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the City and Five Mills With-
in the City.

NOT SO GREAT AS WAS HOPED

Higher State and County School
Taxes Made Greater Re-
duction Impossible
on 1903 Roll.

The county court yesterday fixed the tax levies on the 1903 roll and made appropriations for the various departments for the year 1904. The total levy in the county outside the city will be 25 mills and in the city 45 mills. Last year's levy in the county was 29 mills, the reduction this year being 3 mills, while in the city the total levy was 50 mills, the reduction this year being 5 mills.

The following statement shows the tax levies for the several departments on the 1902 roll and those just made on the 1903 roll:

	1902	1903
Astoria school	11.0	8.0
City of Astoria	10.0	11.0
Clatsop county	18.5	15.0
Nehalem road	2.0	2.0
Lewis and Clark bridge	1.5	1.5
Court house	2.0	2.0
County schools	5.0	5.5

Totals 50.0 45.0

In the comparative statement above the levy for state purposes and that for the general expenses of the county are segregated under one heading, "Clatsop county."

Members of the county court had hoped to even more materially reduce the levy on the 1903 roll, but the increased state tax made this impossible. Clatsop's contribution to the state for 1903 will be \$25,490, or almost \$10,000 more than last year's amount. The county school levy, over which the county court has no jurisdiction, is half a mill greater this year than last, the necessary per capita having been fixed by the state at \$6.

The levies fixed will net the following amounts for the various purposes:

Astoria school district	\$ 14,467 63
City of Astoria	18,084 54
City park	904 23
City library	904 23
Clatsop county	44,091 48
State tax	25,526 40
Nehalem road	9,282 33
Lewis and Clark bridge	6,961 74
Court house	9,282 33
County schools	25,526 40

Total \$155,030 88

Of the total amount the taxpayers living within the city will contribute \$31,380.30, while the taxpayers outside the city will contribute \$73,650.58. There are about 12,000 people living in the city, so the per capita tax for all purposes is just a little more than \$7.

The appropriations made by the county court for the various departments of the county which are conducted out of the general fund are as follows:

County court	\$ 1,500
Circuit court	2,000
Justice court	1,000
Court house expense	1,500
Clerk's office	5,000
Sheriff's office	4,000
Treasurer's office	1,000
Assessor's office	3,000
School superintendent	700
Coroner	600
Jail	500
Tax collections	2,500
Charity	5,000
Road and bridges	10,000
Insane	200
Current expenses	2,000
Interest	4,000

Total \$44,500

State tax 25,490

Grand total \$69,990

OUR FRIENDS, THE DRUGGISTS
It is a pleasure to testify to the generally high character of druggists. But because of a few exceptions to the rule, it is necessary to caution the public to be on guard against imitations of Perry Davis Painkiller. See that you get the right article, the soothing, helpful Painkiller that was used in your family before you were borne. Don't be talked into buying a substitute. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

"Are You a Mason?" was presented to a large audience at Fishers' last night. The weather was terrible, but the crowd braved the storm to see one of the best farce comedies that ever appeared here. From the rise of the curtain to the final drop the crowd

was kept roaring and there was never a time when the show was not pleasing. The acting was good and the costumes swell, and all around it was a first-class performance. One of the coming attractions, which is billed for the early part of next month, is the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company which has made an immense hit where ever it has appeared.

A stranger blew into the city yesterday, as the saying goes, and cleaned many of the money-paying slot machines. He devoted most of his attention to the quarter machines, but occasionally tackled a "fat" nickel machine. His plan of operation was with the handle of the machine, which after being pushed down a certain distance, was suddenly and violently thrown back to its original position, with the result that the spring holding it was weakened. Then, by further manipulation of the handle, the manipulator emptied the pockets at his pleasure. He is reported to have visited all the principal saloons along Astor and Bond streets, and several on Commercial, but he finally failed to make connections. At Dissee's the night caterer had been informed of the operator's presence in the city, and when he entered that resort he was closely watched. He dropped \$25 or more in the quarter machine, and, having been afforded no opportunity of weakening the spring, quit loser on his long play. It was stated last night that the operator was here two years ago, and he is said to have cleaned up the machines on the occasion of his former visit.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. W. Conn returned to the city last night from a brief visit to Portland.

Captain Goodale of the quartermaster's department, went to Portland last night.

Mrs. Bridget Grant returned last night from Portland, where she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Grant. While in Portland, Mrs. Grant attended the Patti concert.

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