

EXPENSES FOR YEAR

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DUE TO BIG APPROPRIATIONS

Aside From Sums Granted to Exposition, Railway, Canal and Veterans, the State's Expenses are Lower Than for Years.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The expenses of the State of Oregon for the year 1904 will be \$1,485,319.10. Of this amount \$773,919.10 will be derived from miscellaneous sources, such as the corporation tax, insurance tax, fees, sales of books, etc., and the remainder, \$711,400, was today apportioned among the several counties, to be raised by them by direct taxes, to be paid by them into the State Treasury.

This expense account will be the largest in the history of the state, the nearest approach to it being in 1892, when \$1,211,465.81 was raised by direct tax. The magnitude of the revenue to be raised in 1904 is due largely to four appropriations, the Lewis and Clark appropriation, \$250,000 of which will be raised this year; the Portland Railway appropriation of \$160,000, and the Indian War Veterans' appropriation of \$100,000. If these four unusual appropriations, amounting to \$510,000, were deducted, the total expense would be but \$685,400, and the amount to be raised by direct taxation would be but \$335,000. Aside from the unusual appropriations, the expenses of the state are lower than for several years past.

Rate About 7-12 Mills.

On an assessed valuation of \$100,000,000, which is approximately correct, the revenue of \$711,400 will be at the rate of not quite 7 1/2 mills on the dollar. In 1892, with an assessed valuation of \$100,000,000, the revenue was raised with a 7-mill tax. The state tax was apportioned according to the ratio fixed by law, and each county will pay the amount as shown by the accompanying table. The estimate of general expenses to be raised by taxation is \$1,200,000, and in addition to this, \$280,000 must be raised by a special appropriation for the Agricultural College at Corvallis.

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But to still further aid purchasers in securing fine pianos at low prices, without sacrifice to ourselves, we have again inaugurated the wholesale club sale of piano selling, which was so immensely popular in '93.

Each club is limited strictly to 100 members, and it occupies the same relation to us as a wholesale purchaser, who buys a piano for one lot. There are five clubs in all, and in each one are the very finest pianos of their respective grades.

For instance, in

Club "A," There are pianos of a great variety of makes and styles, and regularly at \$250.00, \$300.00, \$350.00 and for every one of them other dealers would ask a great deal more. But in the piano clubs they can be obtained now for \$150.00, \$175.00, \$200.00 and \$250.00. Payments, \$5 down and weekly payments of \$1.25.

Club "B."

In this club it is to be found the choicest of Marshall & Wendel, Ricas & Son, Weiser and the beautiful Bailey pianos in great variety at such low prices as \$150.00, \$200.00, \$250.00, etc. The payments are only \$5.00 down and \$1.00 a week.

Clubs "C," "D" and "E."

In these clubs are pianos of such well-known excellence as popularity as the Robert M. Cable, the L. L. Case, the Schumann, the Gerni, and many others, graded in the three clubs according to style and price. The highest grade of piano included in the very choicest Weber, Kimball and Chickering pianos, in both upright and grand styles. Payments down in Club "C," \$10.00 down and \$1.00 a week, in Club "D," \$20.00 down and \$1.00 a week, in Club "E," \$30.00 down and \$1.00 a week.

Organ Clubs.

Two organ clubs are now in readiness. In these clubs our entire line of elegant organs, such as the well-known and popular Crown, the Burdette, the Kimball and the Gerni, and many others, graded in the three clubs according to style and price. The highest grade of organ included in the very choicest Mason & Hamlin, Estey and other well-known makes.

Club "OA"

Members of this club secure a fine new organ by paying \$25.00 down and \$1.00 a week. The payments are only \$5.00 down and \$1.00 a week.

Club "OB"

Those who wish to secure organs in 4 little finer and more elaborate than any other, by joining this club, and paying \$50.00 down and \$1.00 a week, will secure a fine organ by the end of the year.

Every

unconditional guarantee of money back if not entirely satisfactory, in addition to the fact that the organs are made immediately upon first payment. Ellers Piano House, No. 261 Washington St., corner Park.

The largest, most popular and reliable piano concern on the Pacific Coast. Large sales of pianos, organs, and other musical instruments. San Francisco, Stockton and Eureka, Cal.

says that Mrs. Lillian Hitchcock-Cole, in whose apartments Alexander Garnett fatally shot Major McClung, has suddenly departed for the East on her way to Paris, accompanied by her husband. Her testimony, she being the only eyewitness to the shooting, the prosecution hoped to make out its case against the accused, who is a relative of Mrs. Cole.

Killed in a Shingle Mill.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. 2.—Word has reached this city that Jesse Keys was caught in the belt in a shingle mill at Sand Lake last night and was instantly killed. He was a married man, was a wife and three children, and was about 27 years of age. He was a member of the Wodmen of the World.

Fall From Train Kills Brakeman.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 2.—G. T. Blanchard, a Great Northern brakeman, fell from a train this morning near Everett, and died from his injuries. He leaves a family in this city.

Mistaken for a Wildcat.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 2.—Mistaken for a wildcat, Mrs. Breed, of Edmonds, was shot today by two hunters, her husband and son, and was killed. She was shattered by an explosive bullet.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Few People Know How Useful It is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature. It is a natural and essential part of the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better it is. It is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

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All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless ingredients in tablet form, or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but, on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to cleanse the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and, although in some cases a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

Mrs. Colt Goes to Paris.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The Call

MEMBERS OF THE NEW STATE MILITARY BOARD WHICH HAS JUST ASSUMED OFFICE.



Gordon Voorhies, Inspector-General. Dr. Charles Chamberlain, Surgeon-General. Cecil H. Bauer, Judge Advocate-General. J. A. Waddie, Commissary-General. N. E. Finzer, Adjutant-General.

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The claim of 10 per cent of these collections is under a law passed in 1888. The state constitution was adopted in 1889 and it provides that the Attorney-General shall receive a salary of \$2000 per year, which may be increased by the Legislature, provided it shall not be more than \$5000 per annum. The law passed in 1888 provided for no increase in the Attorney-General's salary and the law of 1889, giving him 10 per cent on all collections, has not been repealed. The matter presents a nice legal point on which attorneys familiar with the situation do not agree.

In connection with the collection of the state's share of liquor licenses it is believed that no further actions will be required to collect the amounts due from each city after a decision is reached in a suit brought by the Attorney-General against the City of Hoquiam. In this case the question will be decided as to whether the city can plead the statute of limitations after it has fully run.

Many of the cities are paying promptly without waiting for the decision in the Hoquiam case. The State Treasurer has collected in the last three months from the cities of the state \$74,748 for liquor licenses issued, and in the year just closed collected \$24,720. Last year only \$23,167.50 was collected.

DAIRYING IN UNION COUNTY.

Business Nearly Doubled During the Past Year.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The dairy industry of Union County has nearly doubled itself during the year 1903. The creamery company at Union is extensively patronized. The company this year paid the farmers \$19,000 for butter fat, while in 1902 the farmers received \$9,500.

Butter manufactured during the year totals 90,000 pounds, while for last year it was 42,000 pounds. Butter sells in the retail market at 40 cents, and during the latter part of the Summer it sold at 30 cents. While the farmers received a large profit, a handsome income was realized by the members of the company.

A creamery station has been established at Medical Springs, while there are two cream stations, one at La Grande and one at Cove, and new stations will be established throughout the district during the coming season.

The La Grande mill soon have a creamery established in the city. It is greatly

needed here, as many of the people are compelled to go an inconvenient distance under existing circumstances.

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Lyle Farmer's Suicide Is Without Apparent Reason.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—J. C. Conklin, a farmer living about five miles from Lyle, hanged himself in a tree