

### TAX LEVY WILL BE \$1,675,000

Revenue to Be Raised for 1909 Exceeds That of 1908 by \$125,000.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Dec. 22.—One million six hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars is the total approximate amount of revenue to be raised for state purposes for 1909. Four hundred thousand dollars of the sum will be derived from indirect sources, leaving \$1,275,000 to be apportioned among the counties.  
This amount is \$125,000 greater than the levy last year and \$250,000 greater than the levy two years ago. The increase this year is due in part to the holding up of the University of Oregon appropriation bill last year, by reason of which the levy for 1908 was at the rate of \$47,500 per year, as provided by laws then in existence. Since the appropriation bill has gone into effect, carrying an appropriation dating back to January 1, 1907, it will be necessary, in making the 1909 levy, to increase the University of Oregon deficit of about \$155,000. The 1909 levy will include \$100,000 for the purchase of the Oregon City locks. Should the legislature repeal the locks appropriation bill, this \$100,000 will be in the treasury subject to appropriation for other purposes. One installment of \$100,000 has already been levied.

The levy will not be made until early in January, 1909, but the total amount here indicated, \$1,275,000, is close enough to the actual amount that will be levied so that county courts may act upon it in computing their share of state taxes. Already a number of counties have been anxiously inquiring what the state levy will be. Under existing laws, the apportionment among the counties will be made at a fixed ratio which has been in force a number of years.

**Hood River-Wasco Problem.**  
In making the apportionment for 1909 the state board will be confronted with the problem of making an apportionment between Hood River and Wasco counties without any law prescribing how the apportionment shall be made. The act creating Hood River county contained no provision upon this subject. The state board passed the question up to the attorney general and that official advised the board to divide the Wasco county ratio between Wasco and Hood River in proportion to assessed valuations.

Thus the law prescribing the ratio of apportionment of state taxes requires that Wasco county pay the whole amount. But since then Hood River county has been carved out of Wasco. The assessed valuation of Wasco county is now \$5,273,845 and that of Hood River \$2,870,280. Dividing the apportionment accordingly, Wasco's new ratio will be .615 and that of Hood River .0075. Though there is no law expressly authorizing such an apportionment, the attorney general expresses the opinion that this is equitable and should be adopted. The board will follow his advice.

Each county can ascertain approximately the amount of its share of the state taxes for 1909 by multiplying \$1,275,000 by its ratio. The ratios of the several counties are as follows:

County	Pct.
Baker	.0234
Benton	.0202
Clackamas	.0232
Clatsop	.0212
Columbia	.0106
Coos	.0202
Crook	.0120
Curry	.0049
Douglas	.0345
Gilliam	.0115
Grant	.0052
Harney	.0190
Hood River	.0075
Jackson	.0314
Josephine	.0090
Klamath	.0115
Lake	.0105
Lane	.0462
Lincoln	.0055
Linn	.0094
Malheur	.0094
Marion	.0613
Morrow	.0095
Multnomah	.0115
Polk	.0307
Sherman	.0087
Tillamook	.0087
Umatilla	.0490
Union	.0223
Wallowa	.0223
Wasco	.0158
Washington	.0301
Wheeler	.0087
Yamhill	.0391
Total	1.0000

### NOTHING BUT PETTY THIEVING POSSIBLE ON WESTERN UNION

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Seattle, Dec. 22.—Local officials of the Western Union Telegraph company deny that wholesale thefts are being carried on by railroad operators of the Pacific coast. The sporadic stealing exists is not denied, but the company scouts the idea that there is an organized gang at work. Several warrants have been issued of late for the arrest of railroad operators in this state, but it is not believed they worked in conjunction. There have been no discharges.

### RANCH HAND KICKED BY HORSE MAY DIE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Bend, Or., Dec. 22.—L. G. Tillery, a ranch hand employed on the Pilot Butte ranch, east of Bend, is thought to be fatally injured as the result of being kicked in the forehead by a horse. The horse was sick and Tillery and two companions got up at 1:30 o'clock to attend it.  
Tillery was exercising the horse and while walking passed temporarily from view behind a hay stack. The other men heard a groan and rushing around the stack found Tillery lying on his back with his skull crushed and blood spurting from the wound.  
Medical aid was summoned, but both Bend doctors were out of town and the wounded man lay 10 hours before receiving attention. Particles of bone, over 30 in number, were taken from the wound, some of them being imbedded in the brain.  
The injured man has a young wife and baby.

### 3300 ACRES CHANGE HANDS IN KLAMATH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 22.—A tract of land aggregating 3300 acres has been sold within eight miles of this city. Included in the purchase is the townsite of Midland, the first station south of Klamath Falls on the California & Northwestern railway. The purchase price was between \$75,000 and \$80,000. It is the largest sale ever made in this section. The Midland Town company, a California corporation, made the sale to E. R. Reames and D. E. Campbell of this city.  
The lands consist of some of the finest farming lands in this valley, under the government canal, as well as some tule land that can be easily drained. The town of Midland is considered the future shipping point for all the lower country below Klamath Falls as well as an agricultural center of great importance when the valley is settled up. The lands have been cut up into 40 acre tracts and will be sold the coming year.

### VANDALS DEFILE A SANCTUARY

St. Dominic's, at San Francisco, Desecrated, Probably by Fanatics.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Vandals who desecrated St. Dominic's church, at Pierce and Pine streets, yesterday, slashed priestly vestments worth hundreds of dollars into rags, defiled the altar linen and lace, tossed the sacred candles about, destroyed the furnishings of the sanctuary and scrawled vile obscenities on the walls.  
It is believed that some fanatic, working with the assistance of a companion equally rabid, accomplished the work of destruction in the sanctuary. When the astounding outrage was discovered a ladder was found leaning against the side of the church, leading to the priory loft. From this place communication was easy through the sacristy and down a flight of stairs to the sanctuary.  
The work of the vandals must have been interrupted, as the priests have found \$2000 worth of vestments which were not disturbed.

### POPE PIUS' LUCKY NUMBER IS '9'

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Rome, Dec. 22.—Pope Pius X. without really believing it, has a half humorous idea that none of the illness to which his confinement in the Vatican is making him increasingly liable will end fatally before 1912.  
The pontiff has jestingly told his attendants that his pontificate will last only nine years, inasmuch as it was for nine years each that he was successively a parish priest, chancellor of his bishopric, a bishop and an archbishop.  
There is no doubt, however, that the pope's illness has worried his physicians, not so much from its immediate gravity as from the danger of complications to which his age and sedentary life expose him. His naturally gouty tendency also makes the least sign of a cold a matter of anxiety to his medical advisors.

### Land Fencer Sentenced.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Fresno, Cal., Dec. 22.—S. C. Lillis, a wealthy rancher of Canteau district, has received a sentence of six months in the county jail and a fine of \$1000 at the hands of Federal Judge Wilbern. Lillis was convicted of illegally fencing hundreds of acres of government land. The case will be appealed.

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