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Can be Levied for General Purposes—As High as Eight Mills for Interest on Water Bonds.

A question whether the city can levy more than two mills for general purposes seems to be a knotty question just now. The city charter specifies only two mills, while the amendment to the city charter specifies that the common council has the power to levy a tax for the payment of interest on bonds and other indebtedness of the city, and this not to exceed in the "aggregate" ten mills, which means, if we put our interpretation on the law, that if ten mills were levied, to "aggregate" the tax, two mill, as specified in the charter, would be set aside for general purposes and 8 mills for the payment of interest on bonds, etc., in connection with the bonding of the city. If this is not the right interpretation, what does the word "aggregate" mean and what was it placed there for? As the attorneys can't agree we will decide the point for them, as the law is being construed two ways. "In addition to" and "In the aggregate" may be puzzling, but to decide the point in another way whether the city can levy more than two mills for general purposes or "for other indebtedness," the title to the amendment to the city charter decides the point "Authorizing the said city to create an indebtedness for water works, light plant, and sewerage purposes, and to levy a tax to pay the same, and the interest thereon." That is plain enough. The city can only levy a two mill tax for general purposes and as high as 8 mills to help pay for the water system or to pay for the interest on the money borrowed which created indebtedness. We must admit that it is conflicting, and if any of our readers want to wrestle with a jumble of the English language, here it is, as taken from the amendment to the city charter: "That the common council shall have

the power and authority to levy and collect a tax for the payment of interest on the bonds or other indebtedness of the city, and to create a sinking fund for their final payment, which, in addition to the two-mill levy provided for in subdivision 2 of article IV, of chapter VII, of the charter, shall not exceed in the aggregate, the sum of ten mills on each dollar of the taxable property of the city per annum."

The Headlight is entitled to \$25 from the city for this opinion and \$25 from the attorneys who have been advising the officials that they could levy more than 2 mills for general purposes, or, as they put it, "to pay off other indebtedness," and this, surely, ought to entitle the editor to the title of "the inhorn attorney" amongst the legal lights of this city.

Christmas Tree Entertainments.

Christmas falling on Monday the usual Christmas tree entertainments in the different churches will take place next Saturday evening, which are always an attraction at this season of the year for the old folks as well as the young. Some good programs have been arranged for these Christmas entertainments and the public is cordially invited to participate in them.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

There will be a Christmas tree program at the Presbyterian church next Saturday evening, when Santa Claus has promised to attend and help distribute the Sunday school remembrances among the children. Following is the program: Violin duet, Ruby and Chester McGhee. Anthem, choir. Scripture reading, Miss Grace Whitehouse. Prayer, Rev. A. S. Foster. Solo, Prof. E. H. Whitney. Chorus by S. S., "Silent Night." Recitations, Laura Baker and Gabe Bartel.

Vocal trio, Misses Edna Alderman, Hazel McNair and Clara Watt. Recitations, Olive Case, Myrtle Wallin and Florence Oslund. Chorus, "Ring the Merry Christmas In." Recitation, Lelia Drew. Santa Claus Exercise.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Saturday evening at the Christian Church there will be a Christmas program rendered by the Sunday school, consisting of recitations, songs, solos and other special music. After the program, which will not be long, there will be distributed the Christmas presents from the tree. All who are not interested elsewhere in a Christmas program are cordially welcomed to this entertainment.

M. E. CHURCH.

The program for the M. E. Sunday school Christmas entertainment is as follows: Song, by children. Recitation, Bell Baily. "What Troubles Santa," Logan Severance. "Under the Mistletoe," Margaret Coates. Duet, the Misses Bewley. "Dividing With Santa," Tommy Coates. "The Old! Old! Story," Theodore Finney. "The Pine Tree" ten little girls. "Christmas G-fits," Ernest Edmunds. Song, by Mrs. Severance's class. "Our Gifts of Loving Service," Esther Swinson. Duet, Carol, Ila and Irma Quirk.

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Editorial Snap Shots.

The Bruin racket in Portland looks as though a lot of politicians had got into a bear pit and they can be heard in this neck of the woods.

Patronize home industry! That is right. But what about sending out of the city every cent that is collected from the new water system to pay the high financed 6 per cent bloated bond buyers?

Water is coming high in Tillamook! \$870 for fire protection and an additional special tax to raise \$1,000 for the use of the water commission is the latest on the tapis. Isn't that pretty steep for the first whack at the taxpayers in addition to paying water rates?

Will any of the legal lights of the city figure out how the people of this city can reserve to themselves the power to propose by laws, etc., as provided in the amendment to the city charter, when only the state legislature confers that power?

Wonder whether the earth opened and swallowed down that democratic bit of humanity—"Dr." Frank Weatherly—for he certainly must have been informed by somebody that he was indicted by the grand jury. Now who was it who put him next and allowed him and Barker to get out of the county?

There ought to be a law passed at the next session of the Oregon legislature to this effect: Any incorporated city that will not enforce the state laws should be deprived of its charter. That would do a lot of good. And still another bill is wanted along this line, viz., A bill to remove from office peace officers who fail to enforce the law.

E. M. Harvey, who was in the city last week, appeared to be somewhat conversant as to who had owned up in the alleged Tillamook land frauds and those who had not, claiming that a lot of information, which is now in the possession of the government, will come out at the trial and which will be a surprise to the people over here.

B. F. Durfee is circulating a petition to the city council for that body not to seat anybody who is not eligible or entitled to hold office in the city cabinet. So the newly elected officials will have to look up their property pedigrees, if they have any, and if not they had better not butt in for fear of having to take a back seat after the smoke of a contest is blown off.

The local option law is adding quite a large revenue to Benton county, for the sum of \$4,500 is added to the county's funds on account of fines. They must be enforcing the law over in Benton, and that is a sure sign that the violators of the law are getting the worse of it in that county. In Tillamook county it is the taxpayers who have got the worst of it.

The county is beaten again in the matter of bringing suit against Mrs. Alderman to recover her husband's shortage, as we predicted that it would be, with costs entered against the county. This is the second suit the county has lost in connection with the shortage, and on which leg the county is going to get off on if it ever gets into court no one can tell. Anyway, the county ought to know where it is at in this pettifogguing case.

What's the matter with Tillamook juries, anyway? The last three jury trials before Justice Haberlach, with direct evidence against the accused, have failed to convict. It is noticeable that quite a number of Tillamook people are prejudiced or influenced in trying cases, when they ought to have the moral backbone to bring in a verdict in accord with the evidence.

Rollie W. Watson was reinstated in the fire company on Thursday. He is a good fireman, for he fires up the Headlight man quite frequently and then quits us for a time. Rollie was captain of one of the hose carts for a short time, but after the first drill got mad with the boys and then quit them, and had the boys done the same thing the company would have gone to pieces. Now he wants to be one of the boys again.

E. M. Harvey was in on Friday and has blood in his eye on account of his homestead being jumped. It is hard enough, anyway, to get a homestead in this county, without parties jumping them, but when a man does that he is doing a most contemptible thing. Those who have proved up on homesteads in this county have done the best they could under the circumstances, and for anyone to jump in now and cause homesteaders' place deserve to be hooted out of the place.

Most of the newspapers are claiming that Governor Chamberlain made a wise choice in selecting Attorney Gearin for senator. Perhaps he did. But he might have made a much wiser choice in selecting a person from the class of men who are making Oregon an industrial state. We fail to see why attorneys are the privileged class in representing Oregon at Washington all the time, when there are men who are engaged in manufacturing pursuits and who give employment to hundreds of men and have pay millions of dollars in circulation in the state, who are entitled to recognition and honor. As three out of the four attorneys in the

Oregon delegation have fallen from grace and brought the state into disrepute, we would suggest, at the next shake of the political cards, that industrial Oregon be represented in this state's delegation at Washington, for the reason that the attorneys have held the fort too long and some of them have left a bad reputation upon themselves and the state.

It is said that T. T. Geer is aspiring to be governor again. There is nothing wrong about that, and he would be a good man to fill the position. But it looks to us that the republicans have honored him with that position, it seems to us that Mr. Geer ought to, with good grace, allow other republicans an opportunity to be honored and to pass the offices around amongst the republican brethren more often. For that reason we believe it would be good judgment to confer the honor upon Dr. W. H. Harrison, who is a farmer and who has done much in connection with the agricultural college in behalf of farming in Oregon.

"Who will be the next county judge?" is a question quite frequently asked by the taxpayers of Tillamook county. The only person we know of who has said he will be a candidate is B. F. Durfee. But from what we can learn of the sentiment of the people, a large number are strongly in favor of M. W. Harrison, if he would consent to serve. An effort was made four years ago to induce him to run for that office, but he positively declined. Mr. Harrison is a successful farmer and a successful business man, and admirably fitted to fill the office of county judge on account of his long residence in the county and his thoroughly conversant with its needs. This is a case where the office is seeking the man and not the man seeking the office, for Mr. Harrison is not wanting nor is he ambitious for public office, but he would be by far the strongest man in the county the republicans could nominate. The name of Homer Mason is also mentioned. In view of the fact that the new nominating law is to be tried for the first time in this county next year, it gives everybody an equal show to receive a nomination, for all that an aspirant has to do is to circulate a petition and get 2 per cent of the referendum vote, or 13 signatures in five different precincts and this will entitle him to have his name placed on the official nominating ballots. It is open and free for all who want public office, and we hope it will be a survival of the fittest.

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