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LOOKS LIKE DENEEN

AVAILABLE RETURNS INDICATE HE IS THE NOMINEE.

Republican Senatorial Contest Between Hopkins and Foss is Still in Doubt—Primary Returns Come in Slowly—Democrats Pick Stevenson.

At 2:30 o'clock Monday morning complete returns from 88 counties out of 102 in the state of Illinois give for the republican nomination for governor Deneen, 181,509; Yates, 170.225, giving Deneen a plurality from the returns at hand of 11,254.

Eighty-eight counties give for the republican senatorial indorsement Hopkins, 117,822; Foss, 99,709; Mason 71,655.

The returns available at 1 o'clock consisted of the vote in 87 out of 102 counties in the state for senator and 62 counties for governor. Chicago and Cook county were included in both sets of figures. The vote on senator was Hopkins, 97,051; Foss, 88,573; Mason, 62,596. On governor the vote was Deneen, 167,151; Yates, 154,435.

The friends of Gov. Deneen confidently predict that he will secure the nomination by a majority of at least 10,000 over Yates, and the Yates managers make about the same prediction for their man. Senator Hopkins declared late Sunday night that he believed that he would be indorsed for the senatorship by a plurality of 25,000 to 27,000.

The Foss managers claim they have carried many of the senatorial districts and that when the legislature comes to vote for senator the men from these districts must be guided by the vote of these districts irrespective of what the vote of the entire state may have been. They argue that in this way Foss is certain to receive the election from the legislature, even though he runs behind in the primaries.

The situation on the democratic ticket outlined early in the night was confirmed by late returns. Lawrence B. Stringer has been indorsed for senator and Adlai E. Stevenson has been nominated for governor.

HURLED TO DEATH.

Automobile Crashes Over a Steep Embankment.

When an automobile plunged over a steep embankment on the Mitchaw road two and a half miles west of Sylvania, O., Charles W. Pohlman, a wealthy Cleveland merchant tailor, and Father George Fahey, pastor of St. Columbkill's parish, Cleveland, were instantly killed.

Mrs. Charles W. Pohlman, her daughter, Florence, and F. C. Dietzel, a Cleveland dentist, were in the touring car, but escaped injury.

The automobile landed at the bottom of the embankment bottom side up. The priest's head was crushed between the edge of the car and a huge stone.

Mr. Pohlman who was driving the machine, was entangled in the steering gear, the wheel crushing his chest.

MANY WORKMEN BURIED.

Scores Caught Under the Ruins of a Tall Chimney.

The thunder storm which passed over Szegedein, Austria, Saturday, and during which a large factory collapsed, burying a number of workmen, caused more or less damage to every house in town. The only loss of life occurred in a hemp factory in course of construction. A tall chimney, which had just been built fell on a partially built heating house on which 100 workmen were working. many were caught by the falling masonry and buried. Thus far seven dead and thirteen wounded have been taken out. A woman who was taking lunch to two of her sons employed in the building was caught under the falling wall and killed.

Posses Hunt for Negro.

Armed posses under the direction of Sheriff Allen are searching Salem, N. J., and adjoining counties for a negro who committed a brutal assault upon Stella Lawrence, the 12-year-old daughter of Oscar Lawrence, a farmer, of Washington township.

Chicago's Population.

Chicago has a population of 2,425,000, according to the 1908 city directory, which was issued Monday. This is a gain over last year of 58,000.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, $6.00@7.00. Top hogs, $6.40.

Vilas Fails to Gain.

Advices from Madison, Wis., regarding the condition of ex-United States Senator Vilas state that the distinguished patient is likely to remain in a precarious condition for several months with the outcome uncertain. His right side is still paralyzed and he remains speechless.

HARRY THAW BROKE.

A Petition in Bankruptcy is Filed in Court.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed after 8 p. m. Friday night in the United States court by Attorney Charles Morchauser, of New York, representing Harry K. Thaw, of Pittsburg, Pa., who is now confined in the Dutchess county, New York, jail. In the petition it is stated his assets are $128,012.38 and liabilities $453,140.43.

Roger O'Meara, a well known Pittsburg detective and personal friend of the Thaw family, was appointed as receiver. His bond was placed at $200,000 and John Newell and James W. Piatt, two prominent business men of this city, became securities for Mr. O'Meara.

The most interesting information given out regarding the proceedings is to be found in the petition asking for the appointment of a receiver in which it is alleged the action is taken for the purpose of preventing his property being dissipated in litigation over claims, many of which are unjust. The figures show that this refers to the lawyers and doctors.

SCANDAL IN PUBLIC HOME.

Grand Jury at Richmond, Va., Roundly Denounces Authorities.

Mrs. Ethel Gaylord, who became a mother three weeks ago in the city home of Richmond, Va., will have to stand trial on a charge of having poisoned another baby in the same institution four days after the birth of her child. Corrosive sublimate and chloroform are alleged to have been used. The grand jury in its report severly arraigned the council committee for its system of caring for the city home, dismissed the superintendent for incompetency, criticised physicians and surgeons for failing to act in harmony, and reprimanded the city council for not making rules and vesting the superintendent with the power and holding him responsible.

The report shows that in order to secure a laundress for the home a contract was made whereby she was to get drunk once a week. Nurses and other help are held to be wholly incompetent and incapable.

BUSINESS ON UP GRADE.

Reports to Dun's Review Give Indication to That Effect.

Bank exchanges at all the leading cities of the United States are $2,211,979,000; 8.3 per cent. less than a year ago. The loss continues quite large at Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Baltimore, New Orleans, Minneapolis and San Francisco, clearly due to conditions affecting special interests in those sections. St. Louis and Kansas City again report gains and at other leading cities losses are small.

Dispatches to the Review indicate further progress in the wright direction, although the improvement is slow. A midsummer dullness affects the trade. The volume of the bank clearings, usually at the low point of the year in August, is reduced, but it is now materially above thee amount in the earlier months of the year, showing an improvement in that respect.

Two Crushed to Death.

Crushed beneath a heavy cement drain which had fallen in upon them while they were at work in the yard of the St. John's Orphan asylum in Brooklyn, N. Y., Thomas Roche and John McLaughlin were instantly killed and Charles Timony was so badly injured that he died en route to a hospital.

Fast Train is Wrecked.

One man was killed and several were injured Saturday night when the Texas express on the Southern Pacfici railroad left the track several miles from the union station shortly after leaving New Orleans for Houston. Oliver Petrie, fireman, of Algiers, La., was killed.

Girl Routs Officers.

Miss Mary Fouts, widely known as the "maiden moonshiner," Saturday had a pitched battle with United States officers. Entrenched at her camp near Eargeant, Ky., the girl succeeded in routing the officers after sixty shots had been fired and Deputy United States Marshall Hiram Day had been seriously wounded.

Miss Fleming Gets Bail.

Miss Julia Fleming, of New York, who is charged with conspiracy in connection with an alleged attempt to manufacture evidence to be used in the divorce suit against Frank J. Gould, has been released on $2,000 bail.

Boat Line Fails.

Unable to profitably run its steamboats, because of low water in the Ohio river, the Pittsburg and Cincinnati packet line, of Scranton, Pa., one of the largest transportation lines plying that river, has become insolvent and Friday went into the hands of a receiver.

Fatal Wreck in Arkansas.

The Westbound Frisco passenger train No. 206 was derailed near Imboden, Ark., early Friday. Engineer Cooper and Fireman Booker, both of Memphis, and an unknown man were killed.

Rain Benifits Crops.

Soaking rains were general Friday in western Missouri and eastern and southern Kansas, greatly benefiting crops.

MEN TO AID ROADS.

Will Assist in Securing Higher Freight Rates.

Railroad men in all parts of the United States are organizing to assist the railroads in obtaining an increase in freight rates. Definite ways and means have not yet been decided upon, but the general scope of the plan includes an extensive campaign of education to show that the interests of the public demand that the roads be allowed to increase their earnings. It is also proposed to present their side of the case before the interstate commerce commission and before the state railroad commissions whenever an opportunity presents itself.

The lead in the movement is being taken by the recently organized Nebraska State Railway Employe's Protective association and by the American Protective Association of America, with headquarters at Kansas City, which is now being organized, and which already includes members from thirteen western states. Members of the Chicago division of the Order of Railway Conductors have already taken active steps in the matter and representatives of the other railway brotherhoods are taking an interest in the movement, although it has not yet been officially taken up by any of the latter organizations.

The men point out that the expenses of the railroads have been enormously increased during late years, while freight rates have been gradually reduced and that matters have now come to the point where an increase in revenue is imperative if the railroads are to continue to maintain their property in first class condition and make needed extensions and improvements while maintaining the present scale of wages.

BOY'S BODY IDENTIFIED.

Mrs. Shishin Says It Was Her Son Who Was Brutally Murdered.

Mrs. Minnie Shishin, of Chicago, has identified a part of the clothing attached to portions of the dismembered body which were found in Mud Lake, as belonging to her son Tuffa, aged 15, years, who has been missing since Sunday.

The mystery of the murder was clarified also by the finding of the head of the victim in the drainage canal.

Acting on the theory that the murder was the work of padrones who were attacked in the recent prosecution of Greek "boy slave" cases, one arrest was made, that of a Greek who is known as an importer of boys from Greece.

BIG SUM FOR AIR TORPEDO.

Krupps Secure Invention of Swedish Army Officer.

Notwithstanding frequent denials the Krupp works have apparently acquired the rights to the air torpedo invented by Col. Unge, of the Swedish army, under conditions that the Swedish government is free to use the device. The particulars of the weapons are secret, but it is understood that the Krupps paid a great sum for the invention after prolonged tests, so it is assumed that the projectile is really effective. Report says it can be used by warships in sea fighting, and also against fortification, three calibers being used, one for sea fighting, a second for ordinary land fighting and a third for mountain work.

SUICIDE UNDER BOARD WALK

Man Commits Suicide in a Public Place at Atlantic City.

Arthur T. Ball, of Altoona, Pa., shot and killed himself under the board walk at the inlet end of Adriatic avenue at Atlantic City, N. J.

Ball was seen to go beneath the board walk and pull a 32-caliber revolver. He fell to the sand dead, the bullet having had instantaneous effect. A short distance from his body was found a torn ticket showing he belonged to the Employes' association of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The man was well clad in a brwon suit and had $14.75 in his pocket. He was evidently in ill health, which may have been the cause of his rash act.

800 Are Hurt by Bombs.

There now have been 35 days of fighting in the streets of Tabriz. Casualties, due chiefly to bombs and chrapnel, are estimated at 800. Many of the finer residences and hundreds of shops have been looted and the loss in this direction exceeds $1,000,000. No American missionaries have been injured.

Slugged and Robbed.

Unconscious from blows on the head, Frank Spadaro, a wholesale fruit dealer of Boston, Mass., was found by his employes in a basement to which he had gone with two pretended customers, and $2,000 which Spadaro had in his pockets was missing.

Killed by Gas Explosions.

John B. Harris, manager of the Auto Gas company, of Albany, N. Y., was probably fatally injured and John Malone and William Fort were killed as a result of a series of explosions in the company's gas plant. The plant was completely wrecked.

Emperor Expresses Regret.

The king of Wurtemburg called on Count Zeppelin at his hotel and conveyed to the aeronaut the personal regret of Emperor William over the destruction of the count's airship at Echterdingen.

Red Cross Gives $1,000.

A voluntary contribution of $1,000 has been made by the National Red Cross for the sufferers of the forest fires now raging in British Columbia.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS
From Day to Day Condensed
FOR OUR BUSY READERS

GROUND NOT FATALLY DRY.

Corn and Other Crops Still in Good Condition in Nebraska.

While the ground of Nebraska is somewhat dry it is not seriously so except on the Kansas branches of the McCook division of the Burlington, according to the crop and soil report of the Burlington railroad. Corn made good progress last week, except west of McCook, and on the Kansas branches, where it does not amount to much of the total crop. The estimate on the Lincoln division for corn is still at 103 per cent in comparison with an average crop, on the McCook division 89 per cent and on the Wymore division, 89 per cent, which is 6 per cent better than the report of the week.

The week was most favorable for stacking and threshing so that about all that part of the wheat crop which has not been threshed has been stacked.

Oats are turning out to be an average crop in Nebraska and of good quality. Potatoes also will make an average crop. The Lyon branch west of Denver had several good rains last week, and the sugar beets on that line are consequently in fine shape.

Wheat in the Big Horn basin will run from 30 to 40 bushels to the acre, and nearly all of it has been cut. Oats, in the vicinity of Sidney, will run from 60 to 75 bushels to the acre. Corn is looking fine on the Alliance division, and there will be an excellent crop.

The outlook for a big beet crop near Sterling is fine, and in the vicinity of Hillrose it is estimated the crop will run 30 tons to the acre.

LO LAYS CHARGE TO SQUAW.

Indian Accused of Horse Stealing Says Allegation is Spite Work.

Tony Blackbird, a half breed Sioux Indian, was arrested near Gordon a few days ago by Deputy United States Marshal Proctor and brought to Omaha for arraingnment before United States Commissioner Anderson on the charge of stealing two horses from the Brule Indian agency in South Dakota. Blackbird was taken to Lincoln on the order of the commissioner to appear before Judge Munger, who alone is authorized to issue an order transferring the accused to the South Dakota federal jurisdiction, where the horse stealing is said to have been committed.

The accused Indian claims that the charge against him is the result of spite work on the part of his former wife, Nellie Blackbird. He alleged that the horses belonged to him originally and upon his separation from his wife, who was married shortly after their separation, he took the horses with him. Through her new husband she claims title to the horses and has charged Blackbird with running away with the animals. The Indian is anxious to return to South Dakota and stand trial on the charge against him, believing that he can speedily disprove the charges and establish his absolute innocence.

ASSESSMENT CAUSES TROUBLE.

Council at Wymore Recommends Raise in Assessment.

Citizens of Wymore are greatly stirred up over the action of the city council took a week or so ago in the matter of real estate assessment in the town. This body took it upon themselves to go over the assessor's books and recommended that about 200 pieces of property be assessed higher, and recommended that the county board make the raise. The owners of the property in question made a strenuous kick, and the outcome has been a net lowering of assessed value of real estate in the city.

The council acted in evident good faith in the matter, but there is considerable criticism as to the method they used. The property owners say they would not object to a certain per cent raise on all property, but they thing the council did wrong to recommend certain pieces to be assessed higher. It seems to be the prevailing opinion that there is more need of equalizing personal than there is of equalizing real estate.

Church Social Lunch Fatal.

One dead, four or five not expected to live, and a number of others in a serious condition is the result of a church social held at Kearney last week where pressed chicken was served for lunch. Sixteen persons were poisoned. Last evening Miss Hazel Campbell died from the effects of the poison and four or five others are not expected to live.

Wahoo Man Dies in Dakota.

While traveling through the country in a covered wagon in the hope that open air life would restore his broken health, George Johnson, of Yutan, Saunders county, died in his wagon while it was at a point about a mile and a quarter from the town of White Lake, Aurora county, S. D. He was a victim of consumption.

Native Nebraska Lions.

While Campbell Bros.' circus was showing in Alliance three lion cubs were born, one of which was a rare curiosity, in the fact that it was almost pure white. This makes this end of the menagerie similar to the show itself, inasmuch as it is strictly a Nebraska production.

Saloon Attached for Debt.

Mathias Pfann, who has been operating a saloon in Omaha, stopped business Wednesday when his place was attached for debts. He owed something like $2,000 and when his place was closed it was found that nearly, if not all, of the goods had been removed.

Otoe Teachers' Institute.

The Otoe County Teachers' association meeting is being held at Syracuse this week and there are nearly 160 teachers in attendance.

PONCA BAKER KILLS HIMSELF.

Jacob Munce Dies Declaring Jesus is His Friend.

Jacob Munce, 45 years of age and single, fired a bullet into his temple and was found dead at Ponca Monday morning at 7:30. A letter on his person read:

"I owe the world nothing but my body. I have done no wrong and Jesus is my friend."

Munce had acted strangely lately and had suffered from the heat while at work. He was a baker for the Clift bakery and a good workman. His body was found in the bakery.

Ponca people knew little about Munce. He came here about three months ago from Chicago and went to work for the Clift bakery. He has always been steady in his work and habits, but since his death it is learned that his mind was not easy. To certain men in Ponca he said he had once killed a man in self-defense and every time he saw a stranger in town he feared it was some person who had come to arrest him for this deed. Those who accredit his story believe the fear and thought of this thing weighed on his mind until it was unbalanced.

Munce was a German and no one here has any knowledge of his family connections or former place of residence, except that he said he was single and came from Chicago.

SHELDON RIDES GOAT.

Governor is Initiated by Knights of the Ak-Sar-Ben.

Gov. Sheldon was the honored guest of the court of King Samson of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Monday night. He was accompanied by a committe of Lincoln citizens, who were also "entertained" at the den. The governor was met at the station by a committee of knights and driven to the Hotel Loyal, where a dinner was tendered his party. Cols. McCullogh, Cowan, Penfold and Sine were among the members of his staff at the banquet table. Following the dinner the entire party was escorted to the den, where the governor was given an opportunity to beqome a subject of the king. His evening's entertainment included a ride on the new battleship "Aquarius," and his ability as a sailor was inquired into well by Admiral Paffenrath before he was permitted to make the voyage.

MORE SUN THAN IS NEEDED.

Weather Report Shows Rainfall Below Normal Everywhere.

The mean temperature for last week was between 74 degrees and 78 degrees, which is an average of about 2 degrees above the normal. The maximum temperature exceeded 90 degrees very generally, except on Thursday and Friday, when it was 5 to 10 degrees lower.

The rainfall was below normal in all parts of the state. Local showers occurred Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, but the rainfall was generally less than a quarter of an inch. The high temperature of the week caused rapid evaporation and more rain is now needed in practically all counties.

TROOPS MAKE PRATICE MARCH

Infantry and Artillery From Fort Riley Pass Through Beatrice.

The Sixteenth United States infantry, which camped at Beatrice over Sunday, left Monday for Fort Riley, Kan. Soon after the departure of the command, Batteries D and B of the Sixth Field artillery, in command of Captains Briggs and Baryne, reached that place and there went into camp for the night. The command number about 300 men and 250 horses. About 4,000 persons witnessed the guard mount and also heard the concert given by the Sixteenth infantry band.

Boy Accidentally Shot.

The small son of James Stratton, northwest of Beaver City, was accidentally shot by an elder brother and miraculously escaped death. The older boy was handling the remains of a target rifle which had been kicked about the place for a year. It was rusty and without a stock. In handling it the thing was somehow discharged and the bullet lodged in the little boy's head near the right eye.

Wakefield to Entertain.

Wakefield is preparing for one of the biggest times ever on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 18-19. The program will consist of ball games between Norfolk, Plainview, Walthill and Wakefield, tennis games, hose races, free street attractions, etc. The fire department has its program in charge and they promise a rattling good time to all who attend.

Injuries Bring About Death.

John Doremus, a farmers living near Shelton, died Sunday night. Two weeks ago he was crossing a ravine with a steam thresher outfit and was caught between the separator and the engine and terribly scalded by steam and hot water. The burns were so severe that it was impossible to save him.

Taft Club at Cambridge.

A number of the republicans of Cambridge met at the opera house Saturday evening, Aug. 1, and organized a Taft and Sherman club.

Farmer Drops Dead.

S. A. Wilson, a farmer living north of Cozad, fell dead in the hay field about 5 o'clock Monday. He had not been feeling well for several days but his sudden death was in a measure due to the intense heat.

Street Fair Up at Dixon.

A street fair will hold forth at Ponca for a week and the town is wearing a festive garb. There are eight shows and a large Ferris wheel illuminated with electricity.

STATE CAPITAL CHAT.

LINCOLN

It costs 27 cents more per 100 pounds to ship articles designated as taking first class rates from Omaha to Texas than it did twenty-one years ago, and 10 cents more than it did five years ago, according to the tariff issued to take effect Aug. 10, and which will be opposed by the Omaha shippers as soon as U. S. Pawkett, traffic manager of the Fort Worth freight bureau files a petition before the interstate commerce commission. There has been much misunderstanding of just what the proposed change in freight rates to Texas meant and how much of an advance would be made. But it is made plain in a letter sent by the National Industrial Traffic league to the Omaha shippers and to the interstate commerce commission.

This is the increase by classes:

Class	1	2	3	4	5	A	B	C	D	E
Advance	10	8	8	6	5	6	5	4	4	4

In the letter to shippers and the commission, President J. C. Lincoln, of the National Industrial Traffic league, points out the increase in rates to Texas during the last twenty-one years, regardless of the improvement in facilities for handling transportation and the increasing business in the great Lone Star state. This is the story of how the railroads have advanced the rates since 1887, when the rate from St. Louis to Texas points was $1.20 per 100 pounds on first class, $1.04 on second, 88 cents on third, 77 cents on fourth class and 60 cents on fifth class:

ADVANCE ON CLASSES

Dates.	1	2	3	3	4	5	Class
Jan. 20, 1889..	13	13	3	13	3		Cents
Nov. 15, 1891.	0	0	1	2	2		Cents
Dec. 4, 1893..	0	0	0	0	2		Cents
Mar. 15, 1903.	7	8	7	6	5		Cents
Aug. 10, 1908.	10	8	8	6	5		Cents

President Lincoln, in the letter authorized by the league, calls attention to the fact that the interstate commerce commission ruled that the rates prior to March, 1903, afforder reasonable compensation to the carriers. Commissioner Guild, of the Commercial club, says Omaha ships a large amount of merchandise under the rate to Texas an dsuch an advance at this time means that it will be but a short time until commodity rates will be advanced, which will be a still greater blow to Omaha shippers, as well as consumers.

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Attorney Golden, of O'Neill, was among a large number of protestants before the state board of equalization Wednesday, objecting to any increase in the value of real estate contemplated by the board. Mr. Golden produced figures to show that the land in Holt county, or about 70 per cent of it, had been assessed too high and possibly 30 per cent too low. He told of several transfers where the consideration was much higher than the actual amount paid for land. These transfers had been filed by the tax agents of the railroads. For a few miles out of O'Neill, Mr. Golden said, there was a splendid road, as hard as brick, and prospective buyers were always hustled out this road and into a magnificent territory. The beautiful territory, however, he said, extended only for about four miles and then the land became practically worthless. His land, he said, had been assessed too high and he had secured a decrease through the county board, but others, who were his neighbors, had not gone before the board and therefore had received no decrease. In view of the fact 70 per cent of the land is assessed too high, he said, the county should not be raised. Practically all of the counties in which the board has contemplated making increases have objected, though usually the board has been able to convince the protestant that the increase would be just.

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The railways commission has settled the dispute between the Beatrice Creamery company and the Pacific Express company by splitting the difference between the charge the express company desired to make for hauling cream and the rate the creamery desired to pay. The creamery company buys cream and ships it from a branch road north of Grand Island. On Sundays this train does not run and the cream is then shipped to Omaha and over another road to Lincoln. The express company charged for the sum of the locals or 58 cents for 100 pounds; the creamery was willing to pay 28 cents, or the regular charge, if the shipment came straight through. The company ordered the express company to charge 40 cents a hundred, or the rate for a continuous run, based on the mileage.

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Superintendent Sherman, of the boys' industrial school at Kearney, states that the boys at the school are cultivating eighty acres of corn which will sell for $2 a bushel for seed corn. The school is working in conjunction with the state farm, and it selected its seed corn with great care. The result, he said, is that the school has the best stand of corn in Nebraska. From forty acres of potatoes, Mr. Sherman said, he expected to gather 6,000 bushels. The boys are also cultivating forty acres of sugar beets, which the experts have pronounced the finest in the state. Thirty acres have been planted in beans.

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The decision of Secretary of State Junkin that democrats could be on the populist electoral ticket as populists has caused a whole lot of talk around the state house.

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Telephone rates are now coming in for an airing before the state railway commission. J. S. Bowers, of Graf, Johnson county, has filed a formal complaint against the Nebraska Telephone company charging discrimination.

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The state board of equalization, very likely, will make the general fund levy this year 4½ mills. Last year the levy was 5 mills. The 1 mill county levy and the 1 mill redemption levy is fixed by law.