



COUNTY ESTIMATES OF FUNDS SMALL

Court Holds That It Has No Other Course Than to Obey the Law

OFFICIALS WORRY

Funds of Treasurer, and the School Superintendent Affected by Deductions

Comment is rife over the interpretation of the budget law by the County Court. It is declared that there will be a shortage of funds needed to pay the counties expenses before the time for receiving next years taxes which will be due April first, 1923.

Due to the provisions of the law directing the make-up of county budget the Court estimated: (1) \$63630.00 receipts for the General Fund; from clerks and recorder's office fees, justice court fines, etc.; (2) \$128,057.90 for schools and library and \$75,000.00 for high schools. These two latter sums equal \$203,057.90. There was in the general fund December 1, 1921 the sum of \$49,213.84 and in the school fund, December 1, 1921 the sum of \$31,560.21.

Deductions
The law under which the court prepared and the taxpayers approved the budget, provides for deducting funds in the Treasurers hands on December 1 including the year 1921, from the estimated expenditures for the following year. Hence the court and committee as provided by law, deducted (1) the \$49,213.84 from the \$220,052.61 their estimate for general county funds for 1922, leaving \$170,838.77 in the total net general fund; (2) deducted the \$63,000.00 estimated receipts from the \$170,838.77 or total net general fund leaving \$107,838.77 in the net county general fund; (3) the court and committee made the further deduction of the \$31,560.21 from the estimated \$107,838.77 leaving a net total of \$76,278.56 in the county school fund.

Transportation Is 3-Angled Problem

The Southern Pacific lines have made application to the Interstate Commerce commission for permission to make rates to meet water competition between Atlantic and Pacific ports.

At present the rates by water are cheaper and the roads are suffering from both these and the competition from the motor carriers inland. It is business for the roads to raise their rates to save themselves from loss and this, of course raises a protest from the inland shippers. But in all fairness to the roads, which must keep up their road beds, an item which reduces the revenue of neither of their competitors, net profits should be taken into consideration before the commission either grants or denies the request. And the shippers will under any conditions, enjoy the advantage of the water rates at terminal points.

Farm Bureau Hosts To National Leaders

One of the most important Farm Bureau meetings to be held in the county will be the all day meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall at Clackamas February 2.

Departments Affected

The treasurer and school superintendent state that the balances on hand are needed to pay warrants already outstanding. The treasurer states that expenses met by the general fund is about \$12,000 a month; that this fund will be depleted by Mar. 15, when taxes come in; that the \$107,208.77 net general fund will be depleted about December 1, 1922, and that there will be no money in the treasury to pay expenses from December 1, 1922 to Mar. 15, 1923.

The school fund, according to the county school superintendent, will be exhausted a month before the end of this year; that the \$31,000.00 is offset by warrants already out; and that there will be no county school fund in the treasury from December 1, 1922 to Mar. 15, 1923.

The county court declares intention to obey the law and insists that this is the only and best course the court can take.

And while the court does not point out the way for the county to meet such possible deficits, it is a fact that other units as school districts often draw closely on funds and issue warrants or loan funds to meet such deficit. And in some cases it is more profitable than to retain large sums on balance.

Jennings Resident Passes

Funeral services for the late John Glass, who died last Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur B. Smith in Jennings Lodge were held from the Portland crematorium, Tuesday, January 24. Deceased was 80 years of age and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Vera Stewart, Portland; Mrs. Eva Carter, Silverton; a son, J. B. Glass of Canyon City.

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