

# MAKE RECORD FOR ECONOMY

### St. Johns Councilmen Fix Levy at Five Mills for All Town Expenses.

## REAL ESTATE AGENTS' ARGUMENTS CONVINCING

This Levy Will Be About Half the Amount Required to Pay Pressing Debts and Meet Running Expenses of Corporation for Next Year.

The east side office of The Journal is in the care of J. M. C. Miller, 350 East Morrison street. Telephone East 275.

St. Johns, according to the figures of City Attorney Greene, has an indebtedness of more than \$3,000 to pay this week and the running expenses of the town there will be raised by taxes the coming year \$5,810, if every cent of the assessment is paid.

That is the way the St. Johns city council solved the tax levy problem last night.

Two real estate men with large holdings in the town appeared before the council and asked that the lowest possible levy be made, and in order that the ratio between obligation and income might not worry the aldermen, offered to carry \$3,000 of the debt through the year. This reduced the assessed indebtedness of the town to about what would be raised by a levy of 5 mills and the council decided that such should be the levy.

The 5 mills on the \$1,122,000 of taxable property in the town will bring in \$5,610. Leaving out of account the amount for the time assumed by the land agents, and assuming that the entire assessment is promptly paid, there will be perhaps \$10 in the treasury to meet the running expenses of the town for the next 12 months.

The situation, however, is said to be not nearly so serious as the bald figures indicate, as there can be raised by saloon licenses \$4,000 during the year, and this amount will pay the running expenses of the town. The approaching town election is said to have had as great an influence as anything else on the council in ordering the remarkably low levy.

The license question may be held in abeyance until after the April election, should it appear that there is any danger of arousing popular opposition by granting such permits, but business men and members of the council with a taste for figures can see no other hope on the 5 mill levy basis except saloons be admitted. Even with four \$4,000 licenses granted and the money applied to the running expenses, the corporation would end the coming year with a debt of \$2,000, and the levy for 1907 would have to be big enough to meet the deficit.

## AN OREGON EVANGELIST.

### Dr. De Vany Tells Eastern Neighbors About Northwest.

Dr. W. De Vany of Montavilla returned suddenly from the east early this week in answer to a telegram notifying him of the serious illness of his young son who was suffering from ptomaine poisoning. It is reported that the boy is now out of danger.

During his absence in the east Dr. De Vany visited his ranch in Nebraska and his old home in Henry county, Illinois. Before his departure, he loaded up with advertising matter bearing on the northwest and turned himself into a walking encyclopedia of Oregon. So eager did he find his old neighbors to learn of the northwest that to give them all a chance to hear of Oregon and Portland he appeared in the town hall and spoke for two hours. The missionary work has resulted already in several families preparing to come to Oregon, and in the spring Mr. De Vany expects to have enough of an immigration to start an Illinois addition to Montavilla.

## MILES OF POLES SET.

### New Telephone Company Rapidly Covering Every East Side Suburb.

The linesmen of the Home Telephone & Telegraph company in the last two weeks have covered many of the east side suburbs and the promise of the company to begin operation early in the year seems possible of fulfillment in regions where a month ago there was no sign of the company's lines. The Union avenue cable line has been pushed to Woodlawn and the slough district, with branch lines extending through Irvington, Piedmont, the Albina and Malton. Work on the main line to St. Johns and the peninsula suburbs generally is rapidly progressing and in a few weeks the majority of this district of the east side will be so covered that almost any house can be connected. The work of laying the conduits for underground wires has not commenced in the central district but it will be started by the time the connecting lines to the suburbs are completed.

## UNION PARLOR MEETING.

### President of Albina Society Entertains Members—Plans of Work Made.

Mrs. J. M. Donaldson, president of the Albina Women's Christian Temperance union, entertained members of the union and representatives from city branches at her home, 319 Fremont street, yesterday afternoon.

A parlor meeting was held. Miss Margaret Bilz of Michigan, national organizer and medical lecturer, addressed those present on non-alcoholic medication. Reports made at the meeting showed that the work of organization in the suburbs was increasing in importance and that in several districts systematic campaigns to keep out saloons were being carried on. In St. Johns the newly organized union has gained a strong membership in less than a month and is proving a factor in preventing the

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granting of licenses by the council, working with the local branch of the Law and Order league.

## WINS BACK WIFE AFTER MANY YEARS' DESERTION

At the age of 70 years, and in impaired health, Robert Ledington left Portland a fortnight ago with the intention of "winning back the old gal" whom he deserted in Atchison 25 years ago. He made good. She received him with open arms, gave him a home and began immediately to nurse him back to health.

Ledington, who was employed in the Southern Pacific gas shops in Portland, left his wife in Kansas absolutely destitute, and not long after his arrival in Portland married a Portland woman, although, so far as known, he had never been divorced. He has, through all these years and unknown to his most intimate associates, been sending money to his first wife, and she, being thrifty, has acquired a home in which he now is to live. The second Mrs. Ledington died some months ago in Atchison, where the couple had lived for years. The first wife probably knew nothing of the second matrimonial venture, but from all accounts is perfectly willing to have the old man back.

## BENEFIT FOR MERCY HOME AT BELASCO

At the Belasco theatre this evening a benefit will be given for the Mercy home. The proceeds are to be placed in a fund which will be used to build additions which are needed for the accommodation of the increasing number of young women who apply for admission. The institution is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, and is for girls who support themselves. At the home such are given rooms and board at low rates. Several months ago the sisters bought property at the corner of Couch and Sixteenth streets. The additions planned will increase the capacity of the home to 50 boarders.

The sale of tickets for this evening's performance presages a large attendance. The patronesses of the benefit are Mrs. E. Stott, Miss Eyring, Mrs. E. Frank and Mrs. J. Laidlaw. Tickets can be purchased not only at the theatre but at the home and Woodard, Clarke & Co.'s store.

## BUTCHERS' GOWNS.

### Big Lot of Natty Robes, Aprons and Caps Will Improve the Appearance of the Meat Carriers of Portland Who Desire to Be Neat and Tidy.

The largest lot of butchers' gowns and butchers' aprons that ever came to the city has been received by the Adolph A. Dekum Butcher Supply company, 121-123 First street. There are gowns and aprons for the short and the tall butcher, the large and the small butcher and of various styles and colors. In addition to these articles, Mr. Dekum has received a large lot of white duck caps, with detachable covers, for the market men, for there is quite a rivalry among the different markets as to neatness, not only to the shop, but also as to personal appearance of butchers and salesmen. Mr. Dekum's assortment of lard presses, stuffer, meat blocks, racks, hand and power choppers, butchers' tools and supplies of all descriptions is the most complete on the coast and a credit to the city. The many meat markets, not only in this city, but the surrounding cities, now draw on him for their supplies instead of sending east of or to San Francisco, as formerly. They have found from experience that he has the goods and the best prices.

## CRAIN ESTATE LAND SOLD.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Dec. 27.—One hundred acres of land belonging to the Crain estate has just been sold at public auction, and it was purchased by D. S. Pugsley for the sum of \$12,000. This is the third sale of land belonging to the Crain estate, and a total of 280 acres has been disposed of for \$44,500.

## PREFERRED STOCK CANNOT BE ALLEN & LEWIS' BEST BRAND.

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# MELTED PROJECT LOOKS GOOD

### Board of Trade Executive Committee Favors Plant—Seattle Wants One, Too.

## WOULD HELP DRAW ALASKA TRADE HERE

### Hillsboro Asks Help in Getting Right-of-Way for Lytle Road—Announcement Made of Standing Committees for Ensuing Year.

The executive committee of the board of trade held a special meeting yesterday afternoon for the purpose of forming new standing committees for 1906, considering several important communications bearing directly upon the growth and development of Portland and the state, receiving a report upon the project of a smelter to be erected here, which was endorsed, and concluding the business of the evening.

The report relative to the smelter was an exhaustive one, prepared by an expert, whose name is temporarily withheld by the committee, as are also his detailed findings, deductions and recommendations. The committee announced that the project of a smelter could be placed in operation at an approximate cost of \$250,000. The plant would have a daily capacity of 300 tons of ore, and he so constructed that it could be increased to 500 tons at a minimum cost.

The reading of the report was followed by a discussion of the project, the consensus of opinion being that the installation of such a plant would tend to deflect business to Portland now going to Tacoma and San Francisco and to induce Alaskan trade to this city. The fact was brought out that Seattle is also endeavoring to secure a smelter.

The Retail Grocers' association sent a communication calling the committee's attention to the proposed import tax on tea and coffee favorable to American insular possessions. It asked the board of trade to assist in defeating the scheme, accompanying the communication with a set of resolutions.

F. M. Herald, secretary of the Hillsboro board of trade, sent a communication seeking the cooperation of the Portland board in assisting the citizens of Hillsboro in raising a bonus for the right of way for the E. E. Lytle road. It was said that the right of way will cost about \$12,000, of which \$2,000 has been raised by Hillsboro citizens. Mr. Herald argues that, inasmuch as Portland will be one terminus of the road that will tap a rich timber belt, and that Hillsboro will be only a way station, Portland should guarantee half of the right of way. The request was turned over to the promotion committee.

The new standing committees appointed for the year were announced as follows:

Sub-boards, associations and exchanges—A. L. Craig, N. W. Rountree, C. H. Peterson, G. W. Gordon, Dom J. Zan, A. B. Steinbach, D. C. Burns, R. E. Durham, Sam Morrow, A. Courtney.

Memberships—F. W. Custer, Willis Fisher, J. F. Daly, T. N. Stoppenbach, C. A. Foster, W. B. Glafke.

Reception and entertainment—W. E. Coman, C. J. Owen, E. Lee Faust, William McArthur, C. E. Brown, Dom J. Zan, F. H. Fogarty, J. D. Lee, Horace J. Craft, F. N. Gilbert, H. L. Pittcock, W. Cooper Morris.

Finances—B. L. Durham, J. F. Daly, M. Mortenson, A. B. Steinbach, L. Samuel, W. Cooper Morris.

Municipal enterprise—H. H. Newhall, W. L. Boise, William S. Love, Fred H. Strong, Richard Beck, J. H. Brown.

Assessments and taxation—John K. Gill, G. W. Allen, J. R. Greenfield, J. Annand.

Advertising and printing—H. J. Ellers, P. W. Custer, M. E. Worrell, R. M. Hall, M. B. Bosorth.

Legislation—J. V. Beach, Seneca Smith, Phil Stein, J. E. Magers, Whitney L. Boise.

Commerce and trade relations—F. H. Page, J. E. Prince, William F. Woodard, A. H. Devers, Frank H. Dayton, F. D. Tull, A. H. Averill, I. N. Fleischner.

Transportation—E. S. Tolson, F. C. Barnes, J. E. O'Shea, T. J. Armstrong, Captain William Gadsby.

Manufactures—E. H. Kilham, Frederick Jennings, D. E. Neer, Truman J. Glover, F. A. Heddeth.

Irrigation—W. H. Moore, W. W. Cotton, Phil Metchan, McKinley Mitchell, M. Mortenson.

Mines and mining—E. B. Hammond, F. H. Hill, Captain J. F. Boone, E. A. Sessala, G. Evert Baker, E. A. Clem, C. H. Peterson.

Rivers and harbors—Captain D. E. Buchanan, J. D. Hennessey, R. B. Steinbach, C. H. Carey, Willis Fisher.

Promotion—A. L. Craig, F. H. Page, C. J. B. Malarkey, E. M. Brannich, Albert F. Andrews, E. A. Baldwin.

Confidence and arbitration—George J. Cameron, G. W. Allen, A. B. Steinbach, Frank H. Dayton, W. M. Gregory.

## GRADING STARTED ON VALE-MALHEUR LINE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Ontario, Or., Dec. 27.—The contract has been awarded for the grading of six of the 16 miles of roadbed of the Vale-Malheur valley railroad, and work will soon commence. The contract will be let for the grading of the rest of the road as soon as the right of way is secured.

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Reported That Preparations Are Being Made to Start Grading to Coos Bay.

### STOCKYARDS PLANNED TO BE BUILT AT ELGIN

Riparia-Lewiston Line Will Be Ready for Operation Early in Spring—Bridge Construction Being Pushed—Snow Stops Some Surveying.

## We Will Give You a Pair of Trousers Free

This is practically a two-suit proposition. For \$22.50 we will make a suit to your measure from a blue serge, a black Thibet or a new pattern cheviot and give you an extra pair of trousers—free—made to your measure from the same material as the suit or from a different pattern.

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The Harriman lines are pushing construction work in all directions in Oregon. At Drain a force of Japanese is unloading a large number of carloads of steel that arrived from Chicago a few days ago, and it is reported that preparations are being made to begin work in the grading of the line to Coos Bay. Out at Elgin, extensive stockyards are being planned along the line of the extension that is now under construction from that point to Joseph. The Riparia-Lewiston line is approaching completion, and will be ready for operation early in the spring. Bridge construction is being pushed.

Surveying parties are working in Klamath county. Snow on the Cascade range has interfered with work of surveyors high up along the McKenzie fork of the Willamette, where the company will build the Oregon Eastern into central Oregon. Surveying in eastern Oregon also has been stopped by cold weather, but will be resumed at the earliest possible date in the spring. Indications are that next season will be the busiest in railroad building in the history of Oregon.

The O. R. & N. management will follow up its action against the Hill roads on the peninsula, and insist on the location of favorable grade according to its surveys across the College Endowment association tract, where construction work by the Portland & Seattle has been halted by the court.

It is reported from St. Paul that James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, will retire and be succeeded by his son, Louis W. Hill, now vice-president. President Hill is quoted as having said that he intends laying down the work, but that he has not yet fixed the date of his retirement. Rumor says January 1, but there is nothing official.

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**New Episcopal Church at Hoquiam.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Hoquiam, Wash., Dec. 27.—Work on the new Episcopal church at Hoquiam, to be known as Holy Trinity church, has commenced. Plans have been drawn for the foundation and building will begin before long. The location is a choice one, being on a principal street.

**John Day River Dam Finished.**  
John Day, Or., Dec. 27.—The dam across the John Day river above Spray has been completed. Its construction was commenced August 28 last. The main dam being 14 feet high and 150 feet long, with a 100-foot crib work on the south side. The dam will supply irrigation ditches.

**Coughing Spell Caused Death.**  
Harry Duckwell, aged 26 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1st, 1905.

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