

SIXTEEN MILLS PROBABLE LEVY IN CITY 1913

**NO INCREASE OVER
PAST YEAR IS NEC-
ESSARY.**

ORDINANCE CARRYING THE 1913 BUDGET INTRODUCED

Council Acts on Theatre Ordinance Again With Obnoxious Features of Original One Eliminated—Explosives Regulation Is Handled in a Lengthy Ordinance Now Under Study.

16 MILLS ON 1913 LEVY.	
General fund	6 mills
Pipe line sinking fund 3 mills	
Spec. Imp. bonds	5 1/2 mills
For park purposes	1/2 mill
For library purposes	1/2 mill
St. Imp. bonds	1/2 mill
Total	16 mills

Levies in Recent Years.	
In 1905	12 mills
In 1907	10 mills
In 1908	18 mills
In 1909	13 mills
In 1910	13 mills
In 1911	16 mills
In 1912 (probable)	16 mills

Skyrocketed city tax levies, shunted ever upward in past years, have probably struck high tide, for the 1913 levy is equal to the 1912 tax, if the early draft of the financial budget measure is finally adopted as introduced last night at the monthly meeting of the city council, held in the new chambers. With one exception this is still as high as any levy in the history of La Grande.

The municipal tax levy will aggregate 16 mills for the year 1913. The ordinance specific six mills for the general municipal fund, three mills for a sinking fund to cover the pipe line bonds, five and a half mills for the special improvement bonds, half a mill or park purposes, half a mill for library purposes and half a mill for court expenses and interest on street improvement bonds. This ordinance has been referred to the finance committee.

Theatre Ordinance Up.

Among the ordinance adopted by the city council last night was one relative to moving picture shows. This ordinance provides that no moving picture show can operate until it has the sanction of the chief of the fire department and has complied with all regulations that insure the safety of the patrons. Exits with a light over them showing the word "Exit" plainly painted on the globe, outswinging doors, aisles three feet wide, stand pipes, and hand chemical extinguishers, approval by the chief of the fire department, are among the more important provisions contained in the ordinance which was up some time ago but the original one provided for a hand machine, the new one allowing mechanical operators.

The measure is a lengthy one and goes into minute detail concerning wiring, the construction of the box in which the moving picture machine is placed, the material of which it must be constructed, doors, locks, etc. It is about as up-to-date as it could possibly be drafted. This ordinance does not apply to theatre buildings proper in which film machines are not used. But it prohibits these places from operating film pictures until all the provisions of the ordinance have been complied with. Two mechanical picture houses have one or the other provision to comply with and the matter will be brought to their attention promptly by the proper person. Provision has thus been

made, as far as human foresight can devise, against possible accident.

A number of street improvement ordinances were read and passed. An ordinance empowering the mayor to engage a janitor to take care of the city building at a salary of \$25.00 per month was referred to the building committee.

Explosive Ordinance Up.

A lengthy ordinance regulating the transportation of explosives, such as nitroglycerine, gunpowder, dynamite and similar dangerous explosives, including fireworks, also their storage, handling, etc., was referred on second reading to the fire and police committee. Limitation of the amount of explosives stored in one place is a chief feature of this ordinance.

Without a dissenting vote the council likewise passed an ordinance providing that no more licenses for saloons on Depot street be granted. There was some confusion about this ordinance some of the councilmen having understood the ordinance to mean something different from the meaning above put upon the ordinance.

Only a small number of citizens attended the meeting and all matters were ground out in a business-like way.

SWIFT LEADS STATE UNION

BAKER MAN ELECTED BY FARMERS' UNION.

Barrett Is Present to Install New Officers in Their Posts.

Baker, Dec. 5.—(Special)—A. V. Swift was chosen president of the Oregon and Southern Idaho branch of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative union yesterday afternoon at its second day's session. The Baker man won with little opposition, having only one opponent for the office, over whom he won with a comfortable majority.

A. R. Shumway, of Umatilla, chosen for vice president, ran against Mr. Swift and after that defeat was chosen or his office by acclamation. The new members on the executive board elected are J. T. Atkinson of Wasco county, W. W. Harrah of Umatilla county and W. O. Parks of Union county. Mrs. Etta Carmichael was appointed state chaplain of the union.

All other matters of business were dropped yesterday afternoon so the election could take place in time for C. S. Barrett, national president of the association to install the new officers. This work was performed by Mr. Barrett during the latter part of the afternoon session and the new officers assumed their duties.

During the morning session reports were heard from the Good of the Order and Warehouse committee, and various county presidents. The reports of the county presidents were taken up the day previous and completed yesterday morning. According to these, none of which are over three years old, the age of the Oregon-Idaho jurisdiction all made very favorable reports both as to increase of membership and general conditions.

The reports of the Good of the Order and Warehouse committee were taken up as follows:

The second day's session was closed with a banquet last evening at the Elks at 7 o'clock. Henry McKinney of Lower Powder presided as the toastmaster.

The attendance yesterday, though not quite as large as Tuesday, showed an increase in interest.

President C. S. Barrett left last night for North Carolina, but few others will depart before the final session tomorrow.

The addresses Tuesday evening in the Elks hall by Mr. Barrett and L. C. Crow, president of the Washington state union, were very interesting and attracted a large crowd. The former treated the educational and co-operative phase of the union's work and the latter the marketing phase as related to their experience more particularly.

ROUND TRIPS TO JOSEPH ARE NOW ASSURED

**TRAVELING PUBLIC
WILL GREET NEWS
WITH JOY**

JOSEPH, ENTERPRISE ARE NOT ANXIOUS FOR CHANGE

Believed That All Concerned Will Soon Join in Acclaiming Proposed Service the Best—Leaves La Grande at 10 Returning at 7 P. M. Same Day as Straight Passenger.

Revolutionized train service on the branch line is announced to become effective next Sunday morning. The demands of the traveling public for a round trip service from La Grande to Joseph have been needed and such a service becomes effective at once. While the present service has been generally satisfactory to those living along the further extremity, those going "in" to the branch line district have long wanted a better service.

The new train service will see a straight passenger train leave here about as now, reaching Joseph at 2 o'clock, returning leaving Joseph as a straight passenger also, at 3 o'clock. This will bring the train into La about 7 o'clock in the evening. By this arrangement, Wallawa county business men can come to La Grande late in the day, transact business and get back out the next, and La Grande people or traveling men in general can go to the further end of the line, have an hour for business and still get back that day. Local officials of the company anticipate such service will immediately become generally popular.

Freight service will shape itself accordingly, going a long way toward relieving the passenger train of the present way freight business coming out, and have a tendency of throwing the passenger train on a schedule more in keeping with real railroad than has been the tendency, brought about by existing conditions and the personal fault of no one, in the past few weeks.

Golden Rule Clerks to Dine.

The management of the Golden Rule company will provide a bounteous spread for the clerks employed in their establishment. This is a new feature of the management and one that will take with the employees. Those who will partake of the good things supplied by the firm are: Wm. Comish, Sam Andrews, Al Connors, Clint Van Fleet, Rube Zweifel, C. P. Ferrin, C. V. Gray, Miss Van Fleet, Miss Sloan, Mrs. Brown, Miss Cannon, Miss McWood, Mrs. Spencer, Mr. Casey and Mac Wood of the firm will act as hosts.

Spent Bullet Wounds.

Seattle, Dec. 5.—Federal Marshall Jacoby is investigating the shooting of Henry Booker, a non-union man of the Renton coal mines. Booker was hit by a half spent bullet, it penetrating the walls of his rooms at a hotel.

IMBLER FRUIT GROWERS WILL SEND DELEGATE TO SPOKANE

Imbler, Ore., Dec. 5.—The Imbler Fruit Growers' union held a meeting last night to discuss the marketing conditions and decide about a delegate to a general fruitgrowers' meeting to be held at Spokane, Dec. 16th. Sherwood Williams was elected as the delegate to Spokane.

The Imbler bank held its regular monthly meeting and approved the proposal of Guy Glenn to come into the bank as assistant cashier this

STOCK MARTS UNDER PROBE BY CONGRESS

**POSTAL LAWS VIOLAT-
ED BY EXCHANGES
IS REPORT**

STOCK AND FRUIT EX- CHANGES IN DANGER

Bill Introduced in House May Lead to Prosecution of Stock Exchanges Over the Country, Both Under Civil and Criminal Phases—Money Trust Probe Is Responsible.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—If certain regulation that will come about as the result of the investigation of the money trust is not complied with, stock exchanges and clearing houses may be declared trusts and prosecuted. A bill introduced by Representative Pujo declares against the restriction of securities and the membership of the exchanges. The New York exchange affords a striking example. Several clearing houses have voluntarily complied with the recommendations of the investigating committee and have made radical changes. Unless other do so, they will be compelled to quit business or face civil and criminal charges.

"Postal laws will be invoked which excludes exchange associations, bankers and brokers from the use of mail in interstate matter unless a complete reorganization is made," said the leader.

It is not believed federal incorporation of stock exchanges will be attempted but federal supervision will be demanded. The money trust inquiry will be resumed Monday.

Horse Thieves Feel Law.

Enterprise, Dec. 5.—(Special)—During the recent session of court at this place two men, Henry Zumwalt and Ed. Parks, were charged with the crime of horse stealing and were convicted. The sentence in the cases was from one to ten years. Zumwalt is a known character in Wallawa county and had laid himself bare to the arms of the law on other occasions. Parks is a resident of the state of Idaho.

Charles Blass was charged with violating the local option law. It was shown in the evidence that he had set up a patent medicine "joint" at Flora and sold liquor to miners indiscriminately and on all occasions. He was fined 30 days and \$200. Other indictments are pending against him.

Wounded Man Shoots.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Attempting to prevent the looting of his shack, Angelo Tiscornia, an Italian gardener, was shot under the heart. He staggered to the bed and grabbed a revolver, with which he wounded Robert Shafter, one of the robbers. Tiscornia will die, but the robber is expected to live.

JOHNSON WEDDING STIRS.

Brings Forth Bill Against Miscegenation.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—As a result of the marriage of Jack Johnson to Lucile Cameron of Chicago Charles Karch of the Illinois legislature has introduced a bill in the state legislature against the marriage of whites and negroes. He announces that he will push the measure to its conclusion in a very short time. Judging by the strong feeling that has been engendered by the recent escapades of the champion the bill will have little or no difficulty getting through the house.

Fires Rage in California.

Santa Barbara, Dec. 5.—Forest fires are sweeping the foothills and the fashionable suburb of Monticello is endangered. The home of P. H. Table is destroyed, and the family narrowly escaped. Colonel Slosson is heading 200 fire fighters.

Big Fowl Show in the Cream City.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 5.—The annual show of the Wisconsin Poultry and Pet Stock association opened here today in the auditorium.

CHILD'S BOOK SHOW OPENED

**EXHIBIT TO REMAIN HERE ON-
LY FEW DAYS.**

State Library Exhibit New in Local Library for Inspection.

Owing to an unavoidable delay, the book exhibit which was advertised to be at the public library the latter part of November, has just arrived.

It will be here now until December 10th, and all those interested are invited to come in any afternoon or evening from 1 to 5:30 or 6:30 to 9 o'clock.

This is, as stated before, a collection of books called "A Child's Library," and consists of the best books for children. It is loaned by the state library commission for these few days, and is of special interest at this season, as the books may offer suggestions to those looking for those most attractive books for Xmas gifts for the children.

Fine Bulls to Be Sold at Baker.

Stillwell and Richter of this city have imported a carload of very fine bulls from the best farms of Iowa, and will have them on sale at the fair ground in Baker, Oregon, on the 11th of this month. These cattle were given a clean bill of health before leaving the prairie state and the men report the animals in the pink of condition. The list of pedigreed stock includes such names as Scottish King, Orange Archer, Clipper King, Eureka Cumberland, Whitehall Sultan, and a number of very well known sires. The addition of these fine animals should raise the standard of the cattle in this section of the state and the men are to be commended for the venture.

Baptist Evangelistic Meetings.

Rev. H. B. Foskett returned from Portland this morning and will open the evangelistic campaign at the Baptist church this evening. His singer, Paul Blackstone, closes an engagement with Dr. H. Wyse Jones at McMinnville tonight and will reach La Grande tomorrow evening. These meetings will be in no sense sectarian.

ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL COMES.

At the eleventh hour and 59th minute, the councilmanic race in the Fourth ward narrowed down to two men. Following the withdrawal of George Phieffer, C. W. Van Fleet late yesterday had his name taken off the official ballot. The election date is the ninth, erroneously reported yesterday as the 10th. Registrations close Saturday at 11 o'clock.

ISLAND CITY EPIDEMIC IS GENERAL ONE

**ATTENDING PHYSI-
CIAN RECITES START
OF EPIDEMIC**

CLAIMS ENTIRE SCHOOL POPULATION WAS EXPOSED

Held by County Health Officer That Exposure Made Are Probably Not Serious as They Were Made in Early Stages—One Thinks Conditions Alarming, the Other Less So.

All of Island City has been exposed to the smallpox, and even the La Grande schools have been indirectly exposed but in a way probably not serious, according to Dr. C. H. Upton of this city. A less alarming synopsis of the situation is given by Dr. C. T. Bacon, secretary of the county board of health. The presence of small pox in Island City has caused considerable alarm in the Island City section, and even somewhat in La Grande, and in giving the first publicity to the epidemic, the Observer quotes from the statements of two physicians, the one attending the cases and the other the county health officer.

"I find that the exposures that have been made early in the epidemic will probably not be generally serious as the most contagious stage of the disease discovered there, had not been reached when the victims were quarantined," said Dr. C. T. Bacon, county secretary of the board of health. "I am told that Dr. Upton was uncertain at the first if the fever which he was called to treat was typhoid or smallpox. A careful diagnosis revealed unmistakable signs of smallpox however, and Upton then notified me as county health officer. Because the disease was reported from an incorporated town it is not in my jurisdiction—in the country I must act personally. I reported the cases to the secretary of the state board of health. The municipal government should have taken the matter in hand and my duties are only to report the case and insist that something be done. The cases were quarantined and when I heard that a girl was sent to the La Grande schools from the exposed district of Island City, I ordered her returned. This was done. The cases are not so numerous and in my opinion are not of alarming seriousness, neither is the exposure serious for the reason stated that the most of it took place prior to the most contagious stage of the cases."

Dr. Upton's Statement.

Dr. Upton said today: "I was called to Island City to treat a case and found it to be smallpox. I notified the health officer that all the schools of Island City had been exposed and there was need for immediate attention. I had no power to quarantine but cautioned the case I was treating to keep in doors until he was officially quarantined and ordered supplies sent to him. In my opinion the health officer should have given immediate attention to the matter. While a great majority of the cases are very mild, the exposure was certainly complete and the whole town is exposed. I suggested immediate and general vaccination, but I don't think anything has been done. I don't know just how many are afflicted in the district; I have no way of telling except the number that I treat. There are several cases however, that I do know of, one of them being quite bad, carrying about 200 pustules."

Cove Holds City Election.

Cove, Ore., Dec. 5.—(Special)—In the village election held yesterday the following men were elected to handle the affairs of the town: Mayor, G. T. Wilson; Councilmen, Robert French, Al Daniel and Ed Forstrom.