

TWO NEW SCHOOL HOUSES ORDERED BUILT IN SALEM THE COMING YEAR

REPORT OF BOARD ADOPTED TAXPAYERS RAISE THE LEVY ADDING ONE MILL AND A HALF

Conservatives Were Out-Voted at the Annual Taxpayers' Meeting and Insist on Having More Buildings and Maintaining High Character of Salem's Schools—Tax Levies of the Past Six Years, Since the High Valuation of Property Was Adopted Have Increased Nearly 200 Per Cent—Deficits Not All Provided For.

Salem School District Tax Levies.	Mills.
1906	3.00
1907	3.50
1908	4.00
1909	4.00
1910	4.75
1911	8.50

The tax levy recommended by the board of directors was 5.90 mills for general expenses and 1.50 mills for deficit and buildings. This was changed to 5.90 mills for support and 3 mills for new buildings. None of this latter special tax can be used to pay debts.

The Discussion. Clerk Burghardt read the annual report. Objection was made to paying \$250 for taking census. Inquiry was made as to \$12,000 demand notes at Ladd & Bush bank. Mr. Lafky explained that last year the deficit was \$200. This year it was \$12,000. Mr. Fritzel asked if \$6900 was a

fair price for the block of ground in Richmond addition. Were any other blocks sold for that. Chairman Moores said the action was taken by the whole board.

R. K. Page asked some questions about the report. Earl Race asked by whom he was employed? He said he was a taxpayer, and represented taxpayers. He showed that the total debt of the district was \$181,000 and \$45,000 more was asked for two new school houses. He said there were four pay rolls to meet of about \$7500, or additional floating debt of \$30,000, or total debt of \$235,000 at end of year. He said it was unwise to build two new school houses of 16 rooms.

Mr. Lafky, as chairman of the finance committee, explained several items in the report. He admitted that the district was running on credit, and would have to borrow for the next four months.

Wm. Brown moved that the report of the board of directors be adopted.

Mr. Vincent moved to amend the levy from 1 1/2 mills to 3 mills for new buildings.

Mr. Page showed that 3 mills

Will Escape Rock Pile.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 9.—Rev. L. C. Elliott will not be forced to serve 30 days on the rock pile. The charge against him was dismissed in the circuit court today, on account of the disappearance of Miss Martha Papples, a young woman with whom the minister was arrested in a rooming house. A sentence of 30 days was given Elliott in the municipal court, from which he appealed. The hearing in the higher court was set for today.

Miss Papples was allowed to go to her home at Astoria, promising to appear when the case came on for trial.

Her story was to the effect that Rev. Elliott had induced her to go to the rooming house.

would not complete the buildings. The motion to amend the total levy of 7.4 mills to 8.9 mills, made by Mr. Vincent, was voted on and carried.

Mr. Lee asked if the \$12,000 deficit covered all the debts of the school board? Would it pay for the new sites bought?

Mr. Lafky said they bought a lot for \$3300 to store fuel on.

Mr. Lee said \$45,000 would not build two eight-room buildings. There would be another larger deficit next year. The extra mill and a half would not go far.

Earl Race asked what was the levy for general support.

Mr. Moores said it was 5.3 mills. The 1.5 mills would raise only \$18,000.

B. L. Steeves saw no objection to the motion for an additional mill and a half, or three mills for new school houses.

Mr. Stolz said we must avoid an unreasonable tax. There was a county, a city, a state and state school tax besides the school district debt.

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His Lawyer Threw Him

Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—Refusing to accept the services of a lawyer, and declaring that the Lord would protect him, "Elijah" Frank Sanford, commander of the yacht "Coronet," owned by the "Holy Ghost and Us" sect, was convicted today on six counts of a charge of manslaughter, in connection with the death of his crew from starvation.

ANOTHER LEADER TO CONFESS

Indianapolis Expects Sensational Developments in the Dynamiting Cases, Following Visit of Attorney Miller.

ONE OF "INSIDE CIRCLE"

Semi-Official Announcement is Made That Another Implicated in Dynamiting Cases is Now Preparing His Confession, and That It Will Be Made if He is Given Immunity—Attorneys Discussing This Phase.

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Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.—Sensational developments are expected in the investigation into the McNamara and other dynamiting outrages by the United States government, following a semi-official announcement made here today that one reputed to belong to the "inside circle" of the International Association of Bridge Structural Iron Workers is preparing a confession, in the hope of obtaining immunity.

It is asserted that the United States officials held several conferences regarding the acceptance of the confession, on the basis that the confessor be immune from prosecution. It is believed that the visit of United States District Attorney Miller to Washington was planned with a view to discussing the acceptance of the confession with government officials there. Miller is expected to arrive in Indianapolis tonight.

The man who is alleged to be preparing the confession is reputed to have details of the activities of the McNamara brothers and to be able to give details regarding the complicity of the reputed "higher ups."

It is rumored that Mary Dye, formerly private secretary to John J. McNamara, has been located in Chicago, and will be brought here to testify before the United States grand jury.

MAJORS TOOK CALOMEL IN ATTEMPTING SUICIDE

Did you ever hear of a person attempting to commit suicide by swallowing 50 grains of calomel?

That is the question which attaches of the sheriff office of Dallas asked citizens of the city recently when they brought John Majors, the negro who was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary for two assaults with attempt to commit rape on two white women last summer, to the city.

All to whom it was propounded freely admitted that this was a new route to the vast unknown which they had not considered but unanimously agreed that if death were possible by it, that it would have been a most appropriate one for the person attempting it—Majors—the rapist.

Suffered, But Not Death.

The story leaked out after Majors had been sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. Just shortly before his trial, it seems that he grew restless. He had manufactured a saw out of a clock spring and by the use of it had sawed off two iron bars in the jail window before his attempt to escape was told the officers by a fellow prisoner. A few days afterwards the jailer gave the five prisoners in jail 10 grains of calomel each. Majors, thinking that if he could take them all at one dose he might find death in them, prevailed upon the prisoners to give them to him. In this, however, he was mistaken, and evidently deciding that fate was against him when arranged he changed his plea of not guilty to guilty and what is left of him is now incarcerated in the state penitentiary.

Artists to Entertain

Tuesday, December 12, 8 o'clock, M. E. church. Benefit of Priscilla Mrs. Gladys Henderson, reader; Mrs. E. F. Biddle, accompanist; Prof. Robb Walsh, singer. Mrs. Henderson has studied in Paris and America and is a reader of unusual ability. Mrs. Biddle graduated of N. W. U. school of music, is a finished musician. Prof. Walsh received training in Berlin. Admission 25 cents.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE SHAKES GROUND LIKE EARTHQUAKE

Bought by the Sunset.

Tacoma, Dec. 9.—The Home Telephone company, operating plants at Tacoma and Bellingham, was sold to the Sunset company, the local Bell telephone company, by Master Commissioner Sam Bridges for \$150,000 this morning.

The rival concern was the only bidder.

Tacoma wanted the plant for a municipal enterprise, but Mayor Seymour fell down in his efforts to form a holding company, that course being necessary as the state law at present does not permit cities to own and operate telephone businesses.

The home plant will be merged with the local Bell lines.

SANTIAM BRIDGE MUST WAIT AWHILE

Assigning as their reason that taxes are already high and conditions do not warrant a bridge across the Santiam River at West Stayton at present, the members of the board of county commissioners yesterday afternoon declined to make an appropriation.

The proposition was presented to the board by a delegation from West Salem. Members of the board of county commissioners of Linn county were also present. The plan was to have the bridge built jointly by the two counties and its cost was estimated at \$60,000. The board of this county took the view that the demand for a bridge is not at the present great enough, and in view of the high taxes decided to not make an appropriation.

Erasmus was also taken in the Claggett road controversy and this afternoon arguments were made.

SAY HE OBTAINED MONEY FRAUDULENTLY

J. H. Reid bound over by the magistrate at Stayton on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses was brought to the city yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Henry Smith and is now confined in the county jail.

Reid was formerly a hotel man in Stayton—leading a hostelry there. He is charged with representing to Mrs. G. E. Moore that he owned a half interest in it, and finally prevailed upon her to purchase it. He was arrested at Portland and his bond was fixed at \$800.

Attending School Convention

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman went to Dallas today, where he will deliver an address before the convention of school officers for Polk county. The officers during their stay in the Polk county capital are the guests of the Commercial club.

To Extend Project

Settlers interested in the West Umatilla project will hold a meeting at Pendleton Tuesday for the purpose of considering the extension of the project. State Engineer Lewis has received an invitation to attend, but is unable to do so. He is in favor of an extension of the project and has prepared a letter setting forth his reasons for this attitude which will be read at the meeting.

U. S. NATIONAL HANDSOMEST BANK IN STATE

Salem is fast asserting herself as one of the prettiest cities of the Northwest. She has as fine a hotel as any of them and the completion of the work in the U. S. National bank room, gives Salem a bank room that would be hard to duplicate, even in Portland or any other city along the coast.

When the bank was opened, the plaster had not sufficiently dried so that work could be done upon it which would correspond with the splendid arch compositions, the marble dados, the floors and beautiful colored mahogany wood work seen throughout the room.

For the coloring of the walls, the most perfect of bases were secured, and the most careful workmanship was required in order to bring out a fine piece of color harmony. The supervising bank officials consulted Frank Willman, who has done most of the state house work, and who this summer worked over the State Normal school. Mr. Willman finally consented to do this piece of work for them, and has succeeded to such a degree that many who have noted the perfect piece of color harmony state that a more consistently beautiful bank room cannot be found anywhere in the West.

Mr. Willman received a telegram from his old friend, Henry Kreisler of San Francisco, yesterday, and will leave for the California city this evening.

150 MINERS ARE ENTOMBED AND NO DOUBT ALL KILLED MINE IS A RAGING FURNACE

Men if Not Dead, Are Imprisoned Behind Thousands of Tons of Rock, and Two Miles From the Entrance of the Tunnel—Only Hope is That the Falling Debris May Shut Gasses Off From Men, But This is Faint—Hundreds of Women and Children Gathered at Mouth of Mine Make Pitiful Scene.

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Middlesboro, Ky., Dec. 9.—More than 150 miners were entombed in the mine of the Knoxville Coal company, at Brycesville, Tenn., today, and all are believed to have perished.

An explosion of gas is believed to have been the cause of the disaster, as gas is still escaping from the mouth of the mine, and preventing the entrance of rescuers. A rescue car has been dispatched from Knoxville to the scene of the disaster.

Backed the Earth for Miles.

The explosion, which meant death to the imprisoned miners, rocked the earth for miles. The victims are imprisoned beneath thousands of tons of earth and rock two miles from the entrance of the mine.

The blast occurred at 7:30 this morning, just after the day shift had gone to work. Volumes of smoke at noon were still issuing from the entrance of the mine, which is believed to be a mass of flames in its inner workings.

Rescuers Driven Back.

The first rescuers to attempt to enter the pit were driven back by the smoke and fire which raged in the lower workings. It will be hours before the flames can be subdued, and until they are controlled nothing can be done toward a rescue.

Pitiful Scenes at Mine.

Hundreds of women and children gathered at the mouth of the pit at Brycesville, and many of them tried to hurl themselves into the mine, despairing of ever again seeing their loved ones who are shut beneath.

The only hope for the entombed men is that a portion of the wall and roof of the mine have collapsed, shutting off the deadly gases, which otherwise will kill every man entombed.

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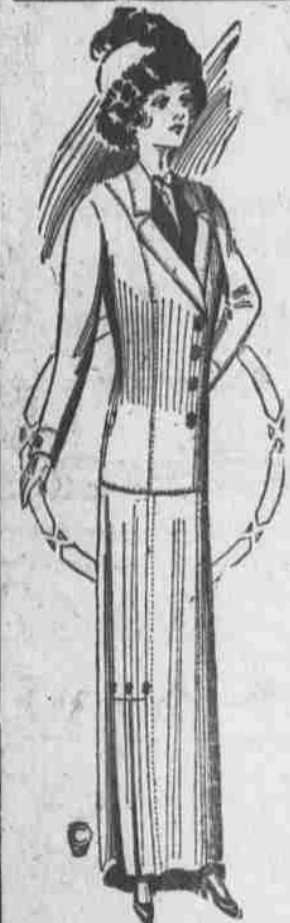
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The explosion occurred when 200 men were in the mine, most of them working deep in its recesses near where the explosion occurred.

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