GROWS IN WEALTH

Taxable Property of County Increases $1,215,000.

TOTAL VALUE IS $51,038,300

County Clerk and Deputies Finish Tax Roll So That Tax Levies Can Be Made During Next January.

The total assessed value of property in Multnomah County for the year 1903 is $51,038,000, as compared to $49,823,280 for the year 1902, an increase of $1,215,020. The work of writing the tax roll was completed by County Clerk Fields and his deputies several days ago, and the recapitulation showing the total figures was finished yesterday. Now that Governor Chamberlain has called a special session of the Legislature to straighten out the tax law muddle, everything will be prepared so that the tax levies can be made in January and the collection of taxes proceeded with as usual.

The valuation of the various classes of property is as follows:

	1903.	1902.	1903.	1902.
Merchandise and stock in trade	.....	.....	$ 3,760,240	$ 3,589,346
Machinery and equipment	.....	.....	1,448,563	1,081,520
Railroad bed	201.16	153	820,035	280,820
Rolling stock	.....	.....	356,950	47,845
Telephone and telegraph lines	304.08	261.3	172,210	188,720
Money notes and accounts	.....	.....	2,013,150	1,971,535
Shares of stock	.....	.....	1,247,420	1,227,475
Farm machinery, implements, wagons, etc.	.....	.....	79,110	66,270
Household furniture, etc	.....	.....	527,695	506,180
Horses	2,844	2,563	90,935	78,665
Cattle	5,817	5,001	81,210	72,090
Sheep	1,182	1,283	1,617	1,675
Swine	965	1,148	2,423	3,145
Land, acres	198,804	198,782	5,429,940	5,412,630
Value of buildings and other improvements	.....	.....	749,290	737,900
Value of town or city lots	.....	.....	22,516,950	21,989,150
Value of buildings and other improvements	.....	.....	11,992,455	11,027,620
Totals	.....	.....	$51,290,195	$50,082,580
Exemption	.....	.....	251,895	259,300
Total value of taxable property	.....	.....	51,038,300	49,823,280
Value all property in Port of Portland district	.....	.....	49,507,795	47,551,780
Value of property in city	.....	.....	46,085,484	44,149,817
Amount of poll tax	.....	.....	2,349	2,496

Total Tax Roll for Multnomah County

In 1902 the street-car lines were assessed under the head of machinery and equipments, whereas this year they are placed in the railroad column.

The cost of writing the tax roll for different years follows: 1899, $3186.30; 1900, $2075.50; 1901, $1947.50; 1902, $1234.50; 1903, $1095. The above figures do not include the cost of extending the levy.

SALOON VERSUS CHURCH.

Issue in Approaching Vancouver Election Defined.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Much interest is being manifested in the approaching city election to take place here on December 8. For the first time in ten years Vancouver is to have an exciting balloting contest. Heretofore there has frequently been but one ticket nominated, but this year there are two factions fighting for supremacy, the saloon element and the church people. Victory is predicted by both sides.

As provided by the city ordinance enacted some years ago, Mayor A. B. Eastham called a mass convention, at which the two tickets were nominated. A contest at the convention caused the nomination of two tickets, it being decided that the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each office be nominated, those receiving the highest number to be known as the first-ticket nominees, and the second highest to be known as the second-ticket nominees.

The result was as follows:

For Mayor—L. B. Clough.

For Councilman-at-Large—C. W. Steward and William Tenney.

For Councilman, East Vancouver—H. J. Deierling and S. F. Bodyfelt.

For Councilman, West Vancouver—W. E. T. Mattschas and Owen Mulligan.

For Councilman, North Vancouver—C. P. McCarthy and J. L. Marsh.

For City Attorney—James P. Stapleton.

For City Clerk—J. E. Harris and D. K. Webster.

For City Treasurer—G. W. Daniels.

For Health Officer—Dr. J. M. P. Chalmers and Dr. J. R. Smith.

It is now presumed that the liquor dealers of the city met at some time previous to the convention and decided on nominees, for it is said that they hope to control the Council without electing their entire ticket. The hold-over Councilmen are J. S. Padden, W. P. Crawford and E. R. Schofield, and of these two are known to favor the saloonmen. The first ticket is said to be the one nominated by the saloon men, who believe that they will elect all their candidates. For Councilman of West Vancouver it is believed that either Mattschas or Mulligan will stand with the saloon men and the fight is not so intense over this office. The contest this year has been brought about by the recent stringent enforcement of the Sunday closing law and the increase of the saloon license. When the state gambling law closed the games that were operated in many of the saloons, the city treasury was short of funds, and in order to keep up the revenue with which to defray the city's expenses the saloon license was raised from $300 to $450. This was a double blow to the saloon-keepers. Then the Sunday closing law was enforced by the church people and the fight between the two factions commenced in earnest. The saloon men have taken precautions to elect a ticket they can depend upon in the future, and, while there is no probability that the saloon license will be raised again, the liquor dealers are protecting themselves from any future infringement on what they deem to be their rights.

CONSUMPTION IS CONQUERED.

Finsen Rays Work Three Cures That Are Permanent.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The use of Finsen rays for the cure of consumption is said to have worked three cures that are permanent and further experiments are said to show the beneficial effects of the treatment. Dr. Mary E. Jackson, of Hammond, Ind., is testing the rays in a case of tuberculosis, and is said to have ended the disease in three patients.

Russian Remedy Not Yet Proven.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—The claim made by Dr. Mamorek that Professor Milkulicz, of Breslau University, had experimented with the tuberculosis germ discovered by the former, with results proving the healing powers of the serum, is incorrect. The Breslauer Zeitung has interviewed Professor Milkulicz, who in the course of talk said he had been experimenting with Dr. Mamorek's serum for several weeks at the university surgery clinics on patients having various forms of external tuberculosis, carefully following Dr. Mamorek's directions. Most of the cases treated, he said, showed no signs of improvement, though in a very few cases slight improvement was noted. The professor, doubts, however, whether this was due to the serum treatment. The experiments will continue, as more time is considered necessary to prove the value or worthlessness of the remedy.

Press Club Entertains.

The parlors of the Portland Press Club were the scene of festivity until long into the small hours last night. The occasion was a smoker and jinks given by the club to its members and friends, and was the most successful event of the kind ever given by the pencil-pushers. The evening was too short to suit the knights of Newspaper Row, and when the owl car had been housed at the carbarn and the last motorman was in bed, throughout the Marquam building could be heard "We Won't Go Home Till Morning." After the theaters were out the men from all the theatrical companies joined the festive crowd. An informal programme was rendered and the evening made one long to be remembered. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. The committee on entertainment and reception was Messrs. Brock, Irwin, Collins, Lathrop, Strowbridge, Mosessohn, Souls, Earp and Smith.

FRUITGROWERS TO MEET.

Northwest Convention in January to Be Notable Gathering.

The meeting of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association, to be held in this city January 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1904, bids fair to be the largest, most interesting and important ever held by that body. Following is a list of those who have been sent invitations by Secretary Lamberson, of the State Board of Agriculture, to deliver addresses on that occasion: Dr. N. G. Blaiock, president Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association; J. R. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, British Columbia; Prof. J. M. Aldrich, entomologist, University of Idaho; Prof. N. O. Borth, horticulturist, Washington Agricultural College; Hon. E. L. Smith, president State Board of Horticulture; Prof. C. W. Woodworth, entomologist, University of California; Rev. F. Walden, Seattle, Wash.; Prof. L. F. Henderson, botanist, University of Idaho; A. Van Holderbeck, Washington State Horticultural Commissioner; Prof. L. B. Judson, horticulturist, University of Idaho; E. A. Bryan, president Washington Agricultural College; Colonel Henry E. Dosch, Hillsdale, Or.; Prof. J. A. Balmer, Cle Elum, Wash.; Dr. James Withycombe, director Oregon Agricultural College; C. A. Tonneson, editor Northwest Horticulturist, Tacoma, Wash.; Prof. E. R. Lake, horticulturist, Oregon Agricultural College; R. P. Ober, general agent Refrigerator Car Line, St. Paul, Minn.; Prof. A. B. Cordley, entomologist, Oregon Agricultural College; J. B. Baird, general freight agent, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minn.; W. K. Newell, Commissioner Oregon State Board of Horticulture.

As they are all men of education and experience and thoroughly informed scientifically and practically in everything relating to fruit and fruit culture, a very high order of addresses may be expected. Mayor Williams and other prominent citizens will probably make addresses on this occasion, and a musical and literary entertainment will be given one evening during the session at some hall not yet selected.

As the National Livestock Association is to be in session in Portland January 12 to 15, it is desirable that as fine a showing as possible of Oregon fruits and other products should be provided for their inspection, and all the officers and delegates to the meeting of the Fruitgrowers' Association will be requested to put forth special efforts to secure the best possible exhibits of fruit, etc., obtainable in their respective sections.

Following is a list of the officers of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association: Dr. N. G. Blalock, president, Walla Walla, Wash.; J. W. Olwell, Central Point, vice-president for Oregon; B. Burgunder, Colfax, vice-president for Washington; J. H. Forney, Moscow, vice-president for Idaho; Prof. S. Fortier, Bozeman, vice-president for Montana; Prof. J. R. Anderson, Victoria, vice-president for British Columbia; W. S. Offner, treasurer, Walla Walla, Wash.; George H. Lamberson, secretary, Portland, Or.

Accused of an Old Murder.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 21.—The Helena police have arrested John H. Dugan, believed to be the man who killed Sheriff George T. Young, of Park County, desperately wounded Undersheriff Beeler and killed a man named Beaver, in November, 1901. Young was Grand Master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Montana, and his murder created a profound sensation. His murderer was chased over the eastern part of the state. Dugan answers the description and is said to have admitted the crime.

YOUNGEST LEADING LADY ON THE AMERICAN STAGE

MISS MARGARITA FISCHER.

Miss Margarita Fischer, of the Margarita Fischer company, claims the distinction of being the youngest leading lady on the American stage, having reached the age of 16 last February. She has had her own company on the road for three years, playing all the leading roles. She was born in Iowa, and was brought to Oregon when 3 years of age. Early developing a love for the stage, she showed marked ability and natural talent while taking amateur parts in home-talent productions while residing at Silverton. Later she induced her parents to allow her to take up stage work, in which she has met with remarkable success.

FOR THE WEAL OF ORPHANS

THANKSGIVING APPEAL FROM TWO SOCIETIES.

The Children's Home and the Baby Home Ask a Generous Portland Public for Aid.

In conformity with a custom in vogue for more than a quarter of a century, the Ladies' Relief Society come before a generous Portland public this week with a Thanksgiving appeal for The Children's Home, the oldest of Oregon's charities. This is the Home on Corbett street, South Portland. These articles are needed: Money, wearing apparel for children of both sexes, and food. Almost everything necessary to the conducting of a household will be welcome, and will be quite as acceptable as cash. As the Children's Home receives nothing in the way of appropriation from state, county or city, it must depend on the friendship of all well-disposed men and women. For the information of new residents of Portland be it stated that the Ladies' Relief Society during the past generation has conducted a home for orphans in most commendable fashion, never losing hope even in times of great financial stress and that an appeal to Portland has never gone unanswered.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, a committee from the Ladies' Relief Society will be at Woodard, Clarke & Company's, Fourth and Washington streets, to receive contributions. Wagons will be sent to the houses of those who desire to give but are without means of sending packages. Such persons may telephone Mrs. P. J. Mann, Brown 792, today and tomorrow. On the three following days, friends are asked to telephone Woodard, Clarke & Company.

Committees appointed to receive contributions this week are:

Tuesday—Mrs. C. H. Prescott, Mrs. Sigmund Frank, Mrs. R. M. Wilbur and Mrs. J. T. Grayson.

Wednesday—Mrs. H. L. Pittock, Mrs. Theodore Wygant, Mrs. L. Herkelsen and Mrs. Harry Allen.

Thursday—Mrs. P. J. Mann and Mrs. N. J. Levinson.

IN NEED OF DONATIONS.

Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Issues Appeal to Public.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society has issued the following appeal:

"The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society sincerely trusts that its friends will remember it liberally this Thanksgiving. During the coming week its wagon will call at the business houses of its friends, who usually donate provisions and other useful articles to the society. Persons wishing to leave any packages for the society can do so at the City Board of Charities, which has recently removed its office to 305 Jefferson street, where the superintendent or his representative can be found from 3 to 5 daily, but packages can be received at any hour, or will be called for promptly by notifying the management by telephone East 5.

The work of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society is rescuing homeless, neglected or abused children of the state, and caring for juvenile offenders. In this last mentioned branch of its work it resembles very much the work done by the juvenile courts or probation system in large Eastern cities. It has a perfect parole system established, and a number of boys report weekly to the superintendent.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society receives commitments from all parts of the state, and does not refuse admission to any child, no matter from what county committed, provided they are sound mentally and physically, and therefore it has a just claim on the entire state.

It is the aim of the management to keep as few children on hand at the Receiving Home as possible, but so many children are being committed at this time that it is almost impossible to keep the number on hand below 60. At the present writing there are 39 children at the Home, hailing from the following counties: Baker 2, Benton 1, Clackamas 1, Clatsop 3, Coos 1, Douglas 1, Josephine 3, Lane 2, Marion 1, Multnomah 16, Umatilla 1, Union 3, Wasco 4.

The Baby Home.

The directors of the Baby Home secured a vacant store on the southwest corner of Morrison and West Park streets, where a committee of ladies will be in attendance on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, where they will be pleased to receive Thanksgiving donations for the Home, and through the kindness of the drug house of Skidmore & Company, a committee of ladies will be there, also, to receive in cash whatever a generous public may be pleased to give. They need funds to finish paying for their Spring house-cleaning. The Baby Home was very well remembered last year, for which they feel grateful, and if they fare as well this year, will be more grateful.

CRITICS NOT SATISFIED.

Plans for Morrison Bridge Do Not Please Everyone.

Critics of the new Morrison-street bridge have already raised their voices. The specifications announce that the tracks of the City & Suburban Railway Company on the structure are to be inclosed in "guards" and that delay of the traffic on the railway for more than 30 days will entitle the company to $200 per day indemnity from the contractor.

If there is any indemnity, say the critics, it should be paid to the city, or at least not all to the railway company. These same persons insist that inclosure of the tracks will give the street car company exclusive use of that part of the bridge traversed by the cars.

At the City Engineer's office yesterday the complaints were held to be groundless and without reason. The "guards" are not to be high fences but longitudinal timbers several inches high upon the deck of the bridge. They will be such that vehicles can cross them if necessary. The city has already contracted with the railway to afford such protection. In the new franchise granted to the company, the city "agrees to construct a new bridge of sufficient width to lay a double track thereon, separate and protected from other traffic."

In the same franchise the city agrees to stipulate in the building contract that the contractor shall pay a penalty to the company for a longer interruption of car traffic than 30 days. The Executive Board has fixed the penalty at $200 per day. At the City Engineer's office yesterday it was announced that an additional indemnity for the city will be stipulated in the building contract.

Bids will be opened next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Sixty days after the contract is let, construction must begin and 12 months thereafter must be finished. The structure is to be of steel, of approved modern design and bidders will submit their own detail plans and specifications with proposal. The draw span is to be 384 feet long, and the entire bridge 1120 feet long. Two thousand tons of steel will be used.

The roadway is to be 36 feet wide between the trusses. The present roadway is nearly 24 feet wide. A space 15 feet wide in the middle of the bridge will be occupied by railway tracks, thus leaving 10½ feet on each side for vehicles. The sidewalks outside the roadway are to be 7½ feet wide.

Navigation must not be obstructed during construction.

ELECTRIC CARS TO GRESHAM.

Five Round Trips Will Be Made Daily.

GRESHAM, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Beginning this morning, Gresham has electric car service over the line of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company. Passenger cars will arrive here five times each day, at 6:40, 8:40, 11:20 A. M., and at 2 and 4:40 P. M. Leaving here, the hours for departure will be 6:40, 9:20 A. M.; 12, 2:40 and 5:20 P. M. The cars will make four daily trips as far as Boring, and two trips to Eagle Creek and Cazadero. Freight service will be one trip daily from Portland to end of line.

The station here is now lighted by electricity and the light service will be extended to the stores and dwellings of Gresham as soon as possible.

Christmas Bazaar.

A Christmas bazaar will be given at Pleasant Home in the G. A. R. Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening, December 5. An interesting programme will be given and meals will be furnished from 5:30 until 11. The proceeds are to be given to the Methodist Mission of that place.

Pomona Grange.

Multnomah County Grange will meet at Pleasant Home on December 16, at which time election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Those attending from other places westward can reach the hall by stage from Gresham, leaving that place upon the arrival of the electric car at 8:40 A. M.

COULDN'T CORRAL CARRIE.

Miss Elwert Refuses to Sign Lease Under Coercion.

"I said that they might corral sheep, and they might corral cattle, but that they couldn't corral me; not much!" Thus did Miss Carrie M. Elwert, known as Carrie Nation around the courts, tell a story of an attempt to make her sign a lease in Justice Reid's Court yesterday.

It appears that Miss Elwert, acting for her brother, C. P. Elwert, in whose name the suit was brought, wished to force Mrs. Eliza Leezer and her husband from a lodging-house at 387 Yamhill street, owned by Elwert. The Leezers had rented the lodging-house, and they stated that Miss Elwert had gone so far as to post notices in the neighborhood warning the public from renting rooms from the Leezers.

Miss Elwert's astonishing tale was that she had been decoyed to the office of W. T. Hume, Leezer's attorney, where the client and the legal light had tried to lock her in and force her to sign a lease to the property. But they couldn't corral her, as she escaped by the door. She had brought suit against the Leezers, but a nonsuit was moved, and the costs were on Miss Carrie.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. T. Calvert, a member of the San Juan Fish Company, of Seattle, is at the Portland.

Mrs. J. H. Brown and Mrs. Fannie Beck, two returned missionaries from China, passed through Portland yesterday on their way East.

Captain W. H. Roberts, United States Government Lighthouse Inspector, was registered at the Portland yesterday. He is making his quarterly tour of the lighthouse stations of the Coast and will leave tomorrow for Coos Bay.

Hon. N. B. Holbrook, of Marengo, Ia., died at his home in that city, November 4, after an illness of short duration. Mr. Holbrook was a prominent citizen and political leader in his state, having been a member of the State Legislature many years. He was the father of M. L. Holbrook, of the Doernbecher Manufacturing Company of this city.

Manager Heilig, of the Marquam Theater, has left for Seattle to see if an arrangement cannot be effected by which Jefferson D'Angelis, the well-known comedian, cannot present "The Toreador" in this city before very long. There are no open dates ahead at the Marquam, and the only available theater left for D'Angelis is the Empire. He wishes to open with a Sunday night performance.

J. W. Blain, of the firm of Grindstaff & Blain, returned last evening from a two months' trip to New York. Mr. Blain visited nearly all important points on the way and lost no opportunity to let people know of the coming Lewis and Clark Fair. Mr. Blain thinks there ought to be more advertising done in the East, as comparatively few people know anything about the Fair. He made a careful study of business conditions and thinks there is certainly no reason to fear any great depression, as every one seems to be in good shape financially and all have full confidence in a prosperous future.

NEGROES BEAT AGED MAN

THREE THUGS ASSAULT AND ROB WILLARD WILLIS.

Old Resident Is Visited by Trio of Colored Ruffians, Who Loot His Place.

Though feeble and bowed with age Willard Willis' gray hairs afforded him no protection, last night from three burly negroes who entered his cabin, about a mile below the Northern Pacific Planing mill, beat him almost to insensibility, and then, as he lay cowed and prostrate upon the floor, looted his place.

Williams has been in Portland for a number of years. He has his own cabin down near the river that he lives in. Last night he was just preparing to take a car and come to the city to spend the evening. As he was getting things ready to leave about 7 o'clock he heard a knock upon the door.

"Come in," he answered, thinking some friend had dropped in to see him for awhile. He was somewhat surprised to see a curly head thrust through the door, and following it the stylishly-dressed form of a large negro. Two more sons of Ham of small stature were close upon the heels of the first visitor, and they stood looking about the house.

"We would like to get a drink," said the larger one, who acted as spokesman. Willis showed them where they could get a drink, but from their actions he became suspicious. A large double-barrelled shotgun was standing in the corner, and he moved toward it each time he had a chance.

"Got anything to eat?" was the next question of the negroes.

"Everything is put away," explained the old man. "There is nothing cooked." This announcement did not seem to please the darkies, ad a frown passed over the leader's face. Willis grew more suspicious, and managed to get a step nearer the gun in the corner.

"Got any money?" asked the spokesman again.

"Not a cent," was the ready reply, for the old man by this time was becoming alarmed, and realized that he had to deal with bad customers.

"Mighty strange," declared the colored man, and made a move as if to search the house. This was too much for the owner of the cabin, who, old as he was, did not propose to be run over in such a manner within his own premises. With all the strength he could muster he sprang for the gun, which was loaded and primed. He almost got it in his hands, but the three young bullies were too much for him. Just as he was closing his hands about the stock, he was struck violently on the head with a club by one of the negroes. Blow after blow was then rained upon his defenseless head, until he was glad to give in and let the robbers have their way.

After they had searched the house, they went through their victim's pockets, taking $12 in money. He does not miss anything from the house, and thinks they found nothing they wanted.

When they started to leave they took the shotgun with them, remarking as they did that the old man might come to and try to use it.

Willis gave a clear story of the affair last night at the Police Station, and gave a good description of the robbers.

"They were all young men," he said. "I do not think any of them are over 22 years of age. One of them was quite tall and well dressed. The other two were not so tall, and wore light hats. I am sure I would recognize them if I could see them again."

Detectives Sam Simmons and Hartman were detailed on the case, and spent a good part of the night looking through different negro resorts about the city. They were unable to locate the criminals, however.

Every Little Counts.

A reduced rate over Northern lines between the Pacific Coast and Detroit, has gone into effect. The reduction is not a large one but of sufficient size to be of important to the traveling public. The new rate is figured on the basis of the old rate of $8 between St. Paul and Chicago and is the outgrowth of differences between the Soo line and Eastern lines over the restoration of higher rates between those places. According to the present schedule the fare from here to Detroit now is $64.25 in place of 65.75; to Buffalo, $66.20 first class, and $56.20 second class. The rate to New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, is $76, first class, and $64, second class.

Guest of Honor of Veterans.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Commander-in-Chief John C. Black, of the G. A. R., has been the guest of honor at a reception of the Lafayette Post, at the Masonic Temple. Letters of regret were read, including one from President Roosevelt.

First Methodist.

First Methodist, corner of Third and Taylor streets, Dr. H. J. Talbott, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M.