

COUNCIL APPROVES 6.8 MILL TAX LEVY

Ordinance Prohibits Grills From Serving Liquor to Persons Under 21.

CITY JUNKETS REVIVED

Measure to Be Drafted for Regulation of Public Service Corporations—Reduction of Water Rate Is Approved.

EXTRACTS OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Mayor's budget providing tax levy of 6.8 mills approved.

Ordinance passed prohibiting persons under 21 from going into grills or cafes where liquor is sold.

Mayor authorized to appoint special committee to draft a measure regulating public service corporations.

Policy of junketing of city officials adopted; Mayor and City Engineer to go to New Orleans.

Brakes put on practice of granting gardens without investigation.

Oil storage ordinance referred back to health and police committee.

Reduction of water rates in 1912 approved.

Ordinance passed requiring pawnbrokers to make daily reports of goods to police department.

Proposed additional Auditorium bonds held up.

War Department petitioned to allow city to keep bridge draws closed during morning and evening rush hours.

Grant of \$10,000 to relieve labor situation approved.

The city's 1912 tax levy will be 6.8 mills, as recommended by Mayor Rushlight. The last legal step in the fixing of the levy was taken yesterday when the City Council passed Mayor's budget by unanimous vote. The levy will net the city about \$1,750,000, which, it is expected, will cover the cost of maintenance and operation of all city departments during the year. No objection was made to any part of the budget, which among other things provides for 20 additional policemen, four new fire stations and other additions to the working forces of the city.

The levy is 5 of a mill greater than the 1911 levy and within 2 of a mill of the levy limit. The increase was necessary to meet interest on the bonded indebtedness and to take up numerous bonds which expire in 1912.

Liquor Rule Made.

The Council passed an ordinance which, if signed by the Mayor, will prohibit men and women under the age of 21 from entering grill rooms or cafes where liquor is sold, unless accompanied by one of both parents or in the case of a woman, by her husband. The ordinance is aimed at a number of cheap grills and cafes which have sprung up in the city since the measure was passed. The measure met no resistance during consideration and passed by unanimous vote.

Public service corporations were attacked by Councilman Joy for their negligence in making service extensions to city suburbs. Mr. Joy supported an ordinance which he introduced requiring the telephone, gas and electric light companies to extend their service at the rate of one block every ten days in districts where the service is required and requested. He declared the telephone companies especially are negligent in making extensions.

This proposed ordinance was offset by the adoption of a measure by the Council authorizing the Mayor to appoint a special committee to draft a general ordinance for the regulation of public utility corporations. The committee will be appointed by the Mayor this week and an effort will be made to have an ordinance ready for the Council at its next meeting.

City Junkets Resumed.

The practice of appropriating city money for the junketing of city officials was revived by the Council yesterday after a lapse of several years when an Appropriation of \$300 was made to cover the expense of sending City Engineer Hurlburt and Mayor Rushlight to New Orleans to attend the annual meeting of the Association for Standardizing Paving Specifications.

Since the Council was declared recently to be the proper city governing board, numerous for city prisoners have been pardoned. In many cases pardons were granted without proper investigation. It is said an ordinance was passed which will require every application for pardon to be accompanied by recommendations from the Municipal Judge, City Attorney and the request of Councilman Monks. At the request of Councilman Monks the ordinance which was up for passage was referred back to the health and police committee. Councilman Monks said the committee desired a reconsideration.

The proposed reduction in city water rates for 1912, as recommended by the Water Board, was adopted by the Council. An ordinance was passed fixing the flat rate in the city at 75 cents instead of \$1, as at present, and increasing the rate for the suburbs outside the city from 75 cents to \$1.10.

Pawnbrokers will be required in the future to make daily reports to the police department of goods taken in pawn each day. Accompanying the report must be a description of the goods and the persons selling them, by the provisions of an ordinance passed. The Oregon delegation in Congress will be asked by the Council to take up with the War Department a proposal to end the opening of the draw bridges on the Willamette during the rush hours. A resolution introduced by Councilman Menefee was adopted and will be forwarded to the Oregon delegation. It asks for the exertion of every influence to get the War Department to permit the city to keep the draws closed from 7 A. M. to 9 A. M. and from 4:30 P. M. to 6 P. M.

Cars to Be Heated.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has agreed to heat all its cars up to the temperature required by the health department rules, and for that reason a measure introduced by Councilman Joy requiring the heating was postponed indefinitely.

The adoption of a resolution placing on the ballot at the coming special election a charter amendment providing for an additional \$200,000 auditorium bond issue was deferred by the Council until the date of the election is set.

Call Makes Long Trip Alone.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—A little 5-month-old calf

aristocrat who had traveled alone across the continent, from Vermont to White Salmon, was the center of attraction in this place yesterday. The name of the little fellow was "Eminent," son of Leda Oxford. He carried a pedigree after his name longer than a string of capital letters after a college graduate. The mother of the lad has a record of 10,000 pounds of milk from which was made 7000 pounds of butter during the year 1910. Determined to keep his prize winning herd of Jerseys at the head, Guy Chapman, of Mount Adams stock farm near Mount Adams, had sent to Vermont for the calf, express on which was over \$50. The total cost is \$200.

THE LAND OF BOYHOOD

Speculations About Its Hidden Mysteries and Won't-Tell Folks.

No man young or old knows what is in a boy's mind. Once he knows it he is familiar with the ritual, free of the fellowship, understood the degrees and administered them to others. Suddenly he was expelled from a string of letters after a college graduate. His mind ruthlessly deprived of the memory of passwords and grips and observations, seeks in vain to recall the things he has seen and done. The door it never will be opened to him. Nothing is more remote from the mind of the grown-up person than the apparently simple matter of the initiation of a boy's year. Philosophers have studied and guessed, but they never have been able to explain why at one time boys play at marbles, at another time spin tops and at still another time fly kites, and why in every part of the world they abandon one pastime in a body and take up another. The boys know. They all know. But the rigorous freemasons won't tell. Are they bound by some frightful oath not to reveal the secrets of their caste? Do traitors and informers among them suffer dreadful penalties? Is it possible that the sad little boys who are sometimes seen gloomily treading their way through the winter streets, wearing low socks and French berets or the velvet clothes of little Lord Fauntleroy with curls hanging down their face collars—is it possible that these are the Morgans of the freemasonry, that this is their fate because they have communicated the secrets of their order? It must be true for no mother in her right mind would so punish her offspring. He wears the uniform of the outcast. Every boy's hand is raised against him. But if it is a punishment the punishment is excessive. No boy could, if he would, communicate these secrets to the mature. It would be more difficult for a boy of 10 to explain what he knows and thinks to a man of 40 than it would be for a Tibetan priest to elucidate in his own language the mysteries of esoteric Buddhism to a Wall street broker at a quick-lunch counter.

CHINESE HEADS MISSION

Presbytery Appoints Young Canton Man—Ordination May Follow.

Ng Mon Ho, a young Chinese from Canton, has been engaged by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church to take charge of the Chinese Mission at 141 1/2 First street. He was appointed to the Presbytery yesterday for ordination, and probably will either be licensed or ordained as soon as the necessary credentials arrive from Canton. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held the first Tuesday in March. It is the belief of those in charge of the Presbytery's foreign mission work that native Chinese can work to better advantage for their countrymen than Americans.

A Christmas entertainment, provided by the First Presbyterian Church, was given at the mission last night. The Sunday school children of the First Presbyterian Church had their Christmas party at the mission yesterday afternoon, when the superintendent, J. F. Ewing, entertained them with the stereopticon. Ice cream and cake were served.

Rev. J. R. Welch, pastor of the Reedville and Orenco Presbyterian churches, was released from his charges by the Portland Presbytery, at an adjourned meeting, held at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. He will go to Riverside, Cal., where his sister, who ill, has expressed a wish to see him before she dies. He will also take a rest in an effort to regain his own health. He was ordained in the Portland Presbytery in 1902.

Rev. Charles W. Hays, who was released from the Marshall-street Presbyterian Church at the last meeting of the Portland Presbytery, will moderate the sessions of the Reedville and Orenco churches until pastors are obtained. Mr. Hays now is Sunday School Missionary of the Portland Presbytery.

JAIL FOOD INQUIRY BEGUN

Marshal to Ascertain Whether Sheriff Charges Too Much.

To ascertain whether it costs too much to feed Federal prisoners in the County Jail is the object of an inquiry being made by the United States Treasury Department after the announcement that Sheriff Stevens is and has been receiving more than his rightful pay for that service.

Through several administrations the regular pay for feeding Federal prisoners by the county has been 60 cents a day and this was continued without question until a member of the Treasury Department found that Multnomah County was paying only 12 1/2 cents a meal for its prisoners, or 35.6 1/2 cents a week. This would make almost a difference of \$1 a week and as during the present quarter the amount totals about \$1000 for feeding the Federal prisoners in Multnomah County, it will mean considerable to Sheriff Stevens.

United States Marshal Scott, to whom the Treasury Department referred the subject, has requested United States District Attorney McCourt to investigate. Mr. McCourt will consult with John P. Logan, attorney for Sheriff Stevens.

The contention of Sheriff Stevens is that in addition to the meals is included the use of the jail, its conveniences and care exercised for the safe keeping of the prisoners.

AGREEMENT TO BE TRIED

City and Streetcar Company Officials to Meet Tuesday.

The city and the Portland Railway Light & Power Company will make another effort Tuesday to reach an agreement on the terms of a general franchise grant on 40 city streets which has been asked by the company and refused by the city until the company agrees to a number of new conditions. Chairman Baker, of the Council street committee, has called a special franchise meeting of the committee for Tuesday, and if an agreement cannot be reached it is probable the Council as a whole will be asked to tussle with the problem.

Oregon City Election Notice Out.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—W. M. MARY, County Clerk, announced Wednesday that the registration books for the nomination election

Charge Purchases Rest of Month Will Go on January Bill, Payable February First

Manicuring and Hairdressing Parlors, Second Floor—Tea Room on the Fourth Floor

Olds, Wortman & King

34th Annual Clearance Sale

In All Departments of the Store

A lot of Women's Suits at Half Price.
Our Entire Stock of Furs at Half Price
Our Entire Stock of Dresses Reduced
Our Entire Stock of Coats Reduced
Our Entire Stock of Millinery Reduced
Clearance of All Lines of Neckwear
Clearance of Women's Kid Gloves
Clearance of All Our Beautiful Laces
Clearance of Our Beautiful Embroidery

Entire Stock of Undermuslins Reduced
Entire Stock of Infants' Wear Reduced
A Great Clearance Sale of Fine Corsets.
Great Clearance Sale of all Hosiery
Clearance of Complete Line Trimmings
Clearance of All Our Lines of Linens
A Great Clearance Sale of Wash Goods.
Clearance of Draperies, Great Sacrifice

Great Clearance Sale of All Umbrellas
Great Clearance Sale of All Dress Goods
Great Clearance Sale of All Silks
Great Clearance Sale of All Shoes
Great Clearing Sale of All Our Clothing
Clearance of Beautiful Lace Curtains
Clearance of Complete Line Furniture
Clearance of Splendid Line Chinaware
Clearance Sale of Table Silverware

Clearance Sale of Beds and Bedding



\$22.50 Brass Beds \$15
\$15.00 Beds at \$9.95

Clearance sale of satin finish Brass Beds with 2-inch continuous posts and 5/8-inch fillers, full or 3/4 size, neat and strong construction; our reg. \$22.50 values, sp1 Clearance price **\$15.00**

Brass Beds in the satin finish with 2-inch straight posts and 5/8-inch fillers, full size or 3/4 size, very attractive pattern; our regular \$15.00 seller, specially priced for this Clearance Sale at only \$9.95

Comforts
\$3 Grades \$2.35
2.50 Grade \$1.95

Thrifty housekeepers will lay in a good supply of these Comforts; silkoline covered and filled with white cotton; full double bed size; excellent values at \$2.50 each, special for this Clearance Sale only **\$1.95**

Another lot, a little heavier and regular \$3.00 values, special Clearance Sale price, each **\$2.35**



\$18.00 Mattress for \$13.50
\$14.00 Mattress for \$9.50

In the big Bedding Store, third floor, a sale of Felted Silk Floss Mattresses, bisent tufted, roll edge, stitched sides, covered with A. C. A. or satin art ticking, weight 35 pounds; **\$13.50**

In the Bedding Store, third floor, a sale of Silk Floss Mattresses, covered with good, heavy art ticking in fancy patterns; diamond or biscuit tufted with roll edge; a full 30-pound Mattress; sells regularly at \$14.00; sp1 Clearance Sale price **\$9.50**

Mill Close-Out of Blankets

\$9 Values \$6.00
\$8 Values \$5.50

A mill cleanup of White Wool Blankets, made right here in Oregon. Double bed size, fine finish, heavy fleeced surface, pink or blue borders, bound with taffeta silk binding. They are **\$5.50** splendid \$8.00 values. Special Clearance Sale price, **\$5.50**

Another line, same finish but heavier, \$9 Blankets, for only **\$6.00**

\$1.15 Bed Pillows 80c
\$2.50 Bed Pillows \$1.98

Clearance Sale of full-size Bed Pillows, covers of good quality art ticking; filled with feathers; very exceptional **80c**

Clearance Sale of full-size Bed Pillows; covers of satin finish art ticking; filled with live goose feathers; a 3-pound pillow; size 21x27 inches; **\$1.98**

\$9.00 White Blankets \$5.95
\$10.00 White Blankets \$6.95

A Clearance Sale of excellent quality White Wool Blankets which were slightly damaged at the mill, small spots, etc., which in no way impair the wearing quality. They are the full double bed sizes, very fine finish, silk bound. Our regular \$9.00 values, bargained for this great Clearance Sale at, pr. **\$5.95**

Heavier and larger Blankets, slightly soiled; white with pink or blue borders, silk bound. Regular \$10.00 values, specially priced, pr. **\$6.95**

Our Entire Stock of Pillows Reduced
Entire Stock of Mattresses Reduced
Our Entire Stock of Bedding Reduced

Sale Down Comforters

\$32.50 Values \$27.50
\$6.00 Values \$4.50

Bedding Store—Third Floor.

Every shrewd matron in the City of Portland should investigate this sale of Down Comforters, the cheapest and best of all bed covering. All are well made. Prices: Satin or silk-covered Down Comforters priced for speedy clearance as follows:

\$13.50 Down Comforts only	\$10.75
\$16.00 Down Comforts only	\$12.50
\$18.50 Down Comforts only	\$15.00
\$20.00 Down Comforts only	\$16.00
\$22.50 Down Comforts only	\$18.00
\$25.00 Down Comforts only	\$19.50
\$27.50 Down Comforts only	\$21.00
\$32.50 Down Comforts only	\$27.50

Down Comforts, covered with the best grade of satin, special Clearance prices:

\$ 6.00 Down Comforts, special	\$4.50
\$ 7.00 Down Comforts, special	\$5.25
\$10.50 Down Comforts, special	\$7.75

INDIAN BLANKETS

\$ 5.00 Indian Robes, special at	\$3.75
\$ 6.75 Indian Robes, special at	\$4.75
\$ 9.00 Indian Robes, special at	\$6.75
\$11.00 Indian Robes, special at	\$7.50

On the Bargain Circle

Today and Tomorrow
Clearance of Slippers

\$2.00 Slippers 98c
Women's Crochet Slippers, beautiful patterns with high roll tops, wool yarn or mercerized with best sultana soles; a pleasing collection of colors and all sizes; our regular \$1.50 and **98c**

\$2.00 Slippers \$1.19
Women's Juliettes and Comforts in felt. A delayed shipment of handsome fur and ribbon trimmed Home Slippers; all hand-sewed with best turned leather soles; regular values to \$2 a pair, special **\$1.19**

Men's \$2.50 Slippers \$1.49
Clearance Sale of Men's Leather Slippers, broken lines left over from the Christmas sale. Many different lasts in Everetts, Operas and Romeo styles in tans, reds and black; values to \$2.50, Clearance at **\$1.49**

Annual Clearance Sale of Household Needs

\$1.25 Clothes Rack 79c
Clothes Pins 1c Dozen
40c Wash Board 30c

\$2.25 Ironing Board \$1.79
Here's the best of all, the handy folding ironing board, with sleeve board attachment. Our regular \$2.25 value; special **\$1.79** clearance price only

\$2 Wash Boiler 1.65
No. 9, heavy copper bottom Wash Boiler; our best \$2.00 seller; placed on sale at the very low price, **\$1.65** for this clearance

75c Galvanized Wash Tubs for 59c
\$1.25 Clothes Hamper, Special 75c
50c Sleeve Boards, Special, at 39c

40c Dishpan, 10-qt. size, 30c
40c Coffee Pots, special, 30c
45c covered Kettles for 33c
19c Lipped Saucepans, 12c
13c Layer Cake Pans, 10c
13c Flat Skimmers at 10c

\$1.40 Aluminum Saucepans at \$1.12
\$3.75 Aluminum Rice Boilers at \$3.35
\$1.75 Aluminum Coffee Pots at \$1.39
95c Aluminum Frying Pans only 75c

Good Things to Eat in the Grocery

HAMS, PER POUND, 15 1/2c
Best Eastern sugar-cured.

BACON, PER POUND, 16c
Eastern sugar-cured; best English style. Lean and fat. Try it.

25c FIGS, PER POUND, 20c
Imported Smyrna; very clean.

LAYER RAISINS
Selected steak, put up in 2-lb boxes, special, box **30c**

CANNED MILK
Jersey Queen, 3 cans for **25c**
Jersey Queen, per dozen, at **85c**
Ivory Soap, 6 cakes for only **25c**
Fairly Soap, 6 cakes only **25c**

\$1.35 Tea Kettles for 98c
\$1.40 Coffee Pots for \$1.12
55c Towel Bars for only 42c
25c Robe Hooks for only 19c
50c Tumbler Holders at 37c

\$3.00 Tea Ball Teapots \$2.40
\$1 Toilet Paper Holders 79c
\$4.50 Bath'r Mirrors \$3.59
50c Glass Towel Bars at 35c
\$2.25 Bathroom Seats, \$1.50

ALBINA WOMEN CARE FOR POOR OF CITY AND DONATE SUPPLIES.

Reports of the progress of work were received at the meeting of the Albina

PHONE THIEF CONFESSES

Captive Says He Took Tip to Rob Coin Boxes From Police.

Archie Taylor, who with Frank Davis was arrested Tuesday night for robbing telephone boxes about the city, confessed robbing many telephone boxes in the city yesterday and also made a confession implicating himself

BETTER PIANOS FOR RENT

at Sherman, Clay & Co., Morrison at Sixth.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take LAXATIVE BROOM QUININE TABLETS. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box.

in a number of crimes, among them the burglary of a hardware store at Salem December 18, and the theft of the gasoline launch Thelma at Vancouver, August 15.

About a month ago Taylor was arrested here on information from Seattle for stealing a motorcycle. On his return to Seattle he was sentenced to serve a year after pleading guilty, and was paroled.

"When I was arrested," Taylor told Detective Swennes, "the police accused me of robbing telephone boxes. I had tried my hand at nearly every kind of game, but had never thought of robbing telephone boxes until I was accused of it by the police. It appeared to me as an easy thing and I did it."

Telephone officials say they have lost \$200 by the operations of the thieves and announce that they are installing a double alarm system on their boxes to protect themselves in the future.

Women's Christian Temperance Union yesterday at the home of Mrs. W. Donaldson, 210 Fremont street. The union cared for and provided with dinners several families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mrs. E. S. McKinney, a member of the union, drove to the homes of the other members of the union, gathered up the supplies for these families and then delivered them. In the case of one family supplies were furnished sufficient for a month. In recognition of the faithful work of Mrs. Frances Henderson, who has been secretary for the past two years, the union presented her with a handsome fountain pen, which

Mrs. Henderson acknowledged with grateful thanks.