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## REDUCTION IN TAX LEVY FOR 1908 5 MILLS

APPARENT THAT REDUCTION WILL EVEN REACH 5 1/2. Present County Court Reduces Tax Levy and County Being Freed of Debt Rapidly—High and Excessive Tax a Thing of the Past in Union County—Summary of Assessment Shows Good Valuation, Totalling \$7,109,825—County Richer.

Twenty-two mills in all probability will be the tax levy for 1908. This means a reduction of five and one-half mills over last year. Assessor Hug completed his balances in the various segregations, the result being a total valuation of \$7,109,825, an increase over the previous year of \$625,393. When County Judge Henry read over these figures this morning after careful consideration, he said: "I believe I am safe in saying that the county and state taxes this year will not exceed 22 mills. We have not as many bridges to build this year as last; we will have no election expenses next year to provide for; we are only about \$65,000 in debt and I believe with a 22-mill tax we can cut this indebtedness \$40,000, which will make it an easy matter to wipe it entirely out the year following." Last year the 27 1/2-mill tax brought in \$178,281; this year a 22-mill tax will bring in \$156,416, which, under

## REPUBLICANS LETHARGIC IN WASHINGTON STATE

FULTON ONLY SPEAKER OF NATIONAL REPUTE.

Dolliver and La Follette Will Not Come to Washington—Not a Doubtful State. Seattle, Oct. 20.—Excepting United States Senator Charles W. Fulton, who speaks at Seattle October 31, there will be no republican national speakers in Washington during the campaign, Chairman Debruler of the state committee, expected Senators La Follette and Dolliver, but La Follette's western dates were cancelled. Senator Dixon of the speakers' bureau, sent word that Dolliver was going to the doubtful states from San Francisco.

## INDIANS GUARD GRAVES. Threaten Uprising if Bodies Are Molested.

St. Paul, Oct. 18.—Word has been received that an outbreak of the Sioux Indians is likely to occur at Fort Yates, N. M., if the bodies are removed from the Indian graves there. With an intention of abandoning the post an order was recently made to remove the bodies of all dead in the cemetery. The principal objection to the removals is said to be the fact that Sitting Bull, the great warrior, is buried there.

## Montana Odd Fellows.

Great Falls, Mont., Oct. 20.—Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Montana are here in force today to take part in the lavish entertainment and business program arranged for the annual encampment of the State Grande Lodge of the order.

## RULERS SWAP GOOD WISHES BY CABLEGRAM

EMPEROR OF JAPAN IS SINCERE IN HIS RESPECT.

Lengthy Messages Pass Between President Roosevelt and Emperor of Japan—Emperor Wants Peace to Continue Between Two Countries—Greetings Are Cordial Between the Two—Emperor Gives Luncheon to Admiral Sperry Personally.

Toledo, Oct. 20.—Admiral Sperry today personally conveyed expressions of good will from President Roosevelt to the Emperor of Japan, the latter responding in the Japanese press, that he advocates "Honest understanding by America and Japan of the position of the two countries."

The emperor replied to the Roosevelt message as follows:

"It affords me special pleasure to welcome you as a representative of the American navy, and receive from your respected president a very friendly message. I request you to assure President Roosevelt that I most sincerely appreciate and most cordially reciprocate the sentiments of friendliness and good will. It is a source of profound gratification to me that the most cordial relations of regard for good correspondence exist between Japan and the United States. My thanks are due the president for affording my subjects, by your visit, an opportunity.

## CLEETON WILL EXPOUND REAL POLITICAL ISSUE

INJUNCTION PLANKS AND BANK QUESTIONS, TOPICS.

Giving Some Attention to All the Real Issues at Stake, But Dealing Especially With Banks and Injunctions, Cleeton Will Address Crowd Tonight—Big Crowd at Union Last Night—Opportunity for Labor Union Men to Hear Arguments.

The injunction planks of the democratic and republican platforms will be ably contrasted, the republican postal savings bank system which has been tried and worked out in other countries will be compared with the new and practically untried bank guarantee system advocated by the democrats, by Hon. T. J. Cleeton tonight at the Elks' auditorium.

Using "The attitude of the parties' platform on leading issues" as his text, Mr. Cleeton will devote his entire time to those paramount questions at issue in politics today, but what is of chief moment to local voters is his promised discourse on the injunction and on the bank question. In this city, where there are so many railroad men, the injunction planks of the two parties are vitally interesting to the voters, and Mr. Cleeton will point out the weaknesses of the democratic party and the attractive features of the republican party, calling attention to the past 40 years of friendship with labor to the promises of the democratic standard bearer. He will call attention to the failure of the bank guarantee plan advanced by Bryan, and compare it justly with the methods of which the republicans wish to have will promote. "The one has been tried and found satisfactory," said Mr. Cleeton today, "while the other has thus far been given but one test, in Oklahoma." Then briefly, Mr. Cleeton will take up the matter of "People's rule." There are many interesting phases of the campaign to be touched upon, and no one who is in doubt over the injunction planks or the bank question, can afford to miss the opportunities tonight to hear them expounded.

## Splendid Meeting at Union.

Mr. Cleeton spoke at Union last evening to a large crowd. The weather though unfavorable, did not hinder the attendance in the least. The band was out and the hall was crowded.

## ENORMOUS STADIUM IN TACOMA IS PLANNED

HALF OF REQUIRED SUM HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED.

Will Be the Largest Stadium in the World—For Use of World's Fair Races.

Tacoma, Oct. 20.—Tacoma is today raising \$100,000 in public subscriptions for the construction of the greatest athletic stadium in the world. Half of the money has already been collected. The stadium will be an adjunct to the Tacoma high school, where a gulch forms a natural amphitheater. It will be ready for the Yukon exposition when many notable athletic contests will be held here.

## From Bible Study.

Columbus, O., Oct. 20.—One of the most important conventions for the promotion of Bible study ever held in America will convene in Columbus this week, and many distinguished delegates are already arriving. The gathering will be known as the International Bible convention, and was planned by the leaders of the World's Student Christian federation for the advancement of intelligent study and use of the English Bible. The reading of the Bible in the public schools of the country will be one of the important matters considered.

## Railway Superintendents.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Nearly all the important railroad systems of the country are represented among the delegates in attendance at the convention opened here today by the American Association of Railway Superintendents of Bridges and Buildings.

## Disease Horticulture.

Millford, N. H., Oct. 20.—Experts from the United States department of agriculture and from many of the horticultural societies, schools, experiment stations and colleges of New England are in attendance at the three days' meeting opened here today by the New Hampshire State Horticultural society.

## Tuberculosis Exhibit.

Fall River, Mass., Oct. 20.—Men and women interested in the relief of the poor, the prevention and cure of disease and the reformation of criminals are gathering in Fall River for the seventh annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Conference of Charities, which opens this evening. As a feature of the convention, an exhibit designed to illustrate the teachings of the society in hygiene has been installed by the Boston association for the relief and control of tuberculosis.

## New Styles in Spooks.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 20.—Styles in spooks are changing. "Little Bright Eyes," the Indian maiden "hant" who has served as an A. D. T. messenger between the "mediums" and the spirit land even since the Fox sisters "discovered" spiritualism, has gone out of fashion. Crude materializations, fake slate writing and other occult demonstrations of the mediums, mystics, psychics and seers will no longer be allowed to mask under the cloak of organized spiritualism. So declare the influential spiritualists of the land, who assembled in Pythian hall today to begin the 16th annual convention of the National Spiritualist association.

## George W. Kates of Washington, D. C., secretary, announces there will be some very interesting documents presented, showing the status of the movement represented by this association.

An increase of organized effort will be made and new churches and local societies reported. Additional state associations have been organized the past year, and now one-half of the states are so at work with all states represented liberally by local societies and churches.

The spiritualists' movement is a religious one as well as one to protect and secure capable psychic data of spirit communion.

## FACTORY IDLE UNTIL ROADS ARE BETTER

FURNACES KEPT HOT THOUGH THE WHEELS STAND STILL.

Sugar Factory Closes This Morning Pending Arrival of Sugar Beets—Rain Has Put Roads in Deplorable Condition—Must Wait Until Weather is Favorable—Ready to Commence Again When Beets Can Be Secured at the Factory Bins.

Improbable roads due to the protracted rains are directly responsible for closing the Amalgamated Sugar factory this morning to await the arrival of beets from the fields. The roads are in such shape that it is impossible to transport the beets from the fields to the factory bins, and last night the supply ran out. This has necessitated a complete relaxation of the strenuous sugar-making activities with one exception—that of the fire department. To allow the fires in the furnaces to die out would be too costly to be practical, and for that reason the fires will be kept at uniform heat until the factory resumes its run, notwithstanding that the wheels are at a standstill.

As soon as the roads dry up sufficiently to allow hauling the beets, the factory will be started again. Because the fires will be kept burning continually, the factory can start at an hour's notice when beets arrive.

The two shifts at the factory, numbering about 120 men, are idle and waiting for sunshine and drying winds.

## British Steamer Seized.

Vienna, Oct. 20.—According to a dispatch an Austrian torpedo boat has seized the British steamer for carrying arms to Montenegro. The seizure is expected to bring to a head the question of recognition of annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by negotiations between the two governments.

## Honor Queen Anne's Memory.

New York, Oct. 20.—Old St. Andrew's church at Richmond, Staten Island, today began the celebration of its 200th anniversary. Some of the most distinguished Episcopal clergymen of the country who took part today in the memorial services to Bishop Potter, will participate in the program tomorrow.

## BANDITS STEAL AND TERRORIZE

ILLINOIS TOWN VISITED BY BOLD GANG OF OUTLAWS

Herrin, Ill., Oct. 20.—After engaging the whole town in a street fight this morning, a gang of desperadoes blew the safe of the bank at Hurst, a mining town, and stole \$1500. After they took possession of the bank one robber stood in the doorway and held the citizens at bay with a brace of revolvers while his companions blew the safe. Armed citizens fired through the windows. The robbers dashed down the street, followed by a fusillade of bullets. Poor marksmanship is the only thing that saved the lives of the bandits. A posse is now in pursuit.

Books are lighthouses erected in the great sea of time.—E. P. Whipple.

There is no bigotry like that of "free thought" run to seed.—Horace Greely.


# Odds and Ends SHOE SALE

<b>\$2.50</b> Boy's Shoes <b>\$1.89</b> a pair	<b>Odds And Ends SHOE SALE</b> A general cleaning out of all odds and ends of shoes consisting of Ladies, Men's and Children's at a saving from 25 to 50 per cent	<b>75c and 85c</b> Children Shoes <b>49c</b> a pair
\$1.50 and \$1.75 little folks Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price <b>\$1.19 a pr</b>	\$3.50 and \$4.00 men's Dress Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price <b>\$2.98 a pr</b>	\$3.50 to \$4.50 ladies' Shoes, odds and ends; Sale Price <b>\$2.95 a pr.</b>
\$1.25 and \$1.35 boys' and girls' Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price <b>89c a pr</b>	\$2.50 to \$2.75 ladies' every-day Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price <b>\$1.95 a pr</b>	\$2.25 to \$25.00 misses' Shoes, odds and ends; Sale Price <b>\$1.69 a pair</b>
\$4.00 to \$5.00 men's odds and ends. Sale Price <b>\$3.45 a pr</b>	\$1.50 and \$1.75 ladies' Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price <b>\$1.29 a pr</b>	

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## ASK ROOSEVELT TO AID SERVIANS

### CALIFORNIA SERVIANS DRILL AND OFFER MONEY

San Francisco, Oct. 20.—A stirring appeal to President Roosevelt by Servians of this city for intervention by the United States in the affairs of Serbia and Austria were sent to Washington today. It was adopted at the meeting last night. For two hours the excited foreigners listened to patriotic speeches.

At the conclusion of the meeting several offered their services in the event of war. Telegrams were received from all parts of the state offering financial aid. Daily scores are joining the volunteer companies that are drilling throughout California.

Open your mouth and purse cautiously, and your stock of wealth and reputation shall at least in repute be great.