

CITY LEVY FIXED

Tax Rate for 1905 Is Passed
at 9 1-2 Mills.

MAYOR'S ESTIMATES ARE CUT

Ways and Means Committee's Report
Adopted, Pruning Appropriations
for Police, City Engineer's
and Street Departments.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE'S REPORT—Severe cuts made in Mayor's recommendations of appropriation for the year. City tax levied at 9 1/2 mills.

MERRILL'S ORDINANCE—Council tables the ordinance allowing saloons to keep open all night.

ZIMMERMAN'S ORDINANCE—Referred to the liquor license committee. It provides for raising of vaudeville house license to \$10 a day.

OREGON TRACTION ORDINANCE—Granting franchises for Hillsboro line is tabled.

The reading and adoption of the ways and means committee's report occupied most of the afternoon during the Council meeting yesterday. This report was little short of remarkable in its text, recommending severe cuts in a number of the Mayor's estimates for next year's appropriations, particularly in the Police, City Engineer's and Street-Cleaning Departments, and planning many improvements under the immediate authority of the City Engineer, at the same time, however, cutting this department's appropriation \$11,182. The city tax levy was fixed at 9 1/2 mills.

Most notable among the cuts was that of the Police Department. Mayor Williams' suggestion that \$126,952 be appropriated was cut to \$104,582. The street-cleaning fund suffered a cut of \$20,000, and the Auditor's office \$600.

All other estimates in the Mayor's annual letter have been indorsed, and in some instances the appropriations were increased.

The appropriations of the tax levy, and respective appropriations as recommended and fixed by the Mayor and the ways and means committee, is as follows:

| The Tax Levy. | |
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| | Mayor's Estimate. |
| Lighting fund..... | 15 |
| Police Department fund..... | 126,952 |
| Fire Department fund..... | 75,000 |
| Public Library..... | 24,500 |
| Parks..... | 24,500 |
| Street repairs..... | 60,000 |
| Public Library fund..... | 10,000 |
| Park fund..... | 10,000 |
| Bonded indebtedness interest fund..... | 200 |
| Totals..... | 295,152 |

| Appropriations. | |
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| Totals..... | 253,782 |

In explanation of the cuts the report says:

In considering the estimates of the expenses of the several departments as recommended by the Mayor, we have found it necessary to reduce them to the probable income of the city. In this matter we desire to explain that we consider the recommendations contained in the budget to be conservatively within the actual requirements of the several departments, in order to establish and maintain the degree of efficiency commensurate with the rapid growth of the city, and which the public service demands. We might go further and state that we agree with the original estimate prepared by the heads of these several departments as being barely sufficient for the needs of this city, and even then the ordinary expenses of government would be far below the average of cities of this class. But we find that the revenue of the city has not increased in proportion to our increased population and growth. The value of property has increased very much, but the assessed valuation has remained the same, the increase shown merely covering improvements made in the following recommendations for appropriations for 1905 it has been our desire to maintain the present efficiency of the fire and police departments, and to allow to all other departments such amounts as will safeguard the public interests and meet the most urgent demands, and still be within the available revenue of the city. In this particular your committee recommends that the heads of the several departments and all boards be notified to incur no obligation whatever not included in the annual estimates, and provided for in the appropriations made, and that, if emergencies requiring additional expenditures arise, that the Council be notified of the same, and special appropriations be made therefor. So far as the Council can now determine, the expenditures must be kept within the appropriations recommended.

The report provides for the reducing of the City Engineer's force.

One clerk is dispensed with in the Auditor's office. It requests that the strictest economy be observed in all departments in the purchase of stationery and printed blanks.

The Council meeting was an exceptionally quiet one, matters of minor importance only and routine business coming up for discussion.

Mr. Bentley asked that his ordinance for the improving of Couch street be repealed in so far as the street had recently been macadamized. This request led to a remark from His Honor, who said:

"Couch street? Why, that is in front of my house, and you gentlemen are in want to improve that street for? It is a very good street. I recommend that the ordinance be repealed." Mr. Fiegl jumped up and said:

"I second the motion. We do not wish to force any unnecessary expense upon His Honor."

"Well, I can stand it if I have to," replied the Mayor with a chuckle. A laugh from the gallery greeted this rejoinder.

A great number of petitions were read and either granted or referred to the different committees.

Traction Ordinance Tabled.

The application of the Oregon Traction Company, which is building the Hillsboro line, for a franchise to build a railroad on certain streets, was put on the table pending the preparation of a set of copies of the application to be given the Councilmen for perusal.

Mr. Merrill's ordinance to raise the liquor license and keep open house in the "wee wee" hours was also put on the table. The Third Ward representative did not approve of this procedure and launched several very caustic remarks at

Zimmerman, who was apparently responsible for the Council's action.

Mr. Zimmerman's ordinance raising the license of vaudeville houses and other places of amusement was referred to the liquor license committee.

Mr. Bentley was granted a month's leave of absence, commencing December 28. He contemplates a trip East. This was the last Council meeting that B. D. Sigler will attend in his present capacity. He has not yet resigned.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

VANDAL CAUGHT IN ACT.

Roy Fulmer Arrested While Cutting Splendid Evergreen Tree.

After being driven several blocks at the point of a revolver, and followed by a crowd of excited and curious people, Roy Fulmer was turned over to Policeman Wenden. Fulmer, who had been taken to the central station. He was booked on a charge of trespass. E. Quackenbush is the complainant.

Mr. Porter is the man who took charge of Fulmer. He is in charge of the Piedmont reserve, a plot of ground on which is situated a splendid forest of evergreen trees. Fulmer, in the act of cutting a limb from one of the finest trees when he was seen by the caretaker, who immediately took him into custody.

Fulmer stated after being brought to the station that he was sent to the reserve by a friend at the Orpheum Theater to get a small tree for decorations. He did not know, he said, that it was wrong to help himself to the trees. He saw where several others had been cut, he said, and thought it all right to take one.

"We have been having some trouble to keep the trees from being cut, because of people entering the reserve and cutting them," said Mr. Quackenbush, who is the agent for the place. "We decided to put a stop to the vandalism that has been going on there, and that was why Fulmer was arrested."

Will Spend Christmas in Jail Rather Than Pay \$10 Fine

JOHN LANDIGAN will spend Christmas in the City Jail, and for his Christmas dinner will partake of such viands as are allotted to prisoners on that day. He does it of his own free will, because he would rather remain in jail five days than pay a fine of \$10 assessed yesterday by Judge Hogue in the Municipal Court.

Landigan was charged with violating the plumbing ordinance, and stubbornly contested the case, which has been hanging fire since last August. He asserts that he was unable to get the proper materials with which to do his plumbing because he desired to do the work himself, and plumbers' supply-houses would not sell him the supplies unless he agreed to let a plumber do the work. After hearing the evidence in the case yesterday, Judge Hogue assessed a fine of \$10, the lowest possible fine for violation of the ordinance.

"Unless you arrest and convict every other man in this town whose plumbing is as bad as mine," Mr. Landigan told Judge Hogue after the decision had been rendered. "It is class legislation and therefore unconstitutional. I won't pay my fine; I'll go to jail."

Thereupon Bailiff Goits conducted Mr. Landigan to a cell. The property about which complaint was made is owned by Mr. Landigan and situated at the corner of Seventh and Sherman streets. In spite of the fact that he is a property-owner and had money in his pocket with which to pay the fine, he insisted on being locked up, saying that he would make it warm for the city administration when he got out.

ROGUE RIVER.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—(To the Editor)—As to the origin of certain names of mountains and streams in Oregon, I believe I can set you right and correct an error as to the name of Long before settlers from the States came into what is now the Rogue River Valley, the Hudson's Bay Company trappers or voyageurs traded and hunted in this valley, and they named the stream "Riviere Rouge," that is Red River, because in its torrential periods it was discolored red by the wash of the red auriferous lands along its course. A condition even now existing in a modified sense after most of the river bank has been washed away by miners. However, the first Missourians who discovered their caravan route into the valley and seeing the same name on the map, naturally concluded, and in fact said, "Them fellows can't spell a little bit." and from Missouri they proceeded to show 'em how, and corrected (7) the spelling to read Rogue by the transposition of two letters only. As for the rugged character of the Indians they found in the valley, they were neither better nor worse than average aborigines, and speaking from my experience with natives, especially those of Alaska, I am free to say that in many respects they were better and more honest people before they ever saw a white man than since.

MAX PRACHT.

This is fanciful, purely so, though the "Rogue" story is old. There would have been reason for calling the Klamath River Rogue River, or Red River, for its waters are much discolored by the marbles of the lake basin which it drains. But Rogue River is one of the clearest of streams, and even in flood its waters are not red. An old French map has been mentioned—though no such map is known now to be in existence—whereon the Klamath and Rogue Rivers are united and called Rouge-Clamet, or Red Klamath. But Rogue River, as an individual stream, has been known by its present name ever since white men first visited the country. Bishop Blanchet's account of the Catholic Church in Oregon says the French were first to call it by this name. The Indians there were a peculiarly troublesome lot, hence," says Blanchet, "the name 'Les Coquins' (the Rogues) and 'La Riviere aux Coquins' (the Rogue River) was given to the country by the men of the brigade." So far then is it from the fact that Rogue River is a corruption or change from the alleged "Rogue River" of the French. The actual truth is that the French called it the Rogue River themselves. Everything is against the assumption that it once was "Rogue River"—changed by Missourians to Rogue River, on the theory that "them French couldn't spell."

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS.

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Annihilation of Foreigners.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The Novoe Vremya today publishes a sensational story purporting to give inside details of the Algebov Society, organized among the Chinese by Chinamen educated in Japan, which is engaged in stirring up the population against the Manchurians, the latter being represented as being responsible for the present humiliating position of the empire. The society is preaching the annihilation of the foreigners who have gained a foothold in 14 provinces, commencing that this could be brought about by

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THIS CHRISTMAS OFFER ENDS THE HALF-PRICE OPPORTUNITY

JOHN WANAMAKER

an alliance with their kindred, the Japanese, who have shown disinterested friendship for the Chinese.

The Novoe Vremya argues editorially that this is evidence that the Japanese are preparing to play the desperate card of arousing China, and warns the world of the danger involved.

"Bristow" Suicide's Name.

Lorin O. Bristow, and not Harry B. Smith, was the name of the young man who drank carbolic acid in this city last Sunday morning. This information came

to Coroner Finley yesterday, when W. T. Altizer, an uncle of the suicide, called and so stated. The family lives at Antioch, Cal. The body of the suicide was buried yesterday in Lone Fir Cemetery.

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WARRANT OUT FOR WILLIAMS

Secretary-Treasurer of Leatherworkers' Union Charged With Fraud.

Three months after making allegations of larceny by embezzlement against B. H. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Leatherworkers' Union, President J. M. Davis yesterday caused a warrant for the alleged defaulter to be issued from the office of the District Attorney.

the shortage. Williams and his wife disappeared from Portland, and it is not known now where they are. It is said. He is said to have made away with \$1200 belonging to the local union. The warrant was issued so that in case he should be found he may be arrested without delay.

Grants Electric-Line Franchise.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The City Council last night granted a free franchise and right-of-way into the city to the Portland Traction Company,

which is to construct the Portland-Forest Grove electric line. The company is given the right-of-way up Pacific avenue, one of the main thoroughfares, into the business center. This will give the new company a decided advantage over the Southern Pacific, whose depot is a mile from the center of the city. The new franchise is given for 25 years.

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