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Table with 4 columns: Year, Total amount charged up to tax collectors. Data for years 1904-1907.

THIS SHOWS AN INCREASE LAST YEAR IN TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES OF THREE MILLIONS AND A HALF, AS COMPARED WITH THE YEAR PRECEDING. IF WE ASSUME THAT THERE WERE SPECIAL REASONS WHY AN UNUSUALLY HEAVY TAX RATE WAS NEEDED LAST YEAR IN MANY COUNTIES, THE SAME REASON IS NOT LIKELY TO PREVAIL TWO YEARS SUCCESSION. THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF 1908 SHOWS CONSIDERABLE INCREASE OVER 1907 IN MOST OF THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE, AND THIS, WITH THE LOWER STATE RATE, SHOULD RESULT IN AN UNUSUAL REDUCTION IN THE AGGREGATE TAX RATE. AT THIS MOMENT, BEFORE THE SUCCESSION, THE ASSESSMENT ROLL IS FIXED, IS A GOOD TIME FOR THE TAXPAYERS TO TAKE THE SUBJECT UP WITH THEIR COUNTY CLERKS, AND FIND OUT WHETHER THEY CANNOT GET LOWER TAX RATES; AND IF NOT, WHY NOT.

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SAN QUENTIN, Sept. 9.—Efforts are being made to save from the gallows Constantino Corsei, a man found guilty of murder in Los Angeles. The movement is headed by a number of prominent Italians, two Catholic priests and Warden Hoyle of San Quentin. Corsei was convicted of murdering a woman in Los Angeles in 1905. He was sentenced to death and was to be executed on August 11, but Governor Gillett granted a stay of execution and unless a further delay is granted Corsei will be hanged on Friday.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Army orders—Captain Edwin D. Kilbourne, medical corps, Fort Brady, Mich., ordered to San Francisco. Will arrive September 5 to Manila for duty. Lieutenant Arthur R. Ehrbeck, engineer corps, Manila, ordered to leave on the steamer for Fort Bayard for treatment. The following army orders were issued today: Lieutenant Harry A. Schwab, medical corps, Manila, ordered to leave on the steamer for Fort Bayard for treatment. The following army orders were issued today: Lieutenant Harry A. Schwab, medical corps, Manila, ordered to leave on the steamer for Fort Bayard for treatment.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—"It is absurd to say that I am engaged to be married," said Miss Clara Clemens, daughter of Mark