

CUT 1913 TAX LEVY IS PROMISED County Judge Makes Forecast Before Lively Meeting of Big Taxpayers.

PRESENT SYSTEM ASSAILED Bickering by City Council Over Broadway Bridge Despite Decision of Modjeski Is De-nounced by Two.

A lower tax levy for Multnomah County next year was promised by County Judge Cleon at the taxpayers' meeting in the courthouse yesterday.

The sentiment was expressed that tunnels under the river and the acquisition of Ross Island for municipal purposes, would be feasible if they were not so expensive and if they could afford them without curtailing other needed improvements.

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"We have a rotten public mind," said Mr. Bristol. "Instead of serving the interests of the community, each man feels the other will beat him."

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permit them to work independently. The city authorities have argued over the Broadway bridge draw with disappointed bidders, although we have employed the best bridge engineer in the world. They are taking a great chance of obtaining a vastly excessive bid by proposing to re-advertise."

County Clerk Fields advocated the elimination of the biennial registration, and would provide for registration of only those voters who change their address or who are newcomers in the state.

W. E. Ayer said the meeting was too pessimistic. He said \$2,000,000 more ought to be voted by the city for parks, that the bridges ought to be brilliantly illuminated, and that what money has been expended has not been wasted.

How to decrease the county's expenses and thereby lower the tax rate was discussed at length. County Judge Cleon suggested four-year terms for state and county officers, and the two-year term for Joseph N. Teal said the city and county ought to draw a distinction between necessities and the extravagant expenditure of money. He likened the tax-paying bodies to a string of sausages.

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"The Executive Board penalized Robert Walsfield. Do you think they will give the money? Never in the world. You will pay the bill to repair the leaking reservoir he built."

Taxes Govern Wages, Says One. William F. Woodward said most laboring men do not understand that every time they vote to increase taxes by expensive public improvements they cut their own salaries by placing heavy burdens on their employers.

BARTENDER KILLS WOMAN AND SELF

Rosa Orme Is Shot Through Heart as She Writes in Room to Friend.

SLAYER FIRES 3 SHOTS

Claude Whitsett, Employed at Fargo Saloon, Murders Laundry-Worker at Second and Madison Streets After Making Threats.

Because, it is said, she refused to give up her position in a laundry and again go back to live with him after

GIRL WHO WAS SLAIN, AND HER SLAYER, WHO ALSO KILLED HIMSELF.



Rosa Orme. Claude Whitsett.

having left him a year ago, Claude Whitsett, aged 30 years, a bartender, last night shot and killed Rosa Orme, aged 25 years, and then shot himself in the temple, dying instantly. Miss Orme died within a few minutes after the shot was fired, and without telling her mother, the slayer, that she was after milkmen and particularly one of that trade, who, one of the brothers thought, would carry a sum of money.

The boys probably would have had opportunity to commit a crime had not two pairs of lovers sauntered along the road and tripped over the wire. They thought a practical joke had been played on them and beat the brush for the jokers. This frightened the boys, who fired their guns and fled. The shooting was reported to the police.

Morrison said last night that Whitsett lived with the woman after Miss Orme had separated from her former husband, Harvey C. Galbraith, of San Francisco, the two passing as man and wife for some time and that after-wards the girl obtained a position in the Union Laundry on Second street and refused to live longer with the bartender. Two weeks ago, he said, Whitsett, who is a blond, was in the girl's room. "With the assistance of the clerk of the place, Whitsett was thrown out and came back with a policeman, to whom he had reported that Miss Orme was his wife. When the patrolman found that Whitsett was not the girl's husband, he escorted Whitsett from the place and Whitsett did not return again until last night."

Baby Girl Is Left. Miss Orme, who took her maiden name after her separation from her husband, whom she had married in 1902, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Orme, of Grants Pass and Leland, Or. In their custody is her 7-year-old child, Grace, who is the daughter of the slayer. Her father is a partner in a placer mine at Leland. Following her separation from Galbraith she lived at several places on the Pacific coast, earning her living as a waitress or as a laundry worker. Whitsett, who is said by Morrison to

have threatened the girl's life two weeks ago when turned out of the house, in the words, "I'll get in some time and I'll show you all about it." He was a bartender in the Fargo Saloon, 101 Sixth street, and was a member of the Bartenders' Union. He had been in Portland for the past seven years. A sister of the woman slain, Mrs. Cora Alderson, of Leland, Or., was notified last night by the coroner.

WENATCHEE MEN COMING

Apple-Growers Will Investigate Fruit Exchange Methods.

A mass meeting of the fruitgrowers of the Wenatchee Valley was held in the opera-house at Cashmere, Wash., Monday. The meeting was largely attended, there being 150 of the principal orchardists of the valley present. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing marketing plans in general, but more particularly to discuss the terms of the "return" plan, the Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association, of Medford, whereby it is proposed to handle the fruit of the districts of the Northwest, including Wenatchee, Hood River, Rogue River and Yakima, units in purchasing a controlling interest in the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, of Portland.

BRIDGE OPENING EXPLAINED

Foreman of Morrison-Street Span Tells Cause of Delay.

In a letter written to The Oregonian, J. H. Richmond, foreman of Morrison-street bridge, commenting on a recent article in The Oregonian regarding a delay of 25 minutes in opening the bridge, says he is informed by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's inspector that the delay in question, which was shortly after noon Saturday, was but 20 minutes.

BAD CHECK COUP FAILS

Two Men, One Posing as Officer, Captured After Chase.

With a partner who posed as a peace officer lying in wait to cover his retreat, J. F. Lefler attempted to pass a worthless check for \$250.00 at a store near Second and Morrison streets yesterday, and though once released by the good offices of the pseudo policeman, was later captured after a hot chase by Patrolman Endicott and Detectives Price and Royle.

BOMBS ARE LIGHT GLOBES

Patrolman Startled by Two Explosions, Arrests Lodger.

Great coolness under fire was displayed by Patrolman Huntington yesterday morning, when a fusillade of bombs broke forth at his feet while he was patrolling his Alder-street beat. He was inside the car when the bombs hurtling through the air and lit beside the policeman. He jumped but soon steadied himself, just in time to dodge another bomb that descended like a bolt from the blue.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

Our Women—"They are wonderful," says Japanese bride of diplomat, "but they have their bad points, too." A full page of unusual interest. Fables in Slang—George Ade writes another crisp fable, "The lonesome ride on the sprinkler." Success on the Stage—William Faversham says that a liberal education and groundwork in the classics are necessary assets to the actor seeking high place. Renaissance in Architecture—Uncle Sam is following the classics in the making of Government buildings. An important half page, fully illustrated. Six Picturesque Congressmen—An account of Delegates who have no votes. Four of them are foreigners, and one was in line, once to be a real live King. Women Startle Man From Dungeon—Released from a dungeon after 30 years' confinement, the thing that most startled Leon Peltzer was the "tubelike" women of today. Half page, illustrated. Walking 3500 Miles—Two Harvard men did this to settle a dietetic question—and then did not settle it. The Peradventurer—A live short story revealing the fact that men are often not just what they seem. The Man Who Wouldn't Belong—Another short story of the business world. How a hardware man drew all his cash out of the bank during a business depression. New adventures by the color supplement folks—Sambo, Slim Jim, Hairbreadth Harry and Mrs. Timekiller. MANY OTHER FEATURES

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electric light globes that had glimmered their last and he dropped them 50 feet to the pavement below. Huntington spied him leaning from his window, following the flight of his missiles. The policeman made his way to the room, where he placed Woodhouse under arrest for throwing glass in the street.

STREET ENDS FOR DOCKS

City Attorney Also Holds Commission Has Authority to Build.

City Attorney Grant yesterday submitted to Mayor Rushlight an opinion, in effect, saying that the city has full authority to proceed with the construction of docks at various streets along the river, and that the Municipal Dock Commission is the proper body to do the work. The opinion was given at the Mayor's request, as there had been some question as to the power of the city government to build wharves, especially on street ends where private parties have constructed their establishments.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Table with columns for Births, Deaths, Marriages, and other city statistics.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—Maximum temperature, 46 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees. Silver lining, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; change in last 24 hours, 2.7 feet fall. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), none. Total rainfall since September 1, 1911, 18.18 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 25.20 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1911, 6.94 inches. Total sunshine, 1 hour 9 minutes; possible sunshine, 9 hours 12 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 30.62 inches.

Table with columns for Station, Temperature, Wind, and State of Weather for various locations.

All knowledge is the result of investigation. Every achievement in the science of chemistry, medicine, electricity or mechanics is the fruit of continued and exhaustive research. Therefore, those who, without full investigation of the newest and most modern ideas in scientific piano construction, are led to testify to the superiority of an instrument, without having seen, tried and become thoroughly familiar with

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may be questioned, not in their sincerity, but surely for their lack of knowledge. Every Mason & Hamlin Piano is sold in competition with instruments which have in past years been considered the acme of piano perfection. Every buyer of a Mason & Hamlin Piano, and there are hundreds in and about Portland, is an investigator, a lover of the truly artistic qualities found in far greater measure in the Mason & Hamlin than in any other piano.

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