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Levy for County, State, City and School District, for 1903, Should Not Exceed 30 Mills—City Tax Can Be Raised by Six and a Quarter Mills, State and County Seventeen and School District About Seven Mills.

The city and school district assessments of Pendleton have been footed up and the totals reached in the assessor's and clerk's offices and some interesting facts are disclosed by a comparison between the assessment of the years 1902 and 1903.

In 1902 the total assessment of the city of Pendleton was \$1,032,081.51 and the tax raised on that amount was \$9,307.73, at 9 mills. In 1903 the total assessment of the city amounts to \$1,492,038, and in order to raise \$9,307.73, the same amount of taxes as last year, a tax of only 6 1/4 mills will be imposed.

In 1902 the assessment of school district No. 16 was 1,956,386.50, and it required a 10-mill tax to raise \$10,900.87. The assessment of the school district in 1903 is \$1,546,447.55, and a tax of 6 5/8 mills will raise the same amount as a 10-mill tax raised last year.

The total assessment for the county in 1902 was \$5,662,918.50, and a tax levy of 28 mills raised a tax of \$158,889.72 for that year. In 1903 the total assessment for the county is \$9,214,030.75, and in order to raise \$158,889.72, the amount raised last year, a levy of 17 1/5 mills must be imposed.

The total tax levy for the year 1902 in this county was 47 mills, and the total levy for the year 1903, in order to raise the same amount of taxes, will be 30 17/80, or 6 1/4 for the city, 6 5/8 for the school and 17 1/5 for county and state.

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DRAMATIC RECITAL

MISS MATLOCK HAS THE TRUE ARTISTIC INSTINCT.

Her Selections Were Rendered With Ease and Grace, With the Appearance of Reserve Forces Not Brought Into Action—Mr. Zan's Singing Captivated and Miss Raley's Accompaniment the Spirit of the Evening.

Owing to the very disagreeable weather and the hard rain that was pouring down at 8 o'clock last night, the attendance at the dramatic recital given at the Frazer, by Miss Bertha Matlock, was not nearly so large as it would have been under better conditions.

The entertainment was first-class in every particular. Miss Matlock has genuine dramatic ability, exhibited it with ease last night, and seemed to have further reserve forces not called into action in her selections.

Her individuality is strong, perhaps too strong in many ways, and while she portrays her characters with ease and grace, there may be a little too much of her own personality in her acting, especially in her enunciation. Her selections were very good and she has a most wonderful memory, one of the very first and supreme qualifications for an elocutionist and dramatist.

Her expression and complete mastery of her subjects were remarkable. She has the true dramatic instinct, getting in touch with her characters, and living their lives during her impersonation, two of the most difficult requirements in a dramatic education.

"The Rescue of Lygia," from "Quo Vadis," one of the most dramatic scenes in modern fiction, was given in a thrilling manner. The audience was transferred to old Rome for an instant, and lived in the historic arena for a brief moment.

In the "Coming Out of Miss Cummings," Miss Matlock made the greatest impression with her audience, although the true dramatic value of the selection is inferior to that of the selection from "Quo Vadis."

The singing of Mr. Zan was excellent. He has a strong, sweet, melodious voice, perhaps handicapped by too long familiarity with masses and anthems, to have the proper sway in the simpler melodies, but captivating, nevertheless.

The entertainment was one of the most highly enjoyable affairs ever given in Pendleton, and Miss Matlock added many friends to her already large list, and Mr. Zan's introduction paved the way for a warm welcome on his return to the city on any future occasion.

The able accompaniment of Miss Cosbie Raley was the spirit of the evening, and her art added greatly to the successful rendition of the program.

Miss Matlock and Mr. Zan left this morning for Heppner, where an entertainment will be given tonight.

FIGHT OVER DOGS

THEIR OWNERS SEEK A FIELD OF BATTLE.

The Statutes Thereof Made and Provided Suffer the Greater Injury—E. E. Turner Under Arrest for Aiding and Abetting a Disturbance and for Refusing to Give Evidence and Assist the Officers.

Frank Howard and O. L. Sanders were the principals in a small-sized prize fight this afternoon, and one of them is in the county jail, while the other is some place ahead of the officers. E. E. Turner, the expressman, is incidentally under arrest charged with aiding and abetting a fight by hauling the men to the field of battle, and is therefore before the city recorder charged with disorderly conduct.

Howard is one of the singers at the local vaudeville, and is the possessor of a small bull terrier. He is proud of the dog, and the trouble all arose over it. While in the saloon of Baker & Ogg some trouble arose over the dog, and the men had a mix-up, but were separated. They then agreed to go out of the city limits and fight it out. This they did, about 150 men following them across the river to the field of battle.

Sanders Vamoosed.

The sheriff was notified, and arrested Howard as he was coming back after having fought a couple of rounds and shaken hands with his opponent. He was taken to the county jail. Sanders, who is the night man at Carney's livery stable, came back in a hack with E. E. Turner and could not be found. When Turner was asked by the officers where he had put the man, he said he did not know, and was placed under arrest for aiding and abetting the disturbance.

The men will be arraigned as soon as found and asked to plead to the charge of disorderly conduct in the city court, after which it is the intention of District Attorney Halley to file complaints against them for fighting contrary to the statutes.

Against Turner two complaints will be filed—one for aiding and abetting a fight by hauling the men to the place, and the other for concealing a participant and refusing to assist the

officers in their search. The cases will be taken to the circuit court.

Sanders and Howard fined.

Sanders was later found and brought before the city recorder, where he paid a fine of \$15. Howard was arraigned and after a short speech to the court pleaded guilty and was fined \$20.

Turner was arraigned and plead not guilty, depositing a cash bail of \$25, and will fight the case. He asked for a warrant for the arrest of Mayor Halley, but what his complaint was he did not state. His trial is not set, as he asked for time to consult an attorney.

After the men have passed through the city court they have yet the state warrants to face, and the district attorney states his intention to prosecute them vigorously, as the offense was deliberate and premeditated.

ROADS WASHED OUT.

Sudden Flood in the Spain and Stage Gulch Country.

Dave Nelson, the road supervisor in the Despain Gulch and Stage Gulch country, telephoned into the city this morning to County Judge Hartman asking for tools to rebuild the road in the gulches. He reports that the warm rains of the past day or two has melted all of the snow yet on the ground, and that a flood and washout came down the gulches last night, washing out the road in places so that the traffic was stopped and nothing could get past the places. He asked for plows and other implements with which to repair the damage.

It was stated that the flood was of greater extent than the one of last year, which washed out roads and bridges and tore up the country generally. Owing to the fact that the telephone lines are down, no definite news of the extent of the washout can be learned this afternoon.

GAMBLING ARRESTS

FOUR MEN TAKEN IN CUSTODY ON A TRAIN.

Unexpected Action by L. Rayburn, Marshal of La Grande—Great Excitement and Chagrin by the Card Welders, Who Put Up the Costs as Soon as Pendleton is Reached.

L. Rayburn, the marshal of La Grande, was in the city last night while on his way home from a trip to Walla Walla, where he went to take a deserter whom he had caught in La Grande, back to the barracks. Mr. Rayburn had a funny story to tell, that happened as he came to this city last night from Walla Walla.

There was a party of four men on the train—two traveling men and a couple of Walla Walla business men—all Pendleton bound. After the train had started well on its way, one of the traveling men suggested a friendly little game of draw, and the four men mentioned were agreeable and sat in. A few minutes passed and the game was getting strenuous, when the marshal stepped up to them, and showing his star, told them that they were under arrest, as they were gambling, which was contrary to the rules of the company, and the laws of the state as made and provided. The four men were completely taken by surprise, but made no resistance and were kept under arrest until they reached the city, when they were turned loose, and last night bought things for the benefit of the crowd.

One of the Walla Walla men, who is reported to have been recently married, was especially discouraged when he was apparently in the clutches of the law. "I have lost my overcoat and umbrella since starting on this trip," he explained to the sympathetic officer, "and now I have got mixed up with these traveling men and have lost my reputation, and when my wife hears of it I will lose her." His joy, when found it was a joke, can better be imagined than described.

Arrival Messdames Reed and Brown. Mrs. Walter Reed and Mrs. Sherman D. Brown, both of Portland, are guests at the Hotel Pendleton during their visit in this city. The ladies will appear in a concert here this evening.

Left for Nez Perce.

Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Youkum and family left this morning for Nez Perce, where Mr. Youkum is in charge of the South Methodist church. The party has been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bentley while in the city.

Work Suspended.

The work on the Martin building on Webb street has been stopped on account of the weather and will not be commenced again until the conditions are favorable for the completion of the work.

HIGH-CLASS CONCERT TONIGHT.

Mrs. Walter Reed and Mrs. Sherman Brown, Two Favorites, at the Frazer.

The event which has been anticipated with pleasure in music circles of Pendleton, will take place tonight. Mrs. Walter Reed, one of the leading singers on the Coast, and Mrs. Sherman D. Brown, a violinist of rare skill and art, will be heard in a high-class concert at the Frazer. They are to be assisted in the program by Professor Emil Motschmann, of this city, at the piano, which adds to the interest of the entertainment.

It is useless to say anything further than has been said about these artists. They are well known in Oregon, and Mrs. Reed is quite well known in this city, and the event has been arranged at the special solicitation of friends here. It will be the musical event of the season in this city.

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