

CITY USED \$44,205.10 LESS IN '25

Comparison Shows Expenditures Dropped During Year

EXPENSES IN 1924 WERE \$157,672.77

Check of City Records Gives Expenditures for 1925 \$12,346.83 Less Than Allowance.

During the year of 1925, ten budget allowances were not tapped... Expenditures in La Grande, a check of the statements for the past 12 months today showed...

Police Gain Is Big One of the most notable changes, the city officials point out, was in the police department. In 1924 the allowance of \$8,907 was set...

Another comparison shows that while the water department exceeded its budget allowance in 1924 by \$21,577.46 last year it exceeded its appropriation by only...

CONCERT WILL ATTRACT MANY

When winds blow bitter cold and the snow banks deep in the valley, the hearts of the fortunate warm naturally to the needs of their brethren.

But when the winter is mild, the world is prone to forget that even 20 degrees above zero brings us to homes where there is no money to buy fuel that alleviating children stay home from school because they have no warm clothes to protect them...

There is one group of untiring workers that never forgets. The Salvation Army exists for the very purpose of "remembering those who are down but never out."

With the department, which is a protective unit that functions for all La Grande citizens, as beneficiaries, there has been no hesitancy in support, it is said.

Registration Books To Be Open Until April 20

It's "Junk" To You--

Every home, every ranch, every office has a certain amount of accumulated material no longer in use that is classed as "junk" by the owners.

"Junk" it is, from their standpoint, but much of the material is actually of value if placed in the hands of those who would use it. It takes up space and is worthless as far as you are concerned—but you can get rid of it both quickly and profitably with a Want Ad in the Observer.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Going South



Gen. William Lassler, U.S.A. commandant of the Panama Canal Zone, has been appointed successor to Gen. Pershing as head of the Tacna-Arica plebiscite commission.

PRECAUTIONS HALT DISEASE

Two weeks have passed without the discovery of a case of scarlet fever that could be traced to contagion from Thelma Bray, who was found suffering with the disease after she had been in high school all day January 4.

A few light cases that have broken out among children in the grade schools have been followed

MUSICAL COMEDY CAST REHEARSING TWO TIMES DAILY

Miss Myrtle Black, whose lovely contralto voice has made her a popular entertainer, will sing and play the leading role as Truly Yours in the American Legion's musical comedy, "The World of the Town," which is whipping into shape under the strenuous coaching of James W. Evans, the producer and director.

Large Crowd Expected At Fireman's Dance

With tickets sales mounting, members of the La Grande Volunteer Fire department today are confident that their annual benefit dance, to be given tonight beginning at 8 o'clock at Zuber hall, will be one of the best attended of the season.

Religious Fervor Is Marked at Camp Meet

Religious fervor characteristic of the old-fashioned camp meetings is mounting from evening to evening at the Salvation Army hall, where a community revival campaign is in progress.

Knights of Pythias to Honor Fathers and Sons

Knights of Pythias will honor fathers and sons at a social meeting in the lodge hall Monday evening, with Dr. W. T. Day, of Hot Springs, and the Rev. H. C. Lee, of Astoria, as guest speakers.

ENTICEMENT WORK SHOWS BIG RESULT

Arthur Foster, Land Settlement Manager, Re-cites Progress Made

BOARD LOCATES 1,300 FAMILIES

Speaker Tells Chamber of Commerce Members Absence of Knocking Would Brighten Path.

Since the organization began functioning two years ago a total of 1,300 families have been brought to Oregon as permanent citizens, Arthur Foster, manager of the land settlement department of the Portland chamber of commerce, today told members of the local chamber at the annual luncheon hour.

Mr. Foster reviewed the history of the land settlement movement and revealed its method of enticing settlers. Every prospect is given a chance to buy land at what it is worth and "hold over" are absolutely unknown, he declared.

Mr. Foster believes that the only way to "reduce taxes in Oregon is to bring in more taxpayers" and the land settlement department works with this in mind.

MURDER IS LAID TO "CLUBBER" BY OHIO POLICEMAN

TOLEDO, O. (By the Associated Press)—The body of Mary Handley, 42, the seventh victim of the "clubber" here in less than a year, was found today in a yard next to her home. Her head was crushed and she had been gagged with strips from her clothing.

Files Suit

Blodostains on the sidewalk, police said, indicated that Miss Handley had been attacked there and then dragged into the yard, where she was covered with a raincoat.

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THREE-YEAR CONTRACT IS OFFERED

School Board Re-Elects J. T. Longfellow as Superintendent

SALARY INCREASE IS PROVIDED FOR

Satisfaction Is Expressed by Directors; Former Nampa Man Delighted with Board's Action.

Mr. Longfellow came to the superintendentcy at La Grande after four years' successful work as principal of the high school at Nampa, Idaho. His present salary is \$3900 for a year of twelve months.

Mr. Longfellow is delighted with the board's action. He said that he had been offered a similar position at Astoria, was \$2500 for several years prior to his departure. Mr. Hampton was holding a two-year contract when he went to Astoria, and had held several previous two-year contracts.

65-Story Building Is Going Up in New York

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Average American Found At Last?



Above are shown the U. S. census bureau's requirements for the Average American, and Cecil Alfred Johnson, who meets nearly every one of them. His home is near the exact center of population of the United States.

FINDINGS OF COURT UPHELD

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The conviction of Colonel William Mitchell by an army court martial for violation of the Espionage Act of War was approved today by the war department review board so far as legal aspects of the trial are concerned.

Oregon Export Slice Twentieth in Country

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Shipments from the state of Oregon overseas during the third quarter of the year ended Sept. 30, 1925, amounted to \$12,559,121, as compared with \$7,224,385 for the preceding three-month period, according to statistics released today by the department of commerce.

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Wife of Film 'Sheik' Frees Self Today

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Whitford Hudnut (Natcha Hambova) was granted a divorce today from Rudolph Valentino on the grounds of abandonment.

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XTRA

HIDDING IS LIVELY. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Lively bidding for 17 miles of highway work and numerous bridges marked the opening session of the state highway commission today. Awards will be made Wednesday.

FAVORS ESTATE TAX.

WASHINGTON (AP)—While President Coolidge believes the federal government should retire from the inheritance tax field, leaving it to the states, he has not determined when it will be advisable for congress to abolish the levy.

JURY HEARS CASE.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The district attorney's office today began laying before the grand jury evidence on which it hopes to obtain indictments against 10 rum-houses, charging that they are really dance halls conducted without a license.

STUDENTS DRINK.

COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—Alonso Tuttle, law professor, chairman of the committee of student affairs at Ohio university, told university trustees investigating committee today that it was "perfect nonsense" to say there is no drinking among students.

FILIBUSTER CARRIED ON BY JOHNSON

Californian in Battle to Prevent a World Court Vote

EUROPEAN MIX-UP LIKELY, HE SAYS

Senator Tells Colleagues That Adherence Would Lead to Messy Entanglements.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Fighting for time, opponents of American membership in the world court continued at length today their arguments in the senate against the resolution proposing adherence to the court protocol.

Bicase Filibusters. Yesterday the senate, on the verge of voting on the world court adherence issue, was held helpless by a one-man filibuster—the man being Senator Blaine, Democrat.

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I. C. C. DENIES RATE INCREASE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Acting upon the protests of Montana, Oregon and Washington railroad commissions the Interstate Commerce commission today refused to allow northwestern railroads to raise export rates on grain from western Montana to Pacific coast ports.

Six Manufacturing Companies in Merger

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The merger of six door, sash and veneer plants, with a capital stock of \$10,000,000 is announced here today.

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