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation of arms to the governments with which the government of the United States is associated against the central powers, so long as the armies of those powers are upon their soil.

"The good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the central powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from invaded territory.

"The president also feels that he is justified in asking whether the imperial chancellor is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the empire who have so far conducted the war. He deems answer to these questions vital from every point of view."

London newspapers say the president's reply "fulfills the hopes and expectations of the allies in Europe" and "will put to an effective test the sincerity of the German overtures." Rene Viviani, former French premier, says "the note is firm, without brutality; lofty, but devoid of that insolence with which Germany has so often accompanied her trampling of the vanquished."

"Some might have preferred that it be more trenchant, but when blood is flowing from so many gaping wounds no man can lightly answer with a simple denial such proposals."

"The terms used in answering the German note are a clear demonstration that President Wilson is aiming at a just and lasting peace," the

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\$50,000 TO GO TO REACH BOND QUOTA

COUNTY DISTRICTS ALL OVER TOP BUT OLYMPIA STILL BEHIND.

Thurston county, which closed Honor Week \$150,000 short of its quota, still has \$50,000 to go to make its allotment of \$725,000 for the Fourth Liberty Loan, in the eight days that remain until the official close of the campaign next Saturday, October 19. This report was made by Chairman Thos. L. O'Leary Friday.

Every district in the county outside Olympia either has already exceeded its quota or reported that it will exceed, O'Leary says, and the deficit is incurred in Olympia itself, which is approximately \$50,000 short of its quota of \$452,000.

Bordeaux has gone considerably over its allotment of \$100,000; Yelm, with a quota of \$5,000, now is above \$13,000; Maytown, with \$5,000, has \$8,500; Tumwater is over its share of \$10,000; Tono, with \$15,000 reports \$22,000; Union Mills and Lacey are \$8,000 above their quota of \$20,000; Grand Mound, assigned \$5,000, has \$6,000; Rochester has \$13,000 on an allotment of \$10,000; Gate, with a quota of \$2,500, has \$3,500, and Little Rock has beaten the \$10,000 mark given it.

Rainier's committee reports that it will make its quota of \$25,000 before the end of the campaign, and the committee for the Tenino-Bucoda-McIntosh district reports that it will exceed its allotment of \$65,000.

So far the two local banks have recorded subscriptions from 4,188 persons, totalling \$589,800, but this total includes subscriptions turned in by a number of outside districts and does not represent purchases by Olympians only. Of the total, the Capital National bank has received \$451,700 from 2,863 subscribers and the Olympia National \$138,100 from 1,326 buyers.

PICK UP

The Honor Week total of \$575,000—\$50,000 more than the county subscribed for the third loan—was announced by Campaign Chairman Thos. L. O'Leary at the banquet of the Liberty Loan workers at the Elks club last Saturday evening. Some 200 persons, including men and women from practically every district of the county, attended the banquet and the enthusiasm was strong.

Rev. R. Franklin Hart, chairman of the local Four-Minute Men, acted as toastmaster, and stirring talks were made by Harley L. Hughes, Rev. J. H. Secor, Corporal Barry, who just returned from "over there" as an instructor at Camp Lewis after

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NATION CALLS FOR MORE NURSES—SURVEY STARTED

Mrs. I. M. Howell Compiling List of All Experienced Persons.

Secretary of War Baker has asked Mrs. I. M. Howell, chairman of the Nurse Survey committee of the Thurston county chapter, American Red Cross, to respond with all possible haste in gathering all available information concerning nurses residing in Thurston county.

The need for nurses is reported to be great and the war department wants a survey that will include the name, experience and address of every person who has ever done any nursing. The survey will also include the name and address of every person who would be willing to take up a study of nursing.

All such persons are requested to send their names and addresses to Mrs. I. M. Howell, 1504 Water street, or to telephone her. Mrs. Howell is now issuing a general circular letter to all Red Cross workers in the county, asking for their assistance in completing a thorough survey.

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