

# DISAGREE ABOUT THE TAX LEVY

SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET AT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING THIS AFTERNOON AT 5 O'CLOCK TO DISCUSS THE TAX LEVY.

With a view of determining whether or not the levy of two and three-fourths mills for the purchase of the Besemer site and the erection of a school house upon it is legal, a special meeting of the school board will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the high school building, and in view of the fact that there is a division among the members on the subject, and also among lawyers in the city, and a strong resentment on the part of the people of East Salem against the members who sought to have the levy declared illegal, the meeting promises to be well attended and to be of a most interesting character.

The levy was made at the annual taxpayers' meeting last week when a total of seven and one-half mills was made for the maintenance and improvement of the public schools for the coming year. When the school board met Saturday night for the purpose of approving the minutes of the meeting and to certify to the levy to the county to the county clerk; Director Babcock moved that the minutes be approved as to all of the levy, save that covering the purchase of the Besemer site and the erection of a school house upon it on the ground that it was illegal. In support of his contention he read an opinion on the subject from Attorney Richardson. Richardson in his opinion stated that the board was not authorized to make a levy in excess of that which was necessary for school purposes and also that it was not specified in the notice that the meeting was called for the purpose of making a levy for the purchase of a site and the erection of a school house upon it.

It seems to be the opinion among lawyers that the first contention will not have the effect of invalidating the levy, but as to whether the other will, there is a division of opinion. Those who contend that it does not, point out in support of their contention the fact that the meeting was not of a special character and that the levy was not necessary to specify that the meeting was held to make a levy for a school site and schoolhouse, and several opinions along this line will be presented to the board at the meeting tonight.

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## CARLOAD OF DYNAMITE

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the track and thrown over on top of an automobile. I pulled one dead woman from the car, and another who appeared to be in a dying condition. Then I fainted."

Three victims at the Flower Hospital probably will die.

Fire Chief Croker declared the explosion was due solely to Pintach gas, and that dynamite did not figure in it. A pipe used to conduct the gas into the tanks of the Pullman cars broke, he said. When Pintach gas and air is mixed, it is more powerful than dynamite, according to Croker. One of the workmen dropped a monkey wrench across the third rail of the car tracks, causing a short circuit and sending out sparks. The explosion followed.

New York, Dec. 19.—Twelve persons were killed, eight are missing and believed to be dead, and more than 25 persons were injured in a terrific explosion today that wrecked the New York Central milk depot, the railroad's carpenter shop and the power house of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, at 49th street and Lexington avenue.

The terrible force of the explosion led to a report that a carload of dynamite on the railroad tracks nearby had exploded. Police are investigating the rumor.

Within a few minutes after the explosion police and firemen were bringing maimed and bleeding bodies from the ruins, while wounded men, women and children within a radius of 12 blocks were being hurried to hospitals for treatment.

Public buildings, a grammar school, a hospital, the huge arch of the Grand Central station, freight sheds and residences were damaged by the force of the blast, which loosened windows in Central Manhattan, and sent splintered glass and showers of brick and mortar over a great area.

The explosion occurred shortly after 8 o'clock. The cause probably never will be known, as the milk house was totally wrecked, the adjacent carpenter shop razed and the power house nearby demolished. It is believed the boilers in the milk depot exploded, but the destruction was so complete that the cause could only be surmised, following a hasty investigation.

The disaster was so timed that

hundreds of persons were converging to the scene just before the boilers let go. A score of men were blown into the air, and later found dead or dying. Two men passing near the plant were blown across Lexington avenue, and the skull of one was pierced by a long splinter of glass.

A street car on Lexington avenue was hurled from the tracks and tumbled over onto an automobile owned by Charles Shepard. One of the occupants of the machine and two passengers in the car were killed. Others were severely injured.

Within a minute after the explosion ambulances from every part of Manhattan were hurrying to the scene. Police reserves quickly followed firemen to the ruins that marked the big plant, and the work of fighting the flames and rescuing the dead and injured began.

With the nearby buildings in a shattered condition and threatening to topple over on the rescuers, firemen, police, physicians and newspaper men carried scores of wounded to the ambulances or placed the dead in an improvised morgue in the New York Central railroad yards.

With the first shock of the explosion, 500 children, patients in the children's mercy hospital, became panic-stricken, and those able to leave their cots rushed for the doors. A score of the little ones were trampled in the wild rush for safety. Every window in the hospital was blown in, and many of the children and nurses were cut with broken glass. The panic was checked before any of the patients was seriously hurt.

At the Lexington avenue and 51st street school two pupils only had arrived. Both were injured by the shock. A portion of one of the walls fell out, and heavy plaster from the ceiling struck both children. It was several minutes before they were found and sent a hospital.

In the meantime 25,000 persons had surrounded the blazing ruins, and the police fought with the crowds to drive them back so that the work of rescue might go on.

The parochial school of St. Patrick's Cathedral, at 49th street and Lexington avenue was badly damaged. Several children were slightly injured by splintered glass. The Bible Training School, in a 10-story building at 49th street, was also damaged by the blast.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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the budget and explain the various items.

The council will act on a number of bills that have been turned down by the Ways and Means committee.

# ROYAL BAKING POWDER

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The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar  
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Some of them being considered grafts on the city.

The budget as prepared by the Finance committee requires an increase over last year, the total being this year \$97,543, as against \$83,157 for 1909. The expenditures for 1910 so far were \$8,413 in excess of the budget, and by the end of the year may reach nearly \$10,000 in excess.

Some of the aldermen are in favor of trimming the budget, putting in the item for an armory, and making a levy sufficient to put the city on a cash basis.

Expected Revenues.	
Saloons	\$ 9,500.00
Shows	700.00
Insurance companies	1,250.00
Telephone, telegraph and express companies	450.00
Dog licenses	500.00
Hawkers	100.00
Interest on city deposits	1,000.00
Recorder's office, fines and fees	1,600.00
Treasurer's receipts for sundry licenses, etc.	3,000.00
Engineering and surveying	6,650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,750.00</b>

This leaves to be raised by taxation, \$72,783.

# THE QUAKE DESTROYS ISLANDS

Colon, Dec. 19.—Earthquake shocks that have shaken the islands of the West Indies since Saturday subsided today according to dispatches that reached here from La Libertad and San Salvador.

The official list of drowned in the sinking of an island in the Llopango lagoon was placed at 200, all islanders.

Additional details of the sinking of the island contained in the dispatches showed that the natives were aware of the fate that awaited them hours before they were drowned.

The island started to sink at midnight and gradually slid into the sea being completely submerged four hours after the first shock. The stronger of the islanders took the boats and escaped. The others fled to the highest peak and huddled there until the sea followed them.

Other uninhabited islands also were reported missing yesterday and today, having met with a similar fate.

## Big Guns Can Break Windows.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 19.—It became known today that the gallantry of Admiral Barry, of the cruiser fleet, which has just finished target practice off San Diego harbor, saved most of the windows in the Point Loma Theosophical Homestead from destruction.

Every time the guns boomed, a window cracked, and the situation became alarming. Katherine Tingley, head of the Homestead, at last asked the wireless operator to wire Admiral Barry a protest.

Word soon came back from the cruiser that the guns had been turned in the other direction, and the rest of the Homestead windows were saved.

## Good Farm

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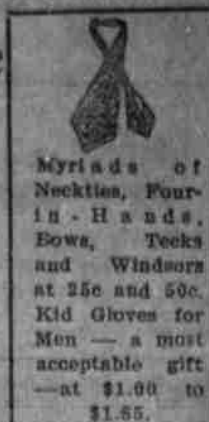
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# Barnes' Cash Store

E. J. Barnes, Prop.

JUST ONE MORE WEEK

Christmas shopping is on in earnest, Christmas cheer and good will is being manifested all around. You can't help but feel better if you join the throngs of merry shoppers, and don't forget that Barnes' Cash Store saves you dollars now and worry afterwards for your bills will all be marked "Paid"—a valuable gift in itself.



Myriads of Neckties, Four-in-Hands, Bows, Ties and Windsor at 25c and 50c. Kid Gloves for Men—a most acceptable gift—at \$1.00 to \$1.55.

## Remember the Children

What boy doesn't like to whittle? Pocket knives are inexpensive and it is the first tool with which he develops mechanical genius. Then we have harmonicas, tops, games of various kinds, or perhaps a good overcoat would not be amiss.



A Work Box is a very appropriate gift for a little girl. It will create an interest in the work; it suggests and teaches tidiness. For her comfort a nice set of furs is suggested, and for her amusement we have pretty dolls and lots of other things.

There is probably nothing that a woman would appreciate more and nothing that would carry deeper significance of the donor's sincerity than a dress cut from the wool novelties we now display at reduced prices. Put this down on your list for tomorrow's shopping.

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Perhaps you are going away for the holidays. Do you need a suit case or traveling bag? We can fit you out with good substantial cases and grips at unbeatable prices. We have an especially fine, all leather case, black, leather lined throughout, originally marked \$13.85, yours for \$10.00.



## Umbrellas

Quite matter of fact things, aren't they? They are for the person who runs in for one while it rains just because the only one was left at home. Give that person an umbrella that will bring pleasant thoughts of the giver into the gloomiest day. We have just that kind.



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