

TAX LEVY IS CONFUSING

Scores of people have been confused on the announcement of the total tax levy for La Grande and Union county as announced in the Observer last night. The state levy, as given, is 1.2 mills, and in the county, the levy is given as 1.4 mills. This to many is so confusing that it has caused considerable discussion. The point is plain when once studied. On the total assessable property in the state, it requires 1.2 mills taxation to meet the sum of money needed to run the state. The state in turn, parcels out to each county the sum of money it must contribute. Now it falls to Union county's lot to raise \$25,044.50. The county court in turn, must provide this money and to do so, determines that on the assessed valuation of Union county it would require a 1.4 mill tax to raise the sum.

The state officials know what is needed to meet state expenses; they know the assessed valuation of the state; that the levy must necessarily be a certain figure; in this instance 1.2 mills on the entire state valuation. Then they allot to each county the sum that county must raise—to determine the levy in that county necessary to raise that sum is the duty of the county court. In this instance the county officials compute, readily enough, that it requires a levy of 1.4 mills on the county's valuation, \$16,997,931, to raise the sum required by the state which is \$25,044.50. The truth of the matter is that 1.4 mills will fall short about \$1200 of meeting this sum as will be found on running out the totals from the figures given above.

Appended is the correct table of taxation, with the total for the county inserted where it was omitted yesterday.

THE COUNTY LEVY

General fund	2.2 mills
Call warrants	1.4 mills
Road fund	1.77 mills
State	1.4 mills
Schools	2.57 mills
High schools	.6 mills
Indigent fund	.03 mills
Library	.03 mills
Total county levy	10 mills
City of La Grande	16.5 mills
School, La Grande	11 mills
district	11 mills
Total grand levy in La Grande	37.5 mills

Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, P. v. sonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

Shoe Repairing

A La Grande shoe repairing man seriously alarmed about those holes in your shoes, you ought to make a call to R. B. Grider's shoe shop and have those holes doctored before the effects get into your system and give you two-thirty consumption.

I have moved into Mr. Wine's harness shop opposite Mr. Thorne's grocery store. All customers and friends are welcome to call and see me. Resp'y.

R. B. GRIDER

1515 Monroe St.

HEARING AT BAKER ENDED

LOCAL ATTORNEYS PARTICIPATE IN CASES

North Powder Water Cases Argued Before Chinook

C. E. Cochran, O.-W. attorney formerly located here, and the assistant chief engineer for the state of Oregon, went on to Portland yesterday after attending the water hearing in Baker relative to the North Powder water controversies. Speaking of that hearing, a Baker paper says:

The taking of testimony in the case of the water users of the North Powder river versus the North Powder Milling and Mercantile company, which has been heard the past three days by Water Commissioner James Chinook in this city, was concluded last evening and the greater number of the attorneys, witnesses and others interested in the case to the number of about 50, took their departure for their homes.

The testimony taken here, which was in regard to the exact measurements of the water allotted to the land in question and several other small details, was so taken on the order of the judge of the circuit court of Union county, where the suit was instituted, and then remanded to the board of control to hear this portion of the evidence which will be incorporated into the records of the trial. Judge Thomas Crawford and Attorney H. C. Finn have been representing the plaintiffs at the hearing and Attorney Charles Cochran has appeared for the defendant company.

REDUCTION On Sweaters

We still have a few of the popular ruff-neck sweaters. In order to close them out we have decided to reduce the price from \$8.50 to \$7.00.

W. H. BOHNENKAMP CO.
1-10-3t

The Loyal Sisters of the Christian church, meet with Mrs. J. H. Keeney, 1114 Wash. avenue, Wednesday, Jan. 15th, 1913.

WANTED—Second girl for nursemaid and to assist in general housework. Call at Mt. Emily Timber company's office, new Foley building, A. J. Stange. 1-10-1f

Rains Stop Frosts.

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.—Rains worth millions of dollars to the fruit growers and gardeners in the lower parts of the state have been falling all day. More are predicted for tomorrow.

CATCHING A HYENA.

Cunning Trap That Made the Savage Brute Helpless.

Traps for wild animals are not necessarily of steel. The author of "The Journal of a Sporting Nonaud" describes a hyena trap that is simple and effective:

"Close to the station at this place I found a novel form of hyena trap—a round piece of dried ox hide as hard as a board, three feet or so in diameter, in which a very small hole, no larger than an apple, had been cut. Radiating from this hole were cut a series of V-shaped pieces. The trap was set as follows: A hole was dug in the ground about one foot deep and six inches in diameter. Into this hole a piece of meat was placed. Then the ox hide plate was laid over the place containing the meat, the two holes being one over the other. The ox hide was then pegged down with wooden pegs in three or four places.

"The hyena, on finding the bait, forced his head through the small hole in the ox hide to obtain it, the cuts in the hide giving way sufficiently for that purpose. The beast seized the meat, but on trying to withdraw his head had to use considerable force, which naturally drew the pegs that held the ox hide to the ground, the result being that the poor brute had a collar securely fastened around his neck which he was quite unable to get rid of.

"He could not run or walk, and even had he been able to go any distance encumbered by such an obstacle would have been brought up short in the first patch of bush or grass he encountered. He was now at the mercy of the individual who had set the trap, and could be put out of the way quite easily."

DRESSES
Your choice of any Dress in the Stock
1/2 PRICE

NOTICE

SUITS
Your choice of any Woman's Suit in the stock
1/2 PRICE

Come Saturday, January 11, '13

DON'T DELAY BUT MAKE YOUR PURCHASES SATURDAY. THE PRICES WE ARE MAKING HAVE NEVER BEEN EQUALLED IN LA GRANDE. AND IF YOU WISH TO SAVE ON EVERYTHING YOU NEED BUY IT SATURDAY.

Every Article in the House on Sale, but Take Notice, They Must Be Bought Saturday

WE HAVE GIVEN YOU THE BEST AND LOWEST PRICE SALE EVER HELD IN LA GRANDE MERCHANDISE HAS BEEN SOLD YOU AT A TRIFLE OF ITS COST, AND IN JUSTICE TO OURSELF THESE PRICES MUST BE WITHDRAWN. DON'T DELAY BUT MAKE YOUR PURCHASES

Saturday, January 11, 1913

Dress goods and Silks
1/2 PRICE

GEIBEL'S

Men's Suits
1/2 PRICE

Lo, the Poor Oyster!

(Dr. Wiley has announced that the oyster suffers untold agony when eaten on the half shell.—News Item.)

When the meek, retiring oyster is abstracted from his bed in a manner rather shocking He is very far from dead. When we prod his private person, Though his heart seems still and cold, We convulse his constitution. With an agony untold. Now, instead of adding lemon 'Twould be vastly more humane To anoint his tiny features With a sprinkling of cocaine.

When we add a pinch of pepper Just to give the menu zest We envelop him in suffering That rends his tiny breast, And a touch of hot tobacco To his person, it appears, Brings a gush of untold anguish That is far too deep for tears. So instead of adding condiments That give him needless pain Let us spray the little fellow With a flash of sauce cocaine.—Lifa.

It Depended.

Henry R. Williams when president of the Puget sound extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad gave a great deal of his time to a personal supervision of the improvements on the line, especially being interested in the growth of the new towns and their various businesses. He heard that a barber had located at Malden, a division point in Washington, and upon visiting the place proceeded to patronize the razor artist.

The barber lathered and stropped and then took a swipe down the cheek of his customer. Williams winced, whereupon the barber asked: "Does the razor hurt you, sir?" "That depends," dryly answered the victim. "If you are skinning me it doesn't, but if you are shaving me it does."—New York Tribune.

Arabs and Earthquakes.

The Arabs of Morocco believe that the earth is balanced on the horns of a bull, which itself rests on a fish on the surface of the sea, the sea being borne up by the divine power. When the bull is tired he changes the earth from one horn to the other, with the result that there is an earthquake.

The Finest Harbor.

Port Jackson, at Sydney, New South Wales, with a water frontage of over 200 miles, is the finest harbor in the world.

They used to "spark," did he and she. Each night ere they were wed And now they "blaze" out frequently. 'Tis by the neighbors said. —Boston Evening Transcript.

The Artist—I think I've got a good joke this time, what?

The Editor—You're right. It is a good joke. I always laugh at this one before I reject it. Done it for years.—Sketch.

The oyster in the stewpan stirred Attended strictly to his biz And never said a single word, And yet see what his finish is! —Washington Post.

Blobs—Does Longbow ever tell the truth?

Slobbs—Well, I caught him in the truth once, but he tried to lie out of it. —Philadelphia Record.

She looked around at her progeny As they swarmed up the walls and stairs And proudly smiled. "Well, it seems to me That I am a sort of Cicerone. For I rank with the million-hairs." —Harper's Weekly.

Entire Change of Pictures at Arcade Tonight.

- 1.—Pals, western drama. American.
- 2.—Price of Paradise, drama. Gaumont.
- 3.—Raymond & Gilbert, in vaudeville.
- 4.—Desperate Lover, comedy. Keystone.
- 5.—Taming a Bachelor, drama. Comet.
- 6.—The Bear Escape, farce comedy. Keystone.

AUGUST STANGE HOME.

Family to Visit in Los Angeles Before Coming Home From Trip

August J. Stange, president of the La Grande Commercial club, accompanied by Charles Kubasta, has returned from Merrill, Wis., where the Stange family spent the holidays with relatives. Mr. Stange's family will spend another week in Wisconsin and then go on to Los Angeles to spend a few weeks before returning home.

Brazil Enjoys Trade.

Washington, January 10.—The United States is by far Brazil's best customer, according to Consul General Julius G. Levy at Rio de Janeiro in a report on the export trade of that country during 1911 made public in the consular reports here. The American purchases amounted to 35.6 per cent of the value of the total exports. Great Britain took 15 per cent of the total output business of Brazil during the same period.

Every Man Wants What The Other Fellow Has

A great many people own some real estate but they know of some other property that they would rather have. Farmers dig a fortune from the soil and then move to the city. The business man retires from a successful commercial life to live on a farm.

We recently traded a hotel in Kansas for a Grande Ronde farm. Exchange between local people occur very frequently. Although cash is the surest means of securing bargains in real estate, yet it is so natural to "covet thy neighbor's property," that if you own some real estate but desire a change you probably will be able to transfer what you have for what you want.

Exchange in real estate usually results in a material gain to both parties; not only on account of better satisfaction, but also due to the use made of the property.

80 ACRES AT \$100 PER

Fine alfalfa land, 4 room house, barn, windmill. Will sell either forty separately. Will exchange for city property.

HOME ON ADAMS AVE.

5 room house, barn, good location. \$1000 down, balance on easy terms, or will trade for country property.

FRUIT TRACTS

We have orchards of all sizes, kinds, and prices. Some of these are for trade, others are on easy terms, while some demand cash.

\$600 CASH

and balance on easy payments, or will exchange for country property. 5 room modern house, lot 120x110. A nice home listed at \$1500.

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ALL CUBAN
HAVANA HAND MADE
NOTHING BETTER CAN BE MANUFACTURED