

MAYOR WANTS TAX LEVY HELD DOWN

Executive Believes 5-Mill Basis Would Be Best for City.

WOULD CUT ALL EXPENSES

Projected New Barn for Street-Cleaning Department May Cost More Than Originally Expected, \$20,000.

Mayor Simon yesterday appeared before the ways and means committee of the City Council and made clear his ideas about proposed expenditures for next year.

\$20,000 May Not Cover Deal.

"I had hoped," said the Mayor, "that my recommendation of \$20,000 would be sufficient to carry through that project, but if it will not be enough I will not complain, if the Council will see to it that we do not branch out in other directions and exceed the estimates submitted."

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After three days' work upon the sensational story of a holdup reported by John Strongren, a stonewalker living at 25 Tenth street north, who alleged that he had been robbed of four \$100 bills on Friday night at Ninth and Couch streets, Detective Snow and Coleman exploded the robbery yesterday afternoon and made Strongren confess that his story was false and that instead of being held up he had lost the money in gambling.

Small and More Barns Needed.

Mayor Simon expressed the belief that it would be a good plan to have more and smaller barns in various sections of the city, in order that long hauls may be saved, but this suggestion did not meet with the response necessary to defeat the asked-for appropriation of the larger amount for the proposed new barn.

FIGHT ON TAX OF VEHICLES

Council's Decision Will Be Made at Meeting Tomorrow.

Action of the City Council committee on license, yesterday afternoon, presages a big fight in the main body tomorrow, when the matter of the tax on vehicles comes up for decision.

LAND CASE JURORS DRAWN

United States Court Hopes to Clear Docket Rapidly.

In preparation for the trial of many of the old land-fraud cases, the charges against Ringer Hermann, the Dunlap land deals, the case against Charles Scriber, former cashier of the Farmers & Traders National Bank of La Grande, and in hopes of clearing the Federal docket, the following trial jury was drawn in the United States Court yesterday morning:

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. E. Fuller, of Newberg, is a guest at the Lenox Hotel. Mrs. Alice Morris, of Eugene, is a guest at the Lenox Hotel. J. O. Thomas and wife, of Eugene, are registered at the Ramapo Hotel. P. A. Finseth, a merchant of Dallas, is registered at the Imperial Hotel. E. P. McCormack, a banker of Salem, is registered at the Cornelius Hotel. W. Winchell, a fruitgrower of Hood River, is visiting at the Ramapo Hotel. Alex. Martin, Jr., an attorney of Klamath Falls, is a guest at the Imperial Hotel. Dr. J. M. Short, of Gresham, is visiting Portland and is staying at the Perkins Hotel. Frank Gardner, a mining man of Sumpter, is a guest at the Cornelius Hotel. W. H. Lytle, of Pendleton, state wool inspector, is a guest at the Cornelius Hotel. H. T. McClellan, a prominent hotel man of Roseburg, is a guest at the Hotel Oregon. Walter McBrien, of New York City, has taken quarters for the winter at the Seward Hotel. J. W. B. Clark, a large realty holder at Shoshone, Idaho, is a guest at the Cornelius Hotel. George T. Baldwin, a hardware mer-

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