

FLAT RATE OF 10 CENTS WANTED

Ways and Means Committee Recommends Various Levies for Budget.

WANTS 25 NEW POLICEMEN

Suggests Levy of 1.2 Mills for This Department and 2 1-4 for Fire.

The ways and means committee of the City Council held a short session Tuesday night. It recommended a flat rate of ten cents for water; cut down the number of policemen recommended from 50 to 25 and fixed the levy for the department at 1.2 mills; recommended a 2 1-4 mill levy for the fire department, 5 mill for the lighting, and 1 1/2 mill for street repairs.

Proposed changes in water rules were considered as recommended by the Water Board, which are practically the same as those existing with the exception that the Board recommended a meter rate of 7 1/2 cents a 100 cubic feet, with a graduated discount according to amount of water used.

The committee decided to report to the Council a flat rate of 10 cents, regardless of amount used. Another disagreement with the Board was the matter of charge for water in places where standpipes are installed for fire protection, including automatic sprinklers.

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probably not appear in that part of the Doe family history which is printed on hand-made paper, bound in limp leather, and set out on the parlor center table. Really, it began at the very beginning, we might be constrained to visit one or several of Portland's third emporiums. The actual scene of the crime was in the center of the thickly-populated district bounding the intersection of Market and Eleventh streets. The exact spot is in the shadow of a tree on the corner of Eleventh and the "harness bull" walks, not as the crowd files, it is 23 blocks from the rookery doing duty in this municipality as a jail, corner of Second and Oak streets.

AGGRESSIVE FIRE TO BLIZZARD

Flames Drive Chorus Girls Into Snow Storm in Gauzy Attire.

FAMOUS THEATER BURNS

Orchestra Plays Till Herald Square Audience Departs and Averts Panic—Terroric Jam on the Streets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Fire broke out in the Herald-Square theater, at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway, last night, ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins," and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building, had driven the actors and chorus into the streets in their scant costumes and had caused great commotion among the crowds on Broadway.

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