

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.

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.

"Bourgeoisism is Assailed." W. C. Bristol said the taxing process is to be compared to a string of sausages tied to a dog's tail.

"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."

"I am not big enough to suggest a remedy. We are all imitators, so I will give you an imitation of the New York Bureau of Research, which found in New York three departments of the city government paying the city bidder three percent on contracts, ranging from \$25 to \$55 a ton."

"We must educate the public," he said. "Somebody has to get up propaganda, and it is the public's business. Then we will have to raise some money in addition to the taxes, and employ a commercial efficiency engineer or several of them."

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.

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.

BROTHER THIEVES CAUGHT Wire Across Road to Waylay Travelers Proves Undoing.

Capping a long series of petty thefts with an attempt to hold up vehicles on the Sandy boulevard, Louis, Cyril and Gregory Mench, brothers, living in Portsmouth, were captured yesterday by Sergeant Wanless and Patrolmen Golts and Hellyar, and later confessed depredations too many to count.

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



Rosa Orme.

not attempted any major crime till Wednesday night, when they stretched a wire across the Sandy boulevard and with revolvers in their hands lay in wait by the roadside.

ALL OLEO IS NOT TAXED Only That Colored So as to Resemble Butter Has 10-Cent Impost.

To offset the work of oleomargarine manufacturers to have the tax on that product removed, the National Dairy Union has sent out letters calling attention to the fact that the tax on the literature circulated by the manufacturers of butterine is misleading and that the resolutions offered by many organizations for the removal of the tax have been prepared without full knowledge of the conditions which the tax was intended to cover.

The State Dairy and Food Commissioner's office has just received a letter from the National Dairy Union, of Washington, D. C., asking that its officers bring to the attention of women's clubs and other organizations the misleading information contained in the oleomargarine manufacturers' literature.

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

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 gain go-back to live with him after



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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.

Attracted by the shots, W. P. Morrison, employe of an oil company, and a friend of both victims of the tragedy, ran to the room and found Miss Orme breathing her last. She was unable to speak to him.

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.

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 girl's father.

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.

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.

WENATCHEE MEN COMING

Apple-Growers Will Investigate Fruit Exchange Methods.

BRIDGE OPENING EXPLAINED

Foreman of Morrison-Street Span Tells Cause of Delay.

BAD CHECK COUP FAILS

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

BOMBS ARE LIGHT GLOBES

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STREET ENDS FOR DOCKS

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