





Taxpayers of Portland will meet at the Lincoln High School, Friday alght at 8 o'clock to hear the report of the School Board and vote upon the levy-ing of taxes to supply the demands of the school budget for the coming year. The building will be opened at 7:30 P. M to permit the crowd to have ample time to assemble before the opening of the maximum.

Meeting--Levy to Be 6 Cents.

High to Hear Report

of Board.

M. to permit the crowd to have ample time to assemble before the opening of the meeting. R. H. Thomas, clerk, says that the recent census shows that there are 28,-723 legal school voters in the city, men and women, and these will have the right of approving or rejecting the rec-ommendation of the Board for and ap-propriation of \$2,707,000 for the main-tenance of the city's educational system during the coming year. The budget as originally compiled called for \$2,717,000, but in a lafer revision it was cut down in several items, in the present total. This calls for a levy of six mills, which the Board duly recommends. The only business that the taxpay-ers have full power to handle at the coming meeting will be the considera-tion of the levy. Recommendations will also be entertained from different sections of the city regarding proposed school improvements that they desire to be made within the next year. These recommendations have, however, no force acresot me recommendations and

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School Enrollment Grows.

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The late school census shows a total cf 40.111 children of school age in the city, a growth of 1300 in the school population over that of the preceding year. The 1510 census in turn showed a growth of 2500 over that of 1909; 1908 and 1908 each showed an increase of 1500.

"The growth of 3500 last year was "The growth of 3500 last year was phenomenal," said Mr. Thomas. "and more than doubles the figures of any preceding year. The great flood of im-migration to this section at that time is probably the chief cause for the re-markable growth. Growth in the school census, however, does not necessarily mean a corresponding growth in actual school attendance. Last year the ar-tendance in the schools increased 3000 when the census showed 3500 more children of school was in the district. This year, with a census increase of only 1300, the actual attendance has grown by a total of 2100."

Greatest Gain On East Side.

Increase in school attendance on the west side of the river in the last year has been about 2 per cent, while on the East Side it has ranged from 10 to 32 per cant, the greatest growth being in the southeastern districts. Districts along the river on each side have shown a decrease. This is said to be due to the shifting of residence centers as commercial and industrial concerns

as commercial and industrial concerns sections immediately upon the river. Extensive additions have been made to the school grounds of the city in the party sear. Sites for new buildings have been purchased at Fulton Park, Greg-ory Heights, Jonesmore and Weston, and additional grounds have been ob-tained adjoining school premises at Ar-leta, Clinion Kelly, Fernwood, Holla-day, Kerns, Montavilla, Portamouth, sellwood, Sunnyside, Vernon, Washing-ton High and Woodlawn. New buildings have been constructed at Mount Tabor, Fernwood, Rose City park, the granasium and domestic sel-ence department at Washington High, and the new Lincoln High, all modern

and the new Lincoln High, all modern insproof structures, and have cost the district \$2500 more per room than the wooden structures. Additions have been made to buildings at Clinton Kelbeen constructed at Creston, Mount Tabor and manual training buildings have been constructed at Creston, Mount Ta-bor and Woodstock.

Many Improvements Made.

Extensive improvements in grounds, and school sanitation are noted in the report, and means for fire protection have been increased. Fire fighting ap-paratus, consisting of standpipes and hose, has been placed in all of the new iteratives and in shout a score more

structures, and in about a score more of the old buildings in the district. The outline of the financial policy of the Board for the past year notes that the Board for the past year notes that in the Summer months a large part of the money of the district is not needed for immediate use. Arrangements have been made with some of the banks to allow interest of 2 per cest on daily balances, which will mean a return to the district of approximately \$14,000 annually.

annually. Provision is made in the budget for a lavy for a sinking fund to meet cer-tain bonds which will fail due in 1812, and bonds issued in 1804 to refund bonds previously issued and maturing

bonds previously issued and maturing at that date. To has been the policy of the Board for many years," says the report, "to provide for the construction of gram-mar schools and additions thereto and necessary grounds therefor, by annual aselling bonds, and the construction of high schools has usually been provided for by issuing and selling bonds of the district. This policy the Board has de-sided to continue, and hence does not recommend the issuing of any new bonds at this time."

New Grounds Recommended.

The Hoard recommends new grounds for Eliot, Falling, Mount Tabor, Shat-unck, Shaver, Terwillinger, Washington High, Woodlawn and Llewellyn Schools, and additional school rooms at Creston, Fulton Park, Montsvilla, Richarond, Weston, Gregory Heights, Kenton, Weston, Gregory Heights, Kenton, Jonesmore, Ainsworth, Falling, Shat-tuck and Couch Schools. The itemined budget to be submitted

for the approval of the voters at the meeting Friday night is as follows:

Estimated Expenses for Asts.	
Buildings and additions, ruoma	445.200
Grounds- Non improvements of grounds structs and sewers	268,800 20,000 35,000
Equipment- Apparatus Furniture	20,000 20,000 21,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-The Presi-dent today declined to pardon Charles W. Morse. The explanation of his decision is contained in the following statement, issued from the White House:

"The President today called into The President loday called into consultation the Surgeon-General of the Army, the Surgeon-General of the Navy and Major M. A. Deinner, Med-leal Corps, United States Army, on the report of the board of physicians at Atlanta as to the physical condition of Charles W. Morse. After full con-sideration of the report, as explained to him by them, the President was not satisfied that immediate action was necessary, but directed that he be kept. fully advised at frequent intervals of any changes."

Alleged White Slaver Caught.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24.-(Special)-George D. Drew, of Portland, who ar-rived here a few days ago with a Mrs. Nelson, of that place, and a young girl named Olive Brown, said to reside at Vancouver, Wash, has been arrested here on a charge of violating the white slave law and he will have a prelim-inary hearing in the Sustice Court to-morrow. morrow.

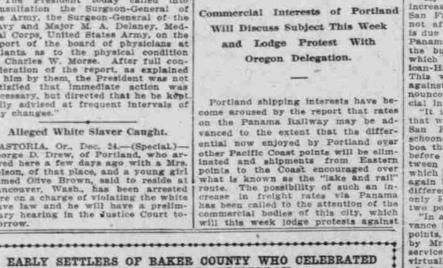
good health

GOLDEN WEDDING YESTERDAY.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN J. DOOLEY.

BAKER. Or., Dec. 34.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dooley, of this city. celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary today. They were married in Chicago December 34, 1361, and the following May crossed the plains to Oregon. They settled at Auhurn, and later went to Idaho City, where Mr. Dooley was Collector of Internal Revenue seven years, and was also engaged in mining. In 1571 they returned to Baker County, and both were prominent in the business and social activities. Mr. and Mrs. Dooley are enjoying sood health.

Mr. and Mrs. Dooley have five ohlidren, the youngest of which is Miss Margaret Dooley, who is assistant postmaster of this city.



which is handled largely by the Amer-toan-Hawaiian Steamship Company. This would make the discrimination against Portland all the more pro-nounced and justly alarms our commer-cial interests. "It is easy for a blind man to see that with the transfer that is made in San Francisco, sending freight by schooners or connecting lines from Bal-boa through that city, it will be long before the differential of 10 cents be-tween San Francisco and Portland, which has always been maintained, will again be re-established. Howsver, the differential on some commodities is only 5 cents a hundred between the two points now.

two points now. "In addition to this contemplated ad-

vance in freight rates to Pacific Coas points, it has been definitely announced by Mr. Drake that the Philadelphia service will be discontinued. service will be insominated. This wirtually means that all Eastern man-ufacturers will be required to base their prices on New York for water shipments. As an illustration, points around Philadelphia can be reached on a minimum of from S to 11 cents on contend lots. carload lots.

Goods to Move Vis New York.

"Discontinuing snipments from that port means that shipments will have to move via New York, which will cost as a minimum 16 cents to reach sea-board. With the increased rate of 52% cents to Portland, plus the rate of 16 cents to New York, means a total of 2814 cents to which whet he added

cents to New York, means a total of 681½ cents, to which must be added interest and insurance, amounting to about 2½ cents, making the full rate to this city 21 cents via Panama. "During the greater part of the year North Pacific Coast terminal points en-joy what is known as Take and rail rates, which, on heavy commodities, means a saving of about 4½ cents. The average rate on heavy commodities all

rates, which, on heavy commodities, means a saving of about 4% cents. The average rate on beny commodities, all rall, is 30 cents, and when the lake and rall rates are in effect, which is usually from March until November, from and steel commodities can be shipped on a rate of 15% cents. "It is plain to be seen that the dif-ferential, being so small, the shipper naturally will turn to lake and rail movement, as it would afford a saving of from 30 to 45 days in service. "An effort will be made to interest the local commercial organizations and also similar bodies in the various East-ern cities that are affected in sending vigorous protests against the proposed increase in rates to the members of Congress. It does not seem consistent that the Government, in view of the position it has taken relative to trusts, should be a party to an arrangement whereby this advance in rates will be possible.

possible. "The principal difficulty in the Pan-ams service has been in the action of the Government itself. It has issued

MORTGAGE LOANS 5% JOHN E. CRONAN, 7%

902 Spalding Bidg.

COLLIS, HERRIDGE & THOMPSON PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS THAT will you give me for my \$400 equity in two lots at Ross City Park? AH 675

Oregonian BUSINEES lot on Killingsworth ave. 50 ft. west of Patton avenue. Zella Gossett. ownsr, 7 West Killingsworth.

WUST have cash; will sacrifice two choice viaw Waverleigh lots. AP 674. Oregonian. GOOD lot, west of Killingsworth are car-barne, 5450. X 559, Oregoniar

THE SCHOOL GIRL Special Children's Matinec, Saturday, 30. Two performances Nightly, 7:50 9:151 156, 35c. Matinec Dally, 2:30, reat 156 (except Sundays and Holdays NEXT WEEK-"PROJACS OF 1912

LYRIC THEATER AND STARES

ALL THIS WEEK