

GROWING TAXES NOW STAND 27.4 MILLS

According to Segregation by Commission Multnomah Is to Provide \$1,582,521.

SOME INCREASE PROBABLE

All Levies Are Reported Officially With Exception of Three, but There Is Little Expectation of Any Decrease in These.

TABLE SHOWING ESTIMATED TAX LEVY FOR CITY OF PORTLAND FOR 1913 AND LEVY OF 1912.			
	1912.	1913.	
State	1.15	1.15	4.7
County school	1.1	1.1	4.7
County	1.1	1.1	4.7
Road	1.1	1.1	4.7
County library	1.35	1.35	4.7
Port of Portland	1.1	1.1	4.7
City of Portland	7.7	7.7	4.7
School District No. 1	5.5	5.5	4.7
	22.	27.4	

Multnomah County's estimated tax levy was reduced to 27.4 mills by the announcement by the State Tax Commission that the state levy for this county would be 4.7 mills. Previous estimates had placed the state levy at 5 mills. According to the segregation made by the State Commission, the county will be required to provide \$1,582,521 for state purposes.

All of the estimates in the table given above are official with the exception of the state levy for this county and road levies, but there is little possibility that any of these will be reduced. The minimum school tax of \$8.70 per capita for each school district is fixed by law. The advisory budget and road committees have recommended the county and road levies and little change will be made by the commissioners. The total of 27.4 mills is increased slightly by a levy for the county high school fund. Superintendent Armstrong said yesterday that a 15 mill levy might be sufficient, but that the levy must be made by the Commissioners meeting with the Superintendent and the County Treasurer.

County Assessor Reed yesterday reported that the County Commissioners the levies as received by him from the various tax-paying agencies, including the Port of Portland, the City of Portland, other towns and cities in the county and the school districts. The full report submitted by Mr. Reed follows:

Taxing Agency	1912.	1913.
Port of Portland	1.15	1.15
All purposes	1.15	1.15
General fund	3.850	3.850
Bonded indebtedness interest	1.629	1.629
Firemen's relief and pension	1.09	1.09
Public Works Commission	2.385	2.385
Sinking fund	4.49	4.49
City of Astoria	2.49	2.49
Town of Gresham, all purposes	2.00	2.00
City of Milwaukie	4.89	4.89
Town of Troutdale, all purposes	3.80	3.80
Town of Lewis and Clark, all purposes	2.00	2.00
School district No. 1, all purposes	7.80	7.80
Maintenance	4.53	4.53
Free textbooks	2.00	2.00
Free school lunches	2.00	2.00
School District No. 3, Park Rose	4.89	4.89
Maintenance	4.89	4.89
Interest on bonds	4.70	4.70
School District No. 4, Gresham	2.00	2.00
Maintenance	2.00	2.00
High School site	1.90	1.90
School District No. 5, Astoria	4.00	4.00
Maintenance to pay for new schoolhouse	4.00	4.00
School District No. 6, Milwaukie	1.50	1.50
School purposes	1.50	1.50
Maintenance	1.50	1.50
School District No. 13, West Portland	2.80	2.80
Maintenance	2.80	2.80
School District No. 14, Fairview	4.00	4.00
Maintenance	4.00	4.00
School District No. 15, No Name	1.00	1.00
Maintenance	1.00	1.00
School District No. 16, Troutdale	1.50	1.50
Maintenance	1.50	1.50
School District No. 17, Clatsop	6.00	6.00
Maintenance	6.00	6.00
School District No. 18, Clatsop	6.00	6.00
Maintenance	6.00	6.00
School District No. 19, Clatsop	6.00	6.00
Maintenance	6.00	6.00
School District No. 20, Clatsop	6.00	6.00
Maintenance	6.00	6.00
School District No. 21, Clatsop	6.00	6.00
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School District No. 22, Clatsop	6.00	6.00
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School District No. 23, Clatsop	6.00	6.00
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Maintenance	6.00	6.00
School District No. 100, Clatsop	6.00	6.00
Maintenance	6.00	6.00

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. I. Tracey, of Astoria, is at the Carlton.
Mrs. Ray Knox, of Albany, is at the Carlton.
Russell Catlin, of Salem, is at the Carlton.
K. S. Lee, a Chinese importer of Se-

GRAIN TO RAILWAY

ACCUSES PROTEST

Westmoreland Residents Up in Arms Over Franchise for Oregon City Line.

NEW ROUTE IS SUGGESTED

Slight Deviation From Adopted Course at East Seventeenth Street and Nehalem Avenue Asked—Cost Declared Lower.

Residents of East Seventeenth street in Westmoreland are making serious protest against the invasion of this residence district by the Portland & Oregon City Railway and are preparing to invoke the referendum against the franchise recently granted by the City Council.

In their ambition to keep the interurban road off the street they make plans to actually adopt a route to keep it out of town. They offer an alternative route.

This alternative route, they say, offers all the advantages possessed by the route actually adopted, and with it none of the disadvantages. It provides transportation relief for the residents of the district immediately east of the present Sitwood line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who prayed for the Portland & Oregon City franchise grant.

The proposed route provides for use of the Mitchell street and Mill street line, which is operated on common user basis between Bybee avenue and Mitchell street.

Cheaper construction, argued, from Mitchell street to Mill street some needed grading will have to be done if the alternative route is adopted and that way will have to be demanded.

However, this condemnation is offset in the route adopted by obstruction in East Seventeenth street through the Midway district.

It is argued that the alternative route offers cheaper construction than does the adopted route.

While the adopted route has secured the Portland and Oregon City franchise, also is the head of the organization that started to build the Clackamas branch from Oregon City to Molalla a few years ago. This line never was completed, however.

While Mr. Carver and his attorney, M. G. Murray, was inserted by the Portland and Oregon City franchise, also is the head of the organization that started to build the Clackamas branch from Oregon City to Molalla a few years ago. This line never was completed, however.

Mr. Carver's first railroad activity in Oregon was the construction of the Corvallis & Astoria River road, which recently was sold to the Portland, Eugene & Astoria for \$450,000.

Riley was sentenced to six months in jail and drew a \$100 fine yesterday sentence. Charles Ryan, William Poulson and Joseph Hines, others of the party arrested by Detective Pat Moloney, are serving sentences on the rockpile; and Frank Shank was sentenced to 20 days imprisonment and fined \$100.

Riley has a long criminal record, but has never been sent to the penitentiary for safe burglary. Although he is supposed to have knowledge of the robbery of the Woodmen bank at World and D. Sondheim safes, cracked in Portland recently, his connection with them was not proved.

Among the proposed amendments to the charter was one providing for the appointment of efficient employees to appoint aliens.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER EXPLAINED

Protection for Efficient Employees Is Object of One Measure—Act Would Enable Commissioners to Appoint Aliens.

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An Act to amend Section 317 of the City Charter so as to provide that civil service employees who have been removed because the office or employment has been abolished or the number of employees reduced shall have preference for reappointment according to their efficiency, instead of in the order of their discharge, as at present provided.

Section 317 of the Charter of the City of Portland be amended:

Section 317. The measure would enable members of the City Commission to select an alien for the position either of City Engineer or Park Superintendent. On the ballot also is a measure exempting these officials from being registered voters of the city. The purpose of this is to make possible the selection of officials outside the city or state but not outside the United States. The measure is the first of which has been above goes farther than this by eliminating the citizenship qualification.

PARK RULING MADE

Assessing Costs to Property Declared Old Right.

LA ROCHE GIVES OPINION

Criticism of Measure for Bond Issue of \$200,000 Leads Commissioner Brewer to Have City Attorney Pass on Merits.

In explanation of a question which has arisen regarding a provision in the proposed \$200,000 bond issue for permanent improvement in parks, making it possible to improve the parks by assessing the cost to adjacent parcels of land, City Commissioner Brewer has procured a statement from City Attorney LaRoche in which the opinion is given that the provision in the measure is merely a clause provided to perpetuate power already held by the City Council.

The measure in question is that which provides that the City Council may make park improvements by creating a district and assessing lots, blocks or parcels of land for benefits brought about by park improvements. Commissioner Brewer says he had understood that the provision in the \$200,000 issue was similar to that in the issue of \$1,000,000 for park bonds authorized by the voters in 1907. Investigation revealed the fact that in the act of 1907 provision was made for assessing property benefited by improving parks. No mention was made in this act regarding the assessment of adjacent property for park improvements, as provided in the proposed \$200,000 bond issue act.

In his opinion City Attorney LaRoche says:

"The section referred to is near the end of the proposed amendment and reads as follows: 'There is expressly reserved to the Council the right to assess lots, blocks and parcels of land in any district or district, specially and peculiarly benefited thereby by park improvements, for the cost of providing the same for park and other purposes designated in this act, and the Council is hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe the method of making such assessments. Such assessments may be made to the extent that they do not exceed the special and peculiar benefits accruing to any property benefited by such improvements. The object of the above provision is to preserve the power which the Council has by the charter, now improvement code and I am of the opinion that the above provision should be construed exclusively as a reservation and not a grant of any new power. The above provision was inserted in order to avoid the possible interpretation that, by authorizing the acquisition and improvement of parks, parks, etc. from the fund to be provided by the issuance of bonds, the city would be confined to such method of improvement, and thereby sections 271, 272, 273, et seq. of the charter be suspended.

Section of Law Quoted.

"The City Attorney's opinion," said Mr. Brewer yesterday, shows that the proposed bond amendment for the improvement of parks will not change in any way the existing law as to assessing districts for parks or their improvement. In other words, whether the amendment passes or is defeated, the right to assess surrounding property remains the same. The provision which gives this right has been in force since 1903 and, as far as I know, has never been invoked. The language is substantially as follows: 'The Council is authorized and empowered to assess by this act to the Council to open, lay out, establish, widen, alter, extend, grade and improve streets, sidewalks and public places, and to provide therefor, are hereby granted to said Council to open, lay out, establish, widen, alter, extend, grade and improve streets, sidewalks, boulevards, avenues, lanes, alleys, bridges, bicycle paths, squares, parks, playgrounds, public buildings, and to provide for the same private property therefor and to establish and change the grade of each.

WOMAN SET FREE AGAIN

Judge Insists Offender Should Have Chance to Reform.

The Biblical doctrine, "Go, and sin no more," hung a jury in Municipal Court yesterday and prevented the conviction of Alice Le Grand, a woman of the streets, who was charged with the murder of a man, connected with the Meyer clover, which she and the woman should have been warned to quit her trade before being arrested.

The Le Grand woman was arrested Friday afternoon and charged with maintaining a house of prostitution