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COUNCIL WILL FIX TAX LEVY

ESTABLISH RATE TONIGHT
BUT LIKELY WAIT TWO WEEKS
AND THEN DECIDE

DROP FROM PRESENT
RATE SEEMS ASSURED.

Tax Levy Will Be 11, or Possibly
10 Mills When all Things are
Considered—Increase Value.

wide system of assessments—the levy will of course go down. A 10-mill tax on the assessment for the city of La Grande this year, which is \$2,768,615, will bring approximately \$27,000 which augmented by the fines and licenses that this year amount to \$3,000, and a re-arrangement of the disbursement of the water receipt, the entire total will be a trifle short of the estimated expense of the year. For this reason a 11 mill tax may be found necessary to meet expenses. There are additional interest money on water bonds due to the \$160,000 bond issue, which makes the current and special expense outlay larger. But for the additional interest money the levy would likely be cut in half on account of the doubled assessed valuation.

BANK DOORS CLOSED UP

PHILADELPHIA INSTITUTION IS
ORDERED CLOSED.

Undigested Securities Said to be the
Chief Cause.

Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—The American Trust Company closed its doors this morning.

The institution was closed by the order of the state bank commissioner and Bank Examiner Taber was appointed as temporary receiver. "Undigested securities," is said to have been directly responsible for the closing of the bank. The bank is capitalized at \$200,000 and the deposits are \$400,000.

Waste of time is the most extravagant and costly of all expenses.

DECISION IS HELD CORRECT

ANOTHER MOOTED QUESTION IS
SETTLED IN FAMOUS LAND
CONTEST CASES

TRACY NEWMAN WINS OUT
OVER THE SQUATTER.

Decision of Local Land Office Upheld
By Department Officials at
Washington.

Peter N. Fuller vs. Tracy Newman one of the big "4 north 41" land contest cases which was tried in Enterprise on March 22 last and a week later heard by the officials of the local land office, decided in favor of the defendant and appealed, has been decided by the general land office in the same way according to a letter received today by Register Bramwell.

Fuller contested the timber claim of Newman on the ground that the land was more valuable for agricultural purposes than for the timber. Witnesses were brought who testified that a large portion of the timber on the claim was white fir which was of no commercial value and that when cleared off produced good crops.

Evidence on the other side, however, was to the effect that the land was situated on a high mountain ridge where the land was broken by cliffs and covered with dense timber. The officials of the local land office decided in favor of the timberman and this decision has been affirmed on appeal.

BLIZZARD ON LAKE SHORES

CALIFORNIA, TOO, FEELS STORM
WHICH STRIKES REGIONS
ALL OVE COUNTRY

SIERRA MOUNTAINS IN
TURMOIL OF WIND STORM.

Many Lives Threatened Along Lake
Superior Coast Where Blizzard
Is Now raging.

Duluth, Nov. 17.—Steamer Ionic arrived at 2:30. Damage was extensive but crew was safe. Loss of shipping on account of the storm is estimated at half a million.

Duluth, Nov. 17.—Scores of lives are being threatened by a blizzard that is now sweeping Lake Superior at the rate of 60 miles an hour. It is now estimated that there have been no less than 50 lives lost during the past thirty hours. The steamer Ionic with a crew of 20 on board was wrecked yesterday evening off Grand Marais and as far as known all were lost. No bodies have been washed ashore but the storm is so great that they could scarcely be found if they had come ashore. It is possible, however that they may have been saved by some passing vessel. The wreckage of the Ionic is strewn on the shore for miles.

California Feels Storm.
San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Reports from the Sierra district say that a fierce wind and snow storm is playing havoc with the telegraph and telephone wires in the mountains, and that all communication is practically stopped.

The report says that the storm is of unusual severity and many poles are down. Railroad traffic is seriously delayed and there is no sign of any abatement of the storm.

Snow Predicted for Tonight.
Official weather forecast for tonight and Thursday is snow. Eastern Ore-

ATTACK POLE NEXT AUGUST

ENGLISH EXPIDITION WILL AP-
PROACH ONE WAY, AND
YANKEE ANOTHER.

With American and English Expeditions to start At The Same time
Results are to Be Expected.

London, Nov. 17.—Capt. Scott, the British explorer, who intends to dash for the South Pole next August, said of the hopes of the American party which will start at the same time:

"The American party could start from the Horn, on the American side of the world and strike the great ice barrier somewhere in Grahamland. We will reach the ice wall on McMurdo Sound, and follow the same route taken by Lieutenant Shackleton who reached within 111 miles of the pole. It is quite likely that the two expeditions will meet and continue on the same grounds in the effort to reach the Pole. Two such parties attacking the problem from different points and perhaps ultimately co-operating is inestimable to the benefit of exploration and science.

Wedding Bells Ring Today.

New York, Nov. 17.—Two weddings interested the fashionable folks of the metropolis today. Miss Beatrice W. Benjamin, a grand daughter of the late Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate became the bride of Alexander D. B. Pratt, a prominent club man and son of Dallas Bache Pratt. The ceremony was performed in St. Thomas's church, in Fifth avenue and was followed by a reception.

The other wedding was that of Miss Madeline Teresa Kuser, granddaughter of Peter Doolger, a brewer whose beer may have played a part in making New York famous, to Bentley Herbert Pope. The Aster Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria was transformed into a chapel, and here two clergymen assisted in tying the knot. The honeymoon will be spent in the West Indies.

PRISONERS ARE MISUSED

INDUSTRIALS SIGN AFFIDAVIT
ATTACKING AUTHORITIES.

Spokane Police Will Face Another
Damage Suit Now.

Spokane, Nov. 17.—Robert Huston, an industrialist, who came into court yesterday with his shirt matted with blood and signed an affidavit charging the officers with beating him until he was unconscious and with knocking out his teeth with a pair of brass knuckles while he was in jail, was the starting of another big damage suit against the city of Spokane this morning.

Huston affirms that the conditions in the jail is simply terrible. The baths, he says, that are given the prisoners, that the officials have been bagging about, consists of streams of hot water from a hose followed by a stream of cold water direct from the city hydrant. There were no more arrests up to noon today.

Attorney Tone associated with Clarence Darrow arrived from Chicago this morning and will take charge of the fight here for the defense. Fifty cases where men have been convicted of disorderly conduct for speaking in the streets have been appealed to the superior court, making now a total of 110 cases.

Spokane and Washington is predicted to be in the path of the pending storm. If the cold winds which have been sweeping over Eastern Oregon today continue, tomorrow's climatic condition will be very unpleasant.

The eye is the pulse of the soul; as physicians judge the heart by the pulse, so we, by the eye.—Adams

DRINK CAUSE OF DOWNFALL

HABITUAL WOMAN DRUNKARD IS
SUICIDE AFTER BEING
SPURNED AT HOME

LIGHT THROWN ON PATHETIC
CASE OF DEGRADATION.

Confirmed Woman Drunkard Turned
From Her Brothers Door and
Commits Suicide.

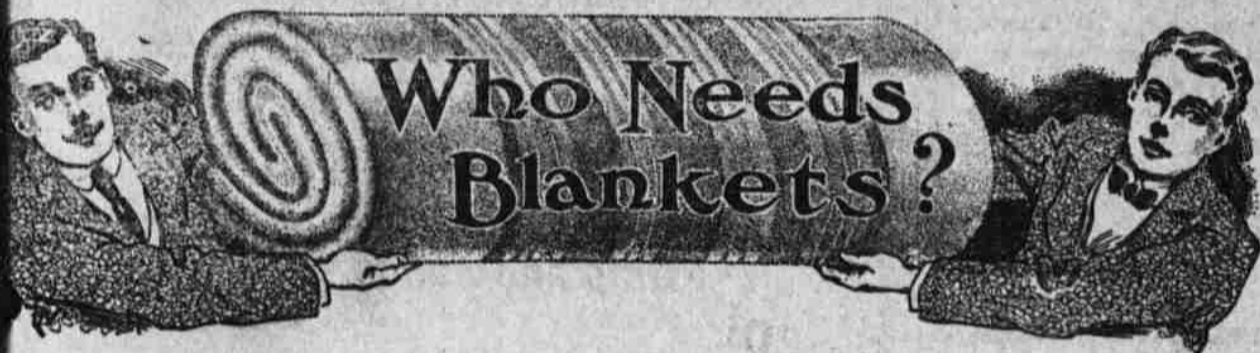
San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Investigation by the police today in to the suicide of Ms. Charles Burns, aged 24, who hurled herself before a street car last night after being turned away from her brother's door has developed one of the most pathetic cases on record. The woman married four years ago Charles Burns of New York. Two years ago the husband was divorced and given the custody of the baby.

Walter Pender, the brother, said today, after the police had charged him with inhuman cruelty for turning his sister out into the streets, said: "God forbid that I should defame the name of my sister but the truth must be told. She has disgraced the family by being a habitual drunkard so that by her conduct we have been forced to move from three different towns. Late ly she has been making her home in lodging houses. When she came back last night we had held a council and discussed the matter whether we should all be disgraced, myself, wife and my children, or be forced to turn her adrift. She has promised over and over again to stop drinking but never kept her word. I have young girls of my own at home and their future is in my care. Last night when she came to the house I told her plainly that she would have to go away and stop her drinking and show us that she had reformed before I could take her into my home again. I offered her money and told her that if she would go to some quiet place and reform that I would pay all of her expenses, but that for the sake of my own family I could not risk having her in the company of my daughters any longer."

After this conversation the girl left, shortly afterwards throwing herself in front of a street car. Her skull was crushed and she shortly died in the hospital.

Vermont Fruit Growers.
Newport, Vt., Nov. 17.—The Vermont State Horticulture Society convened here today for a session of two days.

THE FAIR



Who Needs
Blankets?

Cold Weather Comforts

Your Blanket and Comforter Needs
Can be Best Supplied Here

BECAUSE OUR STOCK IS LARGE CONTAINING EVERYTHING FROM
THE LEAST EXPENSIVE COTTON ONES TO THE VERY FINEST OF
WOOL, THEREFORE YOU ARE SURE TO FIND WHAT YOU WANT, AND
AS FOR THE PRICE, THAT IS THE LOWEST POSSIBLE QUALITY CON-
SIDERED.

Cold Weather Apparell for Everything to Outfit the Women,
the Men, Misses and Children

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE
COLD WEATHER? IF NOT, REMEM-
BER WE HAVE A COMPLETE STOCK
OF UNDERWEAR, SOX, SHIRTS,
TROUSERS, MAKINA COATS, SWEAT
ERS AND IN FACT EVERYTHING
TO KEEP WARM THIS COLD WIN-
TER WEATHER.

FOR THE COLD WEATHER OUR
STOCK OF HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR,
OUTING FLANNEL GARMENTS,
SKIRTS AND IN FACT EVERYTH-
ING IN WEARING IS LARGE AND
AFFORDS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
GET EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT
AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE.

Your Favorite Drug Store

Ten years in this location and the largest store, too. In that time hundreds of people have learned to depend on our reliable, safe and careful druggists—because they know them. Our customers rely on us and we appreciate it by striving for improvements, and by giving them the very best goods we can buy.

We are now ready to cater to your Fall and Winter business with many new goods on display. This week we want to call your attention to our elegant line of mirror displayed in the windows. All kinds, shapes and sizes and most reasonable in price. If you are in need of a mirror we know that we can please you. Come in and let us show them to you.

HILL'S DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON