

FRANCHISES WILL NOW BE ASSESSED

Tax-Dodgers Cannot Escape This Year as They Have in Years Past.

MANNING WRITES ASSESSOR

Tells Sigler That, According to Law, It Is His Duty to Assess Franchises as It Is on All Other Property.

Street franchises in Portland, tax-dodgers hitherto, will be rounded up by County Assessor Sigler this year, and will be compelled to pay between \$25,000 and \$50,000 next year in taxes, if they cannot defeat the new plan in the courts. John Manning, prosecuting attorney for the county, says that he is ready to fight for the county in the battle to tax the franchises.

What Could Be Raised.

Had franchise values been added in one-third their value to the assessment on which taxes were collected this year, the tax levy in Portland would have been 2 mills less than it was. Should their true market value be added for the next year, about 1 mill on a city valuation of \$10,000,000 would be saved to other taxpayers.

The last city assessment was \$10,000,000. If that valuation had been increased by \$5,000,000, to include street franchises at one-third of their actual value, less than 25 mills would have been raised as much revenue as did 40 mills.

Manning Writes Assessor.

Last week Sigler sent a letter to Mr. Manning, asking his opinion, and yesterday Mr. Manning made the following response:

Your communication addressed to me asking my opinion as to whether or not, under the present law, public franchises, such as street railways and gas companies, are assessable, has been read and in reply thereto I will say, the actual property, visible property, should be assessed at its value.

The lines were constructed with money which, with money obtained from sale of bonds. Over and above this value of the material property are the stock and franchises, which are not assessable at their value but at the value of the property itself. This franchise property, in the case of one of the principal corporations, has recently been sold for several millions of dollars, and the proceeds are not to be distributed. Other franchises in the city have similar values. All such to be taxed upon their valuation in the market, as other property is or should be.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

MRS. FISKE AT EMPIRE.

She will "Open Her Engagement in 'Leah Kleeschna.'" The engagement of Mrs. Fiske and the Manhattan Company opens at the Empire Theater this evening, when Portland will see for the first time C. L. S. Melloni's remarkable drama, "Leah Kleeschna," which is one of the few real hits of the season in New York. Mrs. Fiske arrives here in the morning and is staying at the Portland. There has been a large sale for the engagement, and the audience tonight promises to be a brilliant and representative one. Mrs. Fiske's tour to the Coast has been a duplication of the great success she enjoyed in New York. Her appearances at the Empire and the principal events of the season, and her engagement this year is more interesting than ever on account of the popularity of "Leah Kleeschna" and the strength of the Manhattan Company.

GREAT HISTORICAL DRAMA

"When Knighthood Was in Flower" Is Sensation of the Year.

Last night's verdict is another great triumph for the Belasco Stock Company. In the romantic historical drama of "When Knighthood Was in Flower," which appeared for the first time, the company has found an ideal vehicle. There are enough fine parts for each of the splendid artists who appear, and the ensemble is as good as could be desired. The most elaborate

settings and costumes add great importance to the production, which has never been equaled in a Portland stock theater. See "When Knighthood Was in Flower" tonight. You will be well repaid. Seats now selling.

"THE CARNIVAL OF VENICE."

The Trail's Chief Attraction of Greatest Spectacle in the World.

The greatest show of modern times is now giving two performances daily on the Trail. Those who do not see "Venice" do not see the Exposition. It is a dream of fairest beauty. Gorgeous and magnificent in every respect. On its mammoth stage 250 of the best performers in the world give an entertainment which has never been equaled in this country. Produced at a cost of \$100,000. Clean, wholesome and grand. See "Venice" and seek to see no more theatrical attractions. It comprehends them all.

Kob and Dill at the Marquam.

The fun lovers of Portland are particularly fortunate in having something of unusual absurdity and something entirely new the way of entertainment the coming week.

The Kolb & Dill Company will make their first appearance in this city next Tuesday, June 28, at the Marquam Grand Theater, presenting Brude's burlesque, "L. O. U.," full of funny features.

Kolb and Dill, as the German comedians, are already well known to the public. They will introduce a new novelty in the shape of a New Zealand Maori song and dance. In the company of exceedingly clever people are other well-known favorites: Edith Mason, the famous beauty of Lillian Russell type, and Tom Ferrise, who plays for several years in San Francisco in standard light opera; Pearl Hickman, a California girl, is one of the cleverest dancers. Ben Dillon, the Irish comedian, and Will F. Cross deserve especial mention. The chorus is unsurpassed. The advance sale of seats will open next Thursday at 10 o'clock.

Barney Bernard at Marquam.

Barney Bernard in his latest success, "The Dictator," will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theater tonight and every night this week, with a special matinee Saturday.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATER

The Star.

The bill at the Star this week comes up to the high standard set by that popular amusement-house. Williams and White are there with a quaint darky sketch that is something new in black-face. Adams, a veteran vaudeville dancer, do a good turn and get their share of the applause. Mr. Joe Bonner renders the illustrated ballad, "Come Home, Soldier Boy in Blue," in his usual excellent voice. Otto Fuchtel's Tyrolean warblers are something new to the local vaudeville stage, and the enthusiasm they created at all performances yesterday indicate that they will be great favorites throughout the week. F. H. Staudel is a comedian that does not crack stale jokes and sing stale songs, and his act is full of the spirit of wholesome humor. He was well received. The Musical Tors are a revelation in their popular and classical selections, and the Staroscope depicts scenes of the time of Louis XIV.

The Grand.

"Fatima: The Flower of the Orient," presented by Jules Walters and company, heads the bill this week at the Grand, and brings to the local vaudeville stage something a little out of the ordinary. The playlet pleased large audiences yesterday and served to place the Grand one step higher in local appreciation. The Bissanese comedy wire act brought forth roars of laughter and added much to the general attractiveness of the excellent bill. Thomas and Fudder, singers and dancers, held up their end of the program, and Crawford and Duff, in a well-comedy sketch, became favorites. The Earl Sisters, character artists, presented a pleasing turn and responded to several encores yesterday. Mr. Richard J. Bissanese presented "The Sleeping-car on the Deadwood Line," and other interesting pictures.

The Baker.

At the Baker this week the Exposition Four is retained by popular demand and presents a change of bill that will gain for them greater popularity than they enjoy at present. The Exposition Four is really one of the hits of the season and all lovers of vaudeville who have not seen the act will, no doubt, take advantage of the second week. Howell and Emerson, specialty comedians, are there to back up the efforts of the Exposition Four in making this week's bill one of the greatest of the summer. The Alberta equilibrista, make good, and Jean Wilson puts on an interesting illustrated song. O'Dell, Hart and Ridley are the peerless fun-makers. Daisy Schell is a charming comedienne, and the Burroughs act is most pleasing and entertaining.

Stack of Silver Dollars.

The first numbers of the drawing for the stack of silver dollars were issued last evening to patrons of shows at the Trail and other concessions. A number is now given with every ticket purchased for any of these shows, and next Saturday evening nine stubs will be drawn from a box, the ninth number being the prize-winner.

Drunkennes and Cruelty Charged.

Pearl Dewey accuses her husband, Fred I. Dewey, of drunkenness and cruelty. She alleges that he tried to smother her with gas, knocked her down with his fist, and refused to pay his bills. Mrs. Dewey has begun divorce proceedings in the State Circuit Court. She avers that Dewey has done many things which humiliated her, and when she refused to tolerate his conduct any longer he left her. They were married five years ago.

Says It Was His Own Carelessness.

The Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Company, in answer to the suit of Robert Gourlay for \$30,000 damages on account of injuries sustained in a railroad accident in the mine, says Gourlay was to blame. The answer recites that Gourlay, by reason of the nature of his employment, should have known of any defects in the cars, wheels, track and switch, and it was his duty to have repaired any defects.

Drunkennes Ground for Suit.

Gertrude Christopherson yesterday sued John Malcolm Christopherson for a divorce on the ground of gross habitual drunkenness, and she also asks that her maiden name, Goodwin, be restored to her. The litigants were married in 1888.

A Wonderful Tonic

ROBSON'S ACID PHOSPHATE—Cures Debility and Invigorates and Strengthens the system; drags out feeling during Spring and Summer.

Haris Trunk Company is headquarters for Trunks and Bags.

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Largest and Best Store

Lewis and Clark, Portland, Oregon and Northwest Souvenirs in Mammoth Variety—Every New Idea at Prices Ranging From 5 Cents to \$5.00
Trunks, Bags, Hammocks, Tennis Goods, Folding Cots, Lawn Swings, Camp Chairs, Baseball Goods, Etc., on the Third Floor
Principal Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications—Delineator Subscriptions Taken at \$1.00 Per Annum—June Number Now on Sale

Belts, Hand Bags at Special Prices



Women's Taffeta Silk Belts—black brown and white; all sizes, made with ornamental gilt and oxidized buckles; regular \$1.25 values 89c
Pique and Duck Wash Belts; all sizes; blue and red, embroidered, nickel buckles; 25c and 35c values for 15c
Mercerized Dresden Belts; girder designs; all sizes; 35c val. 18c

\$1.25 HAND BAGS 87c

Walrus and Seal Leather Bags—Great special purchase of 600 of them in brown, black and tan, made with inside pockets and card cases, nickel and gilt frames; \$1.25 values 87c

Lewis and Clark Exposition Burnt Leather Souvenirs, in purses, Hand Bags, Card Cases, Traveling Sets, etc.; all are marked at very reasonable prices.

ARTIFICIAL PALMS 25c to \$9.75

Just the thing for decorating—Never fade or die—Complete assortment of Fan Leaf, Kentia and Arecia Palms—Also Fan Leaf Palm Trees.—Prices range from 25c to \$9.75 each. Special Discount to the Trade.—Drug Department.

Art Department

Berlin Embroidered Pieces, including Doilies, Centerpieces, Scarfs and Cushion Tops; your choice at one-third off regular prices.
Art Linen Laundry Bags, large sizes and many colors; 25c and 35c values 19c
Free lessons in Art Embroidery work given daily by our expert, Mrs. Lynn.—Special attention given children.—Lessons daily 2 to 5 P. M.

Fine Bedspreads

White Dimity Bedspreads, 10-4 size; matchless value at this price—Each 89c
Hemmed Satin Marseilles Bedspreads, white; \$3.25 value; for this sale only \$2.48
White Fringed Marseilles Bedspreads, full size; \$3.25 value, for this sale only at 2.48
White Hemmed Marseilles Bedspreads; great special value at this low price \$2.05
Colored Bedspreads; pink, blue and red; full size; fringed; wonderful value at this price. \$1.59

Men's Golf Shirts 63c Each



Great special offering of 1000 men's Madras and Oxford Golf Shirts—Stripes, figures and plain colors—Blues, tans and gray—Very best styles and materials—The quality of shirts every store in town asks you \$1.00 for—Matchless value for this sale at 63c each

Men's Summer Ribbed Underwear; blue and brown; form fitting; all sizes; shirts and drawers; best 50c values on sale for 39c

Men's Pongee Colored Shirts with soft collar attached; just the shirt for outing and vacation; all sizes; exceptional value at 79c

New "Monarch" Shirt Just Received

We're taking great pride in our "Monarch" Shirt Display—The largest and best line of one dollar shirts you will find anywhere. Thousands of them in plain or pleated bosoms; very good coloring and combination in figures, striped or plain effects.—All sizes—The best shirt one dollar can buy.

June Ribbon Sale \$11 Silk Petticoats \$6.85

All pure silk fancy plaid and Ombre Striped Ribbons; 5 inches wide, for millinery purposes and neckwear; regular 50c values for this sale, per yard 33c
Satin Mousseline, Taffeta and Fancy Figured Ribbons, 3 and 6 inches wide, for millinery purposes, sashes, etc.; all colors; 50c values, for this sale, per yard 23c
3000 yards Satin Taffeta and all-silk Taffeta Ribbons; three inches wide; black, cream, white and all leading accents; 25c and 35c values, for this sale, per yard 18c



Silk Specials

Three great lots, all neat, pretty effects for shirtwaist suits. Grandest values in town at
59c YARD—73c YARD
89c YARD

White Mohairs at special low prices.

June Sale of Boys' Blouses



Boys' Blouses in white lawns, embroidered Sailor collar; ages 2 1/2 to 8 years; best values ever offered at 63c

Same as above, \$1.00 vls. 86c

Same as above, \$1.50 vls. \$1.19

Same as above, \$2.00 vls. \$1.69

Same as above, \$2.50 vls. \$2.10

Boys' Blouse Waists; colored Sailor collar; all new styles; all sizes: \$1.00 vls. on sale for 49c each

\$1.50 vls. on sale for 98c each

\$1.75 vls. on sale for \$1.19 ea.

Boys' white or colored Blouses—Laundered—Eton collar style—Ages 3 to 8 years—\$1.50 values \$1.15

Boys' Khaki Suits for vacation wear—All ages—Regular \$1.25 values, on sale for, suit 98c

Boys' and Girls' Overalls—Boys' Wash Suits at low prices.

Camping Necessities Specially Priced

10-4 all-wool Gray Blankets; regular \$2.25 quality; \$2.70
11-4 gray Oregon Wool Blankets; the best \$5.50 values \$4.35
10-4 all-wool mottled Blankets; regular \$4.50 quality, per pair \$3.95
11-4 all-wool mottled Blankets; best \$5.50 grade \$4.67
Extra large all-wool camping Blankets; regular \$7 quality \$5.75
Comforters at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 each.
25c Camp Chairs, each 35c

25c Camp Stools, each 25c
Camp Chairs, \$1.15 values \$2.10
Folding Cots, \$2 values \$2.50
\$1 Camping Hammocks 60c
\$2 Clothing Hangers \$1.35
Camping Hardware, China, Cutlery, etc. at the very lowest prices—Basement.
Camping Stoves at special prices.
Groceries and Provisions can be purchased here at a big saving. We make a specialty of outfitting camping parties.

June Bargains in the Basement

Patent Cherry Seeders 64c
3-qt. Ice Cream Freezers \$2.10
8-qt. tin Sprinklers 35c
Green Hoses, special 25c
1-Burner Lamp Stoves 43c
Screen Doors and Windows in all sizes and at lowest prices.

REFRIGERATORS

"LaBelle" Refrigerators; ice capacity 40 lbs.; provision chamber 18x17x16; well made and finished; \$15.98 value on sale at \$10.63

Great Clean-Up Sale of Laces and Embroideries

Valenciennes Laces, Insertions and Beadings, daintiest patterns, matchless value at the low price of, dozen 25c
Beautiful Allover Embroideries for waists and suits; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, yard 85c
4 1/2-inch Flowered Chiffons, beautiful patterns for waists, grand values—\$1.50 Flowered Chiffons 59c
\$3.00 Flowered Chiffons 98c
Great clean-up on broken lines of fine embroidery sets; best patterns—60c Embroideries for, yard 39c
\$1.50 Embroideries for, yard 69c
\$3.00 Embroideries for, yard 98c
Swiss Embroideries and Insertions, vals. up to 40c yard—yard 15c
White, cream and eun net top laces and galloons, very best styles included—75c values on sale, yard 39c
\$1.50 values for, yard 89c

Wash Goods at More New Polo Hats Just Received—Second Floor

June Sale Prices

Handsome new colored Silk Organza for Summer and evening costumes. Floral patterns in all the new colorings and combinations; 5c values 29c
Foulardine Suitings—A serviceable, stylish Summer wash material; best colorings; great variety; meters and 2c the yard for the same material; sale price 15c
500 yards of Plain Wash Voiles in a variety of 12 shades; 2c quality on sale at 12c
Venetian Suitings in fancy checks, all shades; one of the season's prettiest wash materials, regular 2c value; your choice during this sale, yard 18c



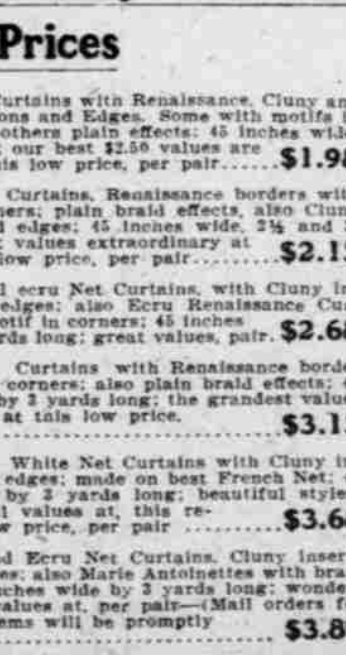
300 new Polo Hats came by express yesterday—Very newest effects in straw and fancy braids—Black, navy, white and champagne—They make our showing of Summer millinery the only complete display in the city—Prices range from \$4.98 to \$7.98. Attractive Summer Headgear of every description for dress, evening and outing wear—Second Floor

Trimmed Black Chiffon Hats \$2.98

Special lot of 200 Black Chiffon Hats, trimmed with colored flowers—Hats most stores ask \$5.00 for—Your choice of this desirable lot at \$2.98 each—Handsome new white sailors—Embroidered and lawn trimmed \$1.49—Children's sailors in many styles—Straws or wash materials

Renaissance and Cluny Curtains at Sale Prices

Beautiful Net Curtains with Renaissance, Cluny and Braid Insertions and Edges. Some with motifs in the corners—Others plain effects; 45 inches wide, 3 yards long; our best \$2.50 values are on sale at this low price, per pair \$1.98
\$3.00 Ecu Net Curtains, Renaissance borders with motif in corners; plain braid effects; also Cluny inserting and edges; 45 inches wide, 2 1/2 and 3-yard lengths; values extraordinary at this special low price, per pair \$2.15
\$2.50 white and ecu Net Curtains, with Cluny inserting and edges; also Ecu Renaissance Curtains with motif in corners; 45 inches wide by 3 yards long; great values, pair \$2.68
\$4.00 Ecu Net Curtains with Renaissance border and motif in corners; also plain braid effects; 45 inches wide by 3 yards long; the grandest values ever offered at this low price, per pair \$3.15
\$4.50 Ecu and White Net Curtains with Cluny insertings and edges; made on best French Net; 45 inches wide by 3 yards long; beautiful styles; grand special values at this remarkable low price, per pair \$3.68
\$5.50 white and Ecu Net Curtains, Cluny insertings and edges; also Marie Antoinettes with braid effects; 45 inches wide by 3 yards long; wonderful special values at, per pair—(Mail orders for the above items will be promptly filled) \$3.89



Silk Suits Are Greatly Reduced

\$16.50 values on sale for \$11.45 \$18.50 values on sale for \$13.25
\$21.00 values on sale for \$14.25 \$22.50 values on sale for \$14.85
\$28.00 values on sale for \$21.25 \$32.00 values on sale for \$23.45

Take your choice from six immense lines of Silk Shirtwaist Suits at a saving of one-quarter and one-third on their real value. This season's leading styles in navy, green, brown, black, check, plain, changeable and striped silks—Waists tucked or lace yoke—Skirts pleated, shirred or flounce effects. Prettily made—Plain tailored or fancy styles—The greatest Silk Shirtwaist Suit bargains in town.—Investigate.

\$18.00 Tailored Suits \$11.85

\$48.00-\$52.00 Tailored Suits \$38.45

Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits in Blouse or Jacket styles, fancy gimp or button trimmed. Cheviots, fancy mixtures, worsteds, broadcloth, tweeds, homespun and Sicilians—Brown, green, black, gray, tan, navy, checks and fancy mixtures. Skirts are pleated or flounce effects; all sizes for women and misses. Every suit \$11.85
\$18.00 value; your choice for this sale at \$11.85

Women's Tailored Suits in Eton, Jacket and Blouse styles, with shirred or flounce skirts. High class garments in Panama cloth, voiles, Sicilians, worsteds, cheviots, broadcloth, shepherd plaids, green, brown, navy, black and checks. This season's handsomest styles, \$38.45
in all sizes. \$48 to \$52 values, for this sale.



Children's White Dresses Low Priced

Children's fine white Dresses—Swiss, Organdy, Net and Dotted Swiss—Pretty styles, Lace, Ribbon and Belt trimmed—All new garments—Ages 6 to 14 years—
\$10.00 Dresses for only \$ 7.25 each \$ 8.50 Dresses for only \$ 4.85 each
\$12.50 Dresses for only \$ 9.35 each \$ 7.50 Dresses for only \$ 5.65 each
\$15.00 Dresses for only \$11.25 each \$ 9.00 Dresses for only \$ 6.25 each

\$6.50 Jap Wash Silk Waists for \$3.45 Each

300 beautiful, new Japanese wash silk Waists at about half their real value comprise an unusual bargain offering in the cloak store for today—Made of splendid quality Japanese silk, fancy lace or shirred yoke or tucked front white, navy, blue, brown and black, all sizes, every waist in the lot \$6.50 value. Choice \$3.45
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Mail orders promptly filled—Write today.
All our fine Lingerie Waists are on sale at greatly reduced prices, \$5.00 to \$10.00 each—Second floor.