

TAX LEVIES OF COUNTIES GAIN

Auditors Report Higher Rates For 1926 in Majority of Cases—Owen Figure of \$1.19 Is Highest.

Reports to The Indianapolis Times from thirty-two of the ninety-two county auditors in the State show an increase in a majority of cases in the 1926 tax rates.

The figures do not include township, State, or city levies, but show only what is to be raised for the county governments.

Owen County, one of the poorest in the State, shows the highest tax rate, \$1.19. This is an increase of 26 cents. Owen County residents, in addition, must pay the 28 cents State levy, township levy, and if they live in a corporation, the levy of the latter.

Marion county's tax rate is 32 cents, an increase of 5½ cents.

Counties Report

The following counties, in alphabetical order, reported to The Times, as follows:

ADAMS, Decatur, county seat; 1926 budget, \$121,400; 1925 budget, \$125,505. Tax rate of 31 cents unchanged, with a 5-cent decrease in macadam road repair.

BARTHOLOMEW, Columbus; tax rate of 46 cents unchanged. Valuation cut \$1,877,800, or 4.5 per cent.

BOONE, Lebanon; 1926 budget, \$152,928; tax rate, 24 cents; 1925 budget, \$170,395.50; tax rate, 9 cents, an increase of 15 cents.

CASS, Logansport; 1926 budget, \$167,851.49; tax rate, 22 cents; 1925 budget, \$124,870.49; tax rate, 17½ cents. Increase of 4½ cents in levy is due to the elections next year, which necessitate \$15,000, which was

budget, \$87,359.50; tax rate 17 cents. Increase of 23 cents.

JASPER, Rensselaer, 1926 budget, \$112,000; tax rate, 35 cents; 1925 budget, \$111,950; tax rate, 30 cents. Increase of 5 cents is due to depreciation in total net values.

JEFFERSON, Madison, 1926 budget, \$64,485; tax rate, 67 cents; 1925 budget, \$57,371.29; tax rates, 64 cents; increase, 3 cents.

HENRY, Newcastle, 1926 budget, \$138,240; tax rate, 30 cents; 1925 budget, \$126,942; rate, 27½ cents. Increase of 2½ cents is due to election and bridge construction costs. The levies include 13 cents for maintenance of highways.

MARSHALL County has petitioned for a review of county levies by the State tax board. Rates will be determined later.

MIAMI, Peru, 1926 budget, \$112,197.87; tax rate, 20 cents; 1925 budget, \$98,056.22; tax rate, 18 cents.

OWEN, Spencer; 1926 budget, \$78,000; tax rate, \$1.19; 1925 budget, \$68,000; tax rate, 93 cents; increase of

26 cents. Tax rate includes county revenue, county unit roads, road repair and county bonds and interest. This is for the general fund only.

PORTER, Valparaiso; 1926 budget, \$119,470.98; tax rate, 20 cents; 1925 budget, \$147,470.98; tax rate, 25 cents. Decrease, 5 cents.

RIPLEY, Versailles; 1926 budget, \$87,500; tax rate, 27 cents; 1925 budget, \$81,700; tax rate, 30 cents. Decrease, 3 cents.

SHELBY, Shelbyville; 1926 budget, \$96,214.50; tax rate, 8.8 cents; 1925

budget, \$85,078.50; tax rate, 9 cents. Decrease, 2 cent.

STUEBEN, Angola; same budget of \$60,000 to stand. Tax rate cut from 24 to 23 cents for next year.

ST. JOSEPH, South Bend, 1926 budget, \$605,198; 1925 budget, \$548,060. Same tax rate of 42 cents stands.

SULLIVAN, Sullivan, 1926 budget, \$197,230, tax rate, 5½ cents; 1925 bud-

get, \$159,394, tax rate, 32 cents. Increase of 26 cents.

TIPPECANOE, Lafayette, 1926 budget, \$205,500.30; 1925 budget, \$174,11.75. Tax rate of 35 cents to stand.

VANDERBURGH, Evansville, 1926 budget, \$538,816.25, tax rate, 31 cents; 1925 budget, \$425,968.50, tax rate, 27 cents. Increase 4 cents.

VERMILION, Newport, 1926 bud-

get, \$127,240, tax rate, 35½ cents. 1925 budget, \$141,161, tax rate, 19½ cents. Increase 16 cents.

WARREN, Williamsport, 1926 budget, \$75,299.30, tax rate, 25 cents; 1925 budget, \$79,000, tax rate, 24 cents.

WHITE, Monticello, 1926 budget, \$93,918.40, tax rate, 10 cents; 1925 budget, \$96,347, tax rate, 12 cents.

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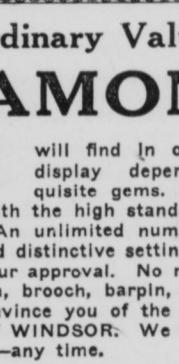
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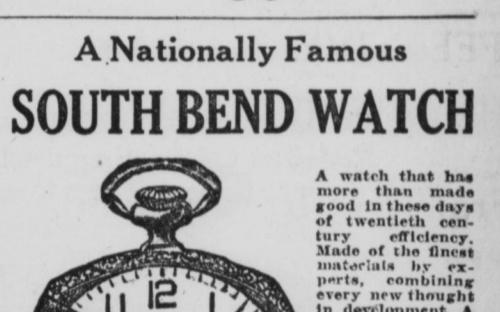
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