CITY TAX LEVY FINALLY FIXED AT EIGHTEEN MILLS

County Commissioners Reduce the Rate for County Purposes, Making the Total Two Mills Less Than Last Year.

Funds—	Mills. 1910.	Mills. 1909.
State	2.3	1.9
State school	1.4	1.5
County	1.6	3
Road	9.7	.97
Special county library	1.3	.13
Port of Portland	1.7	1.2
City of Portland	4.9	6.6
School District No. 1	5	4.7
Total levy Portland city	18	20

Eighteen mills, flat, is the tax levy for the city of Portland for the year 1910. By squeezing the rate for county purposes down to 1.6 mills, as compared with 3 mills last year, the county commissioners were able to go lower than most people expected, and countless taxpayers are wearing a broad smile today in consequence.

Not only is the rate lower, but the sum of money to be garnered in will be less than last year, despite the increase in the assessed valuation. The total valuation now stands at $247,267,520 and the 18 mill levy makes the amount due for all purposes $4,331,570, or $176,056 less than in 1909.

Money Now on Hand.

There is now approximately $300,000 on hand in the county's strong box. The greater part of this sum was raised for the new courthouse, but only about $12,000 has been expended on that account. It is estimated that the money on hand will meet all needs for the courthouse during the coming year. Money will not be needed for the other wings until after the taxes of 1911 begin to come in.

The county levy provides for general running expenses, therefore, and practically nothing else. No provision was made for the new county poor farm. The sale of the old poor farm is tied up in court, and there will be time enough to figure on the new building when the payments from the old farm are received, as the defeated party in that litigation will have six months in which to appeal, and the case is expected to go to the supreme court. It is believed that there will be ample funds, however, to construct the superintendent's cottage and barn, for which plans have been prepared, and to proceed with the improvement of the new farm.

No Road to Hood River.

The advocates of an appropriation for a road to the Hood River county line, to meet a road to be constructed by Hood River, did not gain their point. Through E. Henry Wemme they asked for $60,000. Commissioner Lightner says this request came in too late.

Last year the levy inside the city was 20 mills. The two mill reduction this year was made possible by the reduced demands of the city of Portland and the county of Multnomah. The state, Port of Portland and school district No. 1 received a larger share than ever.

Discount on Payments.

Payment of taxes will begin about January 1, as soon as the tax rolls can be made ready. A 3 per cent discount will be allowed on full payments until the first Monday in April, or half payments may be made, without rebate, and the second half will not become due until the first Monday in October.

The sum that will be due in taxes for each fund are as follows: State, $578,201; state school, $351,948; county, $402,227; road, $243,850; county library, $32,680; Port of Portland, $424,497; city of Portland, $1,132,692, and school district No. 1, $1,165,474.

GRAND JURY AY BE CALLED IN IDAHO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 6.—Five cars of coal arrived in Boise today and afforded some relief, but many are still without fuel. More than a hundred people had wagons at the freight depot soon after the coal arrived, but were disappointed as the dealers had sold all the coal long before it arrived.

Boise was in darkness again last night. County Attorney McCarthy today asked Judge Wood to call a grand jury to investigate the coal trust and other alleged combinations operating in violation of the state anti-trust laws.

SCALDED FIREMAN DIES OF INJURIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Guy Cameron, a Southern Pacific fireman, who was badly scalded at Napa Junction, Tuesday, when his engine left the rails and toppled into a ditch, died here today. His death makes the second victim of the accident, Engineer Charles Rossani having been caught in the cab of the overturned engine and scalded to death. Cameron managed to jump when the engine left the rails, but was caught in a jet of steam. He was crazed by the intense pain, and ran around a field until he fell exhausted.

PTOMAINES VERDICT IN SAWTELLE CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sawtelle, Cal., Jan. 6.—After listening to testimony offered by Dr. Peck, the city physician of Sawtelle, and the testimony of Dr. Campbell, the coroner's physician, who corroborated Dr. Peck, the coroner's jury rendered a decision shortly before noon today to the effect that the 11 members of the Valdez, Fernandez, Preciado and Garcia families came to their deaths from ptomaine poisoning.

Quick Relief

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SAYS PORTLAND HAS GOOD CHANCE

Seattle Shipper Declares Local Lumbermen Not Intentionally Discriminated Against.

In a recent interview in one of the Seattle papers, the president of Frank Waterhouse & Co. says that no discrimination is made in the shipping of lumber for the government to the Philippine islands, but that the difference of $1 in the rates in favor of the sound is because this company operates a line of steamers from that port, which makes it possible to ship from there at a cheaper rate than would be possible from this port, as they would be under the necessity of either deflecting one of their boats down here or chartering another for the purpose.

Mr. Waterhouse also says that he has had reliable information for some time past that the current rates on lumber are from $1 to $1.50 cheaper than those on the sound, and that if that is the case Portland has as much of a chance as Seattle.

Shippers here say that the Waterhouse company does not own a line of steamers and that they simply charter the Weir steamers when they have cargoes, and that for the difference in the price of lumber here and on the sound the company could charter a steamer for this port and dispatch the cargo as cheaply from Portland as from the sound port, whenever a lower bid is made from here.

HANDSOME BOOKLETS ADVERTISE OREGON

William McMurray, general passenger agent of Harriman lines in Oregon, is doing some good work in the way of advertising the state in extending to his friends the best wishes for a happy new year and health and prosperity for all the days to come.

Today Mr. McMurray mailed close to 500 handsome copies of a souvenir "greeting" and with it inclosed four booklets, literature on Ashland, Albany, Cottage Grove and Sheridan.

The booklets are beautifully illustrated with photographs of scenes from different parts of the Willamette and other valleys and contain a world of information bearing on the industries and opportunities of the various sections. The expense of publishing these booklets is largely borne by the railroad company, it paying out $4 for every $1 expended by the respective communities.

The printing of these booklets, which comes up to the very best to be obtained anywhere, was all done in Portland. Mr. McMurray's mailing list carries names from all parts of the states.

MRS. MOORE REFUSES TO TALK OF HAMILTON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Florence Moore of Oakland, Cal., alleged "affinity" of former Adjutant General Ortis Hamilton, who has just been sentenced to from one to ten years' imprisonment for embezzling several thousand dollars of the funds of the state, is in Seattle today, having arrived late yesterday from San Francisco, where she has been spending her time since Hamilton's arrest.

Mrs. Moore occupies rooms at the Hanover apartments, which are far less luxurious than her former quarters at the Butler annex, the scene of her former social triumphs.

When asked why she had returned to Seattle, Mrs. Moore declined to talk. She would not discuss Hamilton's sentence, except to admit that his punishment was "pretty rough," but her manner did not indicate that her sympathy for her former lover was very important.

COOK'S OWN ARCTIC CLUB EXPELS HIM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 6.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, whose claims to polar discovery were rejected by a consistory of the faculty of the University of Copenhagen, is no longer a member of the Arctic club of America, which he founded.

Explaining the action of the club last evening, when it formally expelled its founder, Secretary Kersting today said: "Dr. Cook was dropped from the club because he is one of those men whom former President Roosevelt would characterize as 'undesirable citizens.'"

Kersting further declared that Cook's alleged fake discovery of the North Pole and his claims concerning his reported ascent of Mount McKinley were responsible for the club's action.

NO SHORTAGE OF FUEL AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The protracted cold weather of the past few weeks has resulted in an abnormal consumption of fuel in the public school buildings of the city, but there will be no shortage and not the remotest possibility that any of the schools will have to close. School Clerk R. H. Thomas went on a tour of inspection yesterday, and wherever an unusual depletion in the wood and coal supplies was noted a memorandum was made and more fuel ordered. The school board lets yearly contracts for fuel and the dealers are required to furnish additional supplies, if necessary, for the same price made on the estimated amount needed when the contracts are awarded.

New Corporations.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 6.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows:

Sand Lake Cranberry company; principal office, Portland; capital stock, $10,000; incorporators, H. E. Warren, R. W. Philo and Dora Robertson.

Hart-Bauer Lead company, incorporated; principal office, Medford; capital stock, $250,000; incorporators, H. W. Jackson, Charles E. Tull and I. L. Hamilton.

The Sheldon company; principal office, Portland; capital stock, $4500; incorporators, John S. Meek, Harry S. Smith and Cornelia C. Meek.

Independent Western Film exchange; principal office, Portland; capital stock, $20,000; incorporators, A. H. McDonald, L. Truscott and R. E. Hasbrook.

L. E. Laidlaw company (inc.); principal office, Portland; capital stock, $25,000; incorporators, J. E. Laidlaw, Ruth Scott Laidlaw and E. P. Stott.

RODMAN NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS

District Attorney Cameron Says He Has Power to File Amended Indictment.

Frank Rodman, jointly accused with Mrs. Hazel Maddux of the killing of May Real on the Linnton road, is not yet beyond the reach of the arm of the law. The circuit court sustained Rodman's demurrer to District Attorney Cameron's indictment some time ago, and since that time there has been but little activity in the case.

The various witnesses in the case were taken before the grand jury and told their story, but the grand jury did not take any action. Now it is being wondered what the status of the case may be, wether it will ever again be brought up for consideration, or allowed to lag and drop.

Judge Cameron says he has his eye on the subject and intends to keep it there. It is still within his power to file an amended indictment with the court and bring Rodman to trial on that instrument, or submit the whole question to the grand jury and bring in a new indictment. Mr. Cameron says he does not know which course will be taken, but that there is no doubt about a trial of Rodman.

It is said that there are some three or four additional people to whom Mrs. Maddux has told the story of her wild ride with Rodman, which is said to have resulted in the killing of Mrs. Real. If these witnesses can be brought into court, it is believed that their testimony, which is entirely corroborative of that of Miss Ethel Noss, to whom Mrs. Maddux told her story, will clinch the case of the state against Mrs. Maddux and Rodman.

MANITOBA STORM DEVELOPS HEROES

Sheriff Dies Trying to Rescue Homesteader; Boy Gives His Life for His Sisters.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Several persons are dead and property to the amount of $3000,000 has been destroyed as the result of ahe storm that has swept the territory covered by the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad during the past few days.

Sheriff Whitehead of Reyburn is reported to have lost his life while going to the rescue of a homesteader who was lost in the storm.

Two little girls living at a farmhouse south of Yellow Grass owe their lives to their small brother, who protected them from the cold by the warmth of his own body. The children were caught in a blizzard and took refuge on a haystack. The boy was frozen to death.

COLD WEATHER HAS LOST ITS SNAP AND WARM SPELL IS DUE

Moderation in the weather was noticeable this morning, and, according to the instruments of the weather bureau, there was a difference of 13 degrees in the temperature of 5 o'clock this morning and 5 o'clock yesterday morning. Between midnight and 2 o'clock the thermometer stood at 28 degrees, but after that hour it began to rise, and at 5 o'clock it reached 34 degrees, which was the warmest that it had been since the beginning of the cold spell. Because the little snow that fell during the morning had a tendency to cool the air near the surface, the temperature fell to 30 degrees again, and was at that point at 10 o'clock.

Southeast storm warnings were ordered out along the coast this morning, as a storm, accompanied by high southerly winds, has appeared off the coast, probably causing a general precipitation this afternoon and tonight, according to the weather man.

E. A. Beals says the indications are more for rain than for snow this afternoon, but that it is not improbable that the snow may continue to fall heavily during the afternoon and possibly during the night, with much warmer weather tomorrow. Rain and increasing southeasterly winds are predicted for tomorrow.

HEROIC RESCUE OF VICTIM OF CAVEIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vallejo, Cal., Jan. 6.—Superintendent Alfred Tredidge of the St. John quicksilver mine, and his son, Eugene Tredidge, were hailed as heroes today following their rescue of Paul Alberti, a miner who was caught in a cavein on the 600 foot level of the mine last night.

The superintendent and his son were at work on the surface when the cavein occurred. They heard the cries of Alberti, who was crushed between a huge boulder and the side of the shaft, and went to his rescue.

For four hours they worked with shovel and pick, digging out the injured man. When they had freed him they carried him on their shoulders 600 feet up a ladder to the surface. Physicians were called from Vallejo, who found Alberti was mortally injured.

Superintendent Tredidge was formerly president of the California Miners' association.

KILLED BY LABORER IN WAGE DISPUTE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Reading, Pa., Jan. 6.—Frederick Neudorfer, Democratic leader in the Fourteenth ward of this city, was shot and killed today by a negro named John Brooks, who then committed suicide. The shooting occurred in Neudorfer's office. It is supposed to have resulted from a dispute over Brooks' wages as an employe of the Todeldo Asphalt company, of which Neudorfer was paymaster.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH SWITCHMEN FAIL

Washington, Jan. 6.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Knapp announced today that efforts to settle the strike of the switchmen employed on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad had failed and had been abandoned.

TRIAL OF BINGER HERMANN OPENS

(Continued From Page One.)

Coast Biscuit company; E. Henry Wemme, real estate broker and president of the Portland Automobile club; J. K. Gill, stationer; W. G. McPherson, heating and ventilating engineer; George F. Russell, banker; Lansing Stout, banker, and Peter J. Mann.

The jury list follows:

Daniel F. Quimby, Willard Price, Henry B. Stone, James B. Nunn, E. P. Carter, Benjamin Scholfield, Robert M. Fowle, George T. Willett, J. G. Mack, Robert Alexander, Rolland W. Parker, Stephen Prideaux, George Selkirk, E. Henry Wemme, Charles B. Parmenter, Antone Zeller, W. G. McPherson, Robert Johnson, Alex D. Pattulo, H. M. Fleming, M. Crayo, Hal M. Perry, J. L. McKern, Harry W. Scott, David McKeen, George Walkington, C. C. Laughlin, Frank Van Duyn, John D. Hibbs, John Proudfit, Miles Purdin, Miles Newton Prathey, Lawrence Shanahan, B. T. Soden, Herman Wittenberg, Julius Ordway, Burt Callaway, J. H. Edwards, Lewis Russell, F. Avery, Julius Stark, William Pierce, A. P. Vail, Ed Parrish, Alex Reffeling, William H. Patterson, Thaddeus Townsend, H. A. Cleek, C. S. Voohies, Renhart Riorsan, Frank Crabtree, J. L. Tyndall, Richard Loveridge, Deman Smith, J. Byer, Frank Brown, J. C. Smack, J. J. Beard, R. E. Heuston, Wm. M. Dean, W. B. Duncan, J. J. May, A. T. Savage, Thomas A. Reynolds, C. F. Pearson, Ortley Plympton, Robert Kyle, Isaiah H. Amos, David R. Young, V. P. Moses, C. C. Smith, E. Jasperson, W. C. Gray, Roderick L. MacLeay, Paul Van Fridah, F. P. Baumgardner, Lansing Stout, Philip New, J. D. Manthyan, J. B. Tomlinson, Albert Cook, H. H. Yost, G. E. Misner, Milton York, H. Challacombe, H. C. Davis, C. C. Woodcock, J. T. Barron, William Osensee, H. W. Prettyman, John C. Paulsen, E. D. Taylor, H. L. Laselle, P. H. Schulderman, L. O. Churchill, John Gill, J. F. Risley, L. H. Andrews, F. J. Chambers, James Yount, George M. Settlemeier, Richard Irwin, Edwin O. Miller, T. H. Littlefalls, William H. Upson, F. M. Sherman, A. B. Pullen, Samuel H. Parrott, W. J. Crawford, E. F. Strouts, Robert Wilson, James O. Spencer, Frank Seeley, Axel Peterson, Frank Clingman, C. C. Smith, O. A. Holmes, John W. Walker, J. W. Moore, George K. Waite, John A. Larsen, William T. Pigeon, C. I. Parson, George T. Murton, Peter J. Mann, Friend D. Simmons, Otto S. Reidmann, D. D. Gorsline, Herman Barr, Charles N. Rankin, M. M. Owen, C. Marsh, F. H. V. Andrews, George Tupper, Carey W. Thompson, M. Peterson, E. A. King, R. N. Lewis, Monroe Childers, Jacob Burch, J. W. Newkirk, Robert Leighton, Thomas Simpson, J. H. Collins, Victor O. Avery, J. H. Kaser, C. W. Risley, Francis M. Mathena, Orwin Stratton, J. B. O'Shea, J. B. Stump, John Ryder, L. T. Rutrup, I. W. Berry, Roy Yates, Edward C. Robbins, Walter Hage, W. W. Patterson, Peter Hagner, Green Hall, A. L. Petrie, Lemuel G. Reynolds, J. D. Mickell, W. C. Lawrence, Ed Hallaway, A. J. Rockafellow, L. N. Guy, J. O. Newell, R. Patterson, L. W. Clark, K. L. Stewart, August Hodes, William Osborne, George Wheeler, S. L. Kline, J. E. Werkle, George Lawrence Jr., Archie R. Parrott, Orville R. Rankin, David Taylor, J. R. Smith, Frank J. Stevenson, David L. Roundtree, M. E. Starkweather, G. W. Dennison, Samuel W. Daniel, Frank L. Parker, William Macbeth, Henry Fries, J. J. Stump, Herman Radamacher, W. R. McKenzie, Bernard Page, G. M. Noland, Samuel Coon, N. G. Pendeleton, William Peddicard, Charles E. Osborne, George L. Thomas, Samuel S. Hill, Schuyler S. Priestly, John H. Mare, R. A. Crawford, Horace G. Ramsdell, W. B. Haines, Warren W. Miller, Adolph Egger, D. D. Hackleman, Everett L. Peck, William Spicer, William Grissenthwaite, George L. Russell, R. F. Lucas, J. W. Elliott, F. L. Miller, Alex Muirhead, Robert D. Skinner, A. B. Thomas, Thomas F. Perrault, John S. Taylor, J. T. Lady, J. Walter Ransom, G. E. Henkle, A. H. Metcalfe, Anthony Austin, B. Y. Roe, Thomas Callahan, M. F. Loben, Albert Benton, John C. Roberts, J. J. Ross, Rodenick A. Campbell, Boydon H. Nicoll, John Kent, Austin T. Berton, C. A. Gellaety, F. S. Morris, V. A. Carter, John B. Thompson, F. A. Horner, W. B. Glass, E. Quackenbush, West Eastburn, Hiram Rhodes, George Foster, John Miller, John C. Welch, John Barber, Thomas Thomson, E. J. Vawton, Mark Cox, W. H. Morton, Isaac Peterson, D. E. Swaunk, R. L. Harris, Charles Nelson, William Myers, Charles W. David, Edwin C. Johnson, W. L. Wiley, James C. Stewart, John Wortman, Wesley Houck, George Blatchford, Adolf Peterson, Ben F. Scholfield, Frank Froman, Lawrence Strand, J. F. Barrett, J. A. Spangler, T. K. Entry, J. R. Bone, Ed Harrington, Root B. Garey, William S. Winters, George Horning, George Lazeele, J. D. Harris, Nels A. Peterson, Samuel S. Sigel, C. W. Leonard, Ed Belknap, Alan McAll, G. J. Running, James M. Vincent, A. G. Hoffman, Smith Stevens, William McLane, L. T. Perry, Robert J. Lyndon, T. A. Ireland, James Dunn, Franklin P. Walker, William Wast, Doug C. Taylor, T. W. Bergman, L. E. Renner, T. W. B. London, Frank Merrill, L. Allan Lewis, J. F. Shea.

Death Roll of the Northwest

Ezra Henson.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., Jan. 6.—Ezra Henson, 78 years old, died at his home in the upper valley a few days ago. He came to California in 1848, and moved to Silverton, Or., in 1850. He had resided in Hood River for the past nine years. Mr. Henson went through the Yakima Indian war in 1855-56. Mrs. Leasure, Mrs. M. E. Graves, of Canenah, Or., a daughter, and C. L. Henson, chief forest ranger, who resides at Cascadia, Or., survive him.

Mrs. E. J. Harris.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 6.—Mrs. E. J. Harris, an Oregon pioneer of 1849, died at her home near Brooks in this county, this morning after a short illness. Mrs. Harris crossed the plains from Arkansas, her native state, to California in 1848, coming to Oregon the year following. She settled with her parents in Benton county. She met and married there William Harris, who still survives her at the age of 83. For 35 years the couple have made their home in Marion county.

Aside from her husband, Mrs. Harris is survived by six children ac follows: George W. Harris, Mrs. James A. Allison, and Mrs. A. L. Bechner, all of Salem; Frank Harris, of Cheney, Wash.; Mrs. E. L. Brown, of Council, Idaho; Mrs. B. H. Craven, of Portland.

TRUST COMPETITOR IN NEW STEEL MERGER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—The Pacific Hardware & Steel company, which has been operating under the laws of New Jersey, incorporated here yesterday for $10,000,000. Although the report was not confirmed, the reincorporation was said in financial circles here to be the first step in the merging of the hardware company with the new Western Steel corporation.

Hank Goes to Jail.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 6.—Convicted of "bootlegging" by the justice court, Henry Wright, who is known in this city as "Hank" Smith, was fined $200 yesterday afternoon by Justice Long. As he was unable to raise that amount of money he will have to spend 100 days in the county jail.

ST. JOHNS CLUB IN CAR FIGHT

Pledges Support for Movement for Warmer Cars on the Peninsula.

The fight being made before the state railroad commission by the Peninsula Development league to force the heating of the St. Johns cars was indorsed by the St. Johns Commercial club last night. The prime movers in the fight on the part of the league were lauded and the support of the St. Johns Commercial club was pledged.

Will G. Steel, the president of the Peninsula Development league was present at the meeting. He told of the trouble which the league had had with the railway company in trying to secure better facilities in the cars. He read a communication in which B. S. Josselyn, the president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, informed the state railway commission that had the push clubs come to the company with their requests they would have been granted. In contradiction of this, the secretary of the club read a letter received two months ago from the president of the railway company refusing to do anything.

The club appointed F. W. Valentine as a committee to work with Steel and C. B. Aitchison in the case before the railway commission. It was also decided to try to secure a monument erected to the memory of James John, the founder of the city of St. Johns.

BEGS THAT BOY THIEF BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE

An earnest plea for Earl Higley, the boy highwayman, was addressed to Presiding Judge Bronaugh in the circuit court yesterday afternoon by Alex Bernstein, who asked that the boy be given another chance for the sake of his mother. He suggested that Higley be permitted to go on parole and join the United States navy or marine service.

Higley is accused of robbery by two indictments on file in the circuit court. One of these is the case in which he, with a companion, robbed a house on Portland Heights, and bound Sophie Hamre, a domestic, throwing her in a closet. An effort was made to have Higley's case transferred to the juvenile court, he then being 17 years of age, but Judge Bronaugh took no action on this motion and the boy has since become 18 years of age.

Judge Bronaugh did not reach a decision in the case, but remarked that Higley has already had chances that he has failed to improve. He was once confined in the Chehalis, Wash., reform school.

TAKE SUBSCRIBERS QUICKLY TO BLAZES

Portland Fire Dispatch is the name of a new business which will be started in Portland February 1 by Forrest C. Smithson and James S. Richardson, local agent of the Richardson Steamship company. The young men have secured an automobile and upon the return of Mr. Richardson from San Francisco, where he has gone to perfect some of the arrangements, they will open their office and station at 530 Alder street.

The object of the Portland Fire Dispatch will be to obtain subscribers among the business men of the city, who pay a certain amount each month for membership, and in case of a fire occurring at their place of business during the night, or at any time when they are not there, the automobile belonging to the company will go to their residence, or wherever they may be, and take them to the scene of the fire.

"Nearly all large cities," said Mr. Richardson this morning in speaking of the new venture, "have at least one fire dispatch which answers all fire alarms, and they are very popular among the merchants of those cities, who realize the benefit to be derived from them. We have seen an opportunity for such a business here and we are going to make it worth the while of the merchants of Portland to become subscribers."

PUPILS SEEK POINTERS ON OREGON GEOGRAPHY

Teachers in the city all over the state of Oregon are taking advantage of the opportunity to instruct their pupils in local geography by securing literature issued by the various communities throughout the state. The Commercial club of this city reports that it has received numerous requests for such literature for that purpose and they have been promptly filled.

The books and maps thus published are attractively printed with illustrations pleasing to the eye and for that reason the children accept their studies as a pleasure instead of work. It is said that they grasp the situation much more readily than through the old system and at the same time gain a much more comprehensive idea of the state, its topography and resources. Many teachers out of town have sent in for books and even children when assigned to get up essays on the state are said to have turned to the Commercial club booklet library for pointers.

Notarial Commissions.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 6.—Notarial commissions have been issued to Henry Dalton, Burns; O. L. Kennedy and W. C. Bristol, Portland.

O. R. & N. CURVES WILL GO SOON

Work on Important Improvement Near The Dalles Will Star With Clear Weather.

Work on the double tracking of the O. R. & N. line between The Dalles and Deschutes will begin as soon as the weather becomes more favorable, the contract having been let some time ago, as was announced in The Journal at the time.

The improvement, which also calls for the elimination of many curves and the reduction in grade, will serve materially to shorten the time now required between the two points, and it therefore means a great deal to the entire system.

The distance to be be double tracked is about 17 miles, and it will be accomplished at a cost estimated close to $1,000,000. The building of the Deschutes line, it was ascertained, would so crowd traffic on the single track that it was decided not to delay any longer the improvement that eventually would have to be done, and so the matter was put up to headquarters shortly after construction of the Deschutes line had been gotten well under way.

SIX CHINESE HELD UP AND ROBBED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 6.—Six Chinese who operate a garden at the Hough place, two miles west of Vancouver, were held up last night and robbed of between $600 and $700. The firm, as it might be termed, is composed of 10 Chinese, but four were away from home. The remaining six had just returned to the house and had prepared supper. One was in a woodshed nearby, when two men opened the door and covered him with revolvers. He was marched into the house and with the other five forced into a room which was guarded by one robber while the other ransacked the house. Two stood outside the house and acted as guards. After the house was ransacked the six Chinese were lined up and their pockets searched.

One Chinaman known as Sam, driver of a vegetable wagon about town, attempted to escape, but was caught and badly beaten about the head with the butt of a revolver.

After the departure of the men, Sam hastened to the home of John Burke, a neighbor, and notified the police by phone.

Chief Secrist and Officer Troeh went to the house, while Gasaway and Cresap were assigned to the railroad yards. The robbers made good their escape and left no clue to their identity.

One of the men who did the actual work is described by the Chinese as being about 40 years of age, five feet eight inches in height, dark complexion, black mustache, black overcoat and a winter cap. The other was about 19 years of age. He wore a short black overcoat and had a black handkerchief over his face.

The money was mostly in gold and silver and was wrapped in red Chinese paper.

YOUNG FIREMAN IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 6.—Harry Mokler, about 28 years of age and a fireman for the North Bank railroad company, died at 3 o'clock this morning from injuries sustained in an accident at White Salmon yesterday morning. His engine was stopped at White Salmon directly alongside a pit eight feet deep. Mokler either did not know of the existence of the pit or did not realize his position, and stepped from the engine directly into it. He fell heavily and internal injuries were received which resulted in his death this morning.

His father, Frank Mokler, is in the employ of the Great Northern at Devil's Lake, N. D., and will be notified of his son's death. The body will be held at Knapp Bros.' undertaking parlors until the father is heard from.

Mokler's mother and several brothers and sisters reside at LaSeuer Center, Minn.

MRS. J. E. GATERMAN WANTS HER $10 BACK

A suit to recover money paid for a course of instruction in manicuring and hair dressing has been started in the justice court by Mrs. J. E. Gaterman against the Elite Hairdressing Parlor company, 109 Seventh street.

Haye Barrett and May Keane are owners of the parlors and the plaintiff alleges they agreed to instruct her so she could qualify as a professional hair dresser. This course of instruction was to cost $10. After paying the money and taking a few lessons, the plaintiff states, the instruction was neglected, and she was forced to go to other places to learn the business. Judgment of $10 is asked.

CITY WANTS VALUE OF LOTS ESTABLISHED

Another condemnation suit to settle the value of property needed by the city for park purposes on Mount Tabor went to trial in Judge Cleland's department of the circuit court this morning. The question involved is the price to be paid for lots belonging to the estate of John Green, of which B. G. Whitehouse and Charles J. Reed are the executors.

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MAY NOT EXTEND MORRISON STREET

Rule of Supreme Court Would Estop City From Making the Thoroughfare Longer.

That under the rule established by the supreme court, the city of Portland would be estopped from claiming Morrison street, from Chapman street west, as a public highway, and that the line of the proposed extension never has been legally opened, is the opinion of City Attorney Kavanaugh as expressed in a letter to City Auditor Barbur.

The opinion, which is given at the request of the street committee, also recommends the revision and redistribution of the present assessments of benefits and damages on a more equitable basis.

"Appeals will certainly be taken," says Mr. Kavanaugh, "and it is essential in these proceedings to formulate an assessment of benefits and damages that will be sustained on appeal. I would respectfully urge the committee to carefully consider the award of benefits and damages as shown in the viewers' report."

Action of 1869.

In investigating the action taken by the city in 1869 in regard to the extension of Morrison street at that time from the east line of the Lownsdale donation land claim to the intersection of the county road, near the residence of Amos N. King, Mr. Kavanaugh found that on June 16, 1869, a resolution was adopted directing the city engineer to survey and report the proposed extension at that time. Viewers were appointed and their report was adopted. Morrison street was opened from the Lownsdale donation land claim to the west line of Fourteenth street, now Chapman street.

In 1888 a petition of prominent citizens and property owners was filed, praying for the extension of Morrison street to the residence of Amos N. King. The city engineer was ordered to survey and report, and viewers were appointed, but after their reports had been filed, it appears that nothing definite was done.

In the meantime the Exposition building was erected and partly covered the line of the proposed extension. A petition was filed asking that the building be removed as a public nuisance. The council considered the petition but declined to remove the building.

Proceeding Old.

According to Mr. Kavanaugh, the original proceedings were instituted and concluded more than 40 years ago. There has never been a physical opening of the extension and it has never been used as a public highway. The owners of the land have never dedicated it for street purposes and no official map or plat of the city ever showed Morrison street open west of the east line of the King donation land claim, and that consequently any innocent purchaser consulting the records would receive no notice of the extension. Large buildings have been erected on the property and taxes and assessments have been paid on it. The rule is established by the weight of authority that the statute of limitations will not run against the public in a highway, and that adverse possession will not invest the encroaching owner with title to the highway.

Winter School Opens.

Pullman, Wash., Jan. 6.—The annual "winter school for farmers" opened in Washington State college yesterday. The enrollment for the first day was 44, including six from British Columbia, and a number from western Washington.

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