

BUDGET IS INCREASED 6 PER CENT

County Needs \$329,238.12 to Cover Expenses Next Year

TUITION FUND IS BIGGEST FACTOR

Expansion Accounts for \$8,715.20 of Increase; Other Increases of a Minor Nature.

An increase of 6 per cent in the proposed budget of county expenses for 1926 that has just been completed by the county commissioners and a committee of three laymen represents almost entirely the expansion of the high school tuition fund, for which the levy extends only to property outside the districts in which high schools are maintained.

The total budget, exclusive of state taxes, for which notice will be received here about the middle of next month, amounts to \$329,238.12 and covers all the expenditures incurred by the county in running its business for a year.

Last year the budget called for \$310,522.92—a difference of \$18,715.20 or approximately 6 per cent.

Tuition Fund Increase—The high school tuition fund required \$3715.20 of that increase, the \$19,000 allowed for that purpose last year proving far below the amount of bills submitted for tuition of outside pupils by high schools where those pupils were enrolled.

Estimates are based on the number and education expenses of tuition students as certified to the county superintendent. There were 249 pupils, educated last year at a per capita cost of \$142.48.

The remainder of the increase—\$15,742.52—augmented by savings effected through cuts in the expenditures in nearly every department, provided for additional funds needed to provide office help and traveling expenses that the budget last year failed to cover.

Sheriff Allowed More—A \$400 increase in the sheriff's office was partly offset by decreases of \$150 in the funds set aside for criminal expenses outside the county and for office supplies.

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GASKILL WILL EXHIBIT WHEAT

J. A. Gaskill, who recently won two first prizes on wheat exhibited at the Pacific International stock show in Portland, will send two entries of wheat in the International Grain and Hay show to be held in Chicago November 28 to December 5. The samples sent will be the same that received first prize in Portland last week. One is the Hard Federation variety and the other Hybrid 225.

Mr. Gaskill's wheat placed first at Chicago last year.

Book Week Begins Today; Kiddies Expected to Read

Footballs may be neglected, but the juvenile patrons of the library will be interested in the book week which is being observed in the city today. The librarians say every child should know. The dollies have their own library arranged in bookcases on each side of a tiny fireplace before which are arranged the various tables and overstuffed chairs.

A reading club will be organized among the boys and girls who want to join on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Gertrude Warriner will be present to tell the children what to do.

Boys and girls in the lower grades will be the particular guests of the library Friday from 2:30 to 2:50 p. m., when there will be special music and other features in which the little folk are going to take part.

Story hour Saturday morning at 10 o'clock will be one of the best the library has ever had, because there will be so many good stories suggested by displays for book week.

A shelf of books especially recommended as Christmas gifts for children will be on display for the benefit of grownups.

Punish 'Em



Professor A. M. Cathcart, Stanford University, says misplaced sympathy helps the criminal in crime and does not help him out of it. He urges Europe's "swift and certain" punishment.

LEGION PLANS FAST MAT GO

Oscar Scarborough, who claims the wrestling championship of the northwest in the middleweight class, will risk his belt in a match with Frank Pilling, Pendleton favorite, for the entertainment of the Legionnaires and other Armistice Day visitors from four counties in La Grande Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

John Ash and James McNamee, who are managing the match, announce the L. O. O. F. hall, in the old Y. M. C. A. building, as the scene of the struggle.

Both tumblers are due to arrive in La Grande Tuesday.

Pilling appeared in a match here last fall and has been followed by excellent fans throughout the northwest for several seasons. Pilling's big delegation is said to be supporting him to a man.

Oscar Levitch is the name inscribed on the championship belt, which is on display now at the Imperial pool hall. Cyclone Thompson took it from Levitch and then lost two out of three to Scarborough. Local enthusiasts are divided on Pilling's chances to carve his name on the trophy.

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Spanish-American War Veterans Will Parade

The local Spanish-American war veterans will take a prominent part in the Armistice Day parade here. It is announced today by Mr. Anderson that all veterans meet at Curry's office on Elm street at 10:20 a. m., November 14, to prepare for participation. A good turnout is anticipated by him.

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Junior Play Proceeds May Better Past Marks

Proceeds from the junior class play Friday and Saturday will equal those of any previous dramatic attempt in La Grande high school, and may even exceed the best that has been done. Miss Mabel A. Bennett, director, said this morning.

Last year's net proceeds amounted to \$275. Elmer Glenn, a junior, is managing the business end of this year's play. Royalties, costumes, advertising, playbooks and posters seldom total less than \$100, and usually go over that limit, he finds.

Saturday's crowd was almost as large as Friday's, and the performance was even better, according to many who witnessed the production both times. Miss Inez Dillon and Miss Florence Thompson assisted Miss Bennett with the direction; Miss Edna Halby had charge of costumes; Miss Jean Williams, properties; Miss Louisa, scenic inspection.

Appreciation of courtesies extended her and the juniors in their efforts to produce a worthwhile entertainment was expressed by Miss Bennett this morning.

"BOB" STANFIELD COMING—It will be "Bob" Stanfield, senator, who will address the Union County Chamber of Commerce at luncheon Tuesday noon, and not political speaker, the junior senator announced in a forwarded to W. C. Perkins, chairman of the meeting.

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DECISIVE BATTLE IN SYRIA DUE

Violent Attack Against Damascus Repulsed by French Army

BAVARIAN THRONE PLOT IS SHELVED

"Time Not Ripe" for Return of Crown Prince; U. S. Aviators Leave Moroccan Front.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—La Liberté's Cairo correspondent says that telegrams from Syria indicate a decisive battle is imminent between the French and rebels.

A violent attack was directed against Damascus Saturday night when 1800 rebels stormed the city's defenses. For a time it appeared they would force the lines, but vigorous counter-offensive attacks repulsed them, the correspondent reports.

BAVARIA PLOT SHELVED—BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—Plans for an attempt to restore the Bavarian throne with former Crown Prince Rupprecht as king have been shelved because the "time is not ripe" for such a coup.

The Frankfurter Zeitung learns on what it terms as unimpeachable authority.

AMERICANS QUIT MOROCCO—ALGERIA (By the Associated Press)—Moroccan aviators who for two months have been operating against rebellious Moorish tribesmen, carrying on with the French forces but under the colors of the Sultan of Morocco, are leaving for North Africa, their season's work having been completed.

Describing the war as humane, they assert that during all their attacks they fired only upon fortified positions or rebel concentrations. "It is the most humane colonial war in history," they say.

The committee in charge of the day's contests of Mrs. H. A. Zurbick, chairman, Madame R. P. Landis, Claude Mackey, William Wilson, Walter Lohman, J. J. Carr, C. E. Stung, H. E. Dixon, Chase Bohnekaup, C. M. Hearnshaw, Pete McDonald, Gilbert Barron and Harry Turner.

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MANY ATTEND UNION SERVICE

Churchgoers of all denominations packed the auditorium of the Christian church last evening for the mass service honoring "International Good Will" Sunday, which marks the beginning of Armistice week and the annual Red Cross roll call.

The Rev. G. A. Phillips, pastor of the Baptist church, delivered an address on "Supporting the Prince of Peace," before which he joined R. J. Dykholm, L. F. Barnett and W. L. Devine in male quartet rendition of two patriotic songs. Their selections were "America the Beautiful" and "God of Our Fathers."

"We know that we do not want war, so let us make plans for peace."

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Traphoot Winners Are Given Turkeys

E. C. Kingsley, A. V. Andrews, H. K. O'Brien, J. B. Smith, Cecil Keagle, Conrad and Dr. R. P. Landis each carried home a turkey, and L. B. Hannifield and George Carlyle got two apiece at the second trap shooting contest at the Lone Tree field Sunday morning.

Hannifield and Jack Coolidge made 90 per cent records in the practice shoots.

The Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club, which sponsors the shoots, will forgo its regular meet next Sunday in order that its followers may attend the annual Moose shoot that the sporting club of the Moose lodge will put on at Oro Dell that day.

The Thanksgiving turkey shoot, Nov. 22, will be the prime event of the trap shooting season, the officers hold. Several turkeys will be up for prizes. Luncheon will be served on the grounds at noon.

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Economic Conference To Be Held At Pendleton

Five representatives have been selected to represent Union county at an Eastern Oregon economic conference outlined at a meeting of growers and scientists at Portland recently. The meeting will be held in Pendleton, February 11, 12 and 13. Those selected to represent Union county are: Frank McKennon, of Alsea; Grover Griffith, of La Grande; Luther Hindman, Elgin; J. A. Gaskill, Imbler and A. R. Hunter, La Grande.

All phases of wheat production and marketing in the northwest will be considered at the conference. Subcommittees are expected to study and report on the world supply and demand, land use and farm management, finance and credit, grading, handling and transportation, and tillage and residuals are expected to have a permanent influence on the wheat production industry of Oregon.

What farmers from every wheat growing county, transportation companies, Port of Portland, grading service, banks, experiment station, extension service, federal department of agriculture and warehouse administration will be represented on the committee. Active growers will act as chairman.

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Covering The Market

Next to the question of reader interest which assumes attention for his advertising message a business man is most concerned with covering his market as completely as possible—getting contact with the greatest number of possible customers.

Naturally The Observer serves La Grande homes practically to the saturation point, but it is just as gratifying to study rural circulation figures. For example, Alsea has 59 boxes on its rural route. Of these The Observer reaches 15 regularly. The largest number of farm readers of any newspaper entering this territory is by far—The Observer's record.

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CLUB'S QUOTA NEARLY PAID

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Pledges were made according to the size and prominence of the club and the local Neighborhood club pledged \$400. This has all been paid except \$50, which the club hopes to pay off this year.

Wednesday, November 11, will be known as Federation Endowment Fund day, and at this time steps will be taken to raise this amount. One feature will be a candy sale. The sale will be held in the show rooms of the Ford Motor company, through the courtesy of W. C. Perkins.

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RUM SHIPS RETURN TO N. Y. SHORE

Liquor Flotilla Reappears with New Strategy Worked Out

EUROPEANS PLOT AGAINST AMERICA

"Pussyfoot" Johnson Charges Interests Overseas Plan to Combat Prohibition Here.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Fourteen rum ships have reappeared on the New York coast with holiday drinks.

The rum ships have evolved new tactics to meet a possible coast guard blockade.

The new liquor-carrying flotilla does not anchor and when any coast guard vessel appears the liquor ships take to their heels until the pursuers run out of fuel and return to port.

EUROPEAN PLOT BARED—CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—William E. "Pussyfoot" Johnson

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CATTLEMEN AND BOOTLEGGERS IN BATTLE, 2 SLAIN

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Deputy sheriffs today are speeding over the long stretches of desert toward Government Hole, 250 miles east of here where long-standing troubles between cattlemen and alleged bootleggers have resulted in the reported death of two men, and the officers are under orders to drive the gunmen forever from the region.

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"Whoa Dobbin--I Do!"



Miss Una Fairman and Donald Cumming, both of Seattle, Wash., like horseback riding. So when they got married they sat on their horses while the ceremony was performed. Then they rode off into the mountains for a horseback honeymoon.

RADIO CAUCUS HEARS HOOVER

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Radio, grown to its full stature of vital force in American life, has developed problems which must be solved with governmental co-operation, Secretary Hoover said today in opening the fourth national radio conference.

More than 400 delegates heard Hoover's views on vital problems of other congestion by multiplication of broadcasting stations and suggestions for their solutions.

LEGISLATURE CONVENES—OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—A special session of the state legislature convened here today. Lieutenant Lon Johnson presides in the senate and Speaker Floyd Danks in the chair of the house. Both houses immediately proceeded with routine organization.

BLAZER TAKES STAND—LITTLETON, Colo. (AP)—An old-fashioned country doctor, Dr. Harold E. Blazer, testified in his own defense today at a trial where he is charged with murdering his own daughter, Hazel, 34-year-old "child woman."

MAKEN MISTAKE—PORTLAND, Me. (AP)—The coast guard boat CG-151 opened fire today on a suspected rum runner, which proved to be an army steamer loaded with explosive powder.

STEELHEAD RULING WELCOMED—MARSHFIELD, Ore.—Curry county residents and the sporting folk who like fishing are pleased with the attorney-general's ruling that steelhead may be caught with hook and line any time during the year. Rogue river has become nationally known as a steelhead stream, and people go there from all sections of the United States to enjoy this classy sport. Californians are particularly good patrons of the river, and a number this year have purchased plots for summer homes. At present Agnews, about 20 miles from the ocean, is the principal gathering point for outsiders who seek exciting sport.

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POSSES AFTER CONVICT TRIO

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Officers seeking three escaped convicts—Warren Daniels, Ernest A. Browning and Frank Holmes—who escaped from the Washington penitentiary early Sunday, today are investigating a report that three suspicious looking men obtained food today near Touchet Wash., 20 miles west of here.

All available guards and deputies are concentrating on that district.

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