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MARION COUNTY WILL RAISE \$318,750.67

ORGANIZE TO IMPROVE AND BEAUTIFY THEIR PART OF THE CITY

TIDAL WAVE AND QUAKE KILL NEARLY 170,000

Naples, Jan. 7.—The following list of the approximate losses of life in the earthquake and tidal wave was compiled today from the latest estimates:

Towns.	Deaths.
Messina	108,000
Reggio	31,000
Palmi	4,500
Mileto	2,300
Bagnara	800
Villa San Giovanni	3,700
Pallaro	3,300
Scylla	2,800
Gallico	800
Cannitello	950
Gazzi	348
Bova	380
Villa San Giuseppe	520
Torre di Faro	300
Pellegrino	310
Solano	280
Seminara	300
Contessa	167
Sembatello	250
Santa Teresa	300

Novara, Santa Lucia, Nizza	800
Castoreale	80
Canneto	200
Zianfrilina, Scola, Cumia, Cremona, Mumiso, Giardina, Tripolo, Mill and San Michele Bordonaro	650
Ceramita	320
San Procopio	105
Pisturino, Tremestieri, Gualberri and Spadafora	61
Callina, Lazzaro, Caloma and Rosali	575
San Roberto	200
Podengoni, Salice and San Gregorio	200
Montella, Ionico, Motta, San Giovanna and Mellina	270
Serozzina and Solane	74

Total 164,850
This list does not include the deaths which may occur in hospitals.
Shooting the Looters.
Messina, Jan. 7.—Legal execution

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MARION COUNTY WIPES OUT DEBT

County Court Makes Most Economical Levy Possible But Taxes Will Be High—First Correct Official Statement of Matter.

The Marion County Court has today completed its estimates and tax levies for the present year, and the total tax levy for county and state purposes will be nearly 11 mills. Only at the last minute was it decided to cut off one-tenth of a mill on the county expenses, and half a mill on the road levy, making the exact levy ten and nine-tenths of a mill, besides six mills for city taxes and four mills for the school district.

The official levy as made by the county court for 1909 is as follows:

Purpose.	Mills.	Amount.
State tax	2.60	\$ 78,157.50
State school tax	2.63	78,792.00
Indigent soldiers' tax	0.03	898.00
State library tax	0.04	1,197.90
County expenses tax	2.50	74,868.00
County deficit tax, 1908	2.10	62,889.77
Roads and Highways tax	1.00	21,947.50

Total state and county levy 10.90 \$318,750.67

	Mills.
Total county and state levy	10.90
City of Salem levy	6.00
Salem school district	4.00

Total Salem tax 20.90

County Has a Debt.

The present county court, a majority of whom were elected last June, soon upon taking office found the county was out of funds, and at the end of the first six months, no taxes coming in, the county is over \$60,000 in debt. This money has been advanced upon warrants by a Salem bank, and the court now finds itself compelled to levy a special tax to pay off this debt, of two and one-tenth mills, while the levy for the whole county government for the present year is only two and six-tenths mills.

The Rebate Graft.

The present tax collection laws allow all who pay their taxes in a very short time after they become due a rebate of about six per cent and this whole rebate goes to the wealthy class of people and has to be made up in increased levies which in the end fall on those least able to pay. The county court in all its estimates of taxes has to levy six per cent more than it would otherwise levy on account of the rebate graft, which is taken advantage of by the big corporations and money lending class.

The Court Courageous.

The present county court has had the courage of its convictions that debt must be paid, and the county must be got back onto a cash basis. So the court has levied a special tax to pay off that debt first and levied

only one mill for roads and highways, as a new law is to be passed for building roads with state aid, and the county is going slow until it knows what the new law will be.

System Changed.

Up to the present time drafts were made on the general fund for roads and highways, and there was no limit on the inroads made from this source, and the contracts that were already out when the present county court took charge had to be met and have run the county heavily in debt. This system is to be abolished.

Bushy Holds Down.

In the struggle to fix the levies County Judge Bushy made a hard fight to hold them down. He and Commissioner Beckwith stood firm for retrenchment, and Commissioner Goulet wanted a higher road levy. Bushy and Beckwith told him if they had not to meet that debt, that they could have levied more for roads. But there are some expensive bridges to put in, that will take \$8000, and there will have to be a paring down all along the line. The court will be able to cut under the estimate for county expenses some, as the county officers turn in about \$10,000 in fees. The court is determined to run the county on a conservative basis and get out of debt as fast as the Lord will let them. There will have to be retrenchment all along the line and more than one petty graft will get the axe in the course of the year.

PEERY CASE TRIED AND SUBMITTED

W. O. Peery, whose trial was held over from the last term of court, appeared for trial today. Peery was arrested several months ago on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and was indicted by the grand jury. At the last term of court he pleaded not guilty, but later changed his plea to guilty as charged and asked the court for sentence, re-

sulting in his case being held over to the present term.

C. H. Van Allen proprietor of the Eldridge lodging house is the complainant in the suit, alleging that Peery made out to him a check for \$35 on the First National Bank in Austin, Texas, and that upon investigation he found the check could not be collected, due to lack of funds.

The case was submitted to the jury this afternoon which, after 49 minutes' deliberation, brought in a verdict of guilty.

PUSHERS ORGANIZE EAST SALEM LEAGUE

Large Attendance at Evangelical Church Meeting.—All Are Enthusiastic For Better Streets, Better Sewer System and Better Conditions Generally.

East Salem people met and organized a development league on Wednesday night at the Seventeenth street church.

H. W. Goode was chosen chairman and C. L. Doty secretary.

A committee on constitution was appointed, consisting of John Knight C. F. Royal, R. B. Goodwin.

President Goode spoke of the purposes of the organization, to develop the territory lying in the district from Fourteenth street east and to Asylum avenue.

Hon. Sam Hughes spoke of the need of enforcing laws.

John Knight spoke of the need of opening the cross streets of the city from 18th to 21st streets, there was no street across to State street.

Mr. Mullerkoff spoke of the need of sewers and sidewalks.

Mr. Doty said the club could take up any good enterprise. Let us stand together and work for it.

B. E. Edwards wanted to know if the city property owners paid for sewers? He was told that abutting property paid for sewers.

East State Street.

Property owners on East State street spoke in favor of paving. The street is platted at 60 feet wide. Property lines on the north side of the street will have to be moved back some, the street car line will have to be put in the center of the street. Some are in favor of a hard surface pavement. Others say macadam is good enough. A good macadam costs nearly as much as pavement.

and in the wet season macadam is muddy.

Mr. Jones, the nurseryman, was at the meeting and expressed himself favorable to a good paving proposition.

Mr. Labree said the state prison did not use the court street sewer, but that the Weller lands were tiled into that sewer. This club should stop that.

Mr. Goodin said the asylum sewage was not connected with the city sewers.

Mr. Walker asked if the old prison sewer did not connect with the city sewer?

Mr. Labree said he was in favor of extending the pavement of Court street.

Mr. Royal spoke of the need of getting back some of the street and poll tax money that was paid in the ward.

Mr. Doty spoke of the need of uniting to get results. Before going into the city they used to get a few loads of gravel once in a while. The improvement of Twentieth street had been promised many times, but no results.

Mr. Knight spoke of the improvement of three blocks of 19th street, at an expense of \$250, and it had improved values on that street for the few blocks over a thousand dollars.

There was a strong determination to go after the little things and do them well.

The club adjourned to meet next Wednesday evening.

BECAME SANE WHEN HE GOT HIS MONEY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Santa Rosa Cal. Jan. 7.—After temporarily losing his mind from the shock of having his life saving destroyed by fire, Malle Lorenzo sustained another shock today when the money he supposed was lost was handed to him.

Lorenzo was so overcome by joy that he refused to prosecute his 17-year-old son, Frank, who took the money, but merely ordered him to leave home.

Lorenzo had made an old wooden gunrack the hiding place of a thousand dollars in currency. Frank burned the gunrack yesterday, and the old man, in fury, beat the youth senseless.

Lorenzo today suspected some thing wrong and finally forced his son to admit that the money was not destroyed, and later compelled the lad to dig it up from its hiding place under the barn.

Deputy Sheriff Voor, who went to Tomales yesterday to arrest the other for assault, returned today without a prisoner, because of Lorenzo's refusal to prosecute for theft.

A HORSE RACE, A FOOL AND A PRETTY GIRL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco Jan. 7.—It was learned today that Evan J. Collins, a young man who had been held in detention for three days by the police, is the son of a millionaire manufacturer of dental supplies and surgical instruments at Philadelphia and that

he was the victim instead of a member of a gang of race track crooks.

The police arrested Dorothy Allen, a beautiful young woman, alleged to be an adventuress who, Collins alleges, induced him to bet \$2100 on a horse at Emoryville. Collins says the woman introduced him to her "friends" and then he was buncoed. Dorothy Allen gave up her apartments at the Van Dorn Hotel and was about to leave the city when she was arrested at the Southern Pacific station.

ACCIDENTS CAME THICK AND FAST

Butte, Mont., Jan. 7.—Three deaths occurred in the shaft of the big mine here early today. Hugh Kearney, a workman, stumbled and fell down the shaft to the bottom level, a distance of 600 feet.

In attempting to rescue Kearney, James Martin fell 100 feet to the bottom, and was instantly killed. He dislodged a heavy timber, which, in falling, struck Dan Sweeney, killing him instantly.

JUDGE ANDERSON MAY TRY STANDARD

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Judge Anderson, of Indianapolis, practically has agreed to try the Standard Oil rebating case. Both sides have expressed satisfaction at his re-election, and it merely remains for him to accept, which it is expected he will do. If he should decline Judge Sanborn, of Milwaukee, will be asked to preside over the second trial as the successor of Judge K. M. Landis.

COST CUTS NO FIGURE

During Our Alteration Sale

It is a matter of disposing of the goods, as we don't want them to be destroyed by lime, sand, mortar and dust later on. Follow the crowds. You will find them all at the Chicago Store

This Is How We Sell the Goods Now

- 6 1/2 and 7c pretty, light colored Percalene, yard 3 1/2c
- 9c Bleached Muslin, 36 in. wide, yard, now 5c
- 85c latest Silks, in the newest shades, yard 49c
- 50c Wool Dress Goods, yard 25c
- 89c Wool Dress Goods, yard 49c
- 50c full size Bleached Sheets for double beds 29c
- Woman's \$8.00 Long Coats \$2.75
- Ladies' Suits, now from \$4.95 up; worth \$12 and \$15.
- Furs Half Price.

Come and See

And when you do come you will see this sale altogether different from any sale you have seen before in Salem. It is not a matter of cost with us now; it is a question of getting rid of the goods, as later on the walls have to be torn out, and the goods will be in our way. We prefer disposing of them at a loss now rather than carting them to some warehouse and run a great risk.

