

TAXES 15 PER CENT HIGHER THIS YEAR

Levy Will Be 40.3, an Increase of 4.3 Mills, on a Valuation of \$51,038,300 for Multnomah County Against \$48,826,275 in 1903.

To meet a state appropriation of over \$1,000,000 the Lewis and Clark fair, an appropriation of \$60,000, by the Port of Portland commission, for the building of the new drydock, and an appropriation of nearly \$90,000, demanded for the general renovation of the city school buildings, an increase of nearly \$100,000 over the tax distribution of 1903, and a flat increase of 15 per cent over the levy of last year, will be levied by the county board.

Table with columns: Levy, Distribution Fund, 1904, 1903. Rows include State, School, County, City, and School district No. 1.

"DEAF MUTE'S" OATH BETRAYS IMPOSTURE

For the next ten days George Woods will work for the city because he was convicted in the police court of being an idle and dissolute person.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST EKEROOTH

Little Lizzie Lehner tells a damaging story against Ekerooth, a druggist at one of the local hospitals, that little Lizzie gave to her father, Ekerooth was arrested by Officer Hawley of the Boys and Girls' Aid society several days ago.

CONFERENCE ON CELILO CANAL

STATE GOVERNMENT AND RAILROAD OFFICIALS GET TOGETHER IN THE MATTER OF ENVOYANCEMENT ON RAILROAD'S RIGHT OF WAY—FAVORABLE PROSPECTS.

FIGURE 13 RULES IN KENNEDY TRIAL

Hillsboro, Jan. 13.—The circuit court convened this morning. Judge McBride presiding, for the trial of Rev. R. H. Kennedy, who is held on an information charging him with burglary in the residence of E. H. Warren near Hillsboro, the crime being committed in the early morning of September 1, 1903.

CITY BOARD SECURE CRABGE MEETING

PATRONS OF KURBADEY, REPRESENTING GREATEST INDUSTRY IN UNION, ARE HOLDING SESSION AND WORKING FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR PORTLAND.

At the Esmond hotel, a session of the Patrons of Husbandry was opened this afternoon, the directors of the Husbandry Insurance association are in attendance. State Master Wing of Washington, B. G. Leedy, in charge of Oregon, will outline plans for future work.

FIGHTING THE TEN MINUTE ORDER

The validity of the law prohibiting hawkers from standing more than 10 minutes in the business district of the city was attacked by ex-City Attorney Long this morning in the case of the city against M. Swartz a peddler.

ALL BUT DROWNED BY RISING RIVER

In the Willamette river early this morning an elderly woman, between 70 and 80 years of age, almost lost her life. Awakened by the rising waters which lashed at her feet, she started to flee, but she had barely time to rise and half dressed to jump for the bank.

LITTLE PROGRESS IN THE BOWERS TRIAL

(San Francisco Bureau of The Journal.) San Francisco, Jan. 13.—But little progress was made in the Bowers trial today. At the opening of court Chief of Police Wittman recalled the identified specimens of the handwriting of the accused, and in writing several words, this writing is said to correspond with the writing on the prescription calling for an ounce of arsenic.

WORK FOR SAFETY OF SHOW PATRONS

Councilman A. K. Bentley, H. W. Goddard, R. Martin, J. B. Bridges and Chief Campbell have been authorized by the council to investigate the safety of the Portland theatres and other buildings where crowds congregate, made an examination of the Marquand Grand this forenoon and of the Baker theatre yesterday afternoon.

HOUSE BILL ENFORCE LAW

SO DECLARES GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN RELATIVE TO MEMBERS OF SAILOR BOARDINGHOUSE COMMISSION—HE SAYS THE LAW IS A GOOD ONE.

"It is all nonsense," says French Consul Labbe, "for the sailor boardinghouse commissioners to state that they are going to resign because the courts have divested them of power to regulate the sailor boardinghouse business. It was not the intent of the law to give any one a monopoly in the business, and this matter has now been made clear by the supreme court's decision. The commissioners, however, have full power to enforce the law. When those whom it is intended to keep within reasonable bounds of proper action exceed their rights in this respect, the commissioner can revoke their licenses."

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SPECIAL SESSION IN ADVANCE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT—ABOUT TO BE SPENT AND THE WAY OF RAISING IT ARE VITAL QUESTIONS.

The Taxpayers' league held a special session yesterday afternoon in the office of Secretary Goldsmith and talked over the question of school appropriations, which will be definitely decided tomorrow night, at the annual meeting in the High School building.

PORTLAND WOMEN TENDER RECEPTION

Within the portals of the Portland hotel is gathered this afternoon the acknowledged leaders of society and Portland's representative women. The occasion of this gathering is the reception tendered the visiting ladies of the National Livestock association and Mrs. A. L. Craig, standing first in the line of the committee, received the guest from Mrs. Hoyt and presented her to the next of the committee on her left and so on along the line of the committee.

SENATOR WARREN BACK TO CONGRESS

Francis E. Warren, United States senator from Wyoming, who succeeded himself as president of the National Woolgrowers' association, left last night for Washington, D. C., where a press of congressional business demands his return.

ST. JOSEPH STOCKYARDS.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 13.—Close receipts show: Hogs, 5,300; cattle, 10,000. The cattle market was mostly low higher. The following prices were quoted: Santa Fe, \$3.00; Texas and Westerners, \$3.00; cows, \$2.00; calves, \$1.50; pigs, \$1.00; sheep, \$1.00; hogs, \$1.00; mules, \$1.00; horses, \$1.00.

JUST ONE JUROR.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Another panel of 100 men was exhausted this afternoon in an attempt to secure jurors for the carbarn bandits' trial. Only one has been secured thus far. The court reversed yesterday's order and permitted Mamie Dunn to resume her seat in the courtroom.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Jan. 13.—Arrived down at 8:30 a. m., steamer Columbia. Arrived down at 8:30 a. m., steamer Oregon. Arrived down at 10:30 a. m., British bark Andorina. Astoria, Jan. 12.—Left up at 2:15 p. m., steamer Aurelia.

PER AIR AND PISTOL.

A. E. Jones says he ordered apple, but Bert Templeton brought him mace pie. That was in House's restaurant last night. When Jones politely but firmly declined to receive the order, Templeton, he says, swore at him in the presence of two women who were with Jones. That stirred Jones up, but the moment he showed his temper Templeton said he was a revolver, declared himself sole arbiter of the pie question and threatened to kill Jones. Jones secured a warrant in the municipal court this morning and detective Weiner arrested Templeton.

SAN FRANCISCO LOCAL STOCKS.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Bid, Ask. Rows include Spring Valley Water, San Francisco Gas & Electric, Grant Powder, Hotchkiss Sugar, Mackay & Co., Alaska Packers, Occochee Steamship.