

TATE TAX LEVY MADE

60,000 To Be Raised By Taxation

AMOUNT IS \$160,000 LESS THAN FOR 1902

Marion County Will Pay \$46,588 As Against \$54,863.50 Last Year

computation and apportionment of taxes for state purposes for 1903 was today made by Gov. Geer, Secretary of State Dunbar and Treasurer Moore. The total amount of taxes to be raised is \$760,000, or \$920,000 for last year. Of this amount Marion county's portion is \$58,888, while for last year this county raised \$54,863.50 in taxes for state purposes. The average amount raised by the various counties for the last 15 years was \$656,000. The amount of revenue levied for 1903 was at the rate of 6.51-100 mill dollar upon a total assessed value of \$141,398,513.96 for the year 1901, which raised \$920,000, and was a larger sum than that for any previous year in the history, excepting that for 1893, when the revenue raised was \$1,121,121 at the rate of 7 mills, on \$160,000. The revenue raised for 1903 was \$162,717 more than that for the year 1900, the previous year. The increase was principally out of increased valuations made by the legislative assembly in 1901 for the University of Oregon, State Agricultural College, State Normal School, and other schools, national guard, and other home, and additional appropriations for an experimental station, bounty, care of orphans, aid of the home, new code, and the Pan-American and Charleston expositions. Under the provisions of the code the amount of the state taxes to be levied by the various counties was determined and apportioned in 1901 for

a term of five years. The percentage of the total tax that is assessed to Marion county is .0613, which on the total tax of \$760,000 to be raised, makes Marion county's share \$46,588. The following comparative table shows the total amount of revenue raised annually during the years 1897 to 1902, inclusive:

1897	\$ 441,420.62
1898	348,573.71
1899	609,584.04
1900	495,433.52
1901	758,500.99
1902	1,121,845.51
1893	722,782.29
1894	451,198.15
1895	693,338.04
1896	572,707.89
1897	472,209.86
1898	761,141.39
1899	757,782.13
1900	671,487.78
1901	920,000.00

The County Tax Levy.

The Marion county commissioners' court will, at its regular January meeting, this week, fix the tax levy for this county. Computing the state tax levy on an equalized property valuation for the county, as fixed by the county board of equalization, at \$8,620,882, the state levy for Marion county will be 5.4-100 mills. Any estimate at this time as to the levy for the county would be entirely problematical.

"Wipe Out the Trusts."

New York, Jan. 2.—The beginning of the new year witnesses more active steps in the warfare against the tobacco trust than any heretofore taken.

Visits to the stores of the independent cigar dealers discloses the fact that the familiar goods of the various firms allied with the trusts have been removed from the show cases and windows, and signs advertising the trust wares are also conspicuous by their absence. It has taken the Retail Cigar and Tobacco Dealers' Association several months to perfect their organization, but now, with a membership of nearly 1000 dealers, the association seems to be in a fair way to make the combine feel its claws. At a meeting of the association tonight delegates will be named to attend the convention of the National Retail Cigar and Tobacco Dealers' Association, to be held in Chicago two weeks hence. At this convention a working plan will be formulated to bring the independent dealers in Chicago, New York, Indianapolis, Detroit, and other cities where organizations have been formed into active co-operation for the fight against the trust.

PANAMA COMPANY CONCEDES

Right of Canal Construction to United States

Washington, Jan. 2.—The subject discussed at the cabinet meeting today was the feasibility of procedure by the United States with regard to the construction of the isthmian canal under the rights derived from the Panama Company, whose proposition is that this country go ahead with the work when Columbia is ready, by treaty, to do so. This is said to be a concession on the part of the Panama Company, and is all that America desires at present, and possession of it will force the Colombian government into all concessions needful.

The session was the longest held this winter. Spooner and Lodge, of the foreign relations committee of the Senate, were called into consultation with the President before the meeting.

Fire Destroys Mine Hoist

Butte, Mont., Jan. 2.—Fire last night at 7:30 o'clock totally destroyed the hoist and other buildings of the Lexington mine at Centerville, with the exception of the mill. The cause of the fire is unknown, and it is believed that it had its origin in the engine room. The flames spread rapidly to the various buildings, and burned furiously for three hours. The mine was only worked with a day shift, and about 20 men were employed there. The mine has been operated over 20 years. Superintendent C. C. Reuger could not give an estimate of the loss last night, though it is said to be about \$50,000.

Southern Pacific Train Wreck

Oakland, Jan. 2.—A Livermore train was wrecked this morning, injuring several passengers, some are probably fatally hurt. Engineer Salbaugh, Fireman Swanson and Mrs. Mary Blank, of San Francisco, are among the injured. The accident was due to the spreading of the rails.

170,000 to Ask More Pay.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2.—That the general movement of Western railroad employes for a wage advance is rapidly approaching a crisis is evidenced by the early arrival of many delegates to the national conference, to be held here early in the coming week, at which committee reports will be received and acted upon. It is declared that the conference will represent fully 175,000 railroad employes, and will be participated in by the national brotherhoods of the engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors. It is the culmination of efforts which have been making for more than five years to induce the four big organizations to "get together" for their mutual benefit. While it is difficult to learn the exact nature of the reports to be submitted by the committees, it is said on good authority that the schedule which will probably be fixed upon will call for an advance of 12 per cent. The railroads are to be given one month to meet the demand.

Asiatic Cholera Victims.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Advices from the Philippines say that the number of deaths from cholera have reached 113,000 since the American occupation.

The Shopping Center of the Willamette Valley

GREAT SALE



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Our Clearance Sales 23d Anniversary

The opening days of 1903 will prove the red letter days to shoppers at our store. Whether you are a judge of values or not, you can't help securing a bargain here because we carry only good first-class merchandise and everything we have is reduced, except contract goods, such as Spool Threads, Gordon Hats, Queen Quality Shoes, Butterick Patterns, etc. Everything not regulated by the manufacturer can be bought at a decisive reduction.

Come Early and Often to This Great Sale

Suits, Wraps and Skirts.

The very best garments that skilled labor can produce are here, you know it and seem to appreciate it and we are proud of it.

Read On
Our \$4.68 Jackets reduced to \$3.12
Our \$6 Jackets reduced to \$4

Our \$ 7.50 Jackets Reduced to \$ 5.00
Our 10.00 Jackets Reduced to 6.67
Our 12.00 Jackets Reduced to 8.00
Our 15.00 Jackets Reduced to 10.00
A WALKING SKIRT FOR \$2.25
Very nice style, all black. Corded and tailor stitched. There is another splendid line in grays, greens and browns at \$2.70.
There are other good ones for \$4.50, \$6.75, \$9.00, \$10.80

Ribbon Special....

A new line of all silk fancy ribbons just arrived. Regular No. 40 widths, and we offer them Special 19c Yard.

Big Handkerchief Deal.

We used them for displays and mused them a little.
19c, 20c values reduced to 10c

Men's Clothing, Furnishings, Hats.

We are making some liberal cuts in these lines that you ought to know about, but we haven't the space in this paper to tell you so—what then?

Read On

\$2.00, \$2.50 MEN'S HATS	\$1.50
3.00 " "	2.50

We are going to give you a special drive in Men's Shirts, too; what do you think of it?

\$1.00 FANCY SHIRTS for	\$.85
1.25 " "	4.05
1.50 " "	1.15

Boys Suits

\$2.50 SUITS FOR	\$2.12
2.00 " "	2.55
4.50 " "	3.85

Mens' Suits and Overcoats

\$10.00 Values For	\$ 8.50
12.50 " "	10.65
15.00 " "	12.74
16.50 values for	14.05
17.50 values for	14.90
20.00 values for	17.00
22.50 values for	19.15

Men's Pants all reduced

\$1.50 Values Reduced to	\$1.28
2.00 Values Reduced to	1.70
2.50 Values Reduced to	2.12
3.00 Values Reduced to	2.55
4.50 Values Reduced to	3.85

Offerings From All Over The House.

You see in a store like this you can't advertise everything you want to because the newspaper man wants some room for news. So better come down and see the rest of items not mentioned here.

Lace Curtains

There is a whole table full of odds and ends, but all good clean stock offered at surprisingly low prices.

Tam O'Shanters

A big line of 50c Tams to close out at half price 25c.

Shoe Dressing

All the leading brands of polishes are here at reduced prices.

Comforts

There is a big stock of those new style fancy Comforts worth \$3.25 special

\$2.48

Dress Goods

You know what our mammoth stock consists of the best on earth for the price.

And Every Piece Reduced

Silks

Everything in this department is reduced way below the former price.

Fine PEAU-DE-SOIES
Guaranteed TAFFETAS
Fancy TRIMMING SILKS
Etc. Etc.

It's simply a matter of stock taking and cleaning up with us a money-saving proposition with you.



GREAT JANUARY SALE



Now it's time to think of REGULAR GOODS again.

We want you to see our line of Thomson's Glove-Fitting Corsets



We have all the new shapes and sell them at much lower prices than "Regular Stores."



THE BROWN SHOE COMPANY'S SHOES

have been worn by all your neighbors, ask them about the quality of our prices.

Our constant aim is to give better value for the money than any regular store can afford to give. We do a strictly spot cash business. That's why our prices are so low for reliable merchandise.

SHIRTS, HATS CLOTHING.

Ladies' and Men's Furnishings.

Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store.

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