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BUDGET FOR
SCHOOL YEAR
IS \$115,680.00Receipts to Take Care of
\$50,455.38 of Neces-
sary ExpendituresHEARING DATE IS
SET FOR DEC. 11Increase over Last Year
Is Due to More Pupils
Now Being Educated in
District.

Except as the steady increase in the number of pupils being educated here brings about a relative increase in the cost of operating the school system, little change over the budget allowances of last year is marked in the tentative budget for 1926-27 as it was compiled at a recent session of the board of directors.

From \$166,125.50, the total estimated amount of money needed for all purposes during the year which began last June, may be subtracted, \$50,455.38, the total estimated receipts, leaving \$115,680.00 to be raised by district tax.

Hearing Dec. 11.

The budget will come up for discussion and action at a special meeting of the board at the Central school auditorium at 2 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 11. At that time, any person subject to the tax levied for the period covered by the budget will be privileged to voice any objection he may wish to make.

Personal service, totaling \$112,335.50, constitutes the largest item in the list of expenditures. It provides for the following salaries: Superintendent, \$3,400; principals, high school, \$2,500; Central, \$1,450; Greenwood, \$1,450; Riveria, \$1,500; Willamette, \$1,450; 68 regular teachers, \$87,515; substitute teachers, \$1,450.50; study hall supervisor, \$1,000; janitors and assistants, \$7,405; clerk, \$1,240; stenographer and office attendants, \$1,240; fuel, \$4,500; attendance supervisors, \$402.

Several pieces of playground equipment are being purchased this year to take the place of worn out apparatus and to provide recreational facilities where they have been lacking heretofore. This purchase amounts for \$1,400 of the \$118,620 estimated for materials and supplies.

Furniture included.

In this group, besides the playground purchases are included: Furniture, such as desks, stoves, curtains, etc., \$4,000; supplies, \$2,500; library and music books, \$750; flags and flagpoles, \$250; janitors' supplies, \$1,000; fuel, \$4,500; light, power and telephone, \$2,300; Central, \$1,400; postage, stationery and printer, \$50.

Hall floors in the high school building will probably have to be replaced this year, and the stairs repaired and braced. This work comes under the head of maintenance and repairs, which totals \$3,900. It comprises the following items: High school buildings and grounds, \$3,750; domestic arts buildings and grounds, \$500; Central buildings and grounds, \$1,250; Greenwood buildings and grounds, \$500.

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NINE ACTIVE
P. T. GROUPS
OVER COUNTY

With the organization of a Parent-Teacher association at Kamela, Union county can boast nine active units of P. T. A., according to E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent. Besides the new one at Kamela, there are four in La Grande, and one each at Perry, Imbler, Cove and North Powder. Wolf Creek and Fruitdale are preparing to organize, the superintendent reports.

THREE OR
FOUR DOLLARS
A MONTH

The small business, with an annual volume of only a few thousand dollars can keep the same constant contact with you, his old or prospective customer, that is enjoyed by the largest store.

In the Want Ad columns of The Observer such a business can carry a regular customer list efficiently. Its service, its superiority—and at the very small expense of three or four dollars a month. New people come to the community, old residents discover new needs—and invariably they are daily readers of The Observer. They total more than 12,000. For a few cents a day a business can regularly invite their attention and patronage. A small business cannot afford to be without this inexpensive but highly valuable contact.

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Dr. A. B. Hall to
Visit La Grande
On November 29President of University
Plans to Visit Entire
State After Thanksgiving
Day.

President Arnold Bennett Hall of the University of Oregon will be in La Grande Monday, Nov. 29, and will be the speaker at an opening meeting of the Rotary club at noon on that day at the Foley hotel.

In the evening at 6:30 o'clock arrangements have been made for an Oregon alumni dinner in his honor, the place for which has not yet been decided upon. Following the dinner, at 8 o'clock, Dr. Hall will address the general public in the first Presbyterian church.

The university president will be accompanied on the trip by Harold Young, president of the alumni association. The two plan to go over the entire state, visiting the various towns. The purpose of the visit is to get acquainted with the alumni in the different sections of the state and to let people know the new U. of O. president.

In addition to luncheon, dinner and evening meetings Dr. Hall and Young will also appear before the high school student body some time during the day.

At present Dr. Hall is in Washington, D. C., attending a conference of educators. He will return to Eugene by Thanksgiving day and will leave there immediately afterwards en route to Eastern Oregon.

200 Fathers and
Sons to Dine at
Methodist Church

Two hundred fathers and sons will sit down to dinner at 6:30 o'clock this evening in the basement dining room of the Methodist church. Bouquets of red carnations will symbolize the filial piety of the occasion. Songs, toasts and a vocal pie menu will constitute the entertainment.

Lincoln's orchestra will open the program, over which the Rev. George Albert Pollard, Baptist minister, will preside as chairman of the boys and girls work committee of the church of commerce. Ten minutes of song will be led by Elmer Stoddard.

While dinner is being served by the Methodist Ladies Aid society, headed by Mrs. Sherwood Williams, the orchestra, the high school boys' glee club and perhaps the chamber of commerce quartet will furnish musical numbers.

Another 15 minutes of singing will precede the talks at 7:30 o'clock. Irvin Zundel, president of the high school student body association, will respond for the boys to a toast to "Our Fathers."

Robert S. Eakin, representing the ladies present, will toast "Our Sons."

The Rev. Melville T. Wire, Presbyterian Methodist minister, will speak on the subject, "Your Son and His Father."

Superintending the banquet from the kitchen will be Mrs. S. C. Smith and her committee, Mrs. A. W. Nelson and Mrs. W. E. Adler will have charge of the dining room.

Allie Taylor to
Arrive Tomorrow

Allie Taylor, featherweight who will fight Frankie Britt, claimant of the northwest championship, here next Tuesday night, will arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning, accompanied by his manager, Charles Carroll and will appear in public workout at the Imperial at 5 o'clock Saturday night.

Some of the preliminary fights will also take part in the workout. The two fighting the semi-final are due either Sunday night or Monday morning.

Britt and La Barron, accompanying him here, are scheduled to arrive Sunday evening.

Frank Pillier has been engaged to referee the bouts on the card which is sponsored by the American Legion. Ticket sales are reported to be very encouraging.

Patterson's Final
Lead 26,603 Votes

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—L. L. Patterson received 26,603 more votes than Governor Walter M. Pierce in the gubernatorial election in Nov. 2 according to the official totals in the office of Secretary of State Sam A. Kozar. Patterson received 14,281 more votes than Pierce and H. H. Stallard, independent candidate, combined. Patterson's total vote was 129,972. Pierce 53,475 and Stallard 12,492.

Official returns have been received by the secretary of state from all counties with the exception of the vote on the measures in Multnomah county.

The other official totals on candidates are:

For United States senator: Adams 31,455; Hanes 31,301; Stanford 20,241; Steiwer 19,907. Steiwer's lead over Hanes, 17,955.

FIGHTS RECALL



Governor Roland H. Hartley, of Washington, is fighting a recall movement against him with his own magazine, "Hartley's Weekly," which he edits from the capital.

FAVOR LOCATING
NORMAL IN CITYEndorsements of La
Grande as Site Come
in Every Mail

Every mail is bringing to the chamber of commerce office here copies of resolutions being forwarded by the board of directors of Oregon normal school in endorsement of La Grande as the most logical site for the location of the new Eastern Oregon institution.

Five organizations in North Powder, the commercial association at Wallawa and the community of Cove have all declared their unbiased favor of La Grande as the school site.

Climate, the standards of the community, the location in regard to population, the transportation facilities and the expense and extensiveness of La Grande schools are all cited as contributing to the advantages this city offers to teachers in training.

Endorsements Strong

Strong endorsements are given in the four resolutions from North Powder, neighbor to Baker, which is also asking for the normal school. The school faculty, the city council, the commercial club and the Parent-Teacher association have all taken action in La Grande's behalf.

State and students will both get more for their money if the school is located in La Grande than in any other point in Oregon, declares the Wallawa Commercial association.

Four Favorable Points

Four points are set forth in

Petitions for New
Logging Road Route

In response to a petition from the Grande Ronde Lumber company, asking that the route of the Telecast-Medical Springs market road be changed from its present location so as not to interfere with the site of the company's new mill at Medical Springs, Judge C. G. Couch and S. B. Morgan, county road master, inspected the proposed route change yesterday afternoon. Oscar Cutler, highway engineer, who was in the employ of the state when the present route was laid out, accompanied them. A report will be made at the next session of the county court in December.

Missing Girl Is Reported to Have
Attended Movie Here Last Night

A clue to the whereabouts of Maxine Stone, 15-year-old Texas girl believed hidden in this vicinity since she disappeared from school about a month ago, promised this morning when Frances Peck, 14, a pupil at Willow school, reported to her teacher that she had seen the child at a local theater last night.

She knew Maxine well when she was a pupil at the Central school at the beginning of the term, Frances said.

But the fact that she is sure that the child was at the show alone aroused doubt in the mind of Chief of Police Maynes that the girl she saw was really Maxine.

Was Enrolled in School

Both Maxine and her cousin, Vivien Stone, were enrolled in school at the beginning of the fall term, and both dropped from their classes the middle of October, Sup-

OIL TANKER
BLAST KILLS
17 WORKERSMen Plunged into Blaz-
ing Hulk of Steamer
by ExplosionMARYLAND DOCK IS
SCENE OF TRAGEDYBesides Dead, 75 Report-
edly Injured—Entire
Crew Aboard When
Tank Blows Up.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 19 (AP)—Seventeen were known to be dead and 75 injured as workers plunged frantically into the blazing hulk of the Norwegian oil tanker Mantilla, wrecked by an explosion in the dry dock of the Bethlehem Steel company at Sparrows Point this afternoon.

The Mantilla's crew of 35, for the most were on or near the vessel with an undetermined number of dry dock workers when one of the Mantilla's tanks blew up from an unknown cause. Captain Nils Danielsen was in the dry dock office a few yards away.

The spray of blazing oil thrown by the blast fired the ship from stem to stern. Nearly buildings were damaged. Dock hands rallied to the aid of firemen in attempting to hold the fire in check while volunteers entered the hulk to bring out the dead and injured. Workers were endangered by the ship's other tanks, which it was feared might explode at any time. All efforts were being bent toward getting the injured out of the danger zone and while the fire was at its height no attempts had been made to check the identities of those dead, injured or missing.

Condition of 3
Injured Persons
Improved Today

The condition of Herman Roesch, Mrs. Herbert Mires and Miss Pomona Stankland, who were injured in an auto wreck near North Powder Wednesday night in which Herbert Mires was instantly killed, is reported to be generally improved.

A call to the Hot Lake sanatorium, where the three are patients, revealed that Roesch, most seriously hurt, is believed to be better. While his condition is serious it is not held dangerous.

Both the women are still confined to their beds but both show improvement.

Funeral services for Mires will be held at the Episcopal church at Union tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with burial in the Union cemetery. The body is at the Stodgrass and Zimmerman chapel here.

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Two Trains Arrive
In La Grande Later

Beginning this week the arrival times of two of the westbound passenger trains stopping at La Grande were changed. Train No. 25, which formerly arrived here at 10:55 p. m., now gets here at 10:40 o'clock and arrives in Portland after 10 o'clock in the morning.

Train No. 17, which arrived here at 7:45 a. m., is now due at 8 o'clock.

These changes in the time card came as the result of Eastern changes.

intendant J. T. Longfellow said this morning.

Vivien, it has since been learned, was returned to her home at Port Worth, Tex., when her uncle returned there a month ago. Maxine is being harbored in some home near La Grande, Stone is reported to have told officers at Port Worth, where he is now being held on a charge of kidnapping.

Mother in Portland

Although the little girl was stolen from her mother's custody about four months ago, it was only last month that Mrs. Stone got trace of the child. She left here yesterday for her brother's home in Portland, but is kept in constant touch with the search here as it is being carried on by the police and school officials. Stone, the little girl's father, was employed in Williams' barber shop during his stay here.

Wallowa County
Budget Drafted;
Asks \$274,000.00Document Provides for
\$2,000.00 for County
Agent—Hearing to Be
Held Nov. 26.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Nov. 19 (Special)—The budget committee, for the Wallowa county court, composed of Theodore Shell, Ernest Johnson, H. B. Daydheiser and members of the county court, met early this week and prepared a tentative budget, with Nov. 26 at 2 p. m. set as the time for hearing.

The budget asks for \$216,000 for expenses during the coming year, which, with an estimated state tax of \$58,000 to be paid, makes the total \$274,000. Estimated receipts total \$27,000, leaving the balance to be raised in Wallowa county by taxation at \$247,000.

The budget is divided as follows:

County offices	\$29,425
Miscellaneous	7,175
Circuit court	6,000
County court	2,400
County poor	3,500
Wallowa pensions	2,500
Registration & elections	2,000
Court house	4,000
Roads and highways	112,000
Education	47,000
Total	\$216,000
Estimated state tax	\$58,000
Total	\$274,000

Estimates Receipts

Clerks fees	\$4,000
Sheriff's fees	500
Interest balance	500
Forest receipts	12,000
Motor license	10,000
Total	\$27,000

A survey of the budget shows that \$2,000 has been allowed for a county agent. No provision was made for county fair premiums, the board of equalization, a fire patrol, sundry expenditures, or furniture and fixtures at the court house.

The budget allows \$17,000 for high school tuition and \$39,000 for the county schools.

Ormiston Denies
Finery in Trunk
Aimee's Clothes

CHICAGO, Nov. 19 (AP)—Edward H. S. Martin, attorney for Kenneth G. Ormiston, missing radio operator of Angeles Temple, Los Angeles, today made public a letter purporting to be from Ormiston, who branded as "bunk" the "dear darling man" letter given out by District Attorney Keyes and also the trunk of feminine finery found in New York.

It was Ormiston's first expression since the trunk contents and letter were made public. California authorities had announced their belief that finery found in the trunk belonged to Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, and that the "dear darling man" letter was a mixture exchanged between Mrs. McPherson and the radio operator.

Ormiston in the letter repeated his denials that he was with Mrs. McPherson in a sojourn in a cottage at Carmel by the Sea.

Stating that his attorney had informed him that "the dear public wants to know what I think about the amazing trunk and love letter story," Ormiston wrote, "my opinion can be adequately expressed in one word—bunk."

"Regarding the trunk I naturally have no means of knowing. I do not know if the trunk reported as delivered to Mr. Keyes in Los Angeles is or is not my property. As for its contents, I know no more than any glibbie reader of the 'sensational sheets'."

Thanks Mr. Keyes

"Now we come to that touching though cryptic little letter. I have to thank Mr. Keyes for a real thrill. The newspapers inform me in great headlines that I was a 'dear darling man' in some lady's estimation."

"While I am really a optimist I know there must be a catch in it some where and sure enough upon yonding through many lengthy columns I found that 'twas only Mr. Keyes trying to establish a reputation as an expert in the art of cryptography."

"Had I been the recipient of the missive in question, I am quite certain that I would have failed miserably to grasp its import and the signature 'Jackie' would have rung no bell of recognition in my mind."

Tower Will Speak
At Forum Meeting

E. D. Tower will discuss "Methodism in Current Events" Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the regular meeting of the Men's Forum at the First Methodist Episcopal church.

Members of the forum are preparing for a series of social meetings for the men of the church, which will begin immediately after Thanksgiving.

GRANGERS IN
OPPOSITION
TO TAX CUTNational Convention
Urges Application of
Surplus to DebtMERCHANT MARINE
POLICY APPROVEDThumbs Down on Recla-
mation Appropriations
Until Crop Surplus Is
Wiped Away.

PORTLAND, Maine, Nov. 19 (AP)—The national grange committed itself today to a definite program for farm relief and declared itself in favor of enforcement of prohibition. The delegates at the sixth annual meeting, now on their way home from the sixth annual meeting, opposed the treasury department's plan to make a refund on income taxes but urged that any surplus should be applied to the national debt as a means of reducing the tax burden.

The national executive committee was asked to investigate charges that liquor was sold on American ships beyond the 12-mile limit.

The grange voiced opposition to any change in the ineligibility clause of the Johnson immigration bill and any federal interference with state and local regulation of motor vehicle transportation.

Merchant Marine Approved

Congress was urged to enact a law providing that fabrics be "plainly and truthfully labeled." Approval of the American merchant marine policy, a pledge of support for the shipping board and an expression in favor of regional representation on the board were adopted.

Included in its resolutions designed to benefit the American farmer was a declaration in favor of the leasing of the Muscle Shoals power project "to the responsible company making the best offer and agreeing to manufacture a high grade fertilizer material carrying not less than fifty per cent plant food."

Against More Reclamation

The grange opposed additional federal appropriations for reclamation projects until the present surplus of farm products no longer exists. It likewise opposed further centralized control of the federal farm loan system. Liberal state and federal appropriations for the extermination of the corn borer and the eradication of disease among dairy animals were favored.

The grange reaffirmed support of the principle of direct primary as protecting the rights of the people and suggested only correction of its weaknesses.

Illinois Gangsters
Resort to Bombs

WEST CITY, Ill., Nov. 19 (AP)—Southern Illinois gangster warfare burst forth again today. A bomb, hurled from a swiftly moving auto, exploded about 10 feet from the home of Joe Adams, West City mayor and alleged cohort of the Shelton gang of liquor runners.

Nobody was in the home at the time and the only damage was the shattering of windows in it and nearby houses.

A previous attack was made on the mayor's home several weeks ago by a machine gun armed auto. Townspeople credit both salies to the Hickey gang, sworn enemies of the Sheltonites in the liquor feud.

MOTHER OF TRIPLETS SETS RECORD



HEA

Oregon, Idaho in
Celebration at
Ontario TodayRejoice at Owyhee, Vale
Projects' Approval—
Governors Moore and
Pierce Attend.

ONTARIO, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Oregon and Idaho today joined hands in a celebration here of the approval by President Coolidge and the signing by Secretary Work of the contract for the construction of the Owyhee and Vale reclamation projects in Oregon and Idaho.

"From sage brush to production" was the slogan of the day, and decorations carried out the idea. The sides of streets were decked with sage brush, and at the intersections were shocks of corn and grain.

Hundreds of visitors from cities and towns of Oregon and Idaho were present. Among the speakers were Governor Walter M. Pierce, of Oregon, and Governor E. C. Moore, of Idaho, railroad, commercial organizations and newspapers were represented.

DE LA HUERTA IS
HEADING REVOLTFormer Mexican Presi-
dent Has 20,000 Men
Under Arms, He Says

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 19 (AP)—Adolfo de La Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, today reiterated his declaration that he is the proclaimed leader of a general rebellious movement against the Calles regime.

De La Huerta announced that 20,000 men already were under arms in various states of the southern republic. The military leaders in each state, with one exception, however, avowed their purpose of restoring him to political power when once control of the republic has been wrested from the Calles administration, he said.

De La Huerta declared he would take his place at the head of his sympathizers in Mexico when the time was opportune.

Respects U. S.

He made it plain, however, that he had no intention of violating the neutrality laws of the United States and said the American authorities were cognizant of his position.

When told that his announcement was not being taken seriously at Washington he declared that the true state of affairs in Mexico had not been permitted to become known outside of the republic.

State's Property
Valuation Climbs

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—The assessed valuation of property in Oregon for 1927 tax levies will be approximately \$1,110,000,000 or from \$24,000,000 to \$30,000,000 greater than the 1926 valuation, according to Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. Of the increase about \$10,000,000 will be on property of public service corporations.

Coolidge Opposed
To Democrat Plan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—President Coolidge is opposed to the democratic proposal for repeal of the automobile tax.

STATE RESTS
IN HALL, MILLS
MURDER TRIALProsecution Completes 13
Days of Testimony in
Somerville TrialBULLET PICTURES
RESULT IN CLASHAfter Heated Arguments
by Attorneys, Court
Rules Photographs Be
Withheld.

COURTHOUSE, SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 19 (AP)—The state rested its case against Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brother, Henry and Willie Stevens this afternoon after thirteen days of testimony.

The defense at once made a motion that testimony as to finger prints in connection with a calling card of the Rev. E. W. Hall, found near his body, which the state has contended bear the print of the left index finger of Willie Stevens, be stricken from the record.

Jury Retires

The jury was taken from the room while former attorney general Robert H. McCarter argued the motion.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 19 (AP)—Mrs. Barbara Tough, former maid in the home of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, today was recalled to the witness stand by the state in the Hall-Mills murder trial to tell more about the razor which was owned by the Rev. Edward W. Hall who was slain four years ago with Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills.

Mrs. Hall, widow of the slain minister, and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens are being tried for the murder of Mrs. Mills, choir singer in the Rev. Mr. Hall's New Brunswick church.

Earlier in the trial, the prosecution introduced an old-fashioned razor but it has not been admitted as evidence. The threat of Mrs. Mills was slashed after she had been shot three times. In her earlier testimony Mrs. Tough said that the razor introduced by the state was not the same length as that which was owned by the Rev. Mr. Hall.

"This razor, where was it kept?" asked Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor, today.

"In a small medicine chest," answered Miss Tough.

Memory Hazy

"Can you say positively whether you saw the razor in the cabinet after the murder?"

"No, I cannot."

Miss Tough said she remained in the Hall home as a maid until February following the double slaying on the night of Sept. 14, 1922.

"Did you ever look for the razor?" asked Senator Case on cross examination.

"No," replied the maid.

"You took care of the medicine chest, didn't you?"

"Yes," was the reply, and Case came back with an objection which ended the testimony.

Expert Testifies

Inspector John J. Underwood, of Jersey City, the 15th witness in the trial testified that he was in charge of the investigation which led to the present trial and that he received the calling card said to bear a fingerprint of Willie Stevens at the home of Commissioner Buggans in Jersey City, on the evening of Aug. 16. He said that Philip Payne, managing editor of the New York Daily Mirror, was present.

"Was the card been in your possession ever since?" Simpson asked.

"Yes," Underwood replied.

"You haven't put any fingerprint on it, have you?"

"No."

Robert McCarter, chief of defense counsel, took up the cross examination.

"Did you say that the card had not left your possession at any time?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Didn't Lieutenant Drewn, your finger print expert, have it for three days?"

"Yes, I had forgotten that."

Underwood said he gave it to Drewn on the morning of Aug. 17.