

### TAX ESTIMATE FOR YEAR 23.05 MILLS

City Levy Put at .8 Mill Above 1911 White School and Port Rates Are Cut.

### COUNTY ASSESSMENT UP

Expenditures for State Purposes Promise to Be Higher According to Salem Announcement—Library Impost Placed at .15.

Owners of property in Portland need not expect that the tax levy for 1912 will be lower than 22 mills. The estimate for this year is 23.05 mills. The aggregate of next year's levy will reach 23 mills if it does not amount to 24 mills. This is apparent from the fact that the levy, which has been virtually decided upon by three of the tax-leaving boards for next year, already represents an increase of .4 of a mill over that assessed for 1911.

Of these three, the Port of Portland fixed its levy at 1.5 mills, as against 1.4 mills for 1911. The levy for the City of Portland, as it has been approved by the Council ways and means committee, will be 6.8 mills, as compared with 6.4 mills for 1911. This will be finally fixed at a meeting of the Council next Wednesday, but there is no prospect that the recommendations of Mayor Bushinger, which call for the 6.5 mills levy, will not be endorsed.

**School Levy Is Cut.**  
The Board of Education for School District No. 1 has recommended a levy of 6 mills, clipping .3 of a mill off its levy for 1911. The net result of these computations is an increase of .4 of a mill over the levy that was made by the same departments for this year.

The Portland taxpayer, however, will not know officially the aggregate charge that will be made against him until next month, for the reason that the assessments for state and county purposes will not be made until then. If the levy is kept at 23 mills, it will be up to the County Court to do some pruning and even practice self-denial so far as county expenditures are concerned.

It has already been unofficially announced at Salem that the demands of the state for general state purposes will require more money than was collected from the several counties for the year 1911.

In order to raise Multnomah County's share of this tax, a levy of 3 mills was required this year. The increased share of the total state tax that will be required from this county next year, it is believed, will necessitate a levy of 2.3 mills, if not more. For school purposes, it is believed the levy of 1.3 mills, collected this year, will prove adequate to meet the demands of this county to the state school fund in 1912.

**Economy to Be Urged.**  
County Judge Cleeton yesterday said that every reasonable effort would be made by the County Court to keep the levy for county purposes at the lowest possible figure next year. At the same time he is extremely doubtful if the aggregate of the levy for various county purposes can be kept any lower than that for 1911.

An additional expense has been incurred by the County in taking over the Portland Library and converting it into a county institution.

In addition to the levy for maintenance this year of .15 of a mill, it will be necessary for the county next year to levy a tax of from .5 to .75 of a mill as an initial fund for constructing the new library building called for by the terms under which the county took over the city library.

"We will be required next year to provide for an additional \$500,000 for completing the west wing of the new courthouse," said Judge Cleeton yesterday. "However, we have hopes of being able to reduce the levy for general county purposes from .3 to .5 of a mill. That levy for 1911 was 2.7 mills. The road tax probably will be the same, .36 of a mill. At any rate, it will not be any higher."

**Additional Tax Cited.**  
"We have not received a report from the Library Association as to its needs for the ensuing year, but it is not likely that we will be able to reduce this year's levy of .15 of a mill for that purpose. We will be required next year to make a levy amounting to probably .5 or .75 of a mill for the new library building, the levy required to construct. The law provides that a total tax of 1.5 mills must be raised for the library building in two annual levies. We probably will levy a tax next year equal to one-half or at least one-third of that amount. This will be an unusual tax in that it will be additional to that which is required for county purposes."

Even if the County Court practices rigid economy in fixing the levy for state and county purposes, an estimate as to the aggregate of the levy to be met by the Portland property owner places 23 mills as the minimum. A comparative table, showing the levy for 1911 and the probable levy for 1912, follows:

	1911	1912
State	2.2	2.2
City	6.4	6.8
County	3.4	3.4
Port of Portland	1.5	1.5
City of Portland	1.5	1.5
School district No. 1	6.0	6.0
Total	22.0	23.05

\*Estimated probable and minimum lev.

### HEPPNER WILL ADVERTISE

Fund Is Secured and Publicity Man Will Be Appointed.

HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—The business men of Heppner have appointed a committee for the purpose of opening a definite monthly income to open a campaign of publicity.

### M'LEANS STORM ATTORNEY

Jerry Bronaugh Visited by 125 to Claim Namesake's Money.

Until Jerry Bronaugh announced that he was commissioned to find the heirs of Dan McLean, of Portland, said to

have died suddenly in the Southern part of Arkansas and to have money on deposit in the England National Bank in Little Rock, Ark. He believed that John Smith was the most common name in Portland. He has changed his mind now and has reached the conclusion that there are more Dan McLeans in Portland, or who once lived here, than there are in any other section of the globe.

Two weeks ago Mr. Bronaugh asked for the heirs of McLean. He is sorry that he did so, now, and has prepared a bill for \$150 to present to the bank for expenses incurred by him.

McLeans literally swarmed in the Fenton building. Mr. Bronaugh says they used his telephone and his stationery, stole his stenographer's pencils and borrowed and kept his own fountain pen. For a solid week, says the attorney, they prevented him from going about his business. They brought pictures of every kind, showing Dan McLean as he was at the age of 2 until he was 70. Most of them were convinced that the deceased was their own "dead Dan." Some of them were more careful.

"I hope it sticks," but if it is I want the money," said many.

Those who represented themselves to be divorced wives, sweethearts, mothers, fathers, sisters or brothers, cousins and every conceivable relation of the late lamented Dan McLean, still continue to visit Mr. Bronaugh. Approximately 125 relatives of McLean have seen him.

### ULM FREED OF CHARGE

EVIDENCE IN ARSON CASE HELD NOT TO BE CONCLUSIVE.

Lodgers Called as Witnesses Are Unable to Say Accused Is Man Seen During Fire.

Lack of conclusive evidence on the part of the prosecution yesterday led to a verdict of acquittal in the case of the state against W. P. Ulm, charged with arson. The trial was held in Judge Morrow's department of the Circuit Court. Ulm, it was alleged, had set fire to a lodging-house at 445 1/2 First street which he held under lease, the alleged offense being on the night of October 16.

Mrs. Della Ulm, the accused man's wife, was indicted with him, but was not tried. Deputy District Attorney Page announced after the verdict had been received that the charge against her probably will be dismissed, as the evidence against her is the same as that introduced against her husband.

The state's case was weak in that the lodgers called as witnesses were not able to swear positively that Ulm was the man they saw dodging about the several vacant rooms in which fires were discovered. The smoke was too dense, they said. Evidence was introduced by the defense tending to show that the Ulms were the product of an instructed verdict, on the ground that the lodging-house was the dwelling of Ulm and a man cannot be guilty of setting fire to his own dwelling. Judge Morrow denied the motion, holding that the place was also the dwelling house of the various lodgers at other times. In this he established precedent. The judge said that the old English common law on the subject of arson was the product of a modern building and was undreamed of and that the fact that the building has only one entrance should not now debar a charge of arson.

### CHINESE SALTS FOILED

HARBOR OFFICER BALKS AT TEMPT TO LEAVE SHIP.

Watchman Aboard British Tramp Is Attracted Forward, Then Men Make Descent Over Stern.

### LOCHARD WITNESS SOUGHT

J. B. Logan Said to Have Seen Man Near Scene of Murder.

Upon the discovery of the whereabouts of J. B. Logan depends the further progress of the investigation of Lewis G. Lochard, alleged slayer of Barbara Holzman. This witness, whom it is reported, that he can tell of seeing Lochard come from the rooming-house where the murder took place, has been traced from place to place through two states.

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### North Yakima Man Robbed.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special).—Edward Uhde, a German, 63 years of age, who was walking the Northern Pacific tracks from this city to Portland, was robbed of all the money he had in the world late yesterday by a stranger whom he overtook and took up with as a companion. The stranger, who is described as having the general appearance of a logger, wanted Uhde to let him carry his pack for him. When Uhde sat down to rest the robber slipped behind him and struck him, afterwards taking his money. Uhde says he was from North Yakima, Wash.

### MAIL SAFE ROBBED

Cracksmen Rifle Postoffice Station A on East Side.

### \$1000 AND STAMPS TAKEN

Strongbox Broken Into With Sledge. Lodgers at East Alder and Union Avenue Hear Robbers but Pay No Heed—Sack Is Found.

Burglars looted Station A of the postoffice, at East Alder street and Union avenue, shortly after midnight yesterday, and carried away \$1000 in money and more than \$400 worth of stamps, accomplishing the feat with remarkable ease.

Although lodgers in the upper story of the building heard the man or men operating, they thought nothing of it at the time and only reported their suspicions after the robbery was discovered.

Entrance was gained to the building by picking a lock, it is believed, as detectives could not find any place where fastenings had been forced. Once inside, the thieves knocked off the combination from a large, well-made safe, containing the assets of the office, using a sledge for the purpose.

### Strongbox Is Smashed.

With the combination knob removed access was given to the interior workings of the safe, which the thieves smashed with a punch, springing the bolts and allowing the safe to open. An inner door was forced in the same manner.

Inside the safe was money to the amount of \$1000, of which \$250 was silver and the remainder gold. There were also pennies to the amount of \$10. All this was taken, in addition the supply of stamps was removed. This included \$800 2-cent, \$100 3-cent, \$50 4-cent, \$50 5-cent, \$50 6-cent, \$50 8-cent, \$50 10-cent, \$50 12-cent and 400 15-cent stamps of the regular issue. Sixteen hundred and thirty stamps, delivery and due stamps also were taken.

### Woman Hears Robbers.

The investigators made a thorough search of the premises and convinced themselves that the entrance had been gained through the door. Mrs. E. B. Turley, who lives over the postoffice, heard the robbers at their work, but gave no thought to the incident, because men had been working in the evening in a machine shop adjoining, and she thought the noise was made by them. F. G. Gates, of 188 1/2 Union avenue, also heard the clang of the sledge, and thought that morning had come. He looked at his watch and found that the time was 2:19 o'clock. He went to sleep again, not suspecting the cracksmen were at work.

### Loat In Mail Sack Found.

Indication that the thieves were men acquainted with postal regulations was given by officials in the fact that after taking everything from the safe of probable value, they sorted out all the non-negotiable stamps and placed in a mail sack in which the loot was carried away from the postoffice.

A mail sack in which the loot was found later under the sidewalk near the John Deere building on East Morrison street.

In the discarded sack was found a quantity of money orders, all the due stamps, which have not been used, and some of the property owners are attempting to secure the immediate acceptance of the bid and the letting of the contract so that work can be started.

The committee adopted a resolution favoring the acceptance of the improvement of Vista avenue. The cost of this improvement was \$55,000. The acceptance has been held up for about six months on account of protests against a concrete wall which was built.

### F. T. Brown to Go to Spokane.

F. T. Brown, who has been with the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway here in Portland for the past two years, has decided to sever his connection with this company. Mr. Brown will leave for Spokane January 15, and will be associated with the Inland Portland Cement Company in that city in the capacity of traffic manager. A few of Mr. Brown's personal

friends gave a dinner and theater party in his honor on Wednesday evening. Those present were: A. H. Devers, Jr., E. H. Morgan, A. J. Hill, D. L. Andrews, Ollie Hughes, Dr. Sam E. LaFevre, J. O. Thomas, R. E. Piper, H. Garthwaite, F. S. Glover and Oscar J. Tilleson.

### Albany Girls Win Tryout.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 21.—(Special).—The representatives for the junior and the freshman classes in the declamatory contest to be held in connection with the interclass debating contest here, were

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