

TAX BUDGET ADOPTED

EIGHTEEN MILLS SET AS ANNUAL TAX ASSESSMENT.

City Marshal Chase Reports Dilapidated Condition of Many Sidewalks Within the City.

Routine business for the most part occupied the attention of the city council at its regular meeting last evening, although, by unanimous vote, the tentative budget prepared in committee meeting was made official. The budget as prepared levies an assessment of 18 mills for the year's taxes. This total is divided into the various funds as follows: General fund 10 mills, road fund 3.5 mills, library fund 1 mill, water works fund 1 mill, sewage disposal plant fund 1 mill, armory fund .75 mills, county fair and city park fund .75 mills. This budget is 2.5 mills higher than that of last year, but is much lower than the tax levies that will be adopted by other nearby cities, so that the estimate is considered low. The bond will be aided next year by city funds as a result of a resolution passed last evening. The mayor will appoint a committee of three, one councilman, one member of the board and one business man to see that a sum not to exceed \$50 monthly is properly spent for the bond. An elderly man made a plea for work of any kind and asked the aid of the councilmen in finding such for him; a resident requested permission to fence in a section of street and another asked permission to build a crosswalk over the street. Another matter of importance was the reading of a report prepared by City Marshal Chase on the condition of sidewalks. The street commissioner reported that all crossings in bad repair were fixed and the council voted the right to the street commissioner to lay temporary cross walks wherever necessary.

Marshal Chase's report on sidewalks was referred to the street committee. According to the report the following walks are in need of repair: 210 Court street; skating rink, corner Oak and Jefferson streets; Elias Hinshaw, 201 Jefferson; 502 Academy street; requires new walk on Jefferson street, side; Dunkleberger, 510 Shelton street; Lee Fenton on Shelton street, between Court and Mill; Chas. Black on Ash, between Church and Levens; Dr. Foster on Ellis, between Ash and Maple; Fred Rich, vacant lot on east side of Levens street, near tannery bridge; Brown property, 719 Academy, needs new walk on Levens street, side; Dan Syron, 718 Washington; Chas. Syron on Levens street, between Ash and Maple. The council authorized the building of a plank walk between the library and theater building. There is a narrow passageway between those two buildings that is much used in going and coming from the city hall.

MRS. ERSKINE TO TEACH.

School Board Elects New Teacher. Has Another Vacancy.

Mrs. R. G. Erskine, wife of the minister of the Dallas Evangelical church, was elected by the city school board last evening to the position of teacher of the seventh grade, B class. This is a grade being added to relieve the crowded condition of the high school building. Prof. W. I. Ford has moved his office to another part of the building and the room that he occupied has been fitted up as a classroom. Mrs. Erskine, who was elected last evening, has had much experience in teaching and takes her new position with thorough recommendations. A vacancy was recognized last evening by the school board in the position left vacant by B. M. Callaghan, instructor in manual training and book keeping. The board authorized Prof. Ford to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. No other business of importance was transacted.

SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR LEAVES.

Manual Training Teacher of Local School Gives Up Position.

B. M. Callaghan, who came here a few weeks ago to relieve O. C. Hart as instructor in manual training and bookkeeping in the Dallas high school, has given up that position and has gone to Washington, where he will teach the same subjects in the Skamania schools. Mr. Callaghan came to Dallas with papers entitling him to teach in the Washington schools, but he did not have the special certificate necessary to teach manual training here. Having been offered the Skamania position, and not desiring to take the chance of being declared ineligible for the local position, Mr. Callaghan elected to move back to Washington.

THIS AND THAT

Mrs. Charles Gregory spent Sunday and Monday with her parents at their farm home in the northwestern part of the county.

Rev. Dr. H. J. Talbot, president of Rev. Dr. H. J. Talbot of Theology of Salem, was a visitor at the Methodist parsonage on Monday.

Wedding—L. Elbert Hayes of Rickreall and Miss Maud Stennitt of Dallas were united in marriage by the

Rev. Mr. Tapscott at the Baptist church on Sunday morning. Immediately after the union service at the armory a group of friends and relatives of the well-known young couple gathered at the Baptist church to witness the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes will make their home on a farm near McMinnville.

Marriage—A license to marry was issued on Saturday to Henry C. Voss of Albany and Mary Wsner, Salem, route 1.

THE ROPES OF MAUI.

An Ancient Legend of the Sun From the South Seas.

One of the most picturesque legends connected with the solar beams is that told in the islands of the south Pacific, where sunbeams are known as "the ropes of Maui." It is related that in former times the sun god Ra was not so regular in his habits as he is today. In fact, he caused the south sea islanders much annoyance by setting in the morning or at noon or at other inopportune times, just when his light was needed for the daily tasks of mankind. The great hero Maui undertook to cure him of these erratic habits, and the first step was to make the sun god prisoner. This was accomplished by laying a series of six snares made of strong coconut fiber along the sun's path in the sky. When the deity next rose from Avatiki, or the land of ghosts, the first noose encircled him, but slipped down and only caught his feet; the second slipped, too, but caught the sun god's knees; the third caught around his hips.

Still Ra pressed on, scarcely hampered by these contrivances. The fourth noose tightened around his waist, the fifth under his arms, and finally the sixth and last caught him around the neck and almost strangled him. Then the sun god confessed himself vanquished and in fear of his life promised Maui that he would in future adjust his daily journeys more in accordance with the comfort and convenience of mortal men. Ra was then allowed to proceed on his way, but Maui prudently declined to take off the ropes, which may still be seen hanging from the sun at dawn and when he descends into the ocean at night. Hence the islanders say, when they behold the beams radiating from the sun, "Tena te Tauna a Maui"—"See the ropes of Maui."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

ECCENTRIC NORTH RIVER.

Curious Pranks of a Tortuous New England Stream.

Westerners tell of the queer behavior and changes of course induced in the Missouri river, and Texans aver that for pure cussedness and general fickleness no stream of water can approach the Rio Grande. There is, however, a stream in New England where of the rest of the country hears little and which should in justice be accorded a place in the list of queer behaving bodies of water.

This is the North river in Massachusetts. It has its source in a pond near Hanson, whence it proceeds in a tortuous course to the sea at Scituate. Now, the distance by air line from Hanson to Scituate is only ten miles, but by the North river it is forty.

New Englanders aver that when the tide is coming in the North river runs upstream, and not only that, but the upper part of it, which is fresh water, also runs up. Thus this queer stream presents the strange spectacle of a fresh water river proceeding uphill. The North river's claim to eccentricity is not, however, limited to this fact. It is so crooked that it doubles on itself. At one spot near Hanover this river, by accomplishing three loops, moves toward the sea for a distance of only fifty feet and wanders about for a distance of about fifteen miles in doing it.

In November, 1898, the North river got very cantankerous. It moved its mouth three miles to the northward, thus making a present to the town of Marshfield of a deep harbor. In so doing it killed three men and converted many thousand acres of good meadow land into a salt marsh.

Historically the North river is of note as being the scene of the last Indian raid on the coast settlements.—Philadelphia Record.

The Stationer.

"Stationery" has etymologically as much to do with standing as has "stationary." The original stationers, or stationarii, were so called because they sold their books upon stalls or "stations"—in London round about St. Paul's cathedral. In some cases against the walls of the cathedral itself. This is one of the many trades the names of which have no direct allusion to the commodities sold. "Grocers," for instance, were so called either because they sold "en gros," wholesale, or because they were "engrossers," monopolizers.—London Chronicle.

Always.

Time haunted her. She laughed at him, she resorted to a thousand devices whereby to discomfort him, but he was not to be shaken off. At length she lost her temper.

"Can't you see," she flared out reluctantly, "that there's no room for you where beauty dwells?"

"There is always," Time rejoined, touching his scythe the signpost, "room for one mower."—Boston Herald.

WANTED—Six h. p. standard make gasoline engine in exchange for 3 h. p. Stover engine; will pay reasonable difference. V. J. Love, route 1, Airie, Oregon.

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WORKING THE WIRELESS.

The Jump From Long Island Over the Ocean to Germany.

The wireless station at Sayville, N. Y., is the most powerful in the world, flashing messages direct to Nauen, near Berlin.

Fifty miles out from New York city is Sayville, a small town whose principal industries are roadhouses and wireless telegraphy. Here the automobile parties stop for the few bites that always take many dollars before running on into New York, but if it were not for the wireless station the town would never be heard of.

Near the ocean, dropped in a mosquito infested field, the great Telefunken station sprawls over 100 acres. A mile away it looks like a huge spider web, with all its slim poles reaching into the air, interlaced with slender wires.

The little low building is rigged on every side with towering poles—antennae, as they are called. Five hundred feet high they stand—almost as tall as the Washington monument. From these wires radiate the electric waves that leap to Germany. Great blocks of cement, big as corncribs, are set in the ground, and to them are anchored the guy wires.

The message is flashed across the Atlantic at the rate of twenty-five words a minute, but in case of necessity it can go up to forty. The messages go across in a series of waves, with which the station on the other side is in tune.

The messages go to a small town near Berlin called Nauen, where they are placed in a land wire and forwarded to the capital. The charge for sending a message to Germany is 53 cents a word from anywhere near New York. The 3 cents is the price of the land wire to get it to Sayville.

As soon as the key is touched in America the message is in Germany, the time occupied in crossing being only the fraction of a second. In fact, the message could go around the world seven times in a second.—Homer Croly in Leslie's.

COMPETITION IN SAVING.

A Challenge a Wife Accepted and a Contest in Economy.

The following is an account of what competition did toward encouraging a bank account:

"I am on a newspaper. I have always made a salary in excess of simple living requirements, but I was a free spender and did not save.

"A baby came, and I felt an added responsibility. I was afraid—actually frightened for the first time in my life. Then I gave the matter of saving some thought, but I could not decide upon any course of action.

"At the office one day a business discussion made me see that what I needed in my home was competition.

"That night on my arrival home I said to my wife that I would, beginning the next Saturday, give her half of my salary and I would keep the other half, and we each take an equal share of the household expenses.

"At the end of the first month I left my bank book on the library table. I wanted to surprise her. That evening she handed it to me and said she thought I was doing fine. Looking at her closely, I saw that she realized she was challenged. She did not speak, however, of any intention she might have had in mind.

"A month later I found her bank book on the library table identically as I had left mine. She had beaten me, for her savings showed \$10.50 more than my own for the corresponding month and \$15 in excess of my deposits for the first month.

"We are now in a race. We both have the saving habit. We have enough to buy a home if we should join funds."—American Magazine.

The Great Big Moon.

The full moon is very deceptive to those who attempt to estimate its apparent size in the sky. Most people would assert that the "great big moon" could entirely blot out the lovely cluster of the Pleiades, which glitters in the constellation of Taurus, but actually the full moon could, and occasionally does, pass through the Pleiades and only succeeds in hiding a few of the stars comprising it. So small indeed is the moon when in its full phase it dominates the night sky that a three-penny piece held at arm's length will completely eclipse it.—Pall Mall Gazette.

An Apology.

"Your customs are reprehensible beyond possibility of expression. The idea of killing your fellow man for dinner!"

"Yes," replied the cannibal, who had been reading about civilized warfare, "but at least we have the excuse of being hungry."—Washington Star.

Nobody Knows.

"What darn fool fashion will the women take up next?" asked the man who doesn't like the things they are wearing now.

"If I were a good enough guesser to predict that," replied his friend, "I'd be a multimillionaire inside of six months."—Chicago Herald.

The Chief Sober.

"How far ahead can you go with your family, Jones?" his inquisitive friend asked.

"Oh, I never worry about my family. What bothers me is how far back I can manage to go with my tailor."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Ancient Scottish Customs.

In the Scottish highlands in olden times a burning wooden cross was carried blazing to and fro among the clansmen to rouse them to battle.

Fashion's Dictates



GORGEOUS EVENING WRAP.

From a deep collar of sealskin hang ample folds of old rose panne corduroy cut bayadere. The richness of the material and the pliancy of the design achieve a very luxurious effect. Sealskin is used for the deep cuffs. This is one of the smartest winter models for an opera coat.



A SMART SUIT.

This is a suit for the woman fond of walking, as the short skirt of navy broadcloth proves. The short length coat is snug fitting, and black silk braid points the front and cuffs. The coat skirt's fullness is held by a demt-belt, and the neck is finished with a krummer collar. The hat suitable for this suit is a black velour sailor.

FIRST MARKET DAY HELD.

Mr. Davis Finds Sentiment in Favor of Venture.

Although there were many counter attractions to divert attention from the first public sales day, held on Saturday by F. E. Davis, that event was very much of a success. A large amount of goods changed hands at the sale and there were many people in the crowd that attended who came for many miles to note the success of the first sale held in Dallas. It is true that the first sale is not as successful as those that follow, because it is necessary to get the harness of co-operation between the farmers and the merchants to working nicely before the sales bring the large numbers that attend them in other cities. But Mr. Davis' first attempt was a success in every way, and when the merchants take the affair over as a community sales day he thinks it will be a still greater success.

The articles that Mr. Davis, as auctioneer, sold at the sale Saturday were mostly small. Few farm implements and no livestock went under the hammer. Farmers showed a great deal of interest in the sale, however, and expressed themselves as being enthusiastically in favor of the event when it is put on a community basis.

Tiny Baby Buried.

An infant of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Staffin was buried at the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Dallas on Saturday morning. Many friends of Mr. Staffin, who lived here before he was married, and the relatives attended the sad ceremony. The baby was born at the Good Samaritan hospital on Friday. The mother is resting easily at this time. Christian Staffin is well-known in Dallas and is a brother of Conrad Staffin.

Packard Loses Toe.

A. W. Packard of Airie lost a toe from his left foot on Sunday when, returning from a pheasant hunt, he slipped on a walk near the home of A. R. Lewis and accidentally discharged his gun. The shot barely missed taking another toe. Dr. O. D. Butler of Independence attended the injury and sent Mr. Packard to the Dallas hospital.

Salem Will Entertain Editors.

Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6, Salem will entertain the Oregon State Editorial association. The holders of public opinion will take possession of the house of representatives and for two days will be in the spotlight, with luncheons, banquets and dinners at the hands of the capital city people.

W. A. Carpenter and his brother left yesterday afternoon for Mountain View, Missouri, where they will visit relatives for some time.

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FOR A NAME.

In other words, five dollars in your choice of merchandise from the stocks of the Crider store, formerly the Dallas Mercantile company, for a moment's thought on the subject of a new name for the store. Since the contest was announced in The Observer on Friday a number of names have been submitted and are fast piling up in the contest box. Surely it will take someone but a second or so to pick the winning name, and that someone may be you as well as anyone else. The Dallas Mercantile company name must be replaced, and a suitable name must come from this contest. The name will be selected by a committee, composed of persons who have no concern in the matter, and will be absolutely fair and impartial in their selection. Send your selection to The Observer office in a sealed envelope, labeled "Name Contest."

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