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COUNTY BUDGET REPORT IS FILED

Supervising Commission Reports on Its Findings in Going Over Budget.

DOUGLAS TAX IS LOW

Commission Finds Business Is Being Conducted Economically Compared With Others.

The Douglas County Tax Supervising Commission has filed a report on its findings in going over budget. The report was not finished at the time the law regarding the commission was declared illegal and consequently was not necessary for the commission to file its statement, but it is thought that very probably the findings of the commission will be of aid in the future, and will serve to cast some light and information on the county financial situation and consequently the report was completed and presented to the court.

First of all the commission desires to compliment the county for its rigid adherence in the law regarding the commission. "By comparison with other counties with the same valuation and about the same valuation for taxation purposes, we discovered that Douglas County was among the lowest of the counties in the state. The other budgets submitted also indicated that the tax levies had proceeded with a work with a due regard to the interests of the taxpayers at all times, and almost without exception were made with a view of economical application of the tax levied."

As explained in the report that the commission eliminated either in part, many of the emergency funds in the various budgets. The budget law was formed, it is stated, for the purpose of giving the taxpayers information as to the use to which funds were to be put, and by creating large emergency funds, to be expended in the court of paying bonds, it would be defeated for the purpose of the law.

The report also deals with the reduction of the fund for dependent children. The law it is stated, was amended to provide expenses, in at least, of a mother who had dependent children under the age of sixteen, so that she might devote her

time to the care of the children. It is not intended that women who are able to work and earn a comfortable salary, should be drawing a pension to the limit provided by law.

The commission also explained the reason for providing for the full health unit, which brings to the county \$5,550 from the Rockefeller Foundation fund, and gives full time health service in the county.

The commission made few changes in road district budgets, abiding by the vote of the taxpayers in such districts. Most of the money saved by the commission in the levies of the various school districts was saved by taking into account the money which was on hand at the end of the school year. Most of the budgets ignored the cash on hand, one district having over \$4,000. Although it was claimed that this amount was for a new school building, no such provision was included in the budget.

Regarding the court house fund, the report says: "During the war the sum of \$50,000 was invested in Liberty Bonds for the purpose of providing a fund for the construction of a court house. The interest accumulated on this fund, amounting to something over \$10,000, was borrowed for the purpose of constructing a very much needed road. There is no difference of opinion about the necessity of a new court house. A committee appointed by the Douglas County Court expressly for the purpose of investigating and reporting regarding the construction of a new court house has

recommended a small levy for a period of five years, which added to the \$50,000 on hand would probably be sufficient to construct such a court house as Douglas County requires. It is the opinion of the commission that the money on hand, together with the interest thereon, should be scrupulously reserved for the purpose of construction, and that the report of the committee should be rigidly followed. The levy recommended by the committee was not made by the county court for the reason that it could not be done without exceeding the six per cent limitation. It is the opinion of the commission that the need for a court house, in order to protect the invaluable records of the county, as well as provide suitable offices for all county officials, is so urgent that reductions should be made in other departments rather than delay the construction of a court house. The commission therefore recommends that the sum borrowed from the Court House Fund be returned at the earliest possible date and kept on interest for the purpose of increasing the fund, and that the annual levy recommended by the committee referred to heretofore be made by the county court, and that the additional sum so raised be placed at interest until sufficient amount is on hand for the construction of a court house suitable for the purposes of Douglas County."

The Commission in concluding its report says: "The commission was particularly impressed with the fact that the parties who appeared before it in behalf of reduction of taxes invariably asked for reductions in some department of the county or for some purpose in which they had no personal interest, and as a rule, very little direct knowledge. The commission was also impressed with the fact that the only persons appearing for the purpose of either maintaining certain budgets, or increasing the taxes in any way were farmers. No doubt that the request for the maintenance of budgets, and in one or two instances, increasing

the budgets were abundantly justified. Mention is made of it, however, for the purpose of directing the attention of the taxpayers to the difficulty of reducing taxes. There is only one way to reduce taxes, and that is to reduce. It is a pleasure to be able to report the fact that the tax reduction in Douglas County cannot be made to any large extent without more or less injury to some needed public enterprise. The County Court could economically use several times the amount it has appropriated for roads and bridges. This cannot be done, however, without materially increasing the taxes. There are between three thousand and four thousand bridges over 20 feet in length in Douglas County. The increased heavy traffic over the roads is rapidly destroying all these bridges which have not been recently constructed in a permanent manner. The draft upon the public treasury for the reconstruction and repair of these bridges is very large. This public expenditure must be made because it is imperative that the bridges be maintained. Reductions in other departments of the county may be made without very serious injustice to any cause but reductions cannot be made in the maintenance of the bridges on the highways of the county.

"An examination of the county's affairs, extensively made by the commission has revealed that the pressure upon the county court for the expenditure of funds is all but irresistible. The greatest need for tax reduction is a determination in the minds of the voters to economize and even sacrifice some of the desirable things, such as the construction of roads where not absolutely necessary. If the voters and taxpayers of the county are not willing to do that the commission can see no way where any considerable savings can be made in the amount of taxes to be levied. The taxes might be more equitably distributed by finding other sources of revenue and the burden upon real property to some extent relieved, but the taxation cap-

not be reduced without a reduction of public expenditures. The commission believes that it has gone as far as can be done with safety to the public weal in the saving of taxes."

"The commission is grateful to the county court and other tax levying bodies for their readiness to give information and their sympathetic attitude towards the work of the commission. A careful investigation on the part of taxpayers of the expenditures of the various levying bodies, together with the necessities calling for such expenditures, will probably eliminate a great deal of the complaint, and will at the same time probably discover places where the expenditures may be reduced."

NATIONAL GUARD DRILL

Regular drill every Monday at 7:30 p. m. sharp. Recruits invited. LYLE E. MARSTERS, Com.

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SALVATION ARMY MEETINGS CONTINUE

"Procrastination is the thief of time," said Ensign Stack at the Salvation Army meeting last night, where he spoke to a fairly large congregation upon the subject of "Indecision." "Indecision is always a sign of weakness of character," said the speaker, and pointed out the fact that in any line of business life a man must have a quick and ready mind to make decisions, sometimes of great importance and if unable to decide immediately, suffers a loss. "How any sensible thinking man can trifle with so precious a thing as his eternal soul," he continued, "is beyond the understanding of a true disciple of Jesus."

The meetings will continue every night this week, as interest keeps growing as the meetings progress. Tomorrow night Rev. Hammer will preach upon a topic of vital interest to all.

New Taxi Service—Ashley Tabor has purchased a third interest in Taxi Stand Phone 95, located at the Grand Hotel Barber Shop and wishes to announce that he is now operating a closed car in conjunction with the above taxi stand. Country trips a specialty.

NAVY ENLISTMENTS HALTED

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—Word was received this morning by Lieutenant Commander J. E. Barber at the Navy Recruiting Station, Portland, Oregon, to accept no further first enlistments until further notice from the Navy Department at Washington. Enlistments in the Navy have been stopped at the Navy Recruiting Station, Portland, Oregon since January 10th. He was also informed that when enlistments were reopened only men who were especially recommended, who could furnish high recom-

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