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TAX VALUATION OF IDAHO

County Assessors in Meeting at Boise Show Tax Values of Almost a Hundred Million Dollars For This State.

All county auditors excepting those of Twin Falls and Oneida counties have now made their returns to the state board of equalization. Most of the counties report increases, some of them more than 100 per cent over what they were a year ago, while decreases are noted in others.

The total assessed valuation of the property returned on the abstracts will amount to practically \$100,000,000, which would indicate that the total assessed valuation of property as equalized by the state board including railway, telegraph and telephone lines will reach approximately \$122,000,000, if a proportionate increase in valuation is to be carried out. The totals taken from the abstracts as compared with those for 1907 are as follows:

	1907.	1908.
Ada	\$10,037,877	\$10,541,450
Bannock	3,068,453	3,544,874
Bear Lake	1,297,797	1,513,416
Bingham	3,686,110	4,173,009
Blaine	2,072,029	2,204,573
Boise	1,603,609	3,011,917
Bonner	3,015,310	5,043,418
Canyon	4,858,765	4,914,231
Cassia	1,303,697	1,373,523
Custer	1,085,861	1,117,640
Elmore	1,163,974	1,367,341
Freemont	3,476,940	4,959,538
Idaho	2,909,414	1,999,686
Kootenai	926,971	8,123,010
Latah	4,963,045	6,969,507
Lemhi	1,450,649	1,380,317
Lincoln	693,727	945,272
Nez Perce	8,898,239	12,131,963
Oneida	2,207,700
owyhee	2,114,582	2,014,083
Shoshone	9,688,742	10,461,332
Twin Falls	3,228,447
Washington	3,272,959	3,417,001

Total.....\$79,024,888 \$91,208,121

Assessor James McMillan of Twin Falls county says that when the abstract from that county has been received the assessed valuation will exceed \$4,260,000, while it is expected that the total valuation of property as assessed this year in Oneida county will amount to \$2,500,000, which would make the total assessed valuation of the state, not including railway, telegraph and telephone lines, as returned by the county auditors to the state board, amount to approximately \$100,000,000, or more than the total assessed valuation of all classes of property in the state last year, an increase of 20 per cent.

To the amount of property returned by the several counties last year \$3,052,703 was added by the board, while deductions were made amounting to \$876,714.70. The assessment of railways, telegraph and telephone lines by the board was as follows, Railways, \$15,610,411; telegraph, \$189,169; telephone, \$666,002. Grand total assessed valuation of the state, \$97,777,462.

A proportionate increase in the classes of property to be assessed by the board with that assessed by the assessors would make the total assessment for 1908 approximately \$122,000,000.

Generally the counties this year did not report the soldiers' and widows' exemption of property from taxation, which would probably amount to about \$1,500,000, as indicated by which they were reported as deductions from the total assessed valuations.—Boise Statesman.

After the meeting of the county assessors had adjourned

the state board of equalization met and made the following changes in the assessments reported from the different counties:

Nez Perce—Decreases: City and town lots, twenty per cent; improvements on city and town lots, twenty per cent; improvements on patented lands, fifteen per cent.

Latah—Decrease: Patented lands, ten per cent; improvements on city and town lots, ten per cent.

Idaho—Increase: Patented lands, fifteen per cent.

Kootenai—Decrease: City and town lots, twenty per cent; improvements on city and town lots, twenty-five per cent; merchandise, twenty per cent; patented land, twenty-five per cent.

Bonner—Decrease: City and town lots twenty-five per cent; improvements on city and town lots, twenty-five per cent; merchandise, ten per cent; patented land, fifteen per cent; improvements on patented land, ten per cent.

In the southern counties Ada was increased twenty per cent on city and town lots, ten per cent on improvements on city and town lots, twenty-five per cent on merchandise and twenty per cent on patented land.

Canyon county was increased twenty per cent on city and town lots, ten per cent on merchandise and twenty-five per cent on patented lands.

Blaine was increased fifteen per cent on city and town lots.

Bingham was increased ten per cent on city and town lots and ten per cent on patented land.

Washington was increased ten per cent on merchandise.

Twin Falls county was increased fifty per cent on improvements on patented land and was given a decrease of fifteen per cent on city and town lots and ten per cent on patented lands.

Highest market price paid for butter and eggs at Missouri Restaurant, opposite Odd Fellow hall.

W. G. Brust finished fitting up his former warehouse building for store purposes the first of the week and is now ready for business again. He has a big stock of groceries on hand and will soon receive other lines that have been ordered.

A. J. Barth has leased his new building to a Chinese restaurant man from Stites for three years at a rental of \$30 a month and will erect another building on the east side of the present one, where he will conduct his jewelry business.

The Jenny header out north of town is doing some rapid work this year by the use of header nets for unloading. Last week the boys averaged thirty acres per day. Most of the headers on this side of the prairie are using the nets this season and find them just the thing for that kind of work.

A couple electric storms Saturday and Sunday nights tended to cool the air off considerably and the hot weather for this year now seems a thing of the past. The heat spell this summer held on longer than for several years past and was quite oppressive. Usually the hot weather does not last much over a week.

J. O. Short sold his residence property Wednesday to Mrs. Shinnick for \$1250 and will leave next week with his family for Pomeroy, Wash., where they will visit for some time. Mr. Short sold his barber shop last week to Charlie Eller and Lake Johnson who will conduct the business in future. Mr. and Mrs. Short have made many friends during their residence in Cottonwood and all will be sorry to see them leave.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Rehashed from our Exchanges.

James Currington, who shot and wounded Oliver Reynolds recently at Kooskia, is to have his preliminary hearing today at Grangeville.

A big lumber company at Kamiah has established a yard at Colton, Wash., and is shipping two cars of lumber there each day until the yard is stocked.

A great many Indians are passing through Elk City, the period for the annual exodus of the red skins to the hunting grounds having arrived.—News.

Wm. Billups, a young man, tried to commit suicide Monday at Vollmer by cutting his throat. He was restrained by friends and was later taken to Lewiston and examined and ordered committed to the insane asylum at Orofino.

A relay foot race will be one of the events at the Lewiston-Clarkston fair this fall. Each town or district competing will enter four men and each man will run 110 yards each day for five days. An entrance fee of \$5 per man, or \$20 per team, will be charged and the winning team will take the \$100 purse offered for the event.

Daniels & Wallace, the big wheat men of Lewiston prairie, sold their entire wheat crop of 100,000 bushels to the Vollmer-Clearwater Co. Tuesday at prices ranging from 75 to 80 cents a bushel. Most of the wheat is high grade and will be used for milling purposes. The entire crop of wheat is said to have averaged 30 bushels per acre and some of it went as high as 40 and 50 bushels.

A new order in the postoffice department went into effect recently and it should be noted by the people in general. By the terms of the new order a defaced stamp is hereafter worthless. Should a corner be torn off, no matter how small, or the stamp mutilated in any way, it cannot longer be used. All letters bearing such stamps will be held at the postoffice two weeks for recovery and at the end of such time, if not claimed, will be sent to the dead letter office. Another phase of the order is interesting. Permission is now given individuals to perforate the stamp they use with a reasonable small instrument for identification purposes. Such a step is intended to prevent the sending of anonymous letters or the theft or mutilation of private mail of any nature.

A bold 2-year-old buck deer held up the Clearwater passenger train last Friday morning, and, after curiously looking at the engine, vaulted the fence, ran slowly to the river bank and leaped into the water to swim to the opposite shore, where it disappeared in the brush. The deer actually caused the train to stop, according to the statement of Conductor Geo. Philips, as the animal was grazing on the right-of-way and the engineer was afraid he would run down the beautiful buck which showed no sign of fear. Deer often feed on the right-of-way and the early morning train frequently frightens them so that they cross the river. Friday the passengers watched the animal until it disappeared. No attempt was made

to kill the deer as the season does not open until September 15.—Nezperce Herald.

Attorneys for W. P. Reed, A. J. Sloan and Arthur Rice, the alleged Orofino cattle thieves, have sprung a sensation at Lewiston by filing papers charging Dan Carr with murder and his two sons and Ben Craig with assault with intent to commit murder. The attorneys for the defense claim the Carrs had no right to shoot at the cattle rustlers, not being officers of the law, and hope to make a strong case against the Carrs because of the fact that they concealed themselves along the road and are said to have opened fire on the rustlers as they came along.

The "High Line."

The Lewiston Tribune says: The official designation of the new branch line to the prairie, as shown by the time cards and printed schedules, is the Lapwai branch, but that would be a strange name to the men who handle the trains over it. To them it is the "High Line" and it is also known in fact by all the men on this division. The road has many novel features to give it individuality. The grades out of Culdesac exceed those of Kendrick hill; it has many tunnels, with fifty-two bridges, including the steel structure across Lawyer's canyon, the highest bridge on the Northern Pacific system, yet the line is only 55 miles in length. Many railroad men term it as being one of the most interesting branch line roads in the United States.

Ed. Terhaar recently purchased an interest in a livery stable at Colton, Wash., and will go back there this week to take charge of the business.

Mrs. Wm. Schult and child came up late last week from Lewiston and are visiting here with Mrs. Schult's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Farnsworth.

A burning stubble field over north of Denver caused quite a little excitement last Friday night and for a time it was thought Denver might be on fire.

The stone foundation for the First National Bank building was completed Wednesday and the masons are now hard at work laying brick in the vault.

J. F. Sims came over Monday from Grangeville, to which place he returned last week from a trip east. He returned to the county seat again Tuesday.

The CHRONICLE got in a shipment of stationery Saturday and is in shape to handle almost anything you may need in the printing line. Bring us your orders.

Enoch Beatty has moved to Cottonwood. His family went on Monday going by livery to Winona, and by stage the remainder of the way.—Kamiah Progress.

E. Beatty, who arrived here last week from Kamiah with his family, has purchased lots in the McPherson addition and will erect a residence there for himself and family yet this fall.

James Stevenson was out from across Salmon river Tuesday and reports things looking pretty well over there. He says range stock is doing well and the prices being offered are very good for this season of the year.

Paul Johnson, the Nezperce contractor, commenced work Saturday on A. L. Creelman's new building and has the frame of it well along at this writing. He has quite a crew of carpenters employed and will rush the work to completion as rapidly as possible.

IDAHO COUNTY RESOURCES

Some Interesting Figures From the County Assessor's Office Concerning the Largest County in the United States.

"The following facts, gleaned from the records of Assessor Nash's office, are of sufficient importance we believe to warrant their publication," says the Free Press.

"While Idaho county contains over 6,917,920 acres, making it not only the largest county in the state but also the largest county in the United States, it must be remembered that a large portion of its area is within the confines of the forest reserve. There are 316,660 acres of patented land in the county. Within the boundaries may be found almost any climate one may desire. From the Hump and Thunder Mountain country where snow is present nine months out of the year, one can descend to the Salmon River country with its semi-tropical climate and then upon the Camas Prairie with a mild climate the year around. Rich mines on one hand, wheat and grain on the other, here vast forests, there the peach, pear and other fruits, yonder countless cattle grazing peacefully, truly a country of various resources, something for every industrious homeseeking man no matter what his tastes and inclinations may be.

The total amount of assessed property of this county in 1908 is \$2,999,687; last year the amount was \$2,909,414, it will be seen by comparing these figures that the assessment has increased over ninety-one thousand dollars. The present worth of the county as classified on the assessment rolls is as follows:

Patented Land	\$1,533,436
Improvements	157,646
Improvement unpat land	32,725
Town lots	162,854
Improvements	220,272
Pat. Mining property	13,211
Bank shares	103,030
Con. cattle	163,730
Cows	26,820
Sheep	37,374
Work horses	129,375
Saddle horses	29,295
Stock horses	40,005
Stallions	3,875
Swine	38,046
Furniture and Fixtures	10,150
Farm imp.	3,030
Merchandise	185,465
Mining mach.	45,810
Gristmills	13,200
Saw mills, etc.	12,960
Other property	55,704

By looking over the column of figures we find Idaho county is the first county in the state in the hog industry.

A year ago we had nineteen quartz mills, now the figures show there are twenty-one of such mills located in the county. The assessment of 1907 gives us sawmills which we have increased the last year to forty-one.

The railroad and telegraph lines are not given in the list as the state board of equalization looks after the assessing of them.

A. J. Robinson and wife left Tuesday morning for Lewiston for a short stay. They may visit other outside points before returning.

S. R. Libbey is having an addition built onto the residence formerly occupied by E. M. Ehrhardt and when completed the house will be occupied by Sam Goldstone and family.

Goings, Comings and Doings.

Dunrieth Byram was in the city yesterday from Westlake.

Ray Skeels is in the city this week from Uniontown, Wash.

The frame of J. T. Morrison's building is up and will soon be enclosed.

Rev. Father Berthold returned this week from his visit to Mt. Angel, Ore.

Mrs. Severns returned last Friday from her visit to the Jones ranch across Salmon river.

Miss Stella Randall came up from Stites Monday for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Fet Rhoades.

The Balfour-Guthrie warehouse is progressing nicely and will be completed in about a week more.

Wm. Allen, the jeweler, and Brown, the blind piano tuner, were in the city yesterday from Grangeville.

The democratic primaries to elect delegates to attend the county convention will be held throughout the county next Monday.

Contractor M. S. Hendrickson was this week awarded the contract for doing the inside finishing of the First National Bank building.

The contract for the erection of the new building for the Cottonwood Hdw. & Imp. Co. was awarded last week to Contractors Stratton and Kobel.

The frame of the Kerr-Gifford warehouse is up and nearly enclosed and the crew will probably go to Fenn next week to erect the house at that point.

The Vollmer-Clearwater warehouse crew came in Tuesday evening from Steunenberg and is busily engaged in erecting the warehouse for that company at this point.

H. H. Nuxoll informs us that he will move back to town again about November 1st and will occupy his residence which is now being occupied by Geo. M. Robertson and family.

Sam Goldstone has rented the corner room of his new building to a man from Coeur d'Alene city who will put in an exclusive gent's furnishing store there. We understand the other three rooms will be occupied by the postoffice, Roberts Bros. confectionery store and a barber shop.

Tony Berens was in town yesterday from his sawmill south of Westlake and informed us that Hussmann Bros. had had a runaway with the engine at their mill and their saw rig was practically demolished. He said Will Hussmann left at once for Spokane to order new machinery and they will probably be in shape to saw again in a couple of weeks.

Otto Jenny, brother of J. F. Jenny of this place, arrived here Saturday evening from Sherman, Texas, and will visit here for some time.

W. E. Coble and wife and Mrs. Coble's mother, Mrs. Roberts, went to Cottonwood Tuesday for a short visit to relatives.—Nezperce Herald.

Simon Bros. received a new 3-horse power gasoline engine late last week and are using it to run the sausage machine at their meat market.

Butler Bros. started work late last week excavating for their new building and will be ready to commence work on the building as soon as material can be secured. It will be 33x36 feet in size and will contain two rooms.