

WASHINGTON OPENS TAX-CUT CAMPAIGN

40-Mill Limit on 50 Per Cent Valuation Is Goal.

NEW LEAGUE IN ACTION

Seattle Levy Rises to 67.81 Mills for Next Year as Valuations Are Decreased.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 8.—A statewide campaign to "prevent the confiscation of real estate by taxation," and to limit taxation of real and personal property for all purposes to not more than 40 mills on a 50 per cent basis of valuation, has been inaugurated in Seattle.

Friday night, when the King county commissioners finished their work on the county budget, the tax to be fixed by local taxing bodies, it was found that Seattle 1923 tax levy will be 67.81 mills, or approximately 55 per cent higher than the limit demanded by the new taxpayers' organization.

This new organization, which has taken the title of the Tax Limit League, probably did not expect to exercise a determining influence on next year's taxes. Before organization was effected the state board of equalization had announced a shrinkage of \$61,000,000 in the value of all property in the state listed for taxation. Seattle taxing bodies, except the county, had announced their 1923 levies, the city calling for 26.71 mills, the school district for 14 mills and the port district for 1 mill. The state levy had been fixed at 12.41 mills. It was already apparent that the county could not hold to the 10-mill levy of 1922. It has now announced a 12.53 mill levy, bringing the Seattle total to 67.81 mills as against an aggregate 1922 levy of 63.17 mills.

Reduction Widely Sought. The Tax Limit League must, therefore, address its efforts to more distant future results. So must all the numerous other tax-cut organizations which have been set up for a longer time. Probably every chamber of commerce and commercial club in the state has a tax-cut committee or bureau; there is a taxpayers' association of some sort in virtually every city and county, many of which have already been seeking co-ordination of effort through the state federation of taxpayers' association. Then there is the Lower the Cost of Government League, which has been organized more than two years, and any number of local organizations of building owners and real estate dealers.

Out of all this organization and effort it would seem that some results ought to be attained. The answer this year, however, is not favorable. The \$61,000,000 decrease in the value of taxable property affords a fairly strong remedy against appreciable reduction of the rate of taxation. Assuming that approximately the same amount of money must be raised by taxation, it is obvious that as values go down the tax rate must go up.

Decrease Equally Distributed. The decrease in assessed valuations is said to be about equally distributed between real and personal property. On the west side numerous ship-building sites, once crowded with activity and highly appraised, are now idle and unused, subject to material reduction in value. On the west side also there is marked reduction in timberland values, due to the taking off of the timber in eastern Washington, a good deal of farming land, outside the orchard districts—especially wheat land—has come in for lower valuations.

The personal property decrease is accounted for largely by the smaller size of merchandise stocks. One merchandising concern with headquarters in Seattle has had its assessed valuation reduced by \$1,000,000. The assessors' reports show a falling off in both number and aggregate value of horses, mules, cattle, hogs and poultry, with a slight increase in the number of dairy cows, sheep and goats. No question has yet been raised in any quarter as to the fairness of the lower valuations fixed by the assessors which resulted in the aggregate decrease of \$61,000,000 for the state. But with such a decrease, and without any important reduction in government costs, an increase in the tax rate here and there was inevitable.

Costs To Be Attached. Taxpayers' organizations will have to get below the surface of valuations and raise the question directly with the costs of the various units of government. This is what they purpose to do. It is not sufficiently clear to anyone, for example, why the total of state taxes, exclusive of the soldiers' bonus, should have increased by \$7,242,346.48 in the last five years; why the cost of the school, port, road and drainage districts should have run up an increase of \$12,743,318.24 in the same five years; why school taxes, combined state and district, should have jumped from \$12,522,528.23 to \$26,229,868.51 in the same period.

So far as Seattle and King county are concerned—and the same observation will doubtless apply in due proportion to other cities and counties—there has been more of an effort this year than heretofore to keep from increasing the cost of government and raising the tax rate. But there has not been, except on the part of the King county commissioners, any serious attempt by those in authority to cut expenditures. Budget estimates have been materially reduced, it is true; but budget estimates are generally fixed so high that reductions may be made without hurting anyone's feelings.

FUGITIVE IS ARRESTED

John Stevens, Wanted in Astoria, Caught at Tillamook.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Sheriff Slusher and Deputy Debridade returned today from Tillamook bringing John Stevens who was arrested there yesterday and who was wanted on a charge of issuing bogus check and larceny of an automobile belonging to a Mr. Seers of Seaside. The machine was recovered.

The last heard of Stevens before his arrest at Tillamook he was in Seattle and he is believed to have gone to Canada. He told the officers he was on his way back to Astoria. Before leaving here Stevens deserted his wife and children at Seaside and defrauded a local minister of the gospel of about \$20 in borrowed money by telling him a tale of woe.

Society News

MISS LUCRETIA CAVALINE and Grover C. Wrenn were married Saturday morning at the First Presbyterian church in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Dr. Harold Leonard Bowman performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Mrs. W. H. Murrhead. Shortly after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn left for a trip in southern Oregon. They will make their home in Portland. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn are popular with the younger set.

Many of Portland's prominent matrons will assist in the symphony society campaign which will begin Wednesday and continue for several days. Mrs. William MacMaster is the general chairman. Mrs. David Taylor Honeyman and Mrs. William C. Alford are the colonels in charge of legions. Mrs. Honeyman's team includes Mrs. Louis Geddings, Jr., Mrs. Robert Strong, Mrs. E. G. Labbe, Mrs. Ernest H. Meyer, Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Mrs. Holt Wilson, Mrs. Cookingham, Mrs. Philip L. Jackson, Mrs. Ralph W. Wilbur, Mrs. Ira F. Powers, Mrs. Warren Keeler and Mrs. W. F. Browster. The members of Mrs. Alford's team are Mrs. George Willard, Mrs. Curtis Bailey, Mrs. William D. Wheelwright, Mrs. Richard Wilder, Mrs. D. Coleman, Miss Lucia Morris, Mrs. Charles Hart, Aubrey Watzek and Mrs. Warren E. Thomas, who will represent the MacDowell club.

Mrs. Frederick Green has returned from a trip to California. Her daughters are attending school in the east. Miss Mollie Green is at Wellesley and Miss Auli Green has entered the Ely school, at Greenwich.

Mrs. Margaret Burrell Biddle is planning to visit her son Martin at the Ramsey ranch near Chiloquin. Miss Margaret Biddle is visiting in Medford, as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Gordon Voorhies.

Miss Ella De Hart has given up her home and taken an apartment at 705 Davis street.

Mrs. Calma Cowles (Florence Ridenbaugh), who has been visiting in Portland for a week, left yesterday for her home in Boise.

Mrs. A. E. Rockey, who recently was injured in an automobile accident, has completely recovered and is now residing at Twenty-first and Davis streets.

Mrs. Donald Green and her children, her sister, Mrs. John Cabean Beatty, and the latter's small son and Mrs. A. A. Morrison have returned from Gearhart.

Mrs. John Beckman complimented Miss Helen Gregg with a charming tea Saturday afternoon. Presiding at the table were Mrs. Charles Loeding, Mrs. J. Coman and Miss Agnes McBride. Assisting about the room were Mrs. W. J. Haussen, Mrs. John T. O'Brien and Mrs. Royal



MRS. GROVER C. WRENN (LUCRETIA CAVALINE), WHOSE WEDDING WAS AN EVENT OF SATURDAY.

M. Shepard. A group of the younger maids assisted in serving, including Miss Flora Jane McBride, Miss Marian Norman and Miss Helen Van Derwater.

T. McEivene. The bride wore an attractive costume of navy tricotine, with velvet hat to match and a corsage of yellow rosebuds. House decorations were done in autumn leaves, sinjas and shaded lamps.

The few guests hidden included members of the immediate families. A buffet breakfast was served following the ceremony by Miss Myra Welch and assistants. Mrs. Huntington, who is the daughter of H. H. Arey of Timber, Or., has lived in Portland for several years and has a large circle of friends here. Mr. Huntington, a former resident of The Dalles, is a graduate of University of Oregon and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is a member of the law firm of Huntington & Wilson in this city.

bridgroom's traveling clothes) to the house of the bride.

COAL PRODUCTION DROPS

Bituminous Mining Slumps but Anthracite Improves.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 8.—Bituminous coal production dropped off a trifle during the present week, as compared with previous weeks since the settlement of the national coal strike, according to estimates made public today by the geological survey, whose officials said the output probably was insufficient to allow the country to build up its depleted stocks and at the same time provide for current consumption. The present week, it was indicated, saw about 3,600,000 tons of coal mined as compared with 3,766,000 tons the previous week. The production for the week was about 1,900,000 tons, the survey estimated, as compared with 1,923,000 tons a week ago.

CITY TICKETS IN FIELD

Several Candidates File for Pendleton Councilmen.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—With the filing of W. A. Rhodes and Dr. H. S. Garfield for election as councilmen for this city, there are two complete tickets in the field. Judge James A. Fee is unopposed for mayor. If the first ward Manuel Friedley is up for re-election, with Ernest Temple running on the opposite ticket against him. In the second ward Dr. H. S. Garfield has come out against William McCormack. In the third ward the race is between A. C. Funk and W. A. Rhodes. The fourth-ward contest has been running for some time, with T. B. Swearingen opposed by John Vaughan, former mayor. Manuel Friedley, William McCormack, A. C. Funk and T. B. Swearingen are reported to be on the Ku Klux slate, with the four opposing men standing together, it is understood, against them. Can-

Whats What

By Helen Decie



WEDDINGS

are usually more formal in October and November than in the unconventional summer season. Groom, best man and ushers wear cutaway coats, dark gray striped trousers, patent leather shoes, black and white Ascots, four-in-hand or bow ties, and standing wing-collars. The ushers wear black vests, but to add a festive wedding touch, the bridegroom and his leading man may wear white vests. At an autumn wedding, even in the morning, it is correct for the groom and best man to have silk hats. The best man leaves both hats in the vestry when he follows the groom to the chancel. The best man is master of ceremonies. He must have the ring and the clergyman's fee in his pocket, when he arrives at the church. Before the wedding he should have arranged the bridal motorcar and should have sent the suitcase (containing the

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because the best to use with the black skirt featured. For the black lace I would have a long-waisted blouse made over the white mesaline, the latter as a camisole with a red ribbon, matching the scallops, run through the middle cross line. Front and back. This through the lace will add a colorful touch. Over the seam of joining have the black velvet ribbon in the inch wide, ending at the left side with a beaded button in red and black. Should your skirt be too short add a band of the black satin which will continue from under the scallops leaving the red to border over the black. This will supply a fetching color scheme and will make a very attractive frock. It sounds daring but will result happily, I am sure. Fasten in the back or on left shoulder and down left side under arms.

Problems of Dressmaking

Dear Madam Riche: I am coming to you again. I had so much success before. I have two yards of black silk lace 36 inches wide (floating) over jade satin. I do not like the way it made skirt is too narrow and small around waist. Also have a white mesaline dress, long-waisted, skirt is scalloped and faced with red mesaline, which makes the skirt just 24 inches long. Two 26-inch wide wide. Could I combine the black lace with the white mesaline and make some kind of a dress suitable for any kind of wear, or have you other suggestions? Also what could I use the jade satin for? The waist is headed in jet beads of sunburst pattern, skirt is 29 inches long, no hem, and 54 inches wide. One-piece, 16 inches wide in crosswise of material. Your help will be greatly appreciated. CONSTANT READER.

PEAR SHIPMENTS LARGE. HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—H. W. Hamlin, manager of the orchards of the Mount Adams Farm company at Glimmer, Wash., here yesterday reported that his company had shipped 20 cars of d'Anjou and eight cars of Bartlett pears this season. The Glimmer orchards comprise the largest individual holdings of apples and pears in the mid-Columbia. Mr. Hamlin says that he will ship about 15 additional cars of d'Anjou.

POTATOES TO BE SHOWN

WESTON TO INCREASE POPULARITY OF SEED VARIETIES. PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Plans have been completed for the Weston potato show to be held at Weston October 24. This is the first of what is planned to be an annual event.

WESTON MOUNTAIN CERTIFIED POTATOES have made a name in the northwest and the show is staged in the interests of increasing the popularity of the seed potatoes. Two classes are listed in the premium lists. The first is seed and the second commercial potatoes. The classes are subdivided into loss and a good prize list is announced.

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