

1910 TAX LEVY MAY BE READY THIS AFTERNOON

County Judge Webster and Commissioners Working on It—It's Thought That Will Be in Neighborhood of 18.5.

County Judge Webster and Commissioners Lightner and Barnes are at work on the tax levy this afternoon, and the final figures are expected to be ready before the board adjourns for the day. There is no reason to change the prediction made in The Journal yesterday that the total levy in the city of Portland will amount to about 18.5 mills.

The members of the county court were disappointed in the figures fixed by the state, which were expected to be the same as last year. The state levy is 2-10 of a mill higher and the state school 1-10 of a mill higher, making a total of 2-10 of a mill from that source. This was an increase not figured on, but it is still believed that the final result will not be above 18.5, and may be even lower. Last year the levy was 20 mills.

Taxpayers Would Be Pleased.

If the commissioners hold the levy below 18 mills, as now expected, the tax on the taxpayers will be the more heavy, because for a time it seemed that this would be impossible. But many of those who figured on the levy have failed to take into account the one-mill addition made for the construction of the east wing of the courthouse last year and the fact that little will be needed this year for courthouse purposes. Money from 1911 taxes will be coming in before it is needed for the next year, and all that is necessary now is to provide for the east wing and the end of the east wing contracts.

The following table gives a comparison of the levy so far as is possible with the figures of last year:

Funds.	1910.	1909.
State	2.2	1.9
State school	1.4	1.5
County	2.0	2.0
Road	2.0	2.0
Special county library	1.0	1.0
Port of Portland	1.0	1.0
City of Portland	1.0	1.0
School District No. 1	1.0	1.0

Total levy Portland city, 18.5 mills. It will be seen that the total of the levy, outside the missing figures to be supplied by the county commissioners, is 18.5 mills. If the levy for all county purposes this year were the same as last year, the result would be 18.5, but there will be a substantial decrease. If one mill is subtracted the levy would be 17.5, and 18.5 is considered an excellent guess by those in position to know.

IMAGINED HE WAS BEING HELD UP

M. Loydgren, 343 Sacramento street, imagined he was held up last evening at 8 o'clock. He telephoned the police that he was hit over the head by two masked men, his money taken and then thrown into a ditch.

Investigation this morning showed he had been drinking and had no experience whatever with holdup men. He admitted this.

J. C. Justice, 485 Goldsmith avenue, reported he had been held up by two men at Mississippi avenue and Fargo street. He said they took \$5.00 from him.

Meeting of Idaho Fruit Growers.

Nampa, Idaho, Jan. 5.—Fruit growers and horticultural experts of several states met here today and opened the annual meeting of the Idaho State Horticultural association. The program of the meeting covers a period of three days and provides for numerous papers and addresses, discussions of horticultural topics and laboratory work. Prominent among those who are scheduled to address the gathering are Professor S. A. Beach of Iowa Agricultural college, Professor W. S. Thornber of Washington Agricultural college, Professor E. D. Ball of Utah Agricultural college, Professor Charles C. Cole of Oregon Agricultural college, Elias Nelson of Caldwell, Professor E. H. Twight of Lewiston, and Professors C. H. Shattuck and J. S. Jones of Idaho Agricultural college. The attendance at the opening of the meeting today was large and representative.

Royal Arch Installs.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Prineville, Or., Jan. 5.—The only Royal Arch installation ever held in central Oregon was held by the local lodge here. The installation of officers in the Royal Arch was presided over by Dr. Hyde and Dr. Edwards. The officers installed are: D. P. Adamson, H. P. W. King, T. M. Baldwin, S. J. P. Boone, T. Claude E. Smith, Secretary; Charles S. Edwards, C. of H.; M. E. Brink, P. E.; Charles L. Winnick, R. C.; G. W. Noble, M. T. V.; J. H. Wigle, M. S. V.; James Cram, M. F. V.; and E. O. Hyde, S.

Presiding officers of the other lodges are C. S. Edwards, W. M., of the Masonic, and Willie Adamson, W. M., of the Eastern Star.

Shippers Want New Rules.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Many prominent merchants and manufacturers were on hand today when the Illinois railroad and warehouse commission began its hearing on classification matters. The large shippers have combined with a view to inducing the commission to issue a new rule with regard to shipments which are unclaimed. It is desired that the railroads be compelled to notify the shipper whenever the consignee fails to call for a shipment. It is claimed that it often happens that unclaimed shipments are sold for the freight charges without the consignor knowing that the delivery of the goods was not completed.

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MORE OF GUILD LAKE IS SOLD

John Kiernan Buys 11 Acre Tract From R. D. Inman for \$22,000.

John Kiernan closed a deal yesterday with Robert D. Inman, of Inman & Foulson, for the purchase of a 11 acre tract in the Port Guild donation land claim. The property is a part of Guild's lake and lies just north of the roadway leading from the exposition grounds to the government buildings on the island. Mr. Kiernan paid \$22,000 for the tract. The Kiernan purchase makes the fourth piece of Guild's lake acreage to change hands during the past 30 days, and is one of the few remaining pieces that has not passed under the control of the railway interests or some manufacturing concern.

A. A. Lindsay has sold his Clarke county, Washington, farm, consisting of 1480 acres, to a syndicate of California realty operators for \$27,150. The land is located near Ridgefield, in the northwestern corner of Clarke county, and borders for over two miles on the Lewis river.

L. L. Schlitt took title yesterday to the four two story frame flats and modern building block at the southeast corner of Twelfth and Mill streets. The property was sold by Charles E. Runyan for \$33,500.

COLD DAMAGES POTATO CROP IN MARION COUNTY

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—From \$5000 to \$7000 worth of potatoes have been frozen in the ground in the vicinity of Salem since the recent prolonged cold spell began. Because of peculiar weather conditions it has been impossible to dig the potatoes this fall and probably more than half of the crop still remains in the ground and now the report comes from different localities that the potatoes in the ground have been frozen to a depth of five inches. The early fall began with heavy rains and the farmers were unable to take care of the potato crop. Following the continued rains came the cold spell, increasing in severity until the damage reported today had followed. Some growers say that part of their crop that was dug is ruined while others are keeping fires in their potato houses in the effort to save the crop already gathered.

Potatoes are selling in Salem at 50 cents a bushel, but in view of the damage done by the cold spell, growers confidently expect the market to go to 12.5 before the new crop comes in.

Last night was again one of the coldest of the present season, the government weather bureau registering a minimum of 19 degrees. Yesterday it was expected the weather would moderate but it has turned cold and clear again, with no indication of a change.

MARGUERITE MOORE IN HANDS OF POLICE

Marguerite Moore, a pretty 19-year-old girl from Denver, was rescued last evening by the police from a Chinese dive at Third and Flanders street. She is being cared for by the police man, and Hui Sing, an oriental, was arrested for harboring her. She tells a story of being forced into the place, where she had to associate with Chinese and Japanese. The girl has been in the place two nights and when arrested Hui Sing was in her room. The girl was taken to the police station and is now being cared for by the police man. She says that she was taken to the place Monday by a man, who engaged the room for her. She intended to run away this morning. Miss Moore left her Denver home three months ago with a young man who later deserted her. The matter will be taken up Friday.

DR. LAMPE AT LAST SUES FOR DIVORCE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Dr. Walter Lampe, whose wife, Mrs. Jessie Lampe, fired a bullet into his head on August 19, today brought suit for divorce. Lampe alleged two attempts had been made on his life, from one of which he still carried a scar in the shape of a bullet lodged somewhere in his head. The physician declared he had signed a false statement to the effect that the shooting which nearly cost him his life was accidental. His love for his wife, he said, prompted him when he believed he was on his deathbed.

Dr. Lampe complained that Mrs. Lampe had forced him to sign statements that he had been untrue to her and that he would not oppose a divorce suit she intended to bring.

AUTO MAN SAYS CAR MEN ASSAULTED HIM

Al Ryan and John Stevens, conductor and motorman on the United Railways line, have been arrested on a charge of assault and battery. The charge is made in the justice court by H. E. Hadley. He alleges he went to Linnton to tow an automobile that had broken down into the city. The auto broke down Christmas eve and was near the United Railways track. While he was trying to get it over the track, the car came up, he says, and the carmen assaulted him. The broken auto belongs to Clarence Harrison.

AMATEUR CUE CHAMP TURNS PROFESSIONAL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Jan. 5.—A. (Chick) Wright of San Francisco, national amateur champion billiardist, announced today that he would forsake the amateur ranks and become a professional. Wright won the amateur championship in the tournament in New York in 1909, becoming the possessor of a handsome trophy cup. He declared today that the cup would be returned to its donors when he emerged from the amateur lists.

LEVI HELLER ASKS COURT FOR RELEASE

Levi Heller has sued for divorce from Katie Heller, whom he married in 1904. He alleges that she deserted him in April, 1908. He asks for the custody of their four children, who are now with him.

FIRE LAYS WASTE BUSINESS HEART OF LAMONT, WASH.

Citizens Wage Futile Battle Against Flames That Consume \$50,000 Worth of Property; Will Rebuild.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Lamont, Wash., Jan. 5.—Fire which broke out here this morning at 6 o'clock almost wiped Lamont off the map. The losses are placed at \$45,000. The flames started in the Gardner restaurant. With absolutely no fire fighting apparatus, the citizens saved the store of George Howell and the Lamont Mercantile company on the other corner. Nothing was saved from the restaurant where the fire started.

Following are the losses:
Pool building, insurance \$1000; Earl Bain, poolroom and lodging-house, \$1200, no insurance; Mrs. Gardner, owner of restaurant, \$500, no insurance; T. B. English, owner of restaurant building, \$1000, no insurance; T. E. Simpson building, \$1000 insurance; building occupied by R. F. Grant's barber shop, and Charles Jensen's harness shop; Lamont Lumber and Supply company, \$1500 on building, \$1000 on stock; Clark and Crews, insurance \$1000; R. E. Soden, restaurant, \$400; W. R. Reglar, two buildings, with insurance of \$1100.

While the fire practically wiped out the business district, the owners of the burned buildings say they will rebuild at once.

MONTHLY DINNER RESUMED AT Y. M. C. A.

Monthly dinners to the new members of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian association, a pleasant feature of the organization's activities in the old building, were resumed last night in the new Y. M. C. A. hall. The dinner last night was given to employed boys and intermediates who have been received into the association since September, numbering between 75 and 100.

Dr. George B. Pratt, an active member of the Y. M. C. A., made the chief speech to the boys last night. J. C. Clark, head of the boys' department, also spoke, and several others made short remarks. Following the dinner were songs and instrumental music and a general good time.

The speakers at these dinners make it plain to the boys that the object of the Y. M. C. A. is not primarily to furnish the boys with a gymnasium, games, etc., for their own amusement, but to develop them mentally and physically. It is also sought to impress upon them the advantage to be obtained from attending the Bible classes and taking an active part in the gymnasium work. The classes of the boys' department, as well as of the senior department, are very well attended.

JOYS OF NEW YEAR TOO MUCH FOR WOMAN

Mrs. Marion Downs, an attractive widow 28 years old, whose home is at 1115 Pike street, Seattle, declares her downfall is due to the hilarity that prevailed in Portland New Year's eve. She was held to the grand jury yesterday by Justice of the Peace Bell on a charge of having taken \$75 from Joseph Blackley, a merchant of Yakolt.

The woman came to Portland last week to find employment. Shortly after her arrival she became acquainted with Harry Lemon, a bartender, who introduced her to Blackley. The two met New Year's eve in a fashionable cafe, and had several drinks together. She and Blackley were at a hotel, when he accused her of taking the money. She denied it. Lemon was also held to the grand jury on a charge of soliciting.

LEAGUE WILL ASK FOR BETTER SERVICE

Thursday evening the regular meeting of the Seventh Ward league will be held in the hall at Milwaukee and Powell streets. Several phases of the car trouble question will be discussed and acted upon, while the question of securing water mains through the district will also come up. The seventh ward covers much of the territory to be fed by the proposed main from the Mount Tabor reservoir through Sellwood, the Mt. Scott district, Kentworth and Woodstock, and the status of the work now in hand will be determined.

BOURNE WOULD HELP SHERMAN CO. SETTLERS

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Jonathan Bourne introduced a bill calling for \$250,000 for relief of Sherman county settlers who lost their lands because the court decided that their lands belonged to The Dalles Military Wagon Road company. Senator Bourne's bill bases all claims by settlers on T. B. Neuhausen's valuation of each tract and improvements made in 1904.

GRANTS NON-SUIT IN CASE OF MARY E. BATES

Circuit Judge Cleland this morning granted a nonsuit in the case of Mary E. Bates against B. A. Voske. The plaintiff, a real estate dealer, sued for \$120 commission on the sale of a lot in Troutdale and two lots in Montavilla for \$1250.

Klamath Station Near Completion.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 5.—The new depot will soon be completed. It will cost approximately \$20,000. The Southern Pacific company has plans for beautifying the grounds surrounding the station.

Oyster Company, Must Pay.

Judge Gatens in the circuit court this morning decided that the Biscuit Point oyster company should pay M. A. Zellig \$293 rent for the use of property sublet to it. Zellig increased the rent after the owner, from whom he rented had raised the price to him.

Pendleton Man Named.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—R. Alexander, of Pendleton, was appointed a commissioner of the third Eastern Oregon Agricultural District by Governor Benson yesterday. Mr. Alexander will serve until November 2, 1911.

At Baker Theatre this week—Bernard Daly, favorite actor of Irish roles and sweet singer.

SIX MORE CLERKS FOR POSTOFFICE

Postmaster Young Asks for Help to Handle Increasing Business.

Swamped by the great volume of mail matter pouring in and going out of the general postoffice, Postmaster John C. Young has written the postmaster general asking for the appointment of six additional clerks. Coming as a surprise to the postmaster, the volume of letter mail has decreased but little since Christmas.

The percentage of gain in postal receipts of the last six months of 1909 over the last six months of 1908, is shown to be 19.18. During the last six months of the year just past, 18 additional carriers, 30 additional clerks, three additional skilled laborers and one additional stenographer were added to the postoffice force.

Present indications tend to show that double that number of additional employees will be needed to handle the rapidly increasing volume of mail during the coming six months.

WOMAN CHANGES PLEA; FIGHTS PERJURY CHARGE

Jeanne Rose Dupont, against whom a charge of perjury rests, withdrew her plea of guilty in United States district court today. She will have a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner A. M. Cannon, and will probably be bound over to the grand jury. Guilty was the plea entered by the Dupont woman Monday. Fearing she did not fully understand the proceedings against her, however, Federal Judge C. E. Werten appointed counsel and allowed the attorney to reserve the right to reverse the plea.

Charges of perjury were made against the woman in connection with her attempt to obtain naturalization papers. Immigration officials allege she swore falsely under oath so she might become a citizen of the United States. Andrew C. Anderson, her sweetheart, who swore to her residence in the state of Oregon, is now serving out a sentence of one year in the county jail. He pleaded guilty to a perjury charge.

The Dupont woman was arrested in Seattle about two weeks ago. She lived in Astoria for several months.

PENDLETON PIONEER MAY RECOVER

Surgeons at St. Vincent's hospital reported the condition of W. F. Matlock, the Pendleton, Or., pioneer, who has been suffering for several weeks from a complication of diseases, is improved today. He is still seriously ill. Mr. Matlock, who is one of the best known residents of Oregon, and who has held a number of public offices, was taken ill while en route to Canada about 10 weeks ago. Discovering he had typhoid fever, he took the first train back to Oregon. When he arrived in Pendleton his condition was dangerous.

Exposure caused the fever to become aggravated. When complications set in Mr. Matlock was brought to Portland by his son, W. N. Matlock, of this city, and taken to St. Vincent's hospital. He is under the care of Dr. Andrew C. Smith.

Though 63 years of age, Mr. Matlock is strong, and never before has been seriously ill. Physicians believe his rugged constitution will survive the illness.

WOMAN DIES OF FRIGHT; CAUSE IS A MYSTERY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Jose, Cal., Jan. 5.—The authorities are searching the Second street home of Mrs. Mary Maderhan in the hope of finding a trace of the man or beast thought to have frightened the woman to death yesterday.

Neighbors were attracted by the shrieks of Mrs. Maderhan. The sound of her running from room to room, and then there was silence. Mrs. Herbert, living next door, was the first to reach the house. Hastily calling other neighbors, Mrs. Herbert searched the house for Mrs. Maderhan, but failed to find her. Outbuilding and the yard were carefully gone over without a trace of the woman.

Then someone found Mrs. Maderhan huddled behind a pantry door, dead. Fear was written indelibly on her face. It was thought the woman, who was ill, was frightened to death by the entrance of a burglar or by some animal that had strayed into her bedroom.

AGED MAN WANDERS ABOUT ALL NIGHT

After wandering all night with a milk pail and a lantern in his hands, Louis Barker, 55 years old, living on Ninth avenue, Lewis, was found this morning at daylight by a policeman and taken to his home. The aged man had fallen into ditches, become tangled in barbed wire, and was cut and bruised from head to foot, and his clothes were badly torn.

ELLIOTT CAN BE PUT ON ROCKPILE

Case Against Him Was Dismissed, but Court Reverses Its Action.

Ray Elliott can be put to work on the rockpile without further delay, if the police can find him. Circuit Judge Gatens this morning granting the motion of the city attorney to set aside a previous order dismissing the case and at the same time dismissing Elliott's appeal from the sentence of the municipal court.

Elliott is a type of the undesirable class of the north end, who depend for support upon the earnings of fallen women. He was convicted before Judge Bennett and ordered to the rockpile, but his attorney appealed to the circuit court. The case was set for trial on December 2, but the city attorney secured a continuance until December 7, when the case was assigned to Judge Gatens for trial.

"On that date the defendant and the defendant's attorney were in court," said Judge Gatens in deciding the case, "but after conferring with the city attorney and being informed that the state's witnesses could not be found, the case was, upon request of the city attorney, dismissed."

"I realize that the city attorney's office is handicapped in such cases, because there is no law that will permit the police judge to detain the prosecuting witnesses under bond. As a result, prosecuting witnesses frequently leave the city or the state, and it is almost impossible to keep track of them."

"But there is authority under a state law for the punishment of offenses of this class. Persons guilty of such a crime ought to be held and severely punished, as the state law provides. It occurs to me that such cases should be taken up as state cases. Then the defendant can be extradited if he runs away, and the prosecuting witness can be held under bond to insure appearance."

Elliott is said to have left the city, and it is unlikely that he will return, now that Judge Gatens has opened the gates to the rockpile. After the dismissal of the case in the circuit court he was free to go as he pleased, and he took the opportunity to leave before Judge Gatens could announce his decision.

BUT FEW TAKE OUT PEDDLERS' LICENSES

Only three vendors have taken out licenses under the new law requiring a yearly fee of \$500. Two of these were paid for by J. W. Patterson, the "Pop Corn King." According to the law the license fee must be paid semi-annually in advance.

John Camell, a Greek pedlar, was the first to take out a license. He paid his \$500 in nickels, dimes and quarters. City Treasurer Werlein had to detail an employee to count the money, and it required more than an hour to do the work. Mr. Werlein hopes there will be no repetitions of the incident.

LET HORSES SUFFER AFTER HARD DRIVE

C. C. James of Hillsboro was arrested this morning for tying a team outside Monday night, as a result of which one horse died from exposure. James is charged with cruelty to animals, and is held in the county jail. William Kirman, chief deputy constable, arrested him yesterday at Hillsboro.

James hired a team from the Hawthorne stables and drove to Hillsboro Monday. He returned in the evening, and tied the team near the stables. They were in a bad condition. They stood out all night, and were found yesterday morning.

ANDERSON LET GO BY COMMISSIONER

Fighter Accused of Robbing Postoffice at Oswego Is Not Identified.

Evidence, amassed against Arthur ("Bud") Anderson, Vancouver, Wash., lightweight, who was accused of the robbery of the Oswego, Or., Postoffice on the night of December 29, exploded when the boy was arraigned yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner A. M. Cannon. He was released immediately.

Anderson's prompt release came through the failure of Walter Chuck, a laborer of Oswego, to identify him as the robber seen in the postoffice on the night of the robbery. Chuck was introduced by Postoffice Inspector E. C. Clement, who has charge of the case, as the star witness.

"I can't testify," declared Chuck, when he was put on the stand. "I'm nervous. And I'm a coward."

Finally, he nervously declared Anderson was not the man he had seen in the postoffice. Cleared, Anderson was set free.

The Oswego postoffice was robbed between 6:35 o'clock and 6:54 on the night of December 29, by one man. He was seen in the office by several who called for mail, and told two persons he was a postoffice inspector. About \$300 in cash was stolen.

Anderson is the veteran of several fast ring battles in this city. He has always had a good reputation. Friends feel indignant because of his arrest.

SUPREME COURT SETS HEARINGS

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—Cases have been set down for hearing in the supreme court at Salem for the week beginning Tuesday, January 18, as follows: Tuesday, January 18, 9 o'clock, C. E. Dusenberry, appellant, vs. J. Robert Hornum, respondent, appealed from the circuit court for Klamath county; 3 o'clock, W. A. Hession, appellant, vs. C. D. Hession, respondent, appealed from the circuit court for Multnomah county.

Wednesday, January 19, 10 o'clock, in the matter of the estate of William Murray, deceased, appealed from the circuit court for Marion county; 2 o'clock, Oscar W. T. Mueller, appellant, vs. the German Evangelical Bethany church of Salem, Or., respondent, appealed from the circuit court for Marion county. Thursday, January 20, 10 o'clock, Alex. Bradburn and E. Poorman, appellants, vs. Wasco county, Oregon, respondent, appealed from the circuit court for Wasco county; 3 o'clock, Edna Comrys, respondent, vs. T. G. Hendricks and others, respondents, appealed from the circuit court for Lane county.

WOODBURN WANTS \$10,000 FOR ARMORY

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—F. W. Settlement, captain of Company I, Oregon National Guard, located at Woodburn, has asked the county court for Marion county for appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting an armory in that city. Captain Settlement sets forth in his petition that the state military board will set aside a similar sum so that a creditable building can be built at Woodburn adequate for all purposes.

ADMINISTRATRIX HAS BALANCE OF \$7300

Johanna C. Hansen has filed her report as administratrix of the estate of Hans Hansen, showing a balance on hand for distribution of \$7300. The receipts were \$35,317 and the disbursements \$15,016.

Meyers' Trial Nears Close.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—Trial of George Meyers for murder in the first degree is drawing toward a close. The defense is introducing its testimony today and the case may go to the jury before evening. The prosecution concluded its evidence yesterday, but will have some rebuttal evidence to introduce after the defense has closed. The arguments will take up several hours.

Perish in Burning House.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Peoria, Ill., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Linton Davison, her two small children and Joseph Pacey were burned to death early today in a fire that destroyed a livery stable over which they lived. The bodies were recovered. Pacey boarded with the Davison family.

BUYING TO BUILD

The opening of the New Year shows an active market in

Laurelhurst

The Addition with Character

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