

MARION VALUES RAISED

ASSESSOR SAYS INCREASE IS ABOUT 15 PER CENT.

This Will Make Valuation of County About \$1,000,000 Greater Than Last Year.

SALEM, May 23.—Charles Lembcke, Assessor of Marion County, in pursuing the same policy as was yesterday announced by Assessor McDonald of Multnomah County, says that this year make material advances in valuations. In speaking to an Oregonian representative today, Mr. Lembcke said that the exact percentage of increase will not yet be determined, but the returns from field workers thus far indicate that the total taxable property in Marion County for 1901 will be 23 per cent greater than in 1900. This will be pleasing news to the large majority of the property-owners, for the valuations as shown by assessment rolls, have gone up, until it appears to strangers that the property in Marion County is taxed 4 per cent. To raise the valuation and reduce the levy will add nothing to the burdens of the people, and will make a far better statistical showing for the information of those contemplating an investment in Marion County property. A 15 per cent increase in valuations will amount to \$1,000,000, and will place the total valuation at \$2,190,000, or higher than it has been since 1896.

That actual values have gone down since 1896 every one knows, but that the valuations are not what they should be is also patent. In some cases property is assessed at about what it would sell for at forced sale, but in many cases it is assessed at a ridiculously low figure. A small advance all over the county and a considerable increase in certain classes of property will make a fair distribution of the burden. The rise and fall of valuations in Marion County, as given by assessment rolls, are shown in the following:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Valuation. Rows include 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901.

The assessment as made by the Assessor in 1900 were about the same as in 1901, but the County Court made a straight cut on all property of 10 per cent, leaving the total as shown in the foregoing table. Marion County finances are in a satisfactory condition, and there is every probability of reduced tax levies even at the same valuations. The present county administration has made material reductions in expense without lessening the public service, and there is reason to believe that the county will be entirely out of debt within another year. With the interest charges cut off, the cost of running the county government will be less and the burden to the taxpayers lighter. While to individual instances the advance in valuations may be criticized, the property-owners as a whole will approve the policy of the County Court in increasing the assessment. From unofficial sources it is learned that a number of counties contemplate making higher valuations, and that it is probably due, in no small degree, to the new assessment law which takes effect next Spring. Under the provisions of that law, the county will be allowed a portion of the burden of state taxes and there will be nothing to gain by low valuations. The two judges of Odd Fellows in this city last night decided to bear the expense of preparing a corner stone for the new Federal Building, and to lay it with the usual lodge ceremonies, June 1.

George Grayson, appointed receiver of the Salem branch of the Labor Exchange, which went out of business several years ago. He will sell the property, valued at about \$100,000, and distribute the proceeds among creditors.

PROMINENT SALEM MEN ARRESTED

Farmer and Business Man Charged With Criminal Assault. SALEM, May 23.—E. T. Bunker Ray Gilbert, prominent residents of this city, were arrested tonight on a complaint sworn to by A. H. Damon, charging them with committing a criminal assault upon his daughter, who is believed to be under the age of 16 years. The defendants were taken before Recorder Judah, and released under \$500 bonds each to appear at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning for preliminary hearing.

Bruce is a well-known farmer in this county, and is at present receiver of the Townsree & Temple harness firm. He served five years in the Salem School Board. Gilbert is a member of the firm of Gilbert & Baker, and is a son of A. N. Gilbert, ex-superintendent of the penitentiary. Damon is an expressman who has lived here for many years.

The filing of this complaint has been anticipated for several days, and the matter has been widely discussed throughout the city since it was alleged that a building, which belonged to William E. H. In, was insured for \$400.

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Statement of Examiner Maxwell, as Given Out, is Deemed Entirely Too Vague.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 23.—The statement of the assets and liabilities of the First National Bank of Vancouver, published in the Oregonian this morning, as given out by the Controller of the Currency, is far from satisfactory to the stockholders and depositors of the suspended bank. On the main questions, the report furnishes no relief or enlightenment whatever. The extent and nature of the alleged defalcations of the late president and cashier, Brown and Canby; the amount of the deficiency which the stockholders will be required to make good and the nature of the securities given as good, doubtful and worthless securities in the statement are only a few of the vital points which the depositors and stockholders have been expecting to be made clear by the Controller, and which they feel they have a right to know. Receiver Maxwell adheres strictly to his policy of silence on matters pertaining to the affairs of the bank, and declined to discuss the report or give any additional information concerning it. He said the department at Washington is in possession of a complete report of the condition of the bank, and it rests entirely with it what facts are to be given out.

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OBIO DELEGATION AT TACOMA.

TACOMA, May 23.—The members of the Ohio delegation in Congress were the guests of Tacoma this forenoon. They were greeted by members of the Ohio Society, including Congressman Cushman and other prominent citizens, and given an excursion to the harbor, landing at Point Delance Park. Luncheon followed at Whitworth College. President F. B. Gault being the head of the Ohio Society. A ride through other parks and the residence portion of the city concluded the morning's diversion. The guests left at 1 o'clock for Seattle by steamer.

GUilty of DESEITION.

Private at Vancouver Must Serve One Year at Alcatraz Island.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 23.—Frank Murphy of Troop H, Fourth Cavalry, has been found guilty of desertion by a general court-martial. He will be dishonorably discharged, forfeit all pay due him, and be confined for one year at hard labor on Alcatraz Island.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMME.

Arrangements have been made for the observance of Memorial Day in this city by the Elsworth Post, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps. There will be a street parade by the Twenty-eighth Infantry, commanded by Colonel Mott Foston, Company G, National Guard of Washington Territory, of the G. A. R. and civic societies, to be followed by a service at the City Park by Chaplain C. C. Bateman. The ceremonies attending the decoration of the graves of American soldiers will take place at 8:30 A. M. Schools to Hold Closing Exercises. The public schools of this city are preparing for the close of the school year, which will occur May 31. The graduating exercises will be held in the Auditorium on the evening of June 1. The State School for Deaf and Blind tomorrow evening.

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