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NEW CHARTER ADOPTED

ASSESSED VALUATION OF UNION COUNTY REACHES RECORD MARK OF NEARLY TWENTY MILLION

Summary Shows Increase in All but a Few Items of Taxation

COMPARISON OF ASSESSED VALUES.			
	Val. 1910	Val. 1911	Val. 1912
Tillable land values	5,340,765	5,390,295	5,319,250
Non-till. land value	1,716,320	1,788,165	1,850,180
Total land values	7,057,085	7,178,460	7,169,430
Improvt. on deeded land	975,080	987,085	1,008,185
City lots	1,049,755	1,147,980	1,190,980
Improved city lots	1,520,230	1,554,440	1,558,520
Improved land not deeded	15,085	18,870	10,430
Log roads and roll. stock	27,700	27,700	35,700
Manufacturing machinery	219,165	240,185	156,815
Merchandise	762,220	759,455	701,950
Impvmt. and automobiles	183,730	191,560	194,325
Money	52,750	50,260	48,505
Notes	568,730	368,920	239,340
Shares of stock	286,110	289,780	305,585
Household goods	208,940	228,835	213,320
Horses	547,000	580,820	497,865
Cattle	187,840	171,885	171,215
Sheep	29,755	22,785	11,225
Swine	17,970	26,115	25,585
Totals	13,709,145	13,842,135	13,559,215
County assessed gain for 1911 over 1910			132,990
County assessed gain for 1912 over 1911			1,987,645
Total acres tillable land, 1910, 149,860; 1911, 220,734; 1912, 148,649; 1913, 153,262.			
Area non-tillable land in acres in 1910, 515,031; 1911, 518,750; 1912, 359,058; 1913, 551,391.			
Total area land in 1910, 664,891; 1911, 739,484; 1912, 507,707; 1913, 704,653.			
Number of horses in 1910, 8,886; 1911, 9,088; 1912, 8,955; 1913, 9,480.			
Cattle in number from 1910 to 1913, 10,367; 8,608; 8,515; 10,824.			
Sheep in numbers listed as above, 10,059; 10,811; 6,600; 6,134.			
Swine, listed in numbers as above, 3,965; 5,455; 6,622; 7,278.			

Twenty million dollars, minus a few dollars, will be the assessed valuation of Union county this year. The precise amount will not be determined until public utilities in this county are assessed by the state, but if the area relative increase in value is maintained by the state, as has been exercised in the property assessed by County Assessor Couch, the total will be \$20,000,000 in place of something like \$17,000,000 last year. This gain is all the more remarkable because the 1912 initiative law exempted all the household goods, and the sugar factory has been moved away in the interim. The gain in assessed valuations over 1912 is approximately \$2,475,000. This is by far the highest assessed valuation Union county has yet had.

Assessor Couch has just completed the figures. In announcing the totals he said:

"There are radical variations especially in land acreage which appear to be errors. The shortage one year is unquestionably an error. The loss we show on improvements on deeded land is accounted for by the loss of the sugar factory and the loss shown on money is accounted for from two sources, amounting to \$38,000 which were assessed last year but not assessable this year."

FIRST WEEK EASY.

Judge Robert Morrow Suggests That Clubs Request Be Granted.

Judge Robert Morrow of the Multnomah circuit court has agreed that the La Grande Commercial clubs request written to the Portland judge, who is to trade benches with Judge Knowles next week, to the effect that circuit court might be postponed one week on account of the fair, is a feasible one. In a letter to Secretary Williamson yesterday evening, the judge suggested that morning sessions only be held during the three last days of the fair as that would give jurors and attorneys and witnesses time to attend the fair. Judge Knowles goes to Portland Saturday to take the Multnomah county work, and Judge Morrow comes here.

Billiard Table Expert Here.

R. T. Byers, Portland manager for the Brunswick Balke Collender people, has been in the city the past few days with a group of mechanics setting up the billiard and pool tables in the Club amusement rooms in the new West-Jacobs building.

Rebel Track Wreckers Delayed Americans' Flight From Mexico



Photos by American Press Association.

AMERICANS in Mexico found it difficult in some parts of that revolutionized country to flee to Vera Cruz, El Paso and other points in accordance with President Wilson's advice. They encountered delay because of the damage done to the railroad traffic by the rebels. Bridges were dynamited and burned and tracks were ripped up by rebel bands of track wreckers. These pictures tell the story better than words. They show graphically the style of warfare being waged in Mexico. In the band of wreckers shown here there is a vivandiere named Juanita, who travels with the rebels fully armed and takes part in the fighting in case of discovery.

CANAL HURT SLIGHTLY.

Earthquake Last Night Did No Serious Damage to Big Project.

Panama, Oct. 2.—After thorough examination of the Gatun lock, Lieutenant Colonel Siebert announced that only nominal damage had been done by an earthquake, which shook the canal zone last night. "The machinery was unharmed," he said, "though the superficial tide was delayed 12 hours. Elsewhere I announce practically no damage done to the canal."

Los Angeles, Oct. 2.—A slight earthquake was felt here early today. No damage was done.

Sulzer Admits Gambling.

Albany, Oct. 2.—Governor Sulzer will admit the charges of speculation with the money given him during his gubernatorial campaign, said his lawyers today. He will maintain, however, that the money was given him to use as he pleased. Sulzer, according to his attorney, was hopelessly in debt at the time of his nomination. When the Sulzer impeachment trial is resumed the report was current that several persons will be on hand to deny having "approached" certain senators included in the court's membership. Rumors vague, but plainly related allege an attempt to "fix" the verdict one way or another. It was thought possible that sensational incidents might result.

Government Ownership Considered.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Postmaster General Burleson is considering the wisdom of including in his annual report, the recommendation of governmental ownership of telegraph and telephone lines. Congressman Lewis, of Maryland, admitted that the government was studying the ownership plans, irrespective of Burleson's decision. Lewis introduced a bill providing for the acquisition of communication systems.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION HELD OCT. 20

CAMPAIGN FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUES FOR 10 DAYS FROM TODAY.

EMPHATIC MAJORITY GIVEN

Election Yesterday and Subsequent Development Hurry Election Campaign—Registration Books Open and Will Remain Open Continually Hereafter—One Ward Is Opposed.

La Grande, yesterday, by more than two to one, threw off the council form of government and put in its place a managerial commission form. The result was emphatic, only one ward expressing a negative majority on the measure. The unofficial vote shows the huge majority of 246 for out of a total of 622 votes cast. The unofficial canvass shows:

Precinct	For	Against
First ward, for	146	32
Second ward	146	32
Third ward	202	42
Fourth ward	50	80
Total	434	188
Majority for	246	

Majority by wards:

First ward, for	2
Second ward, for	114
Third ward, for	160
Fourth ward, against	80

The official vote will be canvassed at once and the new charter is now in force.

ELECTION IN 20 DAYS.

Registration Books Open and Campaign Is Already On.

La Grande is in the first municipal campaign under its new charter. For the first time since 1885 when the legislature adopted a charter drafted by Attorney C. H. Finn, there will be no ward representation and the three commissioners to be elected will serve from the city at large. Before the vote had been fully counted last evening, the city commenced to undergo a minute combing for men of the hour to steer the new craft of cityship into the ocean of future, and there remain but 10 days for filing of nomination petitions. At the end of this preliminary period, candidates can no longer be nominated and on October 20 the election will be held, but commissioners elected on that date do not take office until the second day of January, 1914, at which time they will hold their first annual meeting, and one of their three elected president of the city of La Grande by the other two members. One must serve one year, one two years and one three years, and will be elected on that basis.

There is a slight discrepancy in the wording of the charter caused by the dropping of the clause specifying that the newly elected commissioners should take their office immediately after election but as the charter reads now they go into office on January 2, which is generally deemed desirable. It gives the dying council time to prepare its burial rites.

There will be no regular December election this year, but annually hereafter it will be necessary to elect one commissioner, and one only. The interim between October 20 and January 2 will be governed by the present councilmen and in a practical sense the new charter is effective today, only in two phases, to wit: It empowers and orders the present city recorder to call the election within 20 days, and, secondly, fixes the method of registration. Commencing this morning the registration books are open and will be open always, and until the night of the 19th of October the files and records will be in the hands of the recorder, and all should vote prior to that date, but if for any reason the voter is not registered prior to that date, he can register at the city recorder's office on the day of the

Four Hundred Set Thrilled

HERMAN OELRICH FACES COURT IN STABBING CASE.

Police Much Stumped

Vanderbilt Relative Hailed Before the Court in Recent Escapade.

New York, Oct. 2.—Herman Oelrich looking much chastened, appeared before Magistrate Frank Lins' court today to account for the injuries suffered by Miss Lucille Singleton, the pretty young art student who alleges she was stabbed, while automobiling Tuesday night. The police believe she was with Oelrich himself. Oelrich was accompanied by his lawyer, Martin Taylor. The magistrate postponed the hearing until October 17. Oelrich's lawyer said that he would deny the stabbing of Miss Singleton.

Having satisfied themselves that Oelrich and not D. M. Craighorn of Tacoma, was in the Oelrich car with Miss Singleton when it crashed into a curb on upper Broadway last Tuesday, the police are hunting the companion who was with them at the time of the ride. It is believed that Oelrich could if he would, reveal this person's name, and that his testimony would clear up the affair. Detectives admit that the case is the queerest one with which they have dealt for some time.

1913 PERMITS AT \$253,257.00

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER KEEPS ACTIVE IN BUILDING.

Exceeds Same Month Last Year by Material Figure In Thousands.

Building in September kept a very steady pace. The total building permits exceeded the same month last year and bring the total building activities for 1913 to date up to \$253,257.00. The permits for September are:

J. W. Beumont, frame dwelling, Spruce	150.00
J. A. Russell, frame dwelling, Cedar	2,600.00
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Chas. Becker, frame dwelling, W avenue	490.00
M. L. Underwood, frame residence, N. Ash	1,500.00
Chas. Orsi, frame residence, T avenue	450.00
W. H. Bohnenkamp, rep of store	10,000.00
C. F. Merrill, frame residence Main and Cedar	1,800.00
Joe Woods, frame residence, N. Fir	400.00
Chas. Weagle, woodshed, U avenue	50.00
L. H. Rumelhart, repair of kitchen, Fifth	50.00
John Gardner, repair store Adams	210.00
T. W. DeBord, frame dwelling, H avenue	450.00
Mrs. J. Kunst, barn, East O avenue	50.00
W. W. Kinzie, dwelling on Third	3,600.00
Mrs. E. Steincamp, dwelling Sixth	400.00
Mrs. John Shaw, residence N. First	360.00
E. E. Bell, porches, Pennsylvania	63.00
E. O. Produce Co., coal sheds Jefferson	50.00
La Grande Investment Co., residence, Monroe	350.00
Wm. Rollins, coal shed, Adams	50.00
J. C. aGardner, coal shed, Adams	50.00
Mrs. Lotta Bangs, residence,	

First 2,000.00
Total for September 1913 \$28,114.00
Total for September 1912 \$18,350.00
Total for 1913 to date \$253,257.00

election, take a receipt and get a right to vote on presenting this receipt to the election board. The charter covers registration thoroughly and takes its right from the state law.

NEW DYNAMITE AGENT ADMITS CRIME RECORD

A PARTNER AND CO-WORKER WITH M'ANIGEL TELLS OF DYNAMITINGS.

NATION BLOWUP PLANNED

Every Non-Union Building in the Entire Country Was to Be Blown to Pieces Under Direction of This Prisoner and Co-Worker—Plot Was Hatched While McNamara Trials Lasted.

New York, Oct. 2.—Following the arrest of George E. Davis, who was sought by Federal agents two years ago, Assistant Federal District Attorney Wood issued the statement today that Davis had made a complete confession of participation in the McNamara dynamiting conspiracy and revealed many new details in connection with the affairs. Davis admitted the statement and said that he was a partner and a co-worker with McManigal. Davis has been a prisoner for three weeks of Detective Foster of Louisville, who caught him in Pittsburgh. Davis, according to Foster, dictated the confession en route to New York. He implicates Harry Jones, secretary and treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, who succeeded H. S. Larkin, who succeeded John McNamara.

A sensational assertion credited to Davis is that he was selected as head of 15 dynamiters, who were assigned to blow up every non-union building in the country. The plan was conceived while the McNamaras were on trial and was intended to convince the public that the brothers were not the dynamiters because this explosion had occurred while they were in custody. A plea of guilty was entered by Davis, who waived examination and will be taken to Indianapolis. Secretary Jones Arrested. Indianapolis, Oct. 2.—Harry Jones, secretary of the International Association of Structural Ironworkers, was arrested on a charge of conspiring to transport explosives. The same charges upon which 38 ironworkers were convicted in Indianapolis.

MANY STALLS RESERVED.

Union People Close Deal for Over Forty Display Stalls.

More than 40 stalls for horses and cattle were reserved at the fair grounds stables yesterday afternoon by the Union officials of the Union stock show who visited La Grande for that purpose. They will fill 20 stalls with cattle, and over that many for horses. The schools will likely be closed at Union that day as it is planned to make Friday school children's days as well as Union day. The stock will be put in place from Union by Tuesday, the owners bringing the stock over by country roads instead of shipping. Some fancy Shetland pony exhibits will be put on and Union is coming with a great exhibit of horseflesh and other exhibits as well. The attendance from Union on Friday promises to be big.

DELAYED GAME PLAYED.

Athletics Win After Starting Game In the Eighth Inning Again.

New York, Oct. 2.—Philadelphia won the play-off game called at the end of the eighth inning at Philadelphia recently between the Giants and the Philadelphia team, when Umpire Brennan refused to allow the game to continue declaring that he was unable to judge balls and strikes because of the reflection of the sun on the hats waved by the bleachers. With Murray at bat the Giants failed to score. The final tally was eight to six in favor of Philadelphia.