

COUNCIL LEVIES GENERAL TAX TO PAY BOND INTEREST

The city council at its Monday evening session passed the tax levy ordinance as it was originally presented.

The proposition of Accountant E. M. Wilson to audit the city recorder's books and records for \$300 was accepted. Mr. Wilson is a certified accountant and a member of the state board of accountancy.

A communication from Councilman Medynski concerning the refunding and rebonding matter was read and tabled. It presented another "compromise proposition," providing for refunding the outstanding paying bonds at 5 per cent for thirty years and for the reimbursement in city bond certificates, bearing 5 per cent interest, for a period of thirty years, those property owners who have paid on the paying obligation. It is as follows:

"As there has been so much opposition to the 'first plan' of rebonding, here is a compromise offered, which cuts out the objectionable parts and yet embodies all of its best points by retaining the principle (pay for public improvements from public funds), and still will be just and fair to all.

"This compromise offered will not increase our present outside indebtedness, and yet it will put those who have paid on a more equal basis with those who have not paid, and divide the cost proportionately among all.

This is the plan: "First, rebond for the present debt of \$560,000, which is drawing 6 per cent interest, and instead place it at 5 per cent interest for thirty years, which will save the city \$5000 yearly in interest. Second, reimburse those who have paid on the city paying with 'city bond certificates' bearing interest at 5 per cent and also running thirty years.

"This is how it can be done: For the first five years pay only interest on the present outside bond of \$560,000, and also pay only interest on reimbursing 'city bond certificates' of \$470,000. Then, commencing with the sixth year, and in addition to interest on each, pay one-twenty-fifth of the principal on each bonding system. These 'city bond certificates' to be issued in denominations of from \$25 up to \$1000.

"The minimum cancellation of these 'city bond certificates' given for the purpose of reimbursement, shall be one-twenty-fifth of the principal each year for twenty-five years, the city reserving the right to cancel faster if expedient.

"This system eliminates increasing the present outside city debt on paying which now is \$560,000. I have reason to believe this can be replaced at 5 per cent and at par. By this arrangement the city will be saved over \$400,000. In other words, this amount of interest would be paid to our own people instead of being sent away; this item alone is quite worthy of deep consideration. By this system I will guarantee our present taxes would not be raised over 4 1/2 mills.

"Of course, this way would not be quite as fair to those who have advanced their cash on the paying, yet if they are willing to accept it, it would avoid borrowing outside money for reimbursing.

"Our local debt only concerns ourselves, and so will have no tendency to weaken or embarrass our outside credit.

"Now, to arrive at an equitable assessment of all city property, have an equalization board appointed by the mayor, and composed of three members of the city council owning property on the paving, and three citizens who own property off the paving, these six to work in conjunction with the assessor and assist him in arriving at proper valuations.

"Future new paving should be ordered and extended, only upon such streets and at such time as said streets shall show necessity for paving by their highest assessed valuation and improvements thereon; and this extension should also be governed by the highest continuous advance of valuations. This will prevent the city from becoming too much scattered, make it more consolidated and also tend to more unity of our people.

INTERURBAN AUTO CAR CO.
Time Table
Leave Medford daily except Sunday for Ashland, Talent and Phoenix at 8 a. m., 11:50 a. m., 1:15, 3:30 and 5:15 p. m. (Saturday at 11:15 p. m.) Sunday leave at 9:00 and 11:00 a. m., 1:00, 5:00 and 9:30 p. m.
Leave Ashland daily except Sunday at 9:00 a. m., 12:50, 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p. m. (also Saturday only at 12 midnight) and Sunday at 10:00 a. m., 12 noon, 4:00, 6 and 10:30 p. m.

NOVEMBER SHOWS SEASONAL SHORTAGE IN PRECIPITATION

With 2.96 inches precipitation for November, the month fell .92 inches short of the average. The seasonal deficiency (since Sept 1) is 3 inches, only 3.39 inches of rainfall having been recorded as against an average of 6.39 inches. November 1915 was wetter than November 1914 but October and September much dryer. Despite 22 cloudy and rainy days, but one good rain fell, on Thanksgiving day, when 1.07 inches fell between daybreak and noon.

The average rainfall for December is 4.29 inches. The lightest December rainfall in 31 years was recorded last year, when .54 inches fell. The heaviest was 1903 with 10.64 inches, and 1907 with 9.58 inches.

The tabulated record follows:

1.....65	39	Pt. Cloudy
2.....58	44	Cloudy
3.....56	48	.01 Cloudy
4.....62	44	.19 Pt. Cloudy
5.....61	32	Pt. Cloudy
6.....55	43	Pt. Cloudy
7.....48	24	.61 Pt. Cloudy
8.....43	39	.21 Cloudy
9.....49	35	.04 Cloudy
10.....46	34	.02 Pt. Cloudy
11.....51	36	.04 Cloudy
12.....49	36	.05 Pt. Cloudy
13.....44	23	Pt. Cloudy
14.....40	29	.04 Pt. Cloudy
15.....58	37	.16 Cloudy
16.....50	38	.40 Cloudy
17.....51	42	.93 Cloudy
18.....53	40	Pt. Cloudy
19.....53	40	Cloudy
20.....49	43	.06 Cloudy
21.....62	44	.01 Pt. Cloudy
22.....65	31	Pt. Cloudy
23.....49	39	.15 Cloudy
24.....39	35	.14 Cloudy
25.....52	39	1.07 Cloudy
26.....51	33	T. Cloudy
27.....43	25	.06 Cloudy
28.....42	30	.03 Cloudy
29.....48	41	.15 Pt. Cloudy
30.....49	37	.01 Pt. Cloudy
Mean maximum.....	51	
Mean minimum.....	37	
Mean.....	44	
Maximum.....	65	
Greatest daily range.....	34	
Total precipitation.....	2.96 in.	
Greatest in 24 hours.....	1.07 in.	
With .01 inch or more precipitation.....	22 days.	
Clear, 0; partly cloudy 14; cloudy 16.		
Killing frost, 7th and 13th.		
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FOURTEEN MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

BOOMER, W. Va., Dec. 1.—The bodies of fourteen miners who lost their lives in Mine No. 2 of the Boomer Coal and Coke company by an explosion of a blow-out shot which yesterday at noon imperiled 300 men, were brought to the surface this morning. Soon afterward a rescue party appeared with five other men who had been buried far underground and who, though still alive, were in a critical condition.

Other parties who had been searching the workings came out with the report that they had been unable to locate any of the five or six miners still missing.

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Martin J. Reddy
THE JEWELER
212 E. Main
Visitors Always Welcome

BRANDED BY THE ENEMY! BELGIAN CIVILIAN WITH NAME OF PRISON STAMPED ON BACK



This is what happens to Mr. Common Man in Europe when his country is held by the enemy.

The man shown in the picture above is a Belgian civilian, probably a butcher, a baker or a candlestick

SNEAK THIEF ROBS WISCONSIN TRAIN

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—A sneak thief boarded Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train No. 4, "The Pioneer Limited," early today near Oconomowoc, Wis., and rifled the berths of two passengers while they slept.

First reports were that the train

had been "held up." The thief left the train at Oconomowoc.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 1.—Milwaukee police have arrested a man suspected of having held up and robbed passengers on the Pioneer Limited of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad near Waukesha early today.

An unconfirmed report says that Waukesha county authorities have arrested another suspect north of Delafield, a short distance from the scene of the robbery.

KAISER STANDS OPERATION WELL; WILL RECOVER

ASHLAND, Dec. 1.—Postmaster E. J. Kaiser of this city, who was shot twice yesterday by one of his clerks, passed a restful night, considering the circumstances, and is resting today very favorably after an operation in which the bullet in his neck was removed by the surgeons. The operation was deferred until this morning, the surgeon believing that he would be in better condition physically to endure it. An X-ray examination located the bullet and little difficulty was experienced in removing it. The leaden missile appears to have nearly encircled the postmaster's head.

The physician announces that, if no unforeseen complications set in, Postmaster Kaiser will recover, his general condition being favorable.

No inquest was held in the case of William Greenfield, the would-be murderer, who killed himself. His body lies at the undertaking parlors awaiting word from relatives as to what disposition shall be made of it. Jewish friends in Portland have wired that it is the wish of the church that the burial be done under the rites of their church, if interment take place at Ashland.

OBREGON HEARS GENERAL VILLA INSANE

NOGALES, Arizona, Dec. 1.—His forces defeated and scattered by the Carranza army of General Manuel Dieguez at Hermosillo, Francisco Villa, the outlawed Mexican leader has gone insane, according to reports received here today by General Alva-

Better Cake and Biscuits

In all receipts calling for baking powder, use Royal Baking Powder. Better and finer food will be the result, and you will safeguard it against a possible dangerous compound.

Look out for adulterated baking powders. Do not permit them to come into your house under any consideration. They may add an injurious substance to your food, destroying in part its digestibility. Doctors will tell you this and it is unquestionable.

Housewives are sometimes led to use inferior baking powders because of deceptive foaming or boiling tests or apparent lower cost, but there is very little difference in practical use, about one cent for a whole cake or pan of biscuits—a mere trifle when you consider the vast difference in healthfulness in favor of food made with Royal Baking Powder.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.
New York

ro Obregon, the Carranza military chief. The report, based apparently on statements of prisoners also states that Villa's present whereabouts are unknown.

General Dieguez's victory at Hermosillo is said to have been complete. Three hundred Villa soldiers were found wounded after the battle. Six hundred were said to have surrendered south of Magdalena while

200 mire gave up their arms today at Llanos.

The remainder of Villa's forces, excepting those commanded by General Jose Rodriguez are declared to be demoralized and surrendering in small groups. Their trains, with two locomotives were reported to have been abandoned at Magdalena, 54 miles south of Nogales, and 123 miles north of Hermosillo.

SENSATIONAL CLEARANCE SALE OF WOMEN'S WINTER COATS AND SUITS

Children's Coats

25 Children's Winter Coats, new styles, all sizes and colors, \$6 values, now..... **\$4.98**

Mann's
The Woman's Store

Women's Dresses

Peter Thomson Dresses, made of all-wool serge, in navy and black, worth \$12.00, now, **\$8.48** each.

50--Women's Suits--50

Go on Sale Thursday Morning at Half Price and Less



100--Women's Coats--100

Go on Sale Thursday Morning at Wonderful Reductions

Suits, last year's style, sold up to \$40.00, to close out, each..... **\$5** at.....

Suits, all new styles, good colors and sizes, sold up to \$30.00, this sale..... **\$15**

Suits, this year's styles, good colors, up to \$20.00 values, this sale, each..... **\$10**

Suits, beautiful new styles—values up to \$40.00—for this sale..... **\$20** at.....

Women's Winter Coats, up to \$10.00 values, all this season's styles, on sale at only..... **\$6.98** each.....

Women's Winter Coats, all good colors and sizes, up to \$20.00 values, this sale, each..... **\$14.98**

Women's Winter Coats, good styles and colors, up to \$15 value, **\$9.98** this sale, each.....

Women's Winter Coats, all good styles, up to \$25 values, this sale, each..... **\$19.98**



Dress Goods and Silks

40-inch Silk and Wool Poplin, in black and colors, worth \$1.25 on sale at, yd..... **98c**

Messaline Silk and 27-inch Silk Poplin, in all colors, up to 75c values, very special, yd..... **48c**

40-inch All Silk Crepe de Chine, in the new shades, \$1.50 quality, now..... **\$1.19**

Fancy Chee: and Plain All-Wool Dress Goods, up to 75c values, very special, yard..... **48c**

Xmas Sale of Ribbons

Wide All-Silk Moir: Ribbon, worth up to 25c a yard, sale price, yd..... **10c**

Wide Dresden Ribbon for fancy work, up to 40c values, now, yd..... **25c**

Extra Wide All Silk Floral Ribbons for fancy work, up to \$1 values, per yard..... **48c**

Wash Ribbon and Xmas Ribbons to ve packages, 5-yard bolts—very special..... **10c**

Xmas Handkerchiefs

Women's All Linen Handkerchiefs, very special, each..... **5c**

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, all linen, extra fine quality, very special, each..... **18c**

Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, very special, each..... **10c**

Women's Fancy Emb. Handk'fs, new styles, very special, each..... **18c**

CHARACTER DOLLS FOR XMAS

at, each..... **25c, 50c, 69c and \$1.25**

PARISIAN IVORY FOR XMAS

At very reasonable prices. See our line before buying.

Outing Flannel Gowns, made extra long and wide, very sp' each..... **69c**

Bath Robes, many new styles, special at..... **\$2.98** each.....

SCARFS AND CAPS

The latest novelty, on sale at special prices. Great sale of Fur Scarfs and Muffs at very low prices. Fur Sets for children's Xmas presents.

