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PRICE FIVE CENTS

SEVEN MILLS TO BE THE LEVY

COUNCIL RAISES THE ESTIMATE OF COMMITTEE A LITTLE.

WILL HELP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Levies Extra Tax in Order to Get Money to Put the Department in Better Shape--Agrees to Do All It Can Do in This Matter.

The city council in session last night decided that next year's expenses for the city of Corvallis would require a seven mill tax—two mills for street purposes and five mills for general purposes. The Ways and Means Committee had made up its budget and recommended four and two-fifths mills for general purposes, but at the instance of those who want better fire protection it was decided to add the other three-fifths of a mill and secure about \$1200 more money. It was not agreed that this \$1200 nor any other specific amount would be spent for improvement of the fire department, but it was generally agreed that the necessity called for the expenditure on the department of every cent that can well be taken from the other departments.

Messrs. M. S. Woodcock, Frank Groves, A. L. Stevenson and M. M. Long appeared before the council and voiced the will of the public meeting held the night before. They made it clear that something effective must be done, and argued for the purchase of a team, employment of a competent chief, and the fixing up of the city hall to allow the making of an effective department. They urged that firemen be paid well for their service. These gentlemen insisted that \$2,000 or \$2,200 would meet every desired requirement and that it would be folly to spend more. The council seemed favorable to the purchase of a team, but would not agree to spend any specific sum. The councilmen generally said they would meet the present situation as best they could and levied the extra two-fifths of a mill to help them out. This, with \$1,000; they had estimated as necessary for the fire department, ought to enable the council to work out something good.

This committee also urged the danger there is in a high-voltage electric wire, uninsulated and impossible to insulate, being run through this city on poles. It might result in the electrocution of a dozen men handling hose at any fire in one of the city's business buildings. The council was tired and not particularly impressed.

Estimate of Needs.

Messrs. Cordley, Gray and Johnson estimated the expenditure for the year as follows:

City Attorney.....	\$ 1,200
City Engineer.....	1,200
Municipal Judge.....	720
Chief of Police.....	780
Extra Police.....	1,000
City Treasurer.....	180
Health officer.....	50
Janitor.....	48
Fire Department.....	1,000
Health and Police.....	100
Street Lights.....	3,000
Accounting System.....	175

Sundries.....	600
Street fund.....	4,000
Interest on bonds.....	1,000

Total \$15053

Probable receipts from fines, licenses, etc., \$2500; to be raised by taxation, \$12,553. Total, \$15,053. This is really inadequate. The council will be up against a hard proposition next year.

Water Bill Disallowed

The council wrestled an hour or more with the Water Commission's demand for \$1400 due for water service. The bill was finally disallowed, Bogue and Irvine being opposed to this action.

A few minor matters came in for consideration.

TIT FOR TAT

The bawling of a cow and the kicking of horses in the vicinity of 9th St. seem to grate harshly on the sensitive nerves of some light-fingered gentlemen who have lately taken up their residence in that community and nearly half a column of valuable space in the G.-T. was wasted on the desert air over this unfortunate affair. Perhaps the protesters will become naturalized in a short time and realize that in the wild and woolly west muzzles have not yet been prepared for bawling cows or silk stockings to deaden the sound of horses' feet. Neither are the parks, lawns and gardens protected from the ravages of dogs that are permitted to roam at will and annoy their neighbors. The cow in question has been properly doctored and if the dog nuisance were abated peace and harmony would once more reign supreme. XXX.

SUICIDE AND COURAGE

Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:—The instinctive love of life begins with the consciousness of existence, and acts steadily throughout with more or less intensity until that consciousness ceases. It is stronger than reason. We shrink from death, while reason acknowledges that life is not worth preserving. The instinctive feeling still prevails; and it is necessary that it should be so, for if the preservation of life were left to the determination of the judgment, it would in thousands of instances most assuredly be thrown away as a worthless thing. The few of our species, who, wrung by a maddening anguish, commit suicide, does not invalidate the general principle, that the love of life is an instinctive feeling stronger than reason. Besides, as in other cases, these few exceptions prove the general law. The unhappy suicide is generally a man of strong mind. An idiot never commits suicide. Instinct has no reason to oppose it in his mind; and for the same reason the lower animals do not commit the act of self-destruction.

W. W. WELLS.

Carrier No. 2 found two very nice Christmas packages on the Route, which he appreciated very much.

All the news all the time in THE GAZETTE-TIMES, 50c per month.

START MADE ON OUR NEW DEPOT

OFFICIALS STAKING OUT GROUND THIS AFTERNOON.

TO BE HANDSOME STRUCTURE

Will Stand at the Head of Washington Street--To Be Built of Cement and Made Sufficiently Commodious for Years to Come.

The ground to be occupied by the new S. P. depot at this place is being staked off today and it is stated that work on the new structure will begin at once and be pushed to completion rapidly.

The building will stand directly at the head of Washington St. at 9th. The north end of the building will extend over the walk there and the south end will be against the present station. This will make a structure from 100 to 150 feet long. Officials say it is to be commodious and up-to-date, a great credit to the city.

ATTRACTIONS ON FOR TONIGHT

At the Skating Rink the Independence Athletic Club basketball team will play the Corvallis Athletic Club team. The game will be on foot and the swiftest of the season. The public will have an opportunity to see the conquerors of O. A. C. at their best.

The band boys give a moving picture show at the opera house tonight and tomorrow night. They have been putting on good shows in recent weeks.

The Coffee Club gives a dance at the City Hall this evening. The "Igo-Ugo" 500 club meets

with Mrs. W. F. Gaskins this evening.

The Palace has on good bills. There is entertainment of all sorts, sufficient to satisfy the varied natures.

FINE ART PIANO BROUGHT TO CITY

Mrs. Foster Secures Highest Expression of Piano Makers' Art.

In purchasing a piano recently, Mrs. Jess Foster, wife of our well-known capitalist, made thorough investigation, and secured from experts their expression in regard to the relative merits of pianos. The instruments were examined without regard to cost, and a Mason-Hamlin was selected on account of its invariable sweetness and nobility of tone as well as its beauty of architecture and finish. No expense is spared in making the Mason-Hamlin piano as nearly perfect as possible and they have so completely fulfilled the ideals of the music lovers of the world that the output of this great house is sold ahead of its production.

The Mathews Music Co., from whom Mrs. Foster purchased this piano, are local agents for the Wiley B. Allen Co., and are permanently located in Corvallis.

PRIMROSE MAMMOTH MINSTRELS

A press notice says.—"It is certainly surprising to note the array of remarkable musical talent identified with the Primrose Minstrels; especially is this true of the vocal corps, which includes some of the most celebrated singers of the minstrel stage, and others whose wonderfully

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SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

CITIZENS OF CORVALLIS RESOLVE TO DO GOOD THINGS.

WILL BREAK 'EM NEXT WEEK

But That's What New Year Resolutions Are For--Some of 'Em Are Broken Even Before They Are Made, and Always Soon After.

Mayor Watters—Resolved that I will make Corvallis beautiful if I have to throw away my business altogether.

Commissioner Geo. Smith—Resolved that I will continue to have the best looking garden in town and build that bridge across the Willamette.

Judge Woodward—Resolved that official life is rather strenuous.

F. L. Miller—That I will keep still hereafter when in the barber chair.

C. F. Johnson—That I will get a new lock for the back door.

W. B. Cate—That I will never again argue with a prize-fighter.

W. P. Lafferty—That I will start another post office in Corvallis if I fail to get the postmastership.

B. W. Johnson—That if I am not appointed postmaster again I will go to work and make an honest living for once.

E. E. Wilson—That I will continue to make some young lady happy—by not marrying her.

Judge Denman—That I will never accept a raise in salary while in office—unless it is offered me.

M. S. Woodcock—That I will put the plans of that six-story hotel to some good use—as a shade for my reading lamp for instance.

Victor P. Moses—That I will settle the dispute as to where Moses was when the light went out.

Sheriff Gellatly—That I will have less faith in the sort of hu-

manity that finds its way into jail.

Bauer & Wilkins—That if people still insist on coming to our shop we will continue to give 'em fits. They deserve such treatment.

Miles Starr—That I will shine on forever.

R. H. Huston—That I will never sell hammers to any but boosters.

Judge McFadden—That I will never again bandy words with a female osteopath.

C. M. McKellips—That I will give B. W. Johnson my hair tonic.

E. D. Angell—That I will be angelic as long as the barometer does not show a tendency toward a rise in temperature.

Bob Johnson—That after seeing Lee Anderson I'll never have my mustache shaved off.

J. C. Lowe—That I will get into automatic connection with the North Pole before 1911.

James O'Neill—That I will beat him to it if I can.

Jay Cooper—That I will never again go over the Newport bar as long as there is any other to put my elbow on.

C. E. Peterson—That I will limit my daily ration of tobacco to four pounds.

C. A. Murphey—That I will make a bigger "rocket" next year and less noise.

N. B. Avery—Resolved that I'll go to see the big prize fight if the prize fight can't be brought to Corvallis.

AT WHOM IS HE SLAPPING

The reception accorded to the University of Oregon Glee and Mandolin Clubs on their visit to Ashland, Thursday, was an enthusiastic one, and the boys left with the impression that this city, the southernmost in the state, gave them the heartiest welcome of their tour—and everywhere they were well received. They were a gentlemanly lot of fellows and departed themselves during their stay here as such, a fact that was favorably commented upon, in contrast to some college aggregations that have appeared in Ashland in times past.—Ashland Tidings.

BARGAINS IN WOMEN'S KNIT UNDERWEAR

For Friday and Saturday
We have made a Great Reduction on

EVERY SUIT

Both Women's and Men's

And for those who have been putting off buying their Suit, now is the time to buy, while the selection is best.

Men's odd Coats and Vests of Broken Suits. These suits sold for from \$12.00 to \$15.00. Coat and Vest, size 33, 34, 35.	Special Price.....	\$2.00
Ladies' \$10.00 and \$12.00 Capes.	Special Price.....	\$7.50
Boys' Good All-Wool Suits worth \$5.00.	Special Price.....	\$2.50
Misses' Coats, sizes 8 to 14 years.	Special Price.....	25 Per Cent Less



Boys' Sweaters

Boys' all-wool Sweaters, sell for \$1.25.

SPECIAL, 95c





A SAFE PLACE TO TRADE

Ladies' Neckwear

Ladies' beautiful lace collars, both ecru and white. Regular 75c for 43c. Regular 35c for 23c.