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Our city tax levy. How many mills? That is the problem which the council will be called upon to solve at the session scheduled for this evening.

There are two at least new conditions that have to be faced and met. One is our revenues are reduced as compared with former years, to the extent of about \$7500, caused by the loss of saloon licenses and fines. The other is a fixed expense of \$5000 to meet the interest on the \$160,000 Beaver creek water bonds, which were recently sold. These two conditions make it necessary to raise \$15,500 by way of taxation additional as compared with last year. The taxable property of the city is \$1,300,000. To meet the above a 12-mill tax will be required; 3 mills are required to provide for the interest of our water and city hall bonds (\$75,000) and the general expenses of the city last year required 7 mills. On this basis 22 mills will be voted tonight. We may receive considerable relief on the interest account of the Beaver creek bonds owing to the fact that these bonds may not all be issued at once and only interest will be required, as the bonds are issued, and again, it is understood that the banks will pay 4 per cent interest for the money as long as deposited up to the time of their withdrawal. As the bonds only draw 5 per cent, the loss would be small, consequently it might be possible this year to trim down the levy to 17 or 18 mills. It is quite evident that this is going to be a difficult year to finance. However, our fixed expenses are such that it will be many years before La Grande can expect to escape a levy below 15 mills.

The grand total of city, school and county will not be materially increased and no more, nor as much as we have been in the habit of paying the past few years. It is understood that the county levy this year will be about 22 mills; the school 7 (unless the people vote a tax for another school building) and the city about 18 mills.

Every citizen in Oregon should be glad of the wonderful growth of the city of Portland. The census of 1900 credited her with 99,000. Now it is estimated by Polk's census takers that these figures must be increased to 225,000. Allowing that these may be in excess of actual conditions, by several thousand, yet the fact remains that Portland has more than doubled her population within the last eight years. A growth that stands second to few records in our country. The larger Portland grows the better in every way it will be for the entire state. The end is not yet and there is every reason to believe that her growth will continue to be as great the next few years as it has been the past. Portland draws from an immense territory. The great watershed of the Columbia river flows into her lap. The growth of the great inland empire; the development of the great interior of Oregon, all will redound to a greater Portland. We are all proud of our metropolis and may her prosperity never cease.

Governor Chamberlain is soon to visit Washington. Whatever his object may be, it would be wise for him not to announce that he had secured rooms for his permanent abode. We have a precedent in this state that a wife of a former United States senator caused his defeat by prematurely remarking

that she had her trunks all packed to return to the national capital. This fact is known to have so enraged a few of her lady social friends that with their assistance, her husband was defeated. A thing at the outset that was thought impossible and it took not a few years to find out just how it all did happen. Our governor may be depended upon, however, not to make any very rash statements between now and the meeting of the sessions in January.

Woman suffrage has made wonderful advancement in England the past few years. And it is now stated that a majority of the members of the house of commons are pledged to support the pending woman's suffrage bill if it comes to a vote. The only hope of its defeat will be to keep it in the hands of the committee.

It is rather remarkable how many bank failures do occur in this country. We notice these things more than we used from some cause. However, the cause in most cases is above the same, the country over.

Keep your city park enthusiasm up. If we do we will soon have one of the finest parks in the state. Nothing in eastern Oregon can touch us.

Turkey will be turkey this thanksgiving. Most of us will be contented with fine Grande Ronde chickens this year.

FRUIT MEN TO MEET.

Local Interest Manifest in Northwest Conference in Portland.

Considerable local interest is being taken in the coming convention of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' association in Portland December 2, 3 and 4. The exhibits at that time will be extensive and reflective of the apple industry in this state. Exhibits can be sent to the association not later than Monday, November 30, and it is planned to have several exhibits of Grande Ronde products at the exhibit tables. Oregon in all its apple growing strength will be exhibited on the shelves of the exhibit hall at that time, and Union county cannot afford to miss the chance.

Notice of Impoundment.

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 1908, I took up while running at large in the city of La Grande, Ore., the following described animals, to-wit:

- One small brown cow, branded R on right hip; no other brands visible.
- One spotted cow, light red and white, no brands visible; has hole in left ear.
- One large spotted cow, branded R on right hip; under bit out of left ear and small slit in left ear.
- One red cow, no brands or marks visible.
- One red and white spotted yearling heifer, swallow fork in left ear; no other brands or marks visible.
- One light, weanling steer, hole in right ear, torn out; no brands visible.

All of the above animals have horns. That I impounded said animals in the city pound of La Grande, Ore., under and by virtue of the ordinance thereof and unless the owner claims and pays the costs and expenses of such impounding and keeping of said animal at the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, advertise and sell said animals as provided by the ordinances of said city.

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JOHN W. WALDEN,
Chief of Police.

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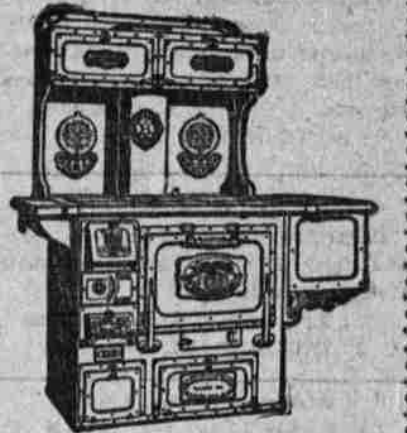
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Treasurer's Call for City Warrants. Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on general fund of La Grande city, up to and including No. 6735, endorsed March 14, 1907.
Interest on all warrants on general fund from No. 6732 to No. 6745, inclusive, ceases from this date.
There are also funds in the treasury to pay all warrants issued against the water fund of La Grande city, up to and including No. 1136, endorsed Ferguson's.
July 7, 1908. Interest on all warrants on the water fund from No. 7512 to No. 7766, inclusive, ceases from date of this call.
La Grande, Oregon, November 2, 1908.
J. K. WRIGHT,
City Treasurer.
Pictures. Nice pictures-not expensive-at