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TAX LEVY FOR 1909, 27 MILLS

**STATE REQUIREMENTS
MAKES HEAVY TAX LEVY.**
Election Year and Many Other Features Figure in Making State Levy a Heavy One—One Year From Today County Indebtedness Will Be Reduced to Twenty-Five Thousand—School Taxes Makes Cost of Running County Heavier.

The county court this afternoon made the county tax levy for the year 1909. This is a very generous way of putting it, however, as a matter of fact more than half of the levy is fixed by statute or state requirements. For instance, the state tax, the school tax, library and soldiers' tax are all fixed by statute. Several months ago it was thought the tax levy could be materially reduced, but it was ascertained that the state requirements were much larger this year than last. This was an election year, which means \$7000 extra expense, and larger court expenses than usual. It was found that in order to reduce the outstanding indebtedness that nothing less than 27 mills would provide sufficient money.

The Levy.
State041
County058
Call warrants055
Road055
Contingent005
Library001
Indigent soldiers001
Total mills levy27
State taxes are crawling higher and higher each year. Four years ago \$11,000 paid the bill; the year following it jumped to \$24,000; the next year \$25,000, and this year it is \$28,435.
School taxes are also higher. Two

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HARRIMAN FIAYED

**HARRIMAN CAUSES GRAFT
IN 'FRISCO, SAYS HENRY.**

Frances J. Henry is on his way to San Francisco—Accused Harriman of Being Decidedly "Hoggish."

Chicago, Jan. 8.—"E. H. Harriman, through his control of the Southern Pacific, is responsible for the graft in San Francisco. He wants to control the water front of San Francisco and wants to control everything he can lay his hands on," declared Francis J. Henry today. He says he has absolutely nothing to retract what he has said about Harriman. Henry leaves at 6 o'clock tonight for San Francisco, where the Patrick Calhoun graft case has been postponed, pending his arrival.

Anderson Will Hear Case.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Judge Albert B. Anderson, United States district judge of Indianapolis, will preside at the re-hearing of the \$29,000,000 fine case against the Standard Oil company, according to unofficial announcement today. Both sides prefer him.

HOUSE DEFIANT

**ROOSEVELT DEALT WITH
IN REBUKING MANNER.**

House Committee, Headed by Perkins, Huris Insult at President Roosevelt, in His Report—Both Message and Answer Recommended for Ignoring by House.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Declaring the language of Roosevelt in his annual message, referring to the secret service be judged according to the accepted interpretation of the English language, was unjustified, Representative Per-

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TALENT COMING

**JANUARY SIXTEENTH TO BE
AN HISTORICAL DAY.**

Portland, Pendleton and Baker City Irrigation Men to Address Congress in This City January 16—Committee Will Meet in Near Future to Discuss Plans.

Irrigation men from Portland, Pendleton and Baker City will be in La Grande January 16, when the Union County Irrigation congress is called, according to plans being formulated by the special committee of Commercial club members, who are preparing the program. A week ago the committee held a meeting for this purpose and sent letters to various irrigation men. Some of those thus written had previously signified their willingness of attending. At a nearby date the committee will meet again, as Chairman Miller is now home from Portland. At such a time further plans will be perfected to the big affair. From the country come many reports of deep interest in the congress. Those who have subscribed are, of course, anxious to attend as the first idea of what the corporation by-laws will read like will be gained at that time. But special effort will be made to have those who have not subscribed for water here, to listen to the addresses and witness the formulation of final organization plans. January 16 will be the date whereby Union county history will shape itself, for it will mark the real beginning of irrigation along scientific and sufficient lines.

WRIGHT IN DIVORCE SUIT.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Wilbur Wright, of Dayton, O., the champion aviator of the world, was named as co-respondent by Lieutenant Goujarde of the cuirassiers, stationed at Champaign in a divorce petition filed today.

Mme. Goujarde is an enthusiastic aeroplanist. She was present during the many flights made at Lemars by Wright in his wonderful flying machine.

FIERCE BLIZZARD

**MERCURY NEVER FALLS TO
ZERO MARK; WARMER AGAIN.**

La Grande Visited by Blizzard of Short Duration That Caps the Climax—Reports From Other Sections Indicate Continuous Cold Snap—Traffic Delayed.

A cold snap and blizzard this morning combined to establish a new record for the last decade. During the period of a few hours this morning La Grande experienced a blizzard of Dakota ferocity but when only commenced, and residents were scurrying to cover, a break came. Since 10 o'clock neither cold nor wind has been unusually severe. At 6 o'clock this morning the mercury in the government glass stood at 6 above. The sudden cold snap which gripped the city at 8 o'clock, lowered the fluid to 2 degrees above. By 9 o'clock again it was rising and by 10 o'clock had reached the normal —6 degrees above. It hovered around that point the rest of the day.

School attendance was at a low ebb today. Few children were allowed to breast the terrific blizzard that raged during the school-going hour. The afternoon attendance was some better.

The storm was not confined to La Grande alone, for telephone communications from other towns affirm that the equal of this morning's blow has seldom been felt anywhere in Union county.

Wide Territory Snowbound.

Butte, Jan. 8.—The Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads are stormbound, a wide sweep of territory in the Dakotas and Montana being in the grasp of a severe blizzard.

Canadian Trains Late.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 8.—Train on the Canadian Pacific from the east are running a day late owing to severe weather in the mountains and on the prairie. In Vancouver the coldest weather so far was six above.

King Winter Grips Kalama.

Kalama, Wash., Jan. 8.—The weather record is broken here. Twenty-one inches of snow has fallen the past few days. This was the coldest morning in 15 years.

Pastime.

The musical specialty team at the Pastime this week made a decided hit last evening with a travesty on Roosevelt bear hunting. The pictures are good and the large crowd which braved the storm last evening to see them for the second time demonstrated their entertaining qualities. The musical specialty team will give an entire change of bill tonight.

FIREMAN KILLED

**WRECK AT BELLINGHAM
CAUSED BY YARD CREW.**

Great Northern Train Plunges Into Bellingham Bay—Part of Train Remains on Trestle—Open Switch the Cause—Two Injured—Train Wreckers Were First Accused.

Bellingham, Jan. 8.—An investigation today indicates that carelessness of the yard crew, and not work of train wreckers is responsible for an accident in which Edward Stuart, a fireman was killed and two injured last night when a Great Northern passenger train struck an open switch, the engine and baggage car plunging into Bellingham bay. The trestle was wrecked.

The engine and baggage car are now in several feet of water. John Daly, who was clinging to a pile in five feet of frigid water when rescued, is suffering from a mutilated leg. He was brought ashore in a row boat by passengers.

George L. Rhodes, mail clerk, had his shoulder broken.

The smoking car went off the rails but remained on the trestle.

ARREST SUSPECTS

**FATAL SHOOTING SCRAP
IN RESTRICTED DISTRICT.**

Three Soldiers Arrested Charged With Killing San Francisco Police Sergeant—Another Badly Hurt.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Three soldiers, one of them fatally shot, are in custody of the police, suspected of being concerned in the death of Police Sergeant Anton J. Nolting, who was shot to death in the redlight district at 2 this morning. He attempted to arrest a soldier and his two companions, who were wrecking a house on Commercial street. The sergeant was knocked down and his revolver taken from him, and while scuffling with the two men, the third fire the shot, killing Nolting.

Thomas Jordan and Richard O'Connor, privates of the Coast Artillery at Fort Baker, were arrested.

The slain officer's assailants fled in the darkness. Later Jordan and O'Connor were brought to the Central hospital to be treated for bruises, apparently received in the fight. Later an unidentified soldier, suffering from a gunshot wound, was brought to the hospital. He is unconscious and will probably die.

FULTON IN RACE

**NEVER WITHDREW FROM
THE SENATORIAL FIGHT.**

Oregon Senator Affirms in Interview That Chances Favor Him Ten to One—Says He Never Withdrew From Senatorial Race—Denies Hitchcock Works With Him.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Senator Fulton of Oregon, today denied he sent a letter to a certain Oregon legislator declaring himself out of the senatorial race against Chamberlain. He says he is convinced that if he makes a fight in the Oregon legislature he will succeed in having a republican elected senator. He says it is a betting proposition of 10 to 1 in his favor. He said: "I know nothing about Hitchcock interesting himself in my behalf. I never conferred with him on the subject. If he is doing anything it is without my knowledge."

Portland papers printed what purported to be a letter from Fulton, declaring himself out.

A sound discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake, as by never repeating it.

ITALY TO REBUILD

**BRIGHTEST PROSPECT SINCE
DAY OF CATASTROPHES.**

Rescue Work Progressing Better Today Than Any Time Since Messina and Reggio Fell—Little Need of American Ships When They Arrive at Scene of Disaster.

Rome, Jan. 8.—The earthquake situation is improving rapidly. It is probable that there will be nothing for the American battleships to do when they arrive at Messina.

The Italian government has intimated it did not need any more battleships at the scene. Reports from Reggio and Messina and throughout the stricken district, say the relief work is gaining headway, but there is still much suffering.

Strait Unchanged.

Valetta, Malta, Jan. 8.—After a careful investigation of the strait of Messina and adjacent channels by a British warship, Rear Admiral Fisher, at this station, received word today that the recent trembler has caused no change in the strait.

The chamber of deputies which convened today will probably vote for

ANDERSON IN LIMELIGHT AGAIN

**IS OUTCOME OF PUBLICITY
OF CIGAR STUNT RECENTLY.**

Charles Anderson Last Evening Ap-
prised of Action Brought Against
Him for Tampering With a Juror,
While Deliberating on Evidence in
the Anderson Bootlegging Case—
Punishment for Such Offense Quite
Severe—Sentence Tomorrow.

According to a complaint sworn to by District Attorney Ivanhoe at the instigation of Circuit Judge Knowles, Charles Anderson, the soft drink dispenser, will have to be held to account for contempt of court, because of having given a box of cigars to a juror in the recent bootlegging trial. The affidavit was read to Anderson late yesterday afternoon and he asked for a few days in which to consult his attorney, whom he supposed, was out of the city, but was in reality here. The action followed the publicity given the presentation of a box of cigars to a juror recently while 12 men were weighing evidence in the Anderson bootlegging case. The law in the case provides a punishment of fine or imprisonment, or both. The fine must not exceed \$300, nor the imprisonment six months. It is probable that Anderson will receive sentence tomorrow.

The indictment and affidavit filed, reads as follows:

The Complaint.
State of Oregon, County of Union.
I, F. S. Ivanhoe, being duly sworn, say: I am the district attorney for the Tenth Judicial district of Oregon, and that I acted as such in an action pending on the 21st and 22nd days of December, 1908, wherein the State of Oregon was plaintiff, and Charles Anderson, the above-named defendant, was defendant.

That after the jury had been duly empanelled and sworn, to try said action, and during the progress of said action, the defendant, Charles Anderson, without the knowledge or authority of the court or of this affiant, furnished to one of the jurors so empanelled to try said action, a box of cigars for the use of said jury while they were deliberating upon a verdict, and that he so furnished to said juror, for use of said jury said cigars with a corrupt motive, and for the purpose of then and there corruptly influencing said jury, and to bring upon said jury and said court disrespect and contempt of said court and jury, and all contrary to and in violation of the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the state of Oregon.

That I base this affidavit upon the statement sworn to and otherwise made to me by members of said jury, and at the instance of the Hon. J. W. Knowles, judge of the above entitled court.

F. S. IVANHOE.

the rebuilding of Messina and Reggio. Commissions will be sent to San Francisco and Japanese cities that they may profit by their experience in rebuilding.

KETCHEL ARRESTED.

**Famous Prizefighter Is Accused of
Breach of Promise.**

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 8.—Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight world's champion, is defendant in a \$10,000 breach of promise suit started by Elizabeth Houman of this city. Ketchel was arrested, but furnished bail. The girl says he promised to marry her in January, last year. She says the engagement was broken last July. She is the daughter of a workingman, and is 19 years old.

J. T. Williamson accompanied the La Grande debating team to Pendleton today. He says he hopes to be able to assist in bringing home the laurel wreaths which the boys hope to win.

JANUARY SALE

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It means your opportunity to buy winter goods

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DEPARTMENT STORE**

LA GRANDE, OREGON