

BUDGET PLAN TO BE USED IN THIS CITY NOW

GENERAL SCHEME TO REHABILITATE FINANCES ALSO INTRODUCED.

USE TIME WARRANT PLAN

Outstanding General Warrants to Be Absorbed With Promptness by Creation of Two New Accounts—Budget System to Be Used in All Departments—Commence at Once.

Budget method of government—used by all the governments of note save the United States, all big corporations and most large cities—will be inculcated into the running of La Grande's departments. An ordinance outlining and specifying this procedure was introduced last night in the city council and will probably be effective within a fortnight. It makes provisions for the specific amount of money that each department may spend each month and makes it a serious offense which the department head must pay for in dollars and cents, if the budget allowance is overdrawn. While this most important movement is set afoot, another ordinance paying the way for a cash basis in the city's financial affairs, is introduced and it, too, will no doubt be effective within the month.

Both ordinances are monumental in their scope and are said to be the panacea for present evils in the financial and business affairs. The budget system principle is simple, yet is said to be very effective and is the basis on which even the recently heathen Chinese did their business of state.

For the remainder of the current year of 1913 there shall be allotted to the street department the sum of \$1,000.00 per month, and to the water department the sum of \$1,000.00 per month and to the police department the sum of \$450.00 per month, and to the office of the city recorder the sum of \$300.00 per month, and to the city engineering department the sum of \$225.00 per month, and to the fire department the sum of \$200 per month and to the office of the city attorney, the sum of \$100.00 per month, and to the city building, the sum of \$75.00 per month.

Each of the departments and offices named shall keep the cost of operating and maintaining their office or department within the amount allotted respectively to them, and as much less than such allotment as is possible under the most careful and economical management, and that the head of each department will be held individually responsible for any expenses in excess of such allotment except permission be granted by a majority of the entire council for such excessive expenditure before the same be made or incurred.

The budget system of operating and carrying on the various departments of the city is to be permanently adopted, and one month prior to making the general levy of taxes of the city each year, an estimate of the cost of maintaining and operating such departments and offices of the city shall be made by the head of each department or office, and submitted to the council, and the council shall pass upon such estimates and make and allow a fixed and maximum amount to each department and office of the city, and in making up the levy for general taxes for the city for the ensuing year, the council shall be governed as to the amount thereof by the

total allowance allotted to each department and office of the city.

The eradication of vast numbers of general fund warrants unpaid for the want of funds, is involved in a general ordinance which creates a new fund and new accounts. It is done through the time warrant plan, special levies being ordered to create this fund and provide for time warrant sinking funds which shall take up the time warrants used to buy in and retire outstanding general warrants. These time warrants will be sold for par or more and it is the aim to take up \$50,000 of the outstanding general warrants in this way leaving only \$35,000 general warrants outstanding and the usual revenue which the city realizes will be applied on the residue of outstanding warrants and should soon clean up all outstanding warrants until the city will be doing practically a cash basis business, having two tax levies against it in the meantime to take care of the time warrant fund and its interest as well. In this way the interest will have to be paid practically as now, time warrants taking it instead of general warrants, but the credit of the city will be restored to its highest efficiency. The ordinance specifies the manner in which the time warrants shall be drawn and goes into detail of the scheme.

The warrants are for ten years optional after three years, interest paid annually.

One hundred time warrants in the sum of \$500.00 each are to be issued by the city of La Grande, signed by the mayor and attested by the recorder, and authenticated by the seal of the city attached thereto. These time warrants shall be registered consecutively by number and denomination of each in a book to be provided for that purpose and to be known as the time warrant register.

Such time warrants shall be sold beginning with number one and continuing in consecutive order for the best price obtainable, but not below par, and none of such time warrants shall be issued until a purchaser is available. All funds and money received from the sale of such time warrants shall be used for the redemption of outstanding general fund warrants, beginning with the oldest of the present outstanding general fund warrants of the city of La Grande and continuing in the order of the issuance of the same.

There is to be created each year, by a special levy for that purpose, a sinking fund of \$5000.00, which sinking fund shall be used solely for the purpose of redeeming the time warrants issued in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance passed by the council, and the interest on such

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ELK ARRIVE HERE TONIGHT

SHIPMENT FROM JACKSON HOLE NEARS DESTINATION

Pendleton Game Warden Bringing Shipment in No. 55 Tonight.

A band of elk from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, now in charge of Ed Averill of Pendleton, will reach La Grande tonight en route for Wallowa county, where they will either be pastured on the Chesniminus range or put on the pasture near Joseph when spring arrives. The shipment is on No. 55 the evening freight out of Huntington and will arrive in La Grande about 7 o'clock tonight and go out on the morning train to Joseph.

Deputy Game Warden Chas. B. Oral received word this morning from Mr. Averill relative to the arrival time, and it is presumed the populace will flock to the depot tomorrow morning to again get a glimpse of wild elk.

RAMSEY GIVEN PLACE ON STATE SUPREME BENCH

FORMER LA GRANDE HONORED BY GOVERNOR WEST IN APPOINTMENT.

TWO LA GRINDERS ON IT

William Ramsey, for Several Years a Practicing Attorney in This City Today Is Named to Fill One of the Positions on the Bench Created by the Last Legislature.

Salem, Ore. March 6.—Governor West has announced the appointment of W. M. Ramsey, now of McMinnville formerly of La Grande, and Charles McNary of Salem to the state supreme court positions to fill posts created by the recent legislature.

La Grande will now have two of its citizens on the supreme bench. Mr. Ramsey, the newly appointed member of the bench, made La Grande his home while practicing law here for a period of about seven years. He moved here with his family about nine years ago, and formed a law partnership with Turner Oliver. This partnership was dissolved about three years ago and Mr. Ramsey practiced alone for a year, then moved to McMinnville. While here the barrister created the reputation of being one of the greatest authorities on law in the state, and his friends in La Grande have looked forward with keen anticipation to his appointment by Governor West. Relatives of Judge Ramsey still live in La Grande. Supreme Justice Eakin casts his vote in the third ward of this city.

GIRL WIFE REPENTANT.

"Brotherhood of Living Fire" Victim Tells on "Husbands"

Los Angeles, March 6.—B. Truebenbach and Fritz Knell, "rabboni and sub-rabboni" of the "Brotherhood of Living Fire" will be examined for their sanity today and tomorrow following their arrest on complaint of Bettie Schubert, a pretty domestic, who declared she had been the principal of a "Soulmate wedding."

Truebenbach declared he was betrothed to the girl for 2,000 years and recognized her when she answered a matrimonial advertisement.

He procured a license, the girl said, and they were married, according to the tenets of the sect. The girl fled to the police, when Truebenbach told her Knell was to be her "second husband," she asserted.

Thaw Withdraws Suit.

New York, March 6.—Permission to withdraw his suit for a trial by jury to determine his sanity has been granted Harry Thaw by Justice Gierich, of the state supreme court, and the Pittsburgher will return to Matteawan tonight. This decision was reached by Thaw when he learned that the proposed proceedings before the judge would be used as a lever to disclose so-called bribery scandals in the prison in which Dr. Russell, the former superintendent, is alleged to have offered big sums if Thaw was given his freedom.

When the case was called this morning, Thaw's attorney asked for the dismissal and it is believed that probe should facts come to light. Wil Thaw feared the consequences of the Ham Jerome, who prosecuted Thaw for killing Stanford White, objected but at the end of long wrangling the court allowed the dismissal, which Thaw has worked for during the past several years.

GREAT TURKISH FORTRESS SURRENDERS TO THE GREEKS

Athens, March 6.—The Greek war office has officially announced today that Janina, the great western Turkish fortress, has surrendered. The Greeks have taken 32,000 prisoners.

There are few details of the final operations of the Greeks which forced the surrender. It has been known that the Turks suffered minor defeats in outpost skirmishes that stopped the

supplies. Scutari alone holds out against the allies in the west.

Many Greeks Drown.

Constantinople, March 6.—Official announcement is made that the cruiser Hamidieh yesterday sank three and instead of one transport sinking all aboard. The cruiser attacked 24 Greek transports conveying soldiers.

DEADLOCK IS GIVING AWAY

PARTIAL PEACE IS RESTORED WHEN STONER IS CONFIRMED

Majority of Council Petition Mayor to Re-Present His Name.

POLICE PROTECTION IS INFRINGED.

If the ordinance regulating the power of the mayor is passed, it will be impossible for the mayor to appoint more than 3 policemen without the consent of the council. In case of riot or other urgent need for the added police protection it would be required to first have a council meeting to empower the mayor to take action on matters that might need instantaneous attention.

Deadlock between Mayor Hall and the council was partially pried loose last night when two appointments long hanging fire were confirmed. On the written request of a majority of the council to Mayor Hall, he was under charter provision, allowed to re-present the name of Harry Stoner for street superintendent, though his first appointment was unconfirmed. The council immediately heard the re-presentation of Mr. Stoner's name and confirmed it. Insurrectos Fitzgerald and Davis alone voting against confirmation. The name of Dr. A. L. Richardson was immediately afterwards presented for city physician and confirmed.

The deadlock has now narrowed down to water superintendent, and it is indicated that a sharp fight will be developed in that section.

Just where it will end up remains to be seen, for the acting superintendent, L. M. Hoyt, has both warm friends and bitter enemies within the council.

New "Prodding" Ordinance in.

The ordinance which Councilman Davis introduced at the last meeting making it an impeachment-cause misdemeanor for the mayor to not make his appointments in a certain manner, was reported back to the council last night with adverse committee report and promptly killed. Its ghost, however, rattled its withered bones shortly afterwards in the form of almost an identical ordinance the only difference being a shade more stringent pressure on the mayor.

The ordinance more specifically goes into the "duties of the mayor" and points how the fact that he cannot appoint a man in recess appointment who has once been refused confirmation at a regular appointment. It is also incumbent upon the mayor to continue to name men at each council session until all vacancies have been filled.

Unbiased individuals who have heard the ordinance read declare it is even more radically infringing on the

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NEW 'PHONE COMPANY DUE

EASTERN OREGON LINE CAN NOW ENTER CITY

Amended Ordinance Goes to Final Passage and All Favor It.

SALIENT POINTS OF FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

All poles and apparatus to be set under direction of street committee.
City at its option may at any time order wires put underground on notice of one year.
City exacts on gross earnings of city business a tax of 2 per cent. after four years, 1 per cent. after five years and 5 per cent. the last five years.
Transfer of franchise or any right gained under it, in whole or in part, without commission of city, renders franchise void.
Franchise requires purchase of instruments by all subscribers. Maximum rates for non-shareholders, business or residential, \$1.50 per month; for shareholders, business or residential, 1.25 per month.
Main lines must be paid for by subscriber.
System to be installed must be the modern common battery system, similar to present city service.
Association must have complete central office in operation in La Grande within one year, or franchise is void, and be continually operated.
Fire alarm privileges reserved by city.
City has option of purchasing plant at expiration of franchise.

Often amended, and put to the final passage with an amendment, the Eastern Oregon Co-Operative Telephone company franchise ordinance is now up to the mayor for signature and will become operative as soon as posted. The final amendment which was injected provided that the company should have its plant in operation one year and kept in continuous operation to keep the ordinance operative. As the company already has reached the city limits with its lines and has been trying to penetrate the city for a year it follows that the company will push construction of its plant here and La Grande will soon have a dual telephone system.

Passage came after considerable debate. A few of the council hadn't absorbed all the contents of the amendments and original ordinance and asked for more time but Councilman Fitzgerald and Davis accused the council of attempting to amend and delay the ordinance "to death" and following that those who have insisted on certain provisions being included in the ordinance, immediately moved for immediate action and Mr. Fitzgerald's prophecies given the

B HUNTERS CASE IS TO BE FOLLOWED

WILSON ENFORCES YESTERDAY'S RULE AT THE FIRST OP.

PORTRAIT.

REFUSES SENATORS FIRMLY

President at His Desk Early and Secretary Beats Record for Early Arrival—First Real Cabinet Meeting Held—Senators Told to Confer With Attorney General McReynolds.

Washington, March 6.—Reiterating his order forcing submission of recommendations for federal positions to the department, which the positions come under, President Wilson today refused to consider the personal pleas of Senators Bryan and Fletcher of Florida for candidate to the federal judgeship. He referred the senators to Attorney General McReynolds.

Wilson came to the office at 9 this morning and plunged into pressing matters. He called a cabinet meeting, the first formal one, and outlined policies to them. Mr. Tumulty, the president's secretary, arrived at 8 o'clock long before the doorkeepers of the executive office were on hand. Not in years has the secretary to the president arrived at his office at such an hour.

The selection of a Democratic "steering" committee, the body which will organize a majority in the new house, was made at a Democratic senate caucus today. It includes Senators Kern, Chamberlain, Owen, Lea Thomas, O'Gorman, Smith of Georgia, and Martin Clarke. The Republican caucus selected minority leaders as follows: Lodge, Nelson, Warren, Penrose, Smoot, La Follette, Brandagee, Smith of Michigan, Crawford, Jones and Fall.

TONNERS VISIT UNION

Wallowa County High Will Play Union Five This Evening.

Bound for Union to meet the crack Union quintet tonight, the Wallowa county high school basketball five of Enterprise was in La Grande last night, and went to Union this morning. In the squad which Coach H. K. Shirk brought out were Chas. Litch and Roland Marvin, forwards; Clark Alken center, Harold Wade and Aubrey Haney, guards, and utility men were Reed Smith and Perry War-nick.

STENOGRAPHER IS KILLED.

Mistaken for Chicken Thief Eugene Man Is Fatally Wounded.

Eugene, March 6.—Thinking he had caught a chicken thief, Charles Kingwell early today shot and fatally wounded Edward Lewis, a stenographer. Lewis died shortly afterwards.

BIG FIRE IN WALLA WALLA
Walla Walla, March 6.—Fire starting on the first floor of the Hanger - Thompson department store early today destroyed the four-story structure, causing a loss of \$150,000.

wrong color. The vote was unanimous.

The matter of rates as set out in the tabloid above, is as the company managers themselves suggested and has not been tampered with.