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Three of the millage bills, if passed, will apply to 1920 as well as to 1921 and subsequent years. As a result of this and the fact that the levy for 1920 was made last December it will be necessary to make a double levy next December covering both the years 1920 and 1921.

The state tax levied last December totaled \$4,391,208, according to the official records, and it is estimated that if the millage bills meet the approval of the voters, it will be necessary to raise at the time of making the next levy approximately \$10,000,000. Officials say there is no other way to obtain the money this year regardless of their desire to relieve the taxpayers of the burdensome taxation.

College Support Decided. The millage measure providing for the support and maintenance of the Oregon Agricultural college, University of Oregon and Mount Normal school provides for raising approximately \$1,247,947 annually, based on the present valuations of the state. Because the levy already has been made for this year it is specified in the bill that this sum shall be appropriated directly from the funds of the state this year. This sum, it is declared by officials, is not available from the state treasury, however, and must be raised by taxation.

The proposed new levy for educational purposes as computed by persons in touch with the purpose of the bill will raise, in addition to the present appropriations, \$679,155.75 for the Oregon Agricultural college, \$509,368.41 for the University of Oregon, and \$59,425.13 for Mount Normal. There also is a bill before the voters calling for a levy of 2 mills for the support and maintenance of the elementary schools of the state. This levy would produce \$1,839,000, while the measure providing a levy of two-tenths of a mill which to insure operation of the soldiers, sailors and marines educational aid act would produce \$198,687.09. These two levies necessarily will have to be taken into consideration in the final analysis of the tax situation.

Retraction is Provided. As all three of these acts provide that the money derived from the levies shall be retroactive as of the year 1920, it would be necessary to make such a law next December as would produce approximately twice the sum realized from the levy made late in the year 1919.

There is also a bill at issue providing for a millage tax to provide an institution for the blind. This measure would not become effective until next year, however, and would not materially affect this year's levy. In addition to these millage measures there must be a state tax money for the regular expenses of the commonwealth, which this year aggregated \$4,000,000. Neither of the millage acts to be submitted to the people are affected by the 6 per cent limitation amendment, nor does it apply to the state tax measure passed in the year 1917 or the service men's educational aid act of 1919.

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NEW MACHINERY OPERATES SATISFACTORILY IN TRY-OUT.

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ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special).

The machinery for the first unit of the Astoria Flouring Mills company's new plant at the port terminal has been operated for the past few days at a test, and has been found to work satisfactorily. It is expected this unit, which will have a capacity of 2000 barrels of flour a day, will begin grinding within the next two or three days.

The second unit of the plant will be ready for operation in about six weeks. The new plant will be one of the largest single mills of its kind in the country. It will turn out 4000 barrels of high-grade flour each 24 hours. With the company's present mill also in operation the daily output will be increased to 5200 barrels.

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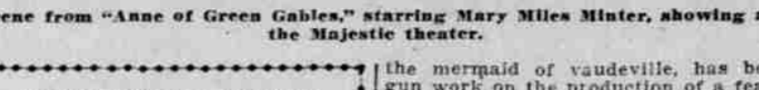
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Scene from "Anne of Green Gables," starring Mary Miles Minter, showing at the Majestic theater.

Director Frank Borzage will remain in the east to translate more stories to the screen for Cosmopolitan films. During the making of "Humoresque," he has had the author of the story, Edith Wharton, in his office.

Jane Novak who plays with Pauline Frederick in her new picture, "Roads of Destiny," confesses that when she was a small girl she had a great admiration for the actress.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 8.—(Special).—The shortage of ship tonnage on Puget Sound is to be relieved to a limited extent by the assignment of two new shipping board steamers now being completed at San Francisco to Puget Sound.

It's a cold world. On one of the coldest days in January, Eugene O'Brien and his company left for Canada. Their destination was the famous castle of the late George B. Davenport.

Blanche Davenport, whose lovely white hair is the real thing, and who got it through years of service on the legitimate stage, is playing the part of the mother in Elaine Hammerstein's new picture, "The Woman Game."

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(Special Cable).—A remarkable feat in the science of recording and reproducing sounds by electricity has been achieved by Major Lionel Guest, brother of the coalition whip in the house of commons, and Captain H. O. Merriman, a Canadian electrical engineer.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET. Annual Lincoln Club Banquet to Be Held at Medford. MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special).—The annual Lincoln club banquet will be held at the Bedford hotel Thursday night and will be attended by prominent republicans from all parts of the state.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports. (All positions reported at 8 P. M. yesterday unless otherwise indicated.) WILLAMETTE, Seattle for San Francisco, 250 miles south of Port Angeles.

Butte Wages at Record. BUILDERS RECEIVE MORE THAN SCALE, ASSERT MASTERS. All Trades Demand \$1 Daily Increase; Plasterers Ask for \$11 for 1920.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 8.—That the employers of Butte offered the building trades unions a better contract for 1920 than the one offered by the Employers' association of greater New York on the one hand, and the Building Trades council, representing about 130,000 men on the other, is the gist of a statement issued tonight by the master builders' group of the Associated Industries.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Maximum temperature, 52 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees. Wind, light variable.

STATIONS. Baker, 28, 28.00, N, Clear. Boston, 29, 28.00, N, Clear. Chicago, 30, 28.00, N, Pt. cloudy.

FORECAST. Oregon and vicinity—Fair; northeastern winds. Oregon and Washington—Fair; gentle northeasterly winds.

Movements of Vessels. PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Sailed at 1 P. M.—Steamer Tilverton, for San Pedro via Westport. Arrived at 10 P. M.—Steamer Klamath, from San Francisco.

ASTORIA, Feb. 8.—Arrived at 11 A. M. and left at 1 P. M.—Steamer Captain A. F. Lucas, from Portland; at noon, steamer John Poulsen, from Columbia river.

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TRAVEL. S. S. "CITY OF TOKYO". Sailed from Portland 9:00 P. M., February 24, for North Bend, Marshfield, Eureka and San Francisco, connecting with steamer to Los Angeles and San Diego.