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### TO CUT EXPENSES

Plan Proposed by Taxpayers' League.

CONSOLIDATE COUNTY OFFICES

Conference With Legislators From Multnomah County Relative to Changes in Laws-To Make Auditor Elective.

At a conference Saturday night between the Taxpayers' League and the members of the Legislature from Multnomah County, it was practically decided to introduce bills making the office of County Auditor elective, and consolidating the county offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Re-

All of the members of the Legislature excepting two or three, who were un-avoidably detained, were present at the meeting, and the utmost interest was shown in the discussion of all the subjects brought up. The Legislators assured the members of the league that they are in conservative frame or mind, and that their sole object is to enact only such legislation as will bring relief to the city, county and state. For nearly two years the Taxpayers' League has been making a study of existing conditions in this city

of discussing the affairs of the county and city, and measures were proposed for remedying defects and abuses.

The matters touched on were confined practically to county affairs, as there was proposals that one evening was found insufficient to cover the entire ground.

Among the measures discussed was one making the County Auditor an Auditor in

fact as well as in name, and making the office elective by the people. Under the provisions of the proposed law, every item in every account will have to be subject to the closest scrutiny, and it is made obligatory on the Auditor to reject all not in accordance with law. If this bill becomes a law, the Auditor will be the "watch dog" of the treasury, and the office the most important in the county, The repealing of laws creating a number of different offices in the county was ad-

wocated by the league, and favorably considered by the Legislative delegation. It was stated that no one desired to crip-ple the departments, but that it was the iniversal intent to stop all leaks, and do away with all unnecessary offices.

The consolidation of the office of Coun-

ty Recorder, County Clerk and Clerk of the Circuit Court was discussed at length, and also the advisability of doing away with one Justice Court and having the Municipal Court do its work.

The fact that the Constables collected

no fees for the county, although they are paid a salary by the county, the pay-ment by the county for clerks in Justice Courts, and other defects and extravarances in connection with the present laws relating to Justice Courts, were

Among other matters discussed was the proposed change in the law relating to the payment of school moneys by the nty Treasurer, so that they shall be payable monthly instead of quarterly. This would result in a large saving of interest each year, and avoid having the

school fund temporarily embarrassed between payments, and also do away with the necessity of making temporary loans. It was also proposed to amend the law in relation to fees paid in probate matters by making the fees graduated in propor-tion to the valuation of the estate. At present \$10 is all that can be collected

by the Clerk if the estate is \$100 or \$1,000,-600, or if it stays in court one year or 20, or if there are 10 journal entries or 10,000, Among the changes and bills brought to the notice of the delegation were the fol-

dment to the present law relating THEQUICKEST AND BEST ROUTE to the office of County Coroner, by placing him upon a salary and abolishing the fees by the county, and also placing the pay-ment of witness fees at inquests on the same basis as in other state cases.

A bill to prevent countles from enter-ing into contracts for any purpose involv-ing the expenditure of \$50 or more in any other way than by public bidding after

me advertising.
A bill providing for the payment of a jury trial fee in civil actions, and to provide for a waiver of a jury trial. It is proposed that if trial by jury be desired either party, that a stipulated trial fee call be paid; but if not, that they shall value their right to trial by jury and the be tried by the court. By this pro-

ent manner of drawing jurors, and pro-viding that the drawing of the regular panel shall be in open court, increasing the number drawn for the regular panel, and where special venires are issued they shall first come from the regular panel; but if required from me body of the but if required from the body of the county, then, unless the jurors are ac-cepted, they shall not receive any fees. A very large part of the costs of the jury results from the manner of drawing the special venires, by which a large number of them are rejected by one side or the other, and if rejected they are paid for a day's services and a per diem. It has been thought that it would not work a hardship upon any one if the rule made anplicable to witnesses in state cases be ap-plied to jurors who do not serve.

TO RECLAIM DESERT LANDS Work Which Is Now Under Way in Crook County.

"The so-called 'deserts' of Crook County will soon blossom as the rose under the influence of irrigation," said Editor Pal-mer, of the Prinsville Journal, who was

at the Perkins yesterday.

"There are three distinct corporations," There are three distinct corporations," he continued, "preparing to flow the waters of the Deschutes River and Tur-nello Creek on the level plains, and many thousands of acres heretofore valueless except for Winter pasture will be made corder and Cierk of the County Court. It is understood that such bills are now being drawn up by John H. Hall.

All of the members of the Legislature: tems, as they take the water out of the Deschutes near its head and turn it out over a prairie which has an elevation of 4000 feet above sea level. The next company below will irrigate lands about 1000 feet lower, while the third system takes its water out of a tributary of the Deschutes, and has already demonstrated the success of the scheme,

"The Deschutes River runs a large stream the year around, and there will be no trouble over the lack of supply, even in the driest portion of the year, and county, and have naturally accumu-lated quite a fund of information. In addition to this they have caused their at-torneys to draft bills covering such points and questions as in their judgment re-quired additional or new legislation.

The meeting was called for the purpose

Winters, a little ice along the bank being the only indication of low temperature.

Its peculiarity in uniformity of flow and Its peculiarity in uniformity of flow and temperature has been the cause of a good deal of comment for many years.

"Considerable land has been taken up under the desert land acts in Crook County, but there are fine opportunities still for those who wish to obtain title to good farms at a small cost, Under the desert land act each citizen is en-titled to 320 acres by paying 25 cents an acre down and expending \$\overline{1}\$ an acre down and expending \$\overline{1}\$ an acre down and expending \$\overline{1}\$ an acre in each of the three following years on preparing the land for irrigation. At the end of that period a final payment of \$\overline{1}\$ is also much acre is made to the Government, and a patent is obtained. There is also much school land in the district, which may be bought from the state at \$\overline{1}\$ 2 an acre by paying a portion down and \$\overline{1}\$ are cent. by paying a portion down and 6 per cent at least his equal, and the spectators tointerest on the remainder. In this latter morrow should see some fine kicking, way one can obtain title to the land at \$1 \mathscr{Z}\$ an acre, and need not bother kimself about improving it, as the neighbors who purchase under the desert land act must improve their tracts, and thus add to the value of the school land sec-

"The people who are bringing water on to these deserts are not uneasy about disposing of the vast amount of produce which will be grown there, as two lines of railroad have been surveyed across the reclaimed region, and one if not both will probably be in operation by the time irrigation is well under way. The survey of the Corvallis & Eastern, which crosses the state from the summit of the Cas-cades, toward Boise, Idaho, passes right through the middle of the irrigated territory, in an easterly direction. The Dalles Southern survey also taps the re-gion from the north, as its survey follows in a southerly direction up the Deschutes River to a point il miles west of Prineville This latter road will prob-ably terminate in a spur of the Blue Mountains, where the well-known May-flower quartz mine is in operation, and where there are large bodies of fine tim-

ber. "Crook County bids fair to be transformed very materially within a few years by these vast enterprises, and new towns are likely to spring up where soli-tude has reigned heretofore. No railroad has been surveyed into Princville yet, though at one time there was talk of extending the Columbia Southern from Shanko to the county seat of Crook."

Mr. Palmer is getting out a holiday number of the Journal in Portland, which will be largely devoted to the resources and prospects of his county.

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#### STANFORD IS DUE TODAY

WILL BE ALL READY FOR CHRIST-MAS GAME.

Multnomah Club Will Meet and En-

tertain the Visiting Football Players.

This morning will arrive the Stanford team, that is to contend in the Christmas game tomorrow afternoon with the Multnomah football players. They will be met at the train by a delegation from the Stanford Club and from the Multnomah football team, and taken in charge from that time. Plans for their enter-tainment include a general reception this evening at the Multnomah Club, a drive ver the city in tally-hos Christmas norning, a Christmas banquet at the Portland Hotel after the game, and a the-ater party in the evening. The players will return Wednesday morning to Callfornia. To the college students the game

tion is being made to welcome the visitors by giving them a hard contest on the gridiron. The football players have been practicing nightly at the riding academy, under the direction of Captain Pratt and Coach McMillan. The team will go into the game in good form, ready to resist the onslaughts of the college players, who have the reputation of putting up a fast, speedy game from start to finish. The exact line-up of the Multnomah eleven has not yet been definitely determined. It is being strengthened in every pos-sible way, and several players of the dark-horse order are expected to appear

The game itself promises to be one of the best of the season. The Stanford eleven is considered especially strong on the offense, while Multnomah has its greatest strength in the brilliant defensive play. Mulontmah in the last two games has been shown to be weak in attack, and this dovetailing of the strong and weak points of the teams should make the game a struggle of the most brilliant or-

bors who purchase under the desert land set must improve their tracts, and thus add to the value of the school land sections, two of which, 15 and 35, are in the school land sections, two of which, 15 and 35, are in giant in stature and physique, and holds the record at Paio Arto as the college the record at Paio Arto as the college that the record at Paio Arto as the record at Paio equai. Captain Pratt and Jerry Rusk, at tackles, are the men who give the Multnomah line its stiffness on the defense. In quickness and dashing of their play the visitors should have a slight advantage, which will be counterbalanced by the weight and experience of the Mult-nomahs. From the standpoint of the spectator, however, it will be interesting to see a team playing as fast as gray of strong, heavy players,

Referees and umpires will be selected from unprejudiced sources, after confer-ence with Captain Nourse and Captain Pratt, in all probability from available

members of the Eugene team.

The game will be called at 2:30 P. M. Football tickets for the covered grandstand and general admission will be placed on sale this morning at Coffman's cigar store, Sixth and Morrison; Skidmore's drug store, 151 Third street; Esberg-Gunst store, Third and Alder, and at the

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Thomas, a sheepman of Wasco, s at the St. Charles,

is registered at the St. Charles. A. G. King, County Clerk of Malheur, is registered at the Imperial from Vale. County Judge H. R. Kincaid, of Lane, is registered at the Perkins from Eugene. Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Templeton have gone to Southern Oregon to spend the

Joseph Hume, a ploneer farmer of Linn County, is registered at the St. Charles from Brownsville.

Walter Lyon, private secretary to Gov-ernor Geer, registered at the Imperial yesterday from Salem.

H. B. Reed, a business man of Mc-Minnville, registered at the Imperial yesrerday, on his return from Walia Walia. J. B. Cole, of San Francisco, who has the contract for erecting several elevatore in Portland buildings, is at the St.

H. B. Thielsen, of Salem, grand master of the A. F. & A. M., in company with Phil Metschan, of the Imperial, returned

yesterday from Baker County, where they have been instituting lodges.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels to-day as follows: From Portland—E. J. Falling, at the Murray Hue.

From Scattle-J. Moran, R. Moran, at the Imperial; J. K. Robinson, F. J. John-son and wife, at the Vendome; R. E. Chestnut, M. P. Chestnut and wife, at the Grand Union; O. G. Hanson, A. E. Murphy, at the Astor.

From Davenport-F. H. Luce and wife, at the Imperial. From Aurora-B. F. Glesy, at the Broadway Central. From Oregon City-W. S. U'Ren, at the Broadway Central. From Vancouver-Miss Griffith, Miss

FULL OF GOOD SPECIALTIES

Wolverton, at the Normandie,

#### "A Bell Boy" Pleased a Big Metropol-

itan Audience. "A Bell Boy," a farce without sufficient plot to detract the attention of the audi-

ence from the "main event," namely the bright and lively speciarry bill, pleased a house that packed the Metropolitan fornia. To the college students the game last night. The company is just the annuis only an incident in a picasure trip, although they are ardent followers of the
football sport.

The company is just the annution, brimful of people who can do something amusing and original, for 15 minutes at a stretch, and who also can fill their several chinks in the plot without rattling around. There is a lively swing and go around. There is a lively swing and go to the piece from curtain to curtain, al-ways "something doing," and in spots more going on at one time than the audi-ence can readily follow. It is a play designed as a laugh-producer, and the plans and specifications of the playwright are carried out accurately by the company. A country hotel, in which a company of strolling players have found lodging, and where they came into contact with people of far different professions, serve as the theme, and the bell boy always going and coming, and leaving trouble

> in his wake, is the principal figure.
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> John M. Welch, as the bell boy, does a piece of character comedy work which marks him as a first-class entertainer. Always in a good humor himself, he keeps the audience in a better one, and the ac-tion is far from lagging while he is mixed

the lodgers and fun for the audience

sile Marlowe, the leading attraction the feminine contingent, is graceful and pretty, and won the hearts of those across the footlights from her first ap-pearance. L. J. Harvey, as Izzy Blotsky, did very creditable character work.

It is in the specialties, however, that the company is the strongest. The "coon" gongs by the Young sisters were cleverly given, and the costuming of the turn was clever and effective. Armstrong and Cassidy, as the minstrel and prima donns, sang several new songs, and did a good dialogue act. L. J. Harvey, who is the possessor of a good voice, surprised the audience by using it, and was rewarded by a number of encores. Tom Morse, as "Coon Shouter," filled his part acceptably. Taken altogether, "A Bell Boy" is one of the best attractions of its kind Manager Jones has secured this season, and should draw good houses all week, Same bill the rest of the week, with matinees Christmas and Saturday.

#### NEW BUSINESS BLOCKS.

Will Soon Be Erected on Corner of Fifth and Salmon Streets.

The next substantial business block to be erected in Portland will be a two-story brick building at the southwest corner of Fifth and Salmon streets by Edward Holman. Mr. Holman purchased the lot, 50x100 feet, last week for \$9000, and the building will probably cost \$25,000 more. The lower floor will be entirely devoted to the undertaking business, and all the modern appliances will be installed. The upper floor will be divided into two flats of six rooms each, in the rear of a large showroom. An elevator run by waterpower will occupy a convenient position n the building.
The site selected for this substantial

structure is an ideal one for the purposes to which it will be devoted, as it is was along toward midnight when the close to the business center of the city, while at the same time free from noise and bustle. It will be fully as convenient in regard to the various cemeteries and the same time free from noise and bustle. It will be fully as convenient in regard to the various cemeteries and the same time free from noise and the same time free fr in regard to the various cemeteries and the proposed crematorium as Mr. Hol-man's present undertaking pariors, and as a morgue for the temporary detention of bodies in Coroner's cases it will be an improvement, as crowds are not like-ly to gather in idle curiosity. The only noise is that made by the Fifth-street begin in the early Spring. The building the pol will front on Fifth street.

#### BUSINESS ITEMS.

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#### NEW MEMBER FORY.M.C.A.

FRED B. SMITH DRAWS 100 YOUNG MEN TO THE FOLD.

Big Meetings at the Marquam Held by the Association's Famous Exhorter.

Over 100 young men and 40 boys have been added to the ranks of the Y. M. C. A. with n the past three days as a reault of the revival meetings conducted by Fred B. Smith, of Chicago, who is one of the international secretaries of the or-ganization. The first meeting was held at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening, and the boys' meeting took place there Saturday morning. The third meet-ing was held at the Marquam Grand Theater, yesterday afternoon, and the fourth last evening at the same place. Both of these were largely attended and much in-terest was shown. Mr. Smith is a cheery, forcible speaker.

who depicts the difference between the life of a Christian and that of the un-converted in plain, every-day language, which all listen to with rapt attention. His exhortation last evening was based upon Daniel's prophecy, wherein "the people who know God shall be strong." He showed that the young man who lives an upright, Christian life is really the strong man, though the other might be physically his superior, and he drew a vivid pictude of \$5,000 young soldiers marching in Chickamauga Park, at the

opening of the Spanish War.

"These," said he, "were all splendid
specimens of physical manhood, whom no
Spanish foe could resist. They had been
passed as perfect by the Army Surgeon, whose keen eye could have detected the slightest defect in stature, weakness of vision, or organic trouble. No guns, how-ever well mounted, or fortifications, how-ever well manned, could scare them, and ever well manned, could scare them, and yet thousands of these perfect specimens of manhood were swept down by the vortex of sin. Those brave boys whom no Spanish could terrify, would show weakness when a great bottle of whisky would find its way into their camps."

Mr. Smith told the young men present
that money was not all there was in the world, though he would not discourage the making of money. There was, how-ever, too much of the spirit of "get money-honestly if you can, but get it" instilled into boys' minds around the paternal table. He told about two men who had spent their lives in making money and had accumulated \$7,500,000 each, but their sordid natures prevented

each, but their sordid natures prevented them from giving anything to help along the cause of Christianity. They answer the solicitor:
"Not a dollar will we give. Let the young men go to h-ll if they feel like it. It's none of our business."
These men were compared to an aged man of the speaker's acquaintance, who had speak his life in serving the Lord. had spent his life in serving the Lord, and who had been loyal to the church of God. This aged man of 67 years was one of the mighty men of the world, even

though he had not accumulated any of this world's goods.

Mr. Smith spoke scathingly, though with good nature, of young men addicted to whisky, tobacco or cigarettes, and told them that no hog would use either of these things unless tied up and forced to do so. The cigarette fiend, he said, never becomes a bank president, and is usually a fellow who spends his father;

If men must smoke, they should not make opium flends of themselves by using cigarettes.

He told of a young man whose wealthy He told of a young man whose wealthy parents had paid for a thorough education for him, at Yale and Leipsic, and how his mother, who doted on him, then traveled around the world with him as a finishing touch to the many degrees he had attained at the colleges, but when his friends met him at San Francisco, on his return to this country, they found he could drink more whisky than any man of his age in the city.

This young man was bright and studious, but lacked the strength of Christian apprit and so went down in the gutter

spirit, and so went down in the gutter in spite of his wealth and social stand-

Mr. Smith also paid his respects Ingersoll, whom he once paid 75 cents to hear speak. He imitated the great infi-del's logic and gestures, and asserted that the arguments of Ingersoll were ridicu-

At the close of the meeting last even-

#### Either Horn Is Sharp. New York World.

The two alternatives to the Frye-Hanna ship subsidy bill is presented to the tax-payer are the following: If the pro-posed subsidy should be found inadequate noise is that made by the Fifth-street cars, and this is comparatively little. The cars, therefore, instead of being a drawback, will be an advantage to those desiring to visit the new undertaking pariors from distant portions of the city. Plans are now being drawn for the new edifice, and the work of construction will begin in the early Spring. The building

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