Next Tax Levy Lower Than Last

MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

District Needs Funds for New Buildings.

STATE WILL REQUIRE LESS

Other Departments of Government Will Make Levies About the Same as Before, Though on Higher Assessment.

| PUND, | Probable levy in 1965, mills | Levy made in 1904, mills. | in 1965, mille. |
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| State State school | 5.6 5.0 6.4 2.1 | 7.8 5.0 6.4 2.1 | 5.0 5.0 6.7 2.7 |
| Port of Portland City of Portland City of Portland School District, No. L. | 2.7 9.625 | 2.8 9.3 6.5 | 1.5 9.3 1.0 4.5 |
| Total levy on property within Portland city city limits | 88.125 | 40.0 | 36.0 |

Portland's next tax levy will not be less than 38 mills and may exceed 39, if money for new school buildings is to be raised by taxation in 1905. The several items of the levy have been approximately determined by the departments of government with the exception of that of the school district.

The law requires "each school district and each incorporated town and city and each public corporation authorized to levy a tax" to notify the County Clerk of their levies before January 1; "and each County Court or Board of County Commissioners at its January term to fix the levies for county and state and state school pur-The Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer are required to ap-portion the sums needed from taxation

for the state in January."

The levy made this year for the state was 7.5 mills. It was high because of the unusually large revenue needed for legislative appropriations. The total sum raised for the state this year was \$1,200,000, of which Multnomah County contributed at \$-10 per cent, or \$382.787. Secretary of State Dunbar has estimated that the revenue that will have to be raised for the state from taxes next year will be \$1,000,to secure which a levy of 5.6 mills

so big a protest went up that it gave up the idea and shaved off the county and road levies so as to bring the total down to 40 mills. The last county and road levcounty warrant indebtedness, as was de-sired, and the next will probably be no lower and may even go higher. County warrants up to last May have been re-deemed, and the debt is now about \$75. 000, and will increase at \$25,000 a month to approximately \$250,000 by the

money begins to come in next March. The Port of Portland levy has already been fixed at I-10 mill below that of the iast levy. For the city, Mayor Williams has recommended to the Council \$5 mills, but the ways and means committee of that mended M mills, the extra i-mill to go to the bonded indebtedness

All the above-mentioned levies can be forecasted at this time with a fair degree day 30 boxes of the floral representation of accuracy. The school district levy, howof accuracy. The school district levy, how-ever, is very uncertain and will be fixed at the annual meeting of taxpayers of the district Tuesday, December 27. For running the schools 46 mills will be need-running the schools 47 mills will be ed, but higher salaries for teachers and newspapers of the East and to other of new school buildings will necessitate a the prominent men of the Nation. With higher leve than that unless the district each box the club is sending a personal is to be bonded for the improvements. The proposed increase of salaries will entall an added expense of \$25,000 or \$30,000, and an extra 6-10 mill levy.

Between 20 and 25 new rooms are needed as a part in the scheme of Christmas dec-for the grammar grades, to supply which will cost about \$75,000 and require an additional 1.5-mill levy. Besides a School is needed on the East Side. build it will cost another \$75,000 and an other 1.5-mill levy. The total of all these levies would be 8 mills for school pur-

bonding the district has been proposed. The same plan was proposed last year, but was rejected because the district preferred to keep down the municipal debt. As a compromise between the advocates of the bonding plan and of the "pay as we go" policy, it has been suggested that money for new grammar grade schools be raised from taxes, and for the new High School from bonds. New schools for the grammar grades will have to be built every year, but the new High School would meet the needs of the city for a Wathodist Extension Society of the

1904 on which the next taxes will be levied:

| Port of Port | land | . 54,014,487 |
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| 1960, | \$51,008,100-1896. 48,822,280-1895. 45,165,682,1894. 32,641,987,1892. 31,056,751,1892. 42,870,404,1881. 43,814,694. | \$51,415,416 52,020,649 54,127,850 61,596,178 42,052,500 |

PLANTING HUNDREDS OF ROSES Brooklyn Schoolground Being Beauti-

Brooklyn School held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon in the asmeeting yesterday aftermoon in the assembly hall, Mrs. Francis J. Wells, president, presiding. A full report from the
committee on the Brooklyn school
grounds, composed of Miss A. L. Dimick,
Mrs. Maud Strowbridge and Mrs. Dora
Charters, was read in detail by Miss Dirnick, showing that 150 choice rosts had been
to set out on the grounds, forming a hodge set out on the grounds, forming a hedge along the front. Besides these there is a large bed of cuttings. The total expendi-

iy denated many choice roses, and H. Ehlens furnished % at cost. La France and Caroline Testout roses have been planted along the front borders of the grounds for a bedge. The plans contemplate making the Brooklyn school grounds the most attractive of any school in the city, not excepting even the High School.

city, not excepting even the rligh School. With the rooted bushes and cuttings already secured and more to be obtained there will be several hundreds of the very choicest roses to be had. The committee on philanthropic work reported that employment had been secured for the father and son in a family in the neighborhood that were in sore need. Much other work along this line also was reother work along this line also was re-ported. Principal Dimick made an ex-tended talk on this subject and said that if the club had accomplished nothing more than to relieve this family it was well re-paid for all its efforts since it was or-

Following was the parliamentary drill conducted by Mrs. W. Wyn Johnson, which proved highly interesting to the members present. Mrs. Johnson illustrated the various motions, the methods of conducting public meetings, and dis-patching business in an effective manner. Mrs. Johnson consented to continue her Instructions at club meetings.

LOSES HIS POSITION.

Francis J. Heney Steps From One Capacity Into Another.

Francis J. Heney, special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, has lost his job; but in losing one he has guined another, and perhaps a more significant and useful one.

Yesterday morning Mr. Hency received a telegram from Attorney-General Moody appointing him as an assistant District secuting Attorney in the office of John Hall. It was stated in the telegram that Mr. Hency was to receive a salary of \$1500 per annum for his services to the Government and that his duties were to commence at once.

The new move is made to do away with

some doubt in the interpretation of the federal law. There was an uncertainty as to whether or not Mr. Heney would be authorized in going before the Fed-eral grand jury in his capacity as assistant to the Attorney-General. He was therefore appointed an assistant Prose-cuting Attorney under Mr. Hall in order that he might personally present to the jury, when it convenes on Monday next, the questions which he desires shall be

settled by that body.

Many subpoenss have been issued requiring men from different parts of the state to appear before the jury when it meets, in an effort to clear up the landfraud question that has been agitating the country for so long. Mr. Heney and Mr. Hall will leave no stones unturned to bring to irial all persons in any way con-nected with the frauds provided there is a chance for their conviction.

The defendants in the now famous cases are preparing, some of them, to spend their holiday time at their homes, Miss Ware will go to Eugene for a short visit. S. A. D. Puter will return to his home in California. Horace G. McKinley will perhaps take a flying trip to his Wisconsin home.

BATTLE THE CIGARETTE.

Election of Officers and Rally at Presbyterian Church Last Night.

A house full of enthusiastic anti-cigaretters gave the league yell with a vim in closing a rally meeting in Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church last night. The occasion was the first gathering of the new-ly-formed Anti-Clgarette League, and the election and installation of officers. Rev. Edward M. Sharp, pastor of the church, conducted the musical and devotional ex-ercises, and the installation of officers was directed by Wallace Struble, organizer of the international League, who also spoke for a few minutes to the young folks. The following is a list of the of-

Presidents, Roy Coleman, Nina Graves; vice-presidents, Harry Sahlstrom, Bertha Lamb, Boyd Pisher, Blanch Witzel, Hugh Robertson, Jessie Holcomb, James West; be reduced from 5 mills. The County
Court proposed a lower levy last year, but
so big a protest went up that it urers. Bessle Bradley. Edith Whitcomb: sergeants-at-arms, Archie Lewis, Ursel

SENDING OREGON GRAPE.

Commercial Club to Make Eastern People Unique Presents.

The Portland Commercial Club is going to make the foremost people of the Unitholidays, and when Christmas time comes to bless the state as the home of beauty

and the source of ornamentation.

The promotion office of the club now has a force of men out over the hills picking unlimited quantities of Oregon grape for distribution among the people af the East Between this time and Mona Christmas gift from the people of Orestate, and urging that the grape be placed

NEW METHODIST CHURCH. Funds Are Being Raised for Edifice in Northern Part of City.

To raise \$9000 for a new Methodist Church in North Portland was the object of a meeting held in the Taylor-Street

Church last night. The result of the meeting was a piedge of \$1000.

Rev. Henry T. Atkinson, the pastor of the congregation which is now holding its meetings in the Artisans' Hall, 620 Savier street, was authorized to collect the re maining \$5000 for the purpose of obtaining property and erecting the building. The more.

cuts in Multnomah County for by Bishop David Moore opened the meeting. The needs of church extension were generally discussed. The necessity of a church building in the northern part of the city was the feature of the discussion. The erection of the church building will be conducted by the City Church Exten-

\$12.50 THE POPULAR PRICE. Hundreds of People Are Buying Suits

at This Price:

sion Society after the funds have been

collected by the paster.

Until January 1 we sell the pick and fied by Mothers' Club.

The Mothers' and Teachers' Club of the grocklyst School held its regular monthly at retail from \$15 to \$25.

We call special attention to our fine Black Unfinished Worsted Suits in either single or double-breasted cuts. They all go in at the \$12.50 price. BROWNSVILLE WOOLEN MILLS

FREE SPIRITS.

Today every visitor to the Full-Measure ture was \$25.10. Of this sum 210 has been house will receive a sample bottle of Fine provided by the club and \$1.20 came from Old Whisky free. 106 Sixth street and 25 other sources. L. M. Lugg and J. K. Have-North Sixth street.

GLOVE Glove and merchandise orders for any amount can be purchased at the Glove counters. Main floor, near Morrison-street entrance.

The Meier & Frank Store

Open Tonight Until 9:30

Increased facilities in every department today-Careful preparations have been made to give Holiday throngs the best possible service-Hundreds of additional helpers, salespeople, cashiers, wrappers, extra deliveries to all parts of the city-Portland's largest and best store will, as usual, prove to be the most satisfactory shopping place-Artistic picture framing to order-Christmas-tree ornaments, immense variety at the lowest prices-3d Floor

Holiday Shopping at Portland's Largest Store



Holiday shopping a pleasure when done at The Meier & Frank Store-Every effort has been made to perfect the service so that the throngs of Christmas buyers would receive the same prompt and careful attention that they are accorded during ordinary business days. Every branch of the store service has been extended to meet the requirements of the season-Over 800 enthusiastic helpers, our own delivery system of 20 wagons, extra cashiers and wrappers stationed wherever they can be used to advantage-Basket and cable system most complete in the city-20 messengers for the special delivery service-A great shopping help at Christmas time is a transfer; get one from the first salesperson you trade with, no waiting, no delay; when through buying give that last salesperson your name and address, cash or charge, and we'll do the rest-Stocks are in splendid condition for today's onslaught-Merchandise the best, assortments the largest we have ever presented for your choosing-Our store will remain open tonight until 9:30

Children's Day in "Toyland" --- Third Floor

Fair and bright are the weather predictions for today in "Toyland," no matter what conditions prevail on the other Planets-The hospitable inhabitants of this delectable Third-Floor Country will welcome the children this Saturday with a warmth that will send them home with visions of delight-Don't for a moment think of hindering the little ones from coming—We'll take good care of them—Scores of extra salespeople, extra cashiers, extra wrappers, will make shopping today in Portland's Largest and Best Toyshop as comfortable as anyone could expect-Old Santa himself is still here to make selections for his

millions of little friends

Combination Blackboard and Desk folds flat with very small space "Parchesi," the game everyone plays, only one to a customer at the only one to a customer at wonderfully low price

55c

Square red-painted Magic Lantern, complete with slides; sold every-where at \$1; our special 64c Mechanical Train on elevated track -locomotive, tender and two coaches, \$ pieces of track on ele-vated standards; regular \$1.87 \$2.75 value, for.

"Nellie Bly," the most popular game ever invented; old and young enpoy it; 50c value....26c



canopy of silkoline; lix18% inches; best \$1.00 value Trimmed Enameled Iron Bed, draped see our full-dressed Doll at \$1.00; \$1.25 is price elsewhere, 69c today 69c Stout kid body Doll, with bisque head, curly hair, moving eyes, real shoes and stockings 16 inches long, great value, 33c solid Steel Cart, everything of steel except the bottom board 2 doublespoke wheels 2-inch size of body 7x14 inches; 65c value 47c 7x14 inches; 65c 47c Great display of Christmas-tree

Our famous "Willamette" Coaster,
32-in. top board, 12 and 14-inch
heavy wire wheels—we have sold
1230 of them in past two years;
every boy should have one; best
\$2.00 value, on sale at the remarkabley low price

of \$1.48

Traveling Bags

18-in. full stock leather Club Bag. leather lined, leather-covered frame; regular \$2.55 value, on \$2.57
15-inch genuine Alligator Club Bag, brass trimmlings, leather lined, regular \$5.50 value, on \$4.23 sale for

24-inch full cowhide Suit Case, sewed
edge, heavy leather corners, with
large brass knobs, ring handle,
heavy lock, \$9.00 case
for

High-class fitted Traveling Bags in magnificent styles—prices from \$15 to \$100—
Third Floor.

Tourist Coats \$14.85

Two matchless bargains in Women's Tan Covert Tourist Coats-Beltêd back, half-lined or full silk lined, notch collar, this season's very best models, all sizes-

Great special lot of Women's Raincoats, each...........\$9.90 Holiday Sale of Fur Scarfs and Coats. Children's Fur Sets at special sale prices.

Holiday bargains in Women's Waists and Silk Petticoats. All Dressing Sacques reduced.

Holiday Gifts for Men Low Priced

Remarkable buying opportunities in our Men's Big Furnishing Goods Store today-Appropriate and useful things for Christmas gifts at tempting prices-Space permits giving details of only about one-half of the grand values to be found in this

50 dozen Men's new stiff-bosom Shirts, percales in stripes and figures, all sizes, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 values..... Men's Muslin Night Shirts in plain and fancy trimmed styles, all sizes, value extraordinary at Men's large size fancy brocaded Mufflers, in black and white, best \$1.00 values on sale today at the low price of 89c Men's black silk and satin Full Dress Protectors, best styles, \$1.50 values for your choosing today at.......\$1.19

hems: 15c with sterling mountings, \$2.00 Engravings on Suspenders and Umbrellas free.

One-Third Off on

Fancy Stationery, Austrian

Court Boxes, Celluloid Boxes

floor, near Milinery section, two large tables full of fancy box Stationery— Celluloid Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Tollet Sets, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets, Austrian Court Boxes, Cigar Boxes, etc.—Take your pick from the entire lot at 1-1 off.

Children's Apparel Reduced

All our Dresses are marked at

Children's Ladies' Cioth Coats, box style, with circular cape collar, braid trimmed; blue, red. castor, 3 to 5-year sizes— \$3.75 Coats \$2.45

Holiday Sale of Gloves

The finest Gloves the world produces for women's wear-"Perrins" Extra Quality are



offered at a very low price today--A saving of 43c on every pair is worthy your consideration, particularly at this time when Holiday purchases are making great inroads on the family purse

The Original Old Santa SANTA

Claus is here in Toyland, CLAUS

jolly soul that makes children happy

third floor. He's the same

and he never disappoints.

Women's Neckwear Specials

Handsome Black Ostrich Feather Boa, yard and three-quarters long, best \$25.00 value on sale for \$19.89 Fancy Venise Lace Stocks, white and eeru, in holly and

Peau de Soie Stocks, brown, light blue, black and white bows and value at the very low price of \$1.39 New Chenille Stole Boas, black and golden brown, \$16.25 very latest styles, \$22.50 values for

SHOE DEPARTMENT Women's \$2.50 Shoes in the best styles and leathers, \$2.12 Women's \$1.50 low felt Women's \$1.75 felt \$1.49
Women's \$2.00 felt \$1.78
Men's \$1.25 fancy leather Slippers, pair

Slippers, pair

Men's \$1.75 fancy leather
Slippers, pair

Women's \$1.25 fancy
Juliettes pair

Men's and boys fancy
Slippers, pair 50c to \$3.00

HANDKER CHIEFS These Specials—Second Floor.
Women's unlaundered hand-embroidered and hemstitched sheer linen Handkerchiefs, regular 15c values at each 15c Women's demi-isundered hemstitched and embroidered all-linen Handkerchiefs, best 25c values, each 16c Women's hemstitched and embroidered or scalloped edge Handkerchiefs, 30 styles to select from, great value, each 12c Women's Swiss Handkerchiefs, embroidered scalloped or hemstitched edge: also lace trimmed, 100 styles to select from; regular 35c values for 25c These Specials—Second Floor, omen's unlaundered hand-

Great Hosiery Bargains Today

| Holiday bargains in Women's Fine Hosiery; unequaled values, in the very best styles. | 0 |
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| Women's Imported Real German Liste Hose, all the newest embroidered effects, all sizes, 75c and 85c values for, pair | 50 |
| Women's Ingrain All-Silk Hose, gossamer weight, sizes 9 to 10, best \$1.25 values for, pair98 | |
| Women's Silk Hose, medium and heavy weight, plain black, sizes 8½ to 10, \$1.25 value, at the low price of, pair | 500 |
| Women's finest quality All-Silk Hostery, embroidered in Bulgar- ian cross-stitch, real hand work in tapestry colors, \$5 vals. pr \$3.98 | |
| Women's All-Over Silk Lace Hose, choice, dainty effects, all sizes, regular \$6.00 values on sale today at, pair | 5 |

Holiday Rug Sale Basement Specials

18x36 Axminsters, \$1.25 val., ea. 8 .83 27x60 Axminsters, \$2.75 val., ea.\$1.88 36x72 Axminsters, \$4.50 val., ca. \$3.49 30x60 all-wool Smyrnas, \$3 values, 80x60 all-wool Smyrnas, \$4 values, 82,17 27x54 Utopia Rugs, \$4.50 val. ... \$3.47 27x54 Royal Wiltons, \$4.75 val. \$3.45 26x63 Royal Wiltons, \$8.50 val. \$6.95 Sakai Oriental, 30x60 in., \$6.50 value, 27x54 Nubia Rugs, \$2 value \$1.47 Entire stock of Oriental Rugs at

India Stools, \$1.25 values...... 98e

3 and 4-fold Screens at low prices.

Beautiful assortment of fancy Pil-

% off regular prices.

Cut-glass Bowls, 3-inch size, very pretty cut, regular 15.00 \$3.97 values, for \$3.97 oinch cut-glass Bowls, handsome cut, regular \$4.00 values, \$3.18 on sale for \$3.00 cut-glass Spoon Tray \$2.49 CHAFING DISHES. tio.00 nickel Chading Dishes, fancy cover, best burner \$8.13

Nickel 5-0 clock Teas, wroughtiron stand, regular \$2.50 value, for \$1.98

CARVING SETS.

Handsome Carving Set in case, stage CARVING SETS.
Handsome Carving Set in case, stag handles; regular \$4.00 \$3.19
at \$3.75 value, on sale for ... \$3.12 silver Stand Fruit Dishes, re \$3.75 value, on sale for...

BASEMENT BARGAINS,

\$3.75-\$1 Forn Dishes

\$2.25 plated Cake Basket

4-plece plated Tea Set.

\$2.50 plated Pickle Castor.

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\$3.60 plated Syrup Pitcher...

CUT GLASS SPECIALS,