TAX IS 4.8 MILLS

School District No. 1 Votes This Year's Levy.

TWO REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

Chairman Strowbridge Favored a Lower Tax, but the Other Four Were Against Him.

A meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 1 was held at the high school building last evening, and a special levy

of 4.8 mills was voted. One of the taxpayers present remarked that he had attended a good many school meetings, but none of them were as much muddled up as this one.

There were 200 people in attendance, about a dozen being women. Most of their countenances threw out a ray of congratulation when they discovered chairs In the hall on the lower floor and that they would not have to climb up to the o'clock Chairman Strowbridge called the meeting to order, and Clerk Allen read his financial statement, which

Financial Showing.

The following report of receipts and ex-penditures for the year was rendered by Clerk Allen: To the Taxpayers of School District No.

 Multnomah County, Oregon: Ladies and Gentlemen — I herewith submit for your consideration the following statement of funds received and disbursed for the year ending this date: Balance on hand as per last re-

tilon ... 342 75 adry cash receipts ... 334 55 s payable, notes

given since last report 105,600 00-545,831 23 \$544,054.80

Fulion Park school ... 2,837 99
Thompson school ... 2,885 07
New Holladny school ... 25,104 35
Portland Homestead ... 6,719 27—\$ 27,546 68
Repairs to buildings—
High school building ... 785 51
Hirrison school ... 618 42
Failing school ... 297 16
Atticinson school ... 424 00
Park school ... 406 21
Couch school ... 101 48
Chapman school ... 161 33
Alinsworth school ... 4 95
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Midway school
Fersiwood school
Thompson school
Woodstock school Bonds \$ 2,500 00 Bills payable, notes outstanding, per last report 115,922 00 Bills payable, notes given since last report 105,000 00. Interest 14,410 42 Tuttion paid to district No. 29 axes refunded Water School furniture. nitors' supplies..... rects and sewers..... Sirects and School School School Inboratory
High school Inboratory
County school Inboratory
General expense
Auditing committee...
School election
Taking census
Collecting taxes
Attorney's fees
Cartuge, etc...

\$507,960 03 20,803 70 15,291 07 Statement of Indebtedness,

Bond account— One hundred 10-20 bonds, issued Oct. 21, 1892, payable in 1912, Interest 6 per cent. Ten bonds, \$1000 ench, issued by district No. 2, Aug. 2, 1892, payable in 1892, interest 6 per Ten bonds, \$1000 each, issued by

district No. 31, June 2, 1890, payable in 1902, interest 6 per Ten bonds, \$1000 cach, issued by district No. 51, June 1, 1891, payable in 1816, interest 5 per cent.

10,000 00 Total bonded indebtedness \$130,000 00

Report of Anditing Committee. To the Taxpayers of School District No. Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, your committee, appointed at the last taxpay-ers' meeting to audit the report and accounts of the school clerk of said district, beg leave to report that we have made a thorough and complete examination of said school clerk's accounts and books and find that all expenditures and disbursements by the clerk have been made on vouchers approved by at least three directors of the board; and that his ac-

ounts and books are correct. We have compared the cash on hand and balances in bank, and find they cor-respond with the accounts shown by the reports of the school clerk.

G. E. WITHINGTON, S. GRUTZE, Auditing Committee. Portland, Or., Jun. 10, 1900

Census Report. census of the district has beer taken with the following result: Females between 4 and 20 years of Maios between 4 and 20 years of 9,902

20,462 Of the above number 1334 females and 1054 males are between the ages of 4 and

Respectfully submitted.

H. S. ALLEN, School Clerk. Portland, Oc., January 15, 1859. On motion of J. N. Teal, the report was received and placed on file,

Strowbridge's Minority Report, Chairman Strowbridge then read his rerectors during the past year and the recommendations for the future, and com-mented and explained as he went along. It was a report of the chairman only, the other members of the board not agreeing

to it or alguing it. Mr. Strowbridge described the school buildings and their cost, discussed their sanitation; said there were 139 non-resident pupils, and that the schools were all in fine condition, in charge of efficient

the position of superintendent of repairs be abolished. Mr. Strowbridge said that he believed that in addition to the five-mill county school tax, the state school fund and the amount of unpaid tax due the district that it is safe to say that a 25-mill special tax giving the amount of the city and county of the city and county or the schools of the district for the coming year.

In code to show how nearly our estimates of the coming year.

In code to show how nearly our estimates of receipts and expenditures made a year ago, and it should go as far when it was disbursed.

Benton Killin remarked that the law statement: oming year.

Mr Strowbridge's report was concluded amid applause, and then Director Witten-berg moved that Director Warren be permitted to read a report prepared by all the other members of the board. Pro-fessor Warren read the report, as follows: Majority Report.

Majority Report.

To the Taxpayers of School District No. 1,
Multnomah County, Oregon—Ladies and Gentlemen: Insumuch as the presentation just made
by the chairman of the board is of so unusual
a character, and his refusal to permit its consideration or amendment by the board is so extraordinary, the majority of the board beg
leave to submit the following as our views of
the condition of the district and its needs for
the condition of the district and its needs for
the condition of the district of the past years
has relied our exposes to their present high

sideration or amendment by the board is so extraordinary, the might per the board of the district of the board or severe and an extraordinary, the might per the board of the district of the part of the board of the district of the board or severe and the same of the conditions of the district of the board or severe the substitution of the district of the board or severe the substitution of the district of the board or severe the substitution of the district of the board or severe the substitution of the district of the board or severe the substitution of the board or severe the substitution of the district of the board or severe the substitution of the subst even with our receipts exceeding our estimates, to come before you without indebtedness, but the great increase in the cost of building ma-terial and labor has made the cost of building

nearly 25 per cent greater than we anticipated, which accounts for our not being free from all debt, except the bonded indebtedness. Expenditures.

That the taxpayers may judge as to whether the affairs of the district have been judiciously through. and economically managed or not, we herewith submit in tabulated form a comparative stateand concomically managed or not, we herewith submit in tabulated form a comparative statement, showing our estimates of expenditures for the year just closed, the amount actually paid, and our estimates for the coming year:

Chairman stroworinge made a statement referring to deliquent taxes due the district and Mr. Wittenberg said that assessments were not generally collected in full, Director Williams explained matters from

Estimated receipts for 1890........\$420,000 00 Total amt. received from all sources. 438,454 80

ing similar provision for the Couch school, is, in our opinion, deserving of the thanks of all friends of public education. Respectfully submitted,

R. K. WARREN, J. V. BEACH, R. WILLIAMS, H. WITTENBERG.

January 15, 1900. This report was finally adopted after all sorts of technical tangles were waded

Chairman Strowbridge made a statement

die	Estimate of sbursements for 1899.	Paid, 1809.	Estimate of disbursements for 1889.
onchers' salaries	\$200,000	\$202,246 24	\$210,000
anttors' salaries	14,928	14,718 30	15,500
lerk's sulary	1,500	1,500 00	
uperintendent clerk's enlary	600	740 00	700
aperintendent repairs' salary	800	900 00	900
onds ills payable	2,500	2,500 00	
Ills payable	115,922	115,922 00	*******
sterest	12,000	14,410 48	10,000
murance	2,500	2,892 80	3,000
nei	9,000	6,743 74 2,762 05	5,000 2,800
utionery	2,700	1,658, 82	-1.600
ater	2,500	2,999 92	2,500
chool furniture	500	603 75	800
elephone	275.0	1.237 50	1.000
ents anitors' supplies	700	948 36	800
anitors supplies	250	194 45	250
rinting treets, sewers and sidewalks.	500	394 75	400
remains	7.000	953 44	1.000
ligh school laboratory	250	275 74	800
dvertising	100	42.85	50
epairs and manitation	8,000	7,813 30	8,000
epense of election	300	299 25	800
ttorneys' fees	250	32 35	250
chool ceturus	350	409 24	450
use on contracts	*****	*******	10,000
with the same partial and the same same same same same same same sam	1.500	482 77	1,500
ew buildings	38,000	87,546 68	******
	\$420,000	\$421,183 93	\$278,000

New Buildings. It will be observed, as aiready stated, that the principal increase in expenditures over our estimates is in the item of new buildings. It is the opinion of a majority of the board that at least one new building ought to be erected every year to meet the requirements of our rapidly growing city. We are now renting one room at Woodkawn, for which we pay \$10 per mooth. This is made necessary, because the people in that locality object to sending this class to Highland, here there is one vacant room in which they could be accommodated. There is force in the objection, for the reason It will be observed, as siready stated, that tackled and stood around for general in-We are also renting a house in the southeastern portion of the district, for which we are paying the minority report 88, to accommodate the children living in that locality who are too small to attend the Clinton Kelly school, on account of the distance. Here-tofore the children were permitted to attend the Woodstock school in district 20, this district. necessary to accommodate the increased attendance there, and to relieve the overcrowded condition of that school. The increased attendance at Sunnyelde, Central, North Central, respect for Mr. Thompson, but would ventral imperative to provide additional accommodation in these localities, either by renting or build-ing. The addition of another section of four rooms to the new building at Central would relieve, temporarily, the Stephens and North Cen-tral. This addition could be made for about \$8000, as the heating plant in the part now built is of sufficient capacity for eight rooms, The dermand for exchool facilities at a point rear Ockley Green is increasing. Multnomah school building should be removed to that locality. This would necessitate finishing the six rooms now unfinished in the Thompson school.

Reduced Assessment. But, in view of the fact that the assessed valuation of proporty in the district has been variation of property in the interface that the tax-payers have been burdened during the past few years of financial depression, we hositate to recommend anything for new buildings the coming year. This will probably require the renting of rooms in certain localities, and un-

The county school tax is limited by law to 5 lings must be painted this year to preserve milis on the dollar, but this district actually re-ceives less than 4½ milis out of every 5 milis J. V that it contributes. The reason is that this sum first suffers a subtraction of \$50 for each district in the county, and is then divided among the various districts in proportion to their respective populations. This district, hav-ing fewer children in proportion to its taxable property than other districts in the county, re-serves from the fund less than it contributes.

us as to the amount we shall receive from this But the base of our estimates on one source of income has been so materially reduced that to meet the requirements of the district in pre-serving the school property and maintaining the schools, without impairing their efficiency, will necessitate a larger special levy than last year. The increase is apparent, however, not real. The closing up of four tax rolls by sales of delinquent property during the past year gave us an unsatually large income from the delinquent taxes. This income will, or course, be row cut off, and we have estimated only a small sum

from that source, yet quite as much as we can reasonably expect to receive.

The lowering of the assessed value of the tax-

his standpoint, and some big figures were

There is force in the objection, for the reason report were large enough especially as that to take the class to Highland would make there was no litigation on the amount it very inconvenient for those living north of the Woodlawn school, as it would greatly in-

D. P. Thompson said: "It is evident that the minority report is misleading, as very little taxes can be collected from delinquents. All delinquent taxes were col-lected last year that could be. No per-son of intelligence can take a stand that any considerable amount of these delinallowing the per capita of public money drawn by the children in actual strendance there. But the directors of that district informed us of the directors of that district informed us of the large deficiency should the minority report be adopted. The law limits our the directors of that district informed us of their disposition to discontinue that arrangement, and to forbid the further attendance of these children unless they paid the tuition at the rate of \$22 per year for advanced grades and \$13 per year in intermediate grades. Being unable, lawfully, to comply with this proposition, the present arrangement was adopted. The noney. People will resort to courts and money. People will resort to courts and not to elections. We all know that we cannot carry on the schools with the will be abandoned as soon as the new building cannot carry on the schools with the in that locality is completed. There are two rented rooms now occupied at Sunnyside, for C. K. Henry moved to amend the mi-which we pay \$20 per month. This was made

ance at Sunnyside, Central, North Central, respect for Mr. Thompson, but would ven-Stephens, Atkinson and Couch schools make it importative to provide additional accommodation sums of money were being held back by certain persons. He regretted very much to make the statement, following Mr. Thompson's remarks, as they were boys

together in Oregon City,
Director Wittenberg said he was not
making any grandstand speeches, and only referring to plain facts. From a business standpoint he had carefully gone over the chairman's figures, and he thought it was folly, foolishness, to try to run the dis-trict on the ridiculous sums asked for by the estimates of the charman. The lat ter stated that he could keep the buildings in repair for a year for \$1500. "I wish he could have the contract," said Mr. Wittenberg. "I defy him to take it at double that sum. Buildings must be kept from rotting down. If we can't have new buildings, we must have money to repair old ones. It is ridiculous to doubtedly will necessitate a much larger ex-penditure in the year following. It is hoped that the taxpayers will be cetter able to meet the requirements then than they are at the present time.

The requirements to repair out ones, it is reductions to think of keeping up repairs for a pittful think of keeping up repairs for a pittful think penditure in the year following. It is reductions to repair out ones. It is reductions to the present time a much larger extends the present time.

J. W. Whalley said: "The desire is to maintain our schools with efficiency. The people are now already overburdened with taxation. The taxes are so high that it amounts to confiscation. It was formerly much easier to raise money to support the schools than it is now. There has already been too much spent. If the The condition of the state school fund is amount had been less, the schools would have been conducted with just as much cost down the rate of interest to 6 per sent, which undoubtedly will enable the treasurer to place more money at interest than formerly. The decreased rate may, however, disappoint Our property has been eaten away, and it was to the smeant we shall receive from the same old song and dance. Our property has been eaten away, and it simply amounts to confiscation. This business can be managed with more economy, and the way to go about it is to withhold the sinews of war." He then moved to amend the minority report by

substituting a levy of 3.5 mills,
Frederick V. Holman said he understood that the difference between the two rewould the repairs be. He suggested that J. N. Teal said that the only difference in the reports was in the estimate of income from delinquent taxes and cost of repairs. There was now one alternative all in fine condition, in charge of efficient principals and good teachers. He recommended that the school cierk and city superintendent of schools be elected by the taxpayers at the annual election for directors in March. He recommended that

Benton Killin remarked that the law authorized the county to bid in delinquent property for taxes. This year the county did that as usual. He said there had come a snarl from the chairman that Excess of receipts over estimates...\$ 18,454 80 come a snarl from the chairman that might mean that the clerk or some one one teachers Jan. 18.

20,803 70-423,163 73 come what he's talking about," he said;

of the indebtedness authorized. J. N. Teal offered the following resolu-

tion, and it was adopted: Resolved, That the directors of this district be and they are hereby requested to investigate specially the question of to what extent non-residents of the district are receiving the benefits of the school system of the district, and to adopt measures to prevent the free use of the stated was the same as that in this schools of this district by nonresidents; and that we condemn the system of the establishment of a temporary residence in this district during the winter months "for school purposes" only at the expense of the taxpayers of this district.

Massachusetts case, under a law which he stated was the same as that in this state, where the supreme court said: "If there is anything more than an order for the temporary care of the child, then the law cannot be sustained."

Mr. Flogel argued the case at considerable length from the case at considerable length from the case.

There were motions to adjourn, and probably some of them carried, but while they were getting into a state of active eruption, Joseph Paquet offered the fol-lowing resolution, which was also probably adopted as much as anything could be at that stage of the game:

Resolved. That the directors of the school district are requested to establish a sinking fund for the purpose of retiring the bonded infund for the purpose of retiring the bonded in-debtedness of the district, and for that purpose there be incorporated in each tax-year levy a percentage of tax, which in the aggregate shall furnish funds sufficient to meet the out-standing honded indebtedness of the district as it shall mature, and that all moneys realized from the tax levy for this purpose be devoted exclusively to the retirement of such bonded indebtedness, and shall not be expended for any other purpose whatsoever. other purpose whatsoever.

At 10:45 the janitor commenced to snap together the grasshopper legs of the fold-ing chairs, and the taxpayers started

coming year, All members of the board were present, and Chairman Strowbridge read a report he had prepared, which was to be submitted to the meeting of taxpayers as the report of the board.

There were several estimates and recommendations in the report which did not agree with the ideas of the other members of the board, and, after a general discussion, Mr. Wittenberg moved that the report of the chairman, as read, as a whole, be not adopted by the board. The motion was carried, and then the chairman declared the meeting adjourned. Considerable discussion followed after the adjournment, and then the members of the board, except the chairman went to another room to prepare a report, which was submitted to the taxpayers'

....................... LAWTON FUND

The following sums have been received by The Oregonian since the subscription lists for the General Lawton 6 fund were closed and called in:

The new list will be held open till January 31.

....................... PERSONAL MENTION.

E. D. Geiser, a Baker City mining man, is at the Portland. Mrs. D. C. Kindred, of Astoria, is a guest of the Perkins.

J. M. Will, of Aurora, and wife, are guests of the Perkins. John H. Gault, of Hillsboro, is registered at the St. Charles. John Mays, a Clatskanie farmer, is registered at the St. Charles. O. J. Aikens and wife, of Sauvies', are

George W. Blanchard, of Tacoma, is egistered at the Portland. Ira Oglesbee, a mining man of Eugene, John W. Croker, a Liverpool shipown-er, is registered at the Imperial.

registered at the Perkins.

H. B. Miller, president of the state board of horticulture, is registered at the Imperial. C. R. Smead, a Gilliam county fruit-

grower, is registered at the Imperial, from Blalock A. Bouer, a San Francisco business man, is at the Imperial, accompanied by his wife.

J. E. Crane, representative of the O. R. & N. at Arlington, is registered at the Perkins, accompanied by his wife. James Neill and wife, Edward Neill, Mrs. Julia Dean and J. W. Burton, of the Neill theatrical company, are registered at the Portland. C. C. Hollinshead, of New York, who has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis, at St. Vincent's hospital, is able to be out again, and is staying at the

SMITH'S SHAMPOO.

Portland.

is the best preparation for cleansing the scalp and washing the hair. Always gives satisfaction. Price 25c, at drug stores Pianos-Organs. Wiley B. Allen Co.

Can the Court Turn Them Over Permanently to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society?

know what he's taken to know himself."

Mr. Wittenberg stated that he would vote to spend the money appropriated to the best of his ability, but would not go in debt.

C. K. Henry said the adoption of the minority report might result in the teachers' salaries being cut, and he was poposed to that being done.

The parents of the children are Gottlieb schmidt, an aged German gardener, and Emma Miller Schmidt, who is considerably vounger than her husband. The girls work to the administrator of the estate was damaged to the extent of \$150. Floss says Knierim pastured his own stock on Adler's land during the years 1888 and 1899, worth \$30, and a decision will be announced soon. The parents of the children are Gottlieb schmidt, an aged German gardener, and Emma Miller Schmidt, who is considerably vounger than her husband. The girls work to the destate was damaged to the extent of \$150. Floss says Knierim pastured his own stock on Adler's land during they says 1889, worth \$30, and a decision will be announced soon. The parents of the children are Gottlieb schmidt, an aged German gardener, and Emma Miller Schmidt, who is considerably vounger than her husband. The girls work to accomplish anything alone. He feels assured that the old battle of flat money that the old battle of flat money to the custom of \$150. Floss says Knierim pastured his own stock on Adler's land during the years 1889 and 1899, worth \$30, and the estate was damaged to the extent of \$150. Floss says Knierim pastured his own stock on Adler's land during the years 1890. The doministrator of the estate was damaged to the extent of \$150. Floss says Knierim pastured his own stock on Adler's land during the years 1890. The stated was damaged to the extent of \$150. Floss says Knierim pastured his own stock on Adler's land during the years 1890. The stated was damaged to the extent of \$150. Floss says Knierim pastured his own stock on Adler's land during the years 1890. The stated was damaged to the extent of \$150. Floss says Knierim pastured his own stock o Excess expenditures over estimates, \$ 3,163 73

(These expenditures include \$1979 90 refunded to the county school fund, which amount was erronsously allowed us in the last apportion the best of his ability, but would not go in debt.

(It is purpose the release of Anna Miller Schmidt, aged 14 years, and Emma Miller Schmidt, aged 16 years old, from the cust to the best of his ability, but would not go in debt.

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(It is purpose the release of Anna Miller Schmidt, aged 16 years old, from the custom of the best of his ability, but would not go in debt. Schmidt, an aged German gardener, and Emma Miller Schmidt, who is considerably younger than her husband. The girls wert disposed of by the guardian. Some other turned over to the society temporally April 25, 1838, by Judge Northup, and the final order was entered by Judge Cake on July 30 following, after a full hearing of the payment of the allowance of 375 per month to Isabella M. A. Barnes the case. The society avers that the chil-

P. Thompson, was adopted:

Besolved. That one-fourth of 1 mill of the property tax levy of this district for the year 1900 shall be devoted exclusively to the purpose of the construction and repairs of school buildings in the district, wherever and whenever, in the opinion of the directors the construction and repair of school buildings are advisable; and, be it further

Resolved. That it is the sense of this meeting that the county court, under the act of 1859 and Girls' Ald Society as the permanent guardian of children, but only temporarily. If the conditions under which the minors were placed under the charge of the society have long since ceased, the parents can reclaim their children. Counsel said a man might be in a position so as to be unable to care for his offspring, and two years later his circumstances could have levy above authorized; and,
Whereas, The indebtedness of this district
now exceeds the limit of indebtedness authorized by law, towit the sum of \$100,000, be it
further

unable to care for his ourspring, and two
years later his circumstances could have
so changed that he might be able abundantly to provide for them. A mother could
reform. A father who was a drunkerreform. Resolved. That no indebtedness be created for the district until the indebtedness now existing a creditable member of society. The takehall be reduced to or below the statutory limit ing away of his children might be the ining away of his children might be the incentive to bring about his reformation.
Such persons were entitled to the return
of their children. Mr. McGinn said:
"What does the welfare of the children
demand? If ever there comes a time when
the parents can care for them rightly,
they can have them." Counsel read a
Massachusette case, under a law which
he stated was the same as that in this

> Mr. Flegel argued the case at considerable length from the opposite point of view, and read numerous authorities faquestion between them was whether the order was only a temporary order, and if the court had power to make but a temporary order, and had no power to make a permanent order. He strongly astemporary order, and had no power to make a permanent order. He strongly asserted that the custody was permanent, and was authorized by law. He further argued that the only court which has power to change or modify the order is the county court, which originally made it, and that habeas corpus in the circuit court was not a recognized manner of procedure. The order of the county court relative to jurisdiction granted to them procedure. The order of the county court relative to jurisdiction granted to them in this case, which is a part of the de-fendant's answer, recites that these chil-dren "are surrendered to the Boys" and Girls' Aid Society, and they shall have

At 10:45 the janitor commenced to snap together the grasshopper legs of the folding chairs, and the taxpayers started home.

Board Meeting.

A special meeting of the school board was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, to consider estimates for the coming year, All members of the board is doing something the constitution does not negrent. A parent has the right to be not permit. A parent has the right to be present and know what is done with his child."

Superintendent Gardner states that the question involved in this case is an important one, as, if this case can be re-opened, others can be, and the society is likely to be put to a great deal of trouble

Want to See the Books.

In the suit of the United States Mortgage Company against P. A. Marquam et al., to foreclose a mortgage on the Marquam block and other property, Attorneys U. S. G. Marquam and E. B. Watson yesterday argued a motion before Judge Cleland that the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, the trustee of the property, be required to exhibit their books, showing the receipts and disbursements of the property. The matter was taken under

The answer of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company was that monthly state-ments were furnished to Marquam and also two full statements of everything that has been done. It was stated that to allow Marquam's attorney or others acting for him to search the books and accounts would be unreasonable and un-just, not only to the trust company but to its many other clients with whom it had private business relations. Counsel for Marquam said there was a

matter of \$5000 deposited as advance rental for which no account had ever been rendered, and it was suspected that interest had been compounded every three months. For these and other reasons Mr. Marquam should have the right thoroughly to in-vestigate the company's accounts with the defendant. It was not necessary in doing to look into other people's affairs.

Criminal Court.

The grand jury returned an indictment against John Allen, charging him with arceny of \$6 from a dwelling-house, the personal property of John Cornell. An indictment was also returned against Thomas Wilson and Edgar Blanding, charging them with larceny of numerous articles from the dwelling-house of R.

Thomas Stevens, indicted for assault with a dangerous weapon and cutting the throat of Fred Holmes, was arraigned and granted until this forenoon to plead, Charles Heintz, indicted for an indecent offense, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced today.

William Hughes, indicted for burglary, in breaking into the store of I. Benjamin, was arraigned and granted until today Albert Ross, indicted for larceny of various articles of clothing from the dwelling-house of F. C. Hammerick, pleaded

. C. McCann, deceased, consisting prin-

for contempt for refusing to turn over the money, etc. The court ordered them to appear this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Judge Cake ordered John F. Logan, who succeeded James S. Cooper as adminis-trator of the estate, to distribute the property to James McCann and his sister in Philadelphia, and Mr. Logan turned

or immediately prior thereto Chester V. Dolph brought escheat proceedings in the name of the state of Oregon, and disputed the rights of these heirs. The receiver was appointed in the escheat pro-

Probate Matters. Albin Floss, administrator of the estate of Ferdinand Adler, deceased, yesterday filed objections to the account of George Knierim, who was guardian of Adler while he was insune. He says the charge of \$75 by Knierim as guardian was excessive, and that the sum of \$75 charged for A habeas forpus proceeding having for its purpose the release of Anna Miller Schmidt, aged 14 years, and Emma Miller Schmidt, aged 19 years old, from the custody of the Boys' and Girls' Ald Scalette

March.

Lyle N. Aumack was discharged as administrator of the estate of E. S. Rash, are booming Representative Williamson deceased, and his bonds exponerated.

uation is \$160.

Demands Court Expenses. Mary Trigg, nee Purkins, who has sued her husband, John E. Trigg, of Wood-stock, for a divorce, has filed an affidavit asking that the defendant be made to pay money into court to enable her to prose-cute the suit and pay her attorneys. She

the sale of property in Glenwood, Wis. PORTLAND'S TAX RATE.

Comparisons Showing How Excessive It Has Become. PORTLAND, Jan. 15 .- (To the Editor.)-PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—
In the "World's Almanac" for 1900, pages 335 and 396, our city figures as having the second highest tax levy of any city in the United States—towit, \$ mills—the only higher one being Peorla, II., with a levy of 8.85 mills; but, as Peorla's valuation is reported to be only 10 per cent of the actual value of its property, while ours is reported as being 40 per cent of its actual value, our levy on actual value is really four times as great, and we have the unmonths, he said. four times as great, and we have the unenviable distinction of being the highesttaxed city in the Union. Our rival city,

While grass is pleating
months, he said.

In regard to the finances of Crook county, Mr. Hodges says taxpayers are to be

Estimated populat'n in

cities.

It will be noticed that our net public debt, as reported, is nearly \$2,000,000 greater than that of Seattle, but as in our indebtedness the water bonds are includ-

due allowance that Seattle, as reported, assesses 60 per cent of the actual value, while Portland assesses only 40 per cent of it, yet the taxpayer of Portland pays three times as much taxes on actual value as does the taxpayer of Seattle. Moreover, the statement that the as-sessment of the city of Portland is made on a basis of 40 per cent of actual value does not hold good as far as the assess-ment of real estate is concerned. Between 1893 and 1899 most of the town lots have been assessed not only at full value, but many at more than full value, if full value means the price at which a thing can be sold for in the ordinary way of business. I am, however, willing to concede that, while real estate has been as-sessed at much more than 40 per cent of Its actual value, personal property has been assessed at much less than 40 per cent of its actual value, so that both may have averaged 40 per cent, but at a fear-

ful cost to the owner of real estate and

a corresponding advantage to the owner

of personal property. The main object of this communication is to try to bring vividiy before our citizens the facts as they exist, and to lead them to examine into the matter and ask themselves how long we can remain in the race with neighboring and rival cities, loaded down and handicapped with taxes as we are in comparison with them. How will it read abroad? Tacoma, with a tax levy of 1.15, Scattle 2.25, Portland 8.00—will it be any inducement for investments from abroad? Will it bring many here to settle and become owners of homes among us? Will it be of any profit to our own citizens to make improvements and be taxed out of existence? Our own people being afraid to invest in property on account of the taxes, how much more will strangers be? Nature has done much for this city. No city has to any greater degree that which Gibbon says made at one time Constantinople such a great city. It is "easy of access and easy of defense.

surrounded by a fertile soil, and having a salubrious climate." Nature, indeed, has done much for this city, giving it many material and geographical advantages much superior to that of our rival cities. If we are distanced in the race for supremacy, it will be through faults of our own. It will be because we will suffer the consumers of our taxes to finally co our properties and strangle the future prosperity of our fair city.

B. GOLDSMITH.

TIMBER-LAND CASES. Owners of Mining Claims Protest

Against Timber Filings. La Grande Chronicle. The United States land office has been doing an extensive business the past few months in the way of receiving applications for timber and stone claims, being as high as 12 entries made some days. It now seems to be proving a "boon ang" from the lively scene in and aro the land office the past two days. Many of these timber and stone claims, it ap-pears, are located and being worked as mining claims, at the time they were filed on under the timber and stone act. Now, the question involved is as to whether or not the country in which said claims are located is more valuable for timber and stone or for mineral, which question will have to be decided by the land offic-F. C. Miller, appointed by Judge Cleland ecciver of the property of the estate of the Sumpter mining district, and the affair to McCann, deceased consisting age. is causing considerable anxiety among the miners of that and adjoining districts. John F. Logan and Attorneys O'Day & Ing out for their interest, who had their cause why they should not be punished for contempt for refusing to them. Coy and S. E. Stephens. These gentlemed came in and filed a protest Wednesday However, the case was amicably adjusted later, and the protest withdrawn. It is said that at least 30 protests have been

filed since, by locators of mining claims in the Sumpter district. in Philadelphia, and Mr. Logan turned over the funds and certain shares of stock to Attorneys O'Day & Tarpley, who represent these heirs. About this same time

CROOK COUNTY WANTS REPRESEN-TATIVE WILLIAMSON.

They Think the Stock Interests Should Have a Direct Voice in National Legislation.

Arthur Hodges, county clerk of Crook

The Crook county republicans, he says, The county treasurer was directed to turn over to R. W. Patterson, administrator of the estate of Neilie Cohn, 251 this district. Mr. Williamson is a sheep-cash, one pair diamond earrings, one pawn ticket, three rings, a sealskin sacque, etc.

F. Clarno, E. H. Moorehouse and T. H. Hogue were appointed appraisers of the estate of Mary Warren, deceased.

The inventory of the estate of Harry Anderson, deceased, was filed. The valuation is \$160. The Dalles will no doubt be re-elected if nominated, but Central Oregon is hust-ling Mr. Williamson forward, as a matter of local interest,
Crook county stockmen are still agitat-

ed over the reserve question, he says, as there are some 300,000 head of sheep within its borders and a large number of cattle. About half the sheep are sent into the Cascades for the summer, the into the Cascades for the summer, the other half going eastward, to the Blus mountains. If the Cascades are shut against sheep, cattle will suffer, as the sheep, being compelled to remain on the prairies, will devour more of the bunch-grass upon which the cattle depend. avers that her husband has a substantial income from notes and mortgages, and No official notice has yet been served on the stockmen in regard to the Cascades reserve, and unless some move is on the part of the department of the in-terior, sheep will start for the reserve in June as usual. Mr. Hodges scouts the

congratulated, as the total amount of out-standing warrants does not exceed \$10,000, Tacoma has a tax levy of only 1.15, with assessed valuation of \$22,549,840, and a net public debt of \$4.420,944 and \$22.549,840, and a net county being mostly "roll-bear".

France is absolutely dependent upon because the cables are under he ed, for which no tax levy is made or required, therefore it will be seen that the debt of Seattle for the interest of which a tax has to be levied is larger than the debt of Portland for the interest of which a tax has to be levied, and, making even discovered by Seattle upon them, spend a fortune seeking deliverance. Save your money and try a tax has to be levied, and, making even the Seattle upon them, spend a fortune seeking deliverance. Save your money and try a tax has to be levied, and, making even the section of the se which never fails to cure dyspepsis, con-stipation, biliousness, malaria, tever and

Discouraging to Hopgrowers.

Jefferson Review. The hop crop of Miller, Jones & Thies-sen was sold this week for 5 cents per pound, about 1 cent below cost. It was a fine lot of hops (21,700 pounds), cleanly picked and well dried, and it is, to say the least, very discouraging to the grower to have to sell at such a figure.

A Case of Woodbox.

one all to pieces.

Elma (Wash.) Chroniele. Mr. Will Wood and Miss Viola Box, of Aberdeen, were married last Saturday. This appears to be about as pleasant an eard of for some time, and beats a fir

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