

CITY LEVY, 7 MILLS

Council Committee Fixes the Figure.

BELOW THE MAXIMUM LIMIT

Improvements for the Fire Department and Larger Appropriation for the Police and for Street Repairs.

WHAT THIS YEAR'S TAX LEVY WILL BE.

Table showing tax levies for various city departments: City of Portland, School district No. 1, Public Library, Park, County and road (estimated).

The Council committee on ways and means, members of the Common Council, and Messrs. Mills and McEwen, representatives from the Board of Public Works and the City Engineer, met yesterday to pass on the estimates of the various departments, and to agree on what sum to recommend as the tax levy, and the appropriation for the various city departments for the current year.

The Board of Public Works has submitted estimates for the City Engineer's and the Street Cleaning and Sprinkling Departments. The estimate for the Engineer's Department amounted to about \$50,000, and that for the Street Cleaning and Sprinkling Department to \$38,800.

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The contest between Laura Stringham and Maude Dillon, for \$2000 insurance on the life of Leroy Stringham, deceased, payable by the Modern Woodmen, was decided by Judge Sears yesterday in favor of Mrs. Dillon. She was the mother of Leroy Stringham, and Laura Stringham was the wife. The beneficiary certificate was originally executed in favor of Mrs. Dillon. After his marriage Dillon made application to the lodge to have the policy changed, so that his wife would receive the money in the event of his death. Stringham failed to pay a fee of 50 cents required by the by-laws of the order, and the secretary of the lodge, on account of the nonpayment of this fee,

was almost destroyed, from the effects of the shock. Langworthy testified that the conductor to stop, that the conductor pulled the bell cord, and as the car slowed down the conductor told him if he wanted to alight he would have to jump. The plaintiff stated that just as he stepped off the conductor gave the signal to start the car, which caused it to give a sudden jerk forward and occasioned the fall.

It appears that the car was what was known as a through car, not supposed to make frequent stops. The defense, briefly outlined, was that Langworthy jumped from the car without warning, and also jumped backward, and that when he was being carried home in a chair he frequently remarked to the men carrying him how sorry he was that he jumped off. The company says it was all his own fault. Dell Stuart and Henry E. McGinn appeared as attorneys for Langworthy for the defense.</