## 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. He said that he wants the tax levy held down to the five-mill basis, recommended by him in his an-

He was asked to come before the committee and state his position regard-ing the projected new barn for the street-cleaning department, proposed for construction on one of the city's for construction on one of the city's pieces of property at Powell road and Milwaukee street.

### \$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 wil not complain, if the Council will see to it that we do not branch out in other directions and exceed the estimates submitted. In other words, I do not want the levy for taxes to exceed the five-mill recommendation, and will expect the Council to see to it that it is not exceeded. It seems to me, however, that a pretty good barn can be built for \$20,000, one that will take care of the city's property in that section of the city for years. It was my intention to have the barn built in two units. one now and the other when the in-creased business of the department necessitates it."

Chairman Connell, of the committee on street cleaning of the Executive Board, was present to urge that the full appropriation of \$36,960 be allowed for construction of the new barn, which he said is badly needed. He thought the building should be put up with a view to anticipating the future, and that it concrete and steel, at

least the first floor.

The committee was evidently im pressed with his statement of the case, for a recommendation was voted for the entire sum, but an investigation will be made to see if there is any way

### 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 ap-propriation of the larger amount for

the proposed new barn. Chairman Connell, in explaining his views on the subject, said that there are now 60 miles of hard-surface pavement to be swept, and that there will be 90 miles more before the end of the next paying season, so that increased facilities will be absolutely necessary. He thought that it would be better economy to build all of the new barn now, and cut down some of the other if necessary to keep down the

action toward acquiring a site for a induged in a game of cards. It is be-peat-house or detention hospital, but lieved that the two men "cheated" Stromnothing was done. The ground recom-mended by him recently, to which Councilman Baker objected, was urged

Action of the City Council committee on licenses, yesterday afternoon, presages a big fight in the main body tomorrow, when the matter of the fee for vehicles comes up for decision. The committee recommended for passage an ordinance taxing every sort of wheeled vehicle ex-cept those driven for pleasure exclu-sively. It is said that many of the large against the final passage of the proposed

The ordinance recommended propos

the Imperial Hotel.

F. N. Finch, an attorney of Lewiston, is registered at the Seward Hotel. Grant Shearer, a prominent real estate lealer of Seattle, is passing a few days

Thomas Costello, a prominent con-tractor of Twin Falls, Idaho, is a guest at the Nortonia Hotel.

W. M. Russell, of Seattle, a theatrical manager of the firm of Russell & Drew, is at the Ramapo Hotel.

W. O. Smith, a business man of Klamath Falls, is staying at the Nortonia Hotel during a visit to Portland.

Frank J. Smith, of Caldwell, Idaho, a ninent attorney and former judge, guest at the Imperial Hotel.

C. W. Tebault, a prominent real estate man of Albany, is staying at the Per-kins Hotel during a visit to Portland. R. Applegate, manager of "The Bache-ior" company, playing at the Portland Theater, is a guest at the Ramapo Hotel. E. H. Camp, head of a Scattle building material firm, is visiting Fortland on business and has taken quarters at the Seward Hotel.

L. B. Stinson, of Salem, grand keeper of records and seals for the state lodge of Knights of Pythias, is registered at the Perkins Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou L. Blumenthal are in Portland visiting Mrs. Blumenthal's mother, Mrs. W. Loeb. They will be at home Wednesday, November 24.

C. W. Rollins, of St. Louis, a promi-nent hat manufacturer, is visiting Port-land with a view of establishing a branch He is registered at the Per-

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, re-turned to Portland last night from Baker ing Sunday. George W. McBride, ex-United States Senator from Oregon, has taken quarters for the Winter at the Nortonia Hotel

with his family and will make his headquarters there. S. J. Hanna and wife, of St. Louis, are registered at the Seward Hotel. Mr.

Hanna is a prominent Christian Scienc lecturer, who has been touring the Pacific Northwest. A party composed of H. L. Andrews, H. G. Gilkey, J. T. Tuffs, George C. Sabin, O. S. Blanchard, R. L. Coe, J. G. Riggs and H. C. Kinney, representing the majority of the municipal officers of Grants Pass, has taken quarters at the Hotel Oregon during a visit to Portland.

## GAMBLERS 'FLEECE' MAN

WOULD-BE HOLDUP TURNS OUT TO BE CARD GAME.

Stonecutter, Who First Tells Police He Lost \$400 by Robbers, Finally Tells Truth.

After three days' work upon the sensational story of a holdup reported by Charles Stromgren, a stonecutter living at 28 Tenth street north, who alleged that he had been rebbed of four \$100 bills on Friday night at Ninth and Couch streets, Detectives Snow and Coleman exploded the robbery yesterday afternoon and made Stromgren confess that his story was false and that instead of being held As the result of developments in the case two John Doe warrants were issued yesterday afternoon for two stonecutters, former companions of Stromgren, who are said to have invelgled him into a game of cards and fleeced him out of his money. The men are believed to have left the city, but the detectives have obtained information as to their where-abouts and their arrest may follow soon. Stromgrep is the owner of a lot in St.

John which he had been buying on the installment plan. He had saved up \$600 and intended building a small house on the property. tering his two friends, Health Officer Wheeler was on hand to go to a room in a lodging-house at to urge the committee to take some Fourth and Burnside streets, where they gren by marked cards. They got more than \$600.

Ashamed of the loss of the money and EVERY CITIZEN OF PORTLAND Councilman Baker objected, was urged by him again, but the committee would not recommend its purchase, pending further investigation.

FIGHT ON TAX OF VEHICLES

Council's Decision Will Be Made at Meeting Tomorrow.

Action of the City Council committee on Ashamed of the loss of the money and at a loss to account for its disappearance to his wife. Stromgren concected the story of a holdup. He told the police that two men had stopped him at the corner of Ninth and Couch streets and had robbed him of his purse. He even gave a minute description of them. Later, however, the detectives plied him so vigorously with questions and brought out contraditions that their suspicions were aroused as to the truth of the story and after some investigation made Stromafter some investigation made Strom-gren admit the falsity of his statements.

## 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 Binger Hermann, the Umatilla 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 good offer to supply credentials to all the numerous British and Continental

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Frank E. Alley, a prominent fancy horse-raiser of Roseburg, is a guest at the Imperial Hotel.

Chinese Writer Warns Mayor of Local Feud.

LETTER GIVEN TO POLICE

Message Signed "Lee Co." Intimates Gambling Is On, Full Blast, and San Francisco Agents Plan Fight Here.

### ------LETTER RECEIVED BY MAYOR

Hon. Mayor Joe Simon: Dear Sir: I hope you will kind of to do your duty. But now in Chinatown looking for trouble be soon in this city because too many of the highbinder from San Francisco. You must to Chinese town please soon. Chief Cox (Chief of Police) can't stop it, please sure be soon. Your friend, LEE CO.

Mayor Simon yesterday morning received through the mall a letter, signed "Your friend, Lee Co," purporting to warn him and Chief of Police Cox of an approaching Highbinder war in China-town. The writer, as near as the note can be interpreted, intimates that the San Francisco trouble, in which several Chinese were killed, is to be extended to Portland, and that it is believed that some of the agents of the warring tongs of the Bay City are already here.

The letter, said the Mayor, as he un-derstood, purported to warn him of an alleged approaching Highbinder war in this city, and that agents of the San Francisco fighting tongs are already here. or that an agent is due to arrive in the immediate future. As the letter was not signed by any individual, it was not given the attention it otherwise would have re-ceived, but Chief Cox will be apprised of its contents, as it is thought it may be a genuine warning of coming trouble, that might possibly lead to murder.

### Gambling Full Blast?

Those informed on police affairs, and the general police policy in Chinatown, believe the letter means to call the attention of Mayor Simon to the fact that the gambling-houses in the Chinese dis-trict are running full blast, without police interference. The writer's statement that Chief Cox "can't step it" is taken to mean by some that the Police Chief's attitude on the subject is such that he does not care to stop it.

does not care to stop it.

Chief of Police Cox's policy regarding Chinatown gambling is said to be greatly at variance with that of his predecessor and others who held the office before him. While they expended much energy in attempting to suppress gambling in the Chinese quarter, Chief Cox says he is not going to try to stop it; that it has always existed in the quarter, and always will and that the Chinese are not molesting the white element and are therefore doing no harm to the city's morals.

### Probe May Follow.

Warring factions in Chinatown and petty jealousies often actuate various tongs, until a feud breaks out and ends in murder. There have been several such in Portland.

The letter received by Mayor Simon yesterday morning may lead to an in-vestigation of conditions in Chinatown. It seems evident that something is wrong plan. He had saved up \$000 and building a small house on the He went out on Friday night by the "Lee Company" letter.

HAS CHANCE TO BOOST.

Travelers Requested to Call at Headquarters for Credentials to Various Celebrations.

Every citizen of Portland who visits the East or goes abroad for a protracted period may assist the Rose Festival greatly in its exploitation work. A greater portion of the efforts of the genral offices is directed toward enlisting co-operation of domestic and foreign

Shortly after the annual election a call was sent out asking that all Portlanders who contemplate trips abroad during the

Dr. J. M. Short, of Gresham, is visiting portland, and is staying at the Perkins Hotel.

Frank Gardinier, a mining man of Sumpter, is a guest at the Cornelius Hotel.

W. H. Lytie, of Pendleton, state wool inspector, is a guest at the Cornelius Hotel.

H. T. McClallan, a prominent bottel man of Rossburg, is a guest at the Hotel Corgon. (Liv., Pager, Lanc., G. H. Saie, Corgon. (Liv., Waltnomah; A. H. Saie, Grow, Waltroom, Astoria, Clatsop, Losseph Simnet, watchman of Rossburg, is a guest at the Hotel Corgon. (Liv., No. 3, Clackamas; J. C. J. Waltroom, Astoria, Clatsop, August Splintor, Tarmer, Astoria, Clatsop, Raybor, Raybo



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he was drowned. This was sufficient cause to think he was drowned.

At once about 40 men began to drag the riven in hopes that they might secure the bedy or evidence of his fate. The river was constantly dragged until November 16, when the body was found about one and one-half miles below where he attempted to ford the river. The body was found by two of his brothers, Henry and Forreste.

Binger E. Hermann was born March 31, 1833, and was, therefore, 26 years 7 months and 24 days of age at the time of his death. He was a popular young man and the news of his death cast a gloom over the people of Myrtle Point and vicinity. He was a member of the Owls and the Modern Woodmen of America.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Thomas Barklow, assisted by the orders of Owls and Knights of Pythias. The deceased was laid to rest in the Hermann Cemetery November 17.

## ASSEMBLY TO BE BOOMED

Big Mass Meeting Called for Tomorrow Night.

"There is going to be a Republican assembly in Oregon. Republicans are united for it. Democrats and Pops oppose It.

Such is the conspicuous introduction to the postcard invitations which have been sent to Republicans requesting their attendance at the monthly smoker of the Union Republican Club, of Multnomah County, which will be held in the Selling-Hirsch Hall at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. Appended to the invitation card is the following excerpt from an address by President Taft: success can only be obtained through party loyalty."

There will be good speaking and music and the proposed assembly will be the principal subject for discussion. The invitations were issued by S. C. Pier and Max G. Cohen, president and secretary respectively of the club, and the members of the house committee, who are: F. E. Beach, E. B. Colwell, J. F. Kertchem, A. B. Manley and J. T.

Wife Butchery Case Inquiry On. HILLSBORO, Or., Nov. 22 .- (Special.)-Circuit Court convened here this morn-ing with Judge Campbell, of Oregon City, on the bench. The docket is one of the largest for many terms and promises to carry litigation into January. The grand jury was drawn this morning and the Roselair case is now under investi-

## What to Do for a Cough

Here is a home-made remedy that overcomes an obstinate cough quicker than any costly medicine you could buy. Any woman can easily make it in five

Granulated Sugar Syrup...131/2 oz. bottle and fill up with the syrup, made as follows: Take a pint of Granulated Sugar, add 1/2 pint of warm water and stir for about 2 minutes. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours. It tastes pleasant-children like it. This simple medicine is also splendid for colds, whooping cough, bronchitis, incipient con-

sumption, chest pains, etc.
Pinex, as you probably know, is the most potent form of Norway White Fine Compound. It is rich in all the well-known pine elements. None of the weaker pine preparations compare with the real Pinex itself. Your druggist has it, or will gladly get it for

The full pint of this effective cough syrup can be made for 54 cents. It keeps perfectly, and lasts a whole family a long time. Strained honey can be used in-stead of the syrup, and makes a very fine honey and pine tar cough syrup.

## HOW TO FIND OUT

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling usually indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. Too frequent desire to urinate, scanty supply, pain or dull ache in the back, should also convince you that the kidneys or bladder are out of order. What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so that Dr. Klimer's There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and biadder remedy, fulfills almost every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold urine, and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necesgity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate.

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Distinctive simplicity of design marks these Winter suits, which have just been unpacked and listed. They are made from fancy striped high-grade serges - have 48 - inch coat, lined with guaranteed satin. Single-breasted, closing with large bone buttons. Plain tailored collar and cuffs. Novel plaited skirts. All leading Winter colors. If you have not purchased your Winter suit, now is the time to do so. You will save \$10.50 by getting it here and the garment will always give satisfaction. REGULAR

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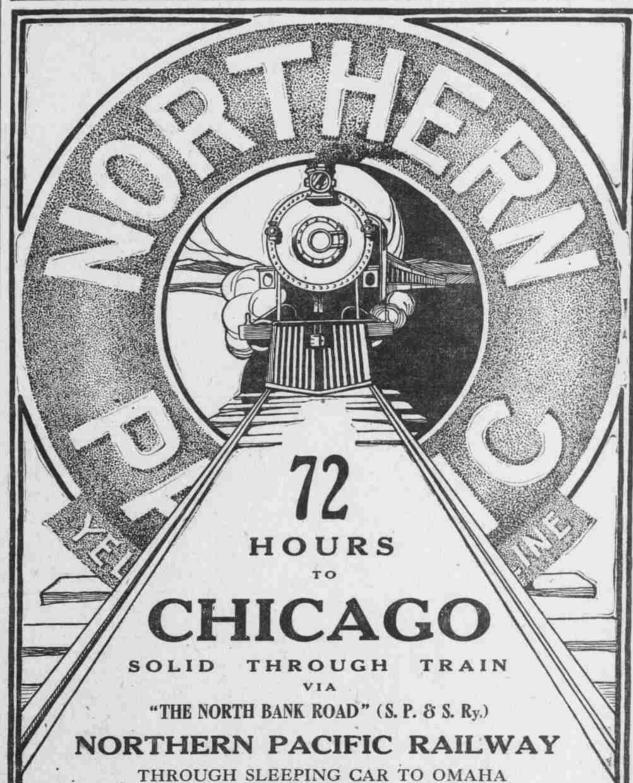
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