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Feast of Good Things

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INCREASE IS 25 PER CENT

PORTLAND'S ASSESSED VALUATION SHOWS GROWTH.

But Assessor Says Tax Levy Will Probably Be Between Fifteen and Sixteen Mills.

The wealth of Portland, as a whole, has increased 25 per cent within the past year, according to the figures of County Assessor Sigler. This rise in value is not merely a marking up of the figures on the books, but is based on the actual worth of new buildings erected and other taxable improvements made during the fiscal year, and on the increased value of land within the city limits as revealed by actual cash transfers.

"Of course one cannot give the exact figures now," Mr. Sigler said, yesterday. "It is too early to determine them, but it looks as if the tax rate for the coming year would be between 15 and 16 mills. Portland must pay for the luxury of ceasing to be a large country town and becoming one of the first cities of the country. For instance, during the Exposition year the municipal expenses of Portland in round figures were \$190,000. This year they will be over \$300,000; and we could use double that to advantage. All told the total tax for city, county and state purposes for the next two years will be about \$1,500,000.

"The city is growing rapidly and you cannot have a growing city without growing taxes, not necessarily in rate but in total amount. Paying for miles of new streets, water mains, under that paving, light, sidewalks, police and fire protection; all cost big money. And the more the city grows, the more of such things the city must have.

"A citizen who complains of higher taxes cannot say a word against poor streets, or kick because he has to use well water, or that there is no policeman within a mile of his place. Nor has the man who complains of increased taxes any right to expect an increase in the value of his property. The two go hand in hand. Look at New York city with a tax equal in total to one-third of the cost of the United States Government itself. "It cost \$600,000,000 to run the Government with its army, navy, post-office, pensions, and all that; and one-third of this or \$200,000,000 to run New York city alone. Allowing 4,000,000 people to New York city this makes \$50 per capita each year in taxes. Now compare this to Portland with her expenses of less than \$1,000,000. The bigger a city gets the more it costs to run it, not only in total amount but her per capita. The corresponding returns are a city grows, however, not counting anything but increased value in figures, more than balances a larger tax rate.

"And may Portland get bigger and bigger till she equals New York, or any other city, taxes and all?"

RUMORS OF NEW HOTEL

Started by Presence in City of Eastern Capitalists.

The rumor that Portland is soon to have another new hotel is not down. It continues to both up serenely every day or two, and in the course of the past year has constructed first-class taverns on half the available central sites in town. Meanwhile the need for more

hotel room becomes more insistent every day, and the reputation of the city suffers with the traveling public because first-class accommodations cannot be had.

The latest hotel rumor is afloat because a party of Eastern capitalists is here looking this field over with a view of making real estate investments. The tourists in question are Mr. and Mrs. George M. Coffin, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Wilson, of Youngstown, O.; C. R. Hill, of New York; C. W. Denicke, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. French, of Chicago. Mr. Coffin is president of the Beaver National Bank of New York. Mr. Wilson is general attorney for the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad. Mr. Denicke is general Western manager of the Art Metal Construction Company and Mr. French is an official of the Pacific Steel Company.

The visitors will remain in the city for several days at the Portland Hotel, and their presence here is reported to be in connection with a big hotel project. Nothing definite can be learned from the men of the party, but the location of the proposed hotel is said to be either the Pennoyer or the Pittock block.

CONTRACTORS IGNORE LAW

Cause Trouble for Themselves by Obstructing the Streets.

Many arrests of building contractors have been made recently by the police for violations of the ordinance against obstructing streets and sidewalks adjacent to buildings in course of erection. The invariable excuse is ignorance of the law on the part of the contractors.

The City Attorney's office is fast losing patience with the offenders and points out the maxim that ignorance does not excuse. In part, section 4 of ordinance No. 1145, relating to the duties of holders of building permits, reads as follows: "There shall be indented upon applications for permits for building purposes, in accordance with the approval of the committee on streets, the width of the portion of the street to be used (which shall in no case exceed half of the street or streets in front of the ground on which the proposed building is to be erected) and the number of days for which the permit is to be given shall be specific in such application.

Whenever the recipient of a building permit shall desire to occupy or in anywise obstruct more than one-half the width of the sidewalk in front of such proposed building, it shall be the duty of such recipient of a building permit described in this ordinance to erect and maintain during the time covered by such permit, a safe and substantial board fence four feet high and so constructed that the spaces between the boards of said fence shall not be less than six inches in width, whether such boards be placed in an upright or horizontal position, along the curb line of the sidewalk in front of and along the sidewalk at each end of the tract, lot or part thereof on which such building is to be constructed; and also to construct and maintain, and keep unobstructed and well lighted, a safe and substantial foot walk three feet wide, along the curb line in front of such proposed building extending three feet into the wagonway and reaching three feet beyond each end of such tract, lot or part thereof, and the issuing of a permit shall not be construed as authorizing any person to in anywise obstruct the footwalk hereinbefore described; provided, that as soon as the first-story walls of such buildings shall have been erected, the party or parties taking out such permit shall construct a substantial and safe and well-lighted covered way over the sidewalk, which sidewalk shall not be less than five feet in width, in front of such tract or lot, leaving such sidewalk open for public use, and thereupon such party shall be entitled to a permit for the use of such portions of the street or streets as may not interfere with existing rights, and subject to such limitations and requirements as may be stated in such permit, which shall be issued by the City Engineer, and such footwalk may be thereafter removed from the roadway.

Harriman Offices to Be Moved.
Preparations are being made by the

HARRIMAN LINES TO MOVE FROM THE PRESENT QUARTERS IN THE WORCESTER BLOCK INTO THE NEW WELLS-FARGO BUILDING.

The new offices of the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. officials will be ready for occupancy not later than the middle of next month. The seven upper floors of the new skyscraper have been reserved for the use of the Harriman railroads. Much more roomy quarters will be enjoyed by the officials as soon as they are established in the Wells-Fargo building. The new offices are large and well lighted and are admirably fitted for railroad offices.

INVITATION IS ACCEPTED

Secretary Taft Will Be Oregon Development League's Guest.

The Oregon Development League has received an official acceptance of its invitation to William H. Taft, Secretary of War, to be its guest during his visit to this state, which confirms the announcement previously made that the Secretary will arrive in Portland on the evening of September 5 and spend the following day in this city as the guest of the various Oregon commercial bodies. Twenty-five hundred seats will be reserved in the Armory for League delegates, so that they may have an opportunity to hear Mr. Taft's address.

The members of the Oregon Press Association will also be invited to be present, and a committee of from 25 to 50 members representative of all sections of the state will be chosen to occupy seats on the platform.

Reduced railroad rates have been applied for and an effort will be made to bring in many thousands of people and give them the opportunity of seeing and meeting the Secretary of War personally.

The exact time of the visit to Vancouver Barracks will be decided later, as will several other features of the programme.

WILL PLAY AT CITY PARK

City Band to Render Programme, Commencing at 8 o'Clock.

Tonight's concert by the Park band will be given at the City Park, commencing at 8 o'clock. The programme follows: March, "Give the Countersign".....Scottan Overture, "Midsummer Night's Dream".....Suppe "Hearts and Flowers".....Tobani Selection, "The Sho-Gun".....Luders Intermezzo, "Passepaille".....Grieg Paraphrase, "In the Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon".....Kappay Waltz, "Wedding of the Winds".....Hill Selection, "Prince of Pilsen".....Luders "Japanese Love Song".....Thomas March, "Seventh Army Corps".....Weldon A. de Caprio, director.

Floater Found at Raymond.

RAYMOND, Wash., Aug. 1.—(Special).—A floater was found in the South Fork River, near the railroad bridge, early yesterday morning. The body proved to be that of Mat Nicholson, who disappeared shortly after his arrival here from Ilwaco last Friday evening. He was drunk when he reached town and had evidently fallen off the dock and drowned. No marks of violence were found on the body. The deceased was a native of Finland and about 50 years of age. He was well known in Ilwaco and belonged to the Sailors' and Fishermen's Union.

PHOTO POST CARDS—SCENERY.
Kieser Co.—Lobby Imperial Hotel.

THINK SITUATION SERIOUS

JAPANESE DISTURBED OVER AMERICAN RELATIONS.

Tokio Chamber of Commerce Sends Communication to Seattle Chamber on Subject.

Japanese business men are evidently inclined to believe that disturbances such as the chastisement of not altogether inoffensive Japanese by San Francisco rowdies will eventually lead to a break in the present harmonious commercial relations of the country, if not in actual war. The communication sent to Seattle by five Japanese Chambers of Commerce takes the situation very seriously. While it was believed that similar communications had been sent out to various commercial organizations throughout the Pacific Coast, none has yet reached the Portland Chamber, although it may come later. The letter received at Seattle on Tuesday was dated June 29, and read as follows:

Tokio Chamber of Commerce, Tokyo, Japan, June 29, 1907. To the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash., U. S. A. Sir: It has always been a matter of profound satisfaction to every Japanese to witness the constant growth of cordial relations between our two countries, and of the community of our interests in the field of trade and commerce.

But since last year the people of a section of your country have unfortunately acted to the prejudice of the legitimate

rights of Japanese people who have frequently been subjected to unjust and abusive treatments at the hands of the lawless element prevailing there. The right of education was denied them. Their homes have repeatedly been attacked and property destroyed without the least cause or provocation. The result is that not only are the treaty rights of the Japanese in that section wantonly exposed to serious danger.

It is extremely regrettable that such unfortunate incidents should repeatedly be allowed to occur; and it is seriously to be feared that unless they are speedily prevented, the ill-feeling which our countrymen are now constrained to harbor against the people of a single section may finally have an unhappy effect upon the development of commercial relations between the two nations. For while the United States is a good customer for our national products, Japan is also yearly increasing her demand for American goods, and promises to become one of the most important markets for the products of your ever expanding and prosperous industries; and should the progress of the trade and commerce between the two nations be at any time obstructed as the result of the unwarrantable action of a small local population, the loss to be sustained by the two countries would be incalculable.

For these reasons we, the undersigned representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, venture to address this letter to you to express our views on the situation, in the confident hope that these views will be shared by you and that you will, by considering the matter in the light of the principles of international intercourse and in view of the mutual advantages of our trade relations, make the best efforts to speedily eliminate the present causes of discord and insure our common prosperity for the future.

We have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servants. (Signed) B. NAKANO, President of Tokio Chamber of Commerce. (Signed) M. DOI, President of Osaka Chamber of Commerce. (Signed) N. NISHIMURA, President of Kyoto Chamber of Commerce. (Signed) K. ONO, President of Yokohama Chamber of Commerce. (Signed) T. KISHIMOTO, President of Kobe Chamber of Commerce.

The following response was made by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce: Reports from a long distance are apt to magnify the event many times. Nevertheless all good citizens here deplore all such disturbances, however small.

We believe that you will find upon inquiry among your fellow countrymen here that in Seattle the Japanese are treated with as much consideration as the people of any other country. On the other hand, it gives us pleasure to be able to say that we have always found them to be industrious, law-abiding and loyal residents of the Republic, and in Seattle we have uniformly treated them accordingly. We beg to enclose herewith a resolution of this Chamber of Commerce which was adopted before your letter was written and which clearly shows our attitude toward your countrymen.

In the future, as in the past, Seattle will always be found standing for justice and fair play for the Japanese, as well as for all other nationalities within her borders. For more than ten years Seattle has been the American home port of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the great Japanese steamship company. This company is a pioneer in opening up a profitable and friendly trade between the two countries. Commerce in our day is the most powerful and persuasive ambassador of peace and good will among nations. It brings the people of the world closer together, removes prejudices and promotes national friendships. Not the least important mission of Chambers of Commerce—the spokesman, so to speak, of the commerce of their respective countries—is to co-operate with one another in smoothing away and composing the differences that inevitably arise from time to time between the people of different countries, as between communities in the same country.

In this spirit, and with this end in view, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce extends to the Chambers of Commerce of the cities of Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Yokohama and Kobe its friendly consideration and trusts that the good relations which have existed so long between our cities, as between our two countries, and with such manifest advantage to

both, may continue unbroken into the far future. Yours very respectfully, JOHN H. MCGRAW, President. C. B. TANDELL, Secretary.

CRUSHED UNDER ROCKS

Four Greeks Meet Death When Trestle Goes Down.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Aug. 1.—Four men lost their lives shortly after noon today, when 400 feet of the trestle leading from the wharf of the Pacific Wharf Storage Company collapsed without a moment's warning. The dead men were crushed by carloads of rock or drowned in the harbor. Four others who went down with them were rescued. All were Greek laborers, who had been put to work this morning, and their names were not on the payroll.

The trestle collapsed as a train of 30 flat cars, laden with rock, backed on the wharf.

Mayo Goes With the O. R. & N.

J. C. Mayo, formerly general freight and passenger agent of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad and the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad while both properties were under the Hammond regime, has been appointed local freight agent of the O. R. & N. at Spokane. Mayo's appointment became effective yesterday. He takes the position made vacant by the retirement of J. M. Harney, who resigned.

Philatelists' Next Meeting Place.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 1.—The American Philatelic Association today selected Columbus, O., as the next meeting-place for the annual convention.



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