

TAXPAYERS VOTE FULL AMOUNT OF NEW BUDGET

With scarcely a ripple of opposition to disturb the harmony of the meeting, the taxpayers of Clackamas county, at the annual budget meeting here Saturday appropriated all of the money available under the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment, registered their approval of every project in the budget submitted by the county court, with the exception of the appropriation of \$42,750 for hard surface paving, which was increased to \$57,000, the item of \$7,125 for state co-operation, which was increased to \$35,000 to provide for grading the Pacific Highway between the west end of the Willamette River suspension bridge at West Linn and the Multnomah county line, an increase of \$1200 in the budget for the county surveyor's office for salary and expenses of an assistant, and a 1-4 mill levy for a sinking fund for the construction of a new bridge across the Willamette at Oregon City.

With the election of Circuit Judge Campbell as chairman of the meeting and Deputy County Clerk Fred A. Miller as secretary, the meeting was called within 20 minutes of the time scheduled, and County Judge Anderson declined to take the chairmanship on the ground that he did not think it proper for a member of the county court to act in that capacity. The first controversy came with a resolution presented by Representative Schuebel providing for a 1-4 mill levy for the Willamette River bridge sinking fund. Embodied in the resolution was a clause fixing the location of the new bridge at Seventh street, where it is now located, and in the final adoption of the resolution it was stipulated that the feasibility of securing sufficient land to anchor a wider bridge might be considered.

The appropriation of \$35,000 for the grading of the Pacific Highway between West Linn and the Multnomah county line met with some opposition. The fight for this appropriation was led by L. L. Porter, of West Linn, who presented a memorial from the city of Oswego. On a show of hands, the appropriation was adopted by a vote of 56 to 41.

At this juncture, and in response to an interrogation from the chairman, County Judge Anderson presented figures to show that while \$555,181 was the amount of the budget, that the county could spend \$596,749 in 1919 and keep within the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment, and by a vote of 62 to 4, the taxpayers specifically directed the court to spend all of the money available. This action caused Judge Campbell, who was a member of the legislature before he became a member of the bench, to state that he had never seen, in any session of the legislature, such open-handed liberality as in the meeting over which he was presiding. After providing for the expenditure of every dollar in sight, the taxpayers granted to County Surveyor Johnson an appropriation of \$1200 for an assistant, who is to be a trained man and who will receive \$90 a month and expenses. Six people voted against the appropriation, after Mr. Johnson had stated that he had been refused the appropriation by the county court. The expenditure of \$2500 for the purchase of the Wilsonville ferry was authorized by a unanimous vote, after an explanation of its needs by Gordon E. Hayes, who said the money would be used to purchase the apparatus, now privately owned and operated during the summer months, and a landing site on each side of the river. It will be necessary for the county court to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the ferry.

A. J. Lewis, of Maple Lane, an ancient enemy of the county agent plan, vainly endeavored to secure the adoption of a motion striking an appropriation of \$1600 for the county agent's office from the budget. Only six taxpayers favored such a trenchment. H. G. Starkweather, of Milwaukie, and Mr. Moulton, of Sherwood, made a strong fight for the retention of the budget item. Mr. Lewis also made an effort to strike out the appropriations of \$500 each for home demonstration work and boys' and girls' club work. The Molalla delegation, which was

Chosen National League Chief for Three Years



JOHN A. BEYLER

Judge Julian W. Mack of Chicago, was elected president of the first Jewish Congress which has been in session in Philadelphia. He was the choice of 400 delegates from all parts of the United States. All the leading Jewish organizations were represented at the congress, the aim of which is to collate all the aims of the Jews, organized and unorganized.

primed to put over a resolution for the hard surfacing of the road through the Adkins cut-off between New Era and Molalla, arrived in town in the afternoon, too late to attend the budget meeting, which adjourned before 1 o'clock.

LUCY PRENTISS APPEALS CASE OF NEW ROAD

Lucy W. Prentiss, who was allowed \$50 by the Board of Road Reviewers for damages to her property by putting a road through this property, has appealed the case. She alleges that this will not cover her loss and that she is entitled to at least \$350.

The road is between Courtney and Silver Springs and the petitioners claim that this is a much needed improvement but the plaintiff alleges that it is not a necessity.

POLAND IS PREPARING TO FIGHT UKRAINE

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—Poland is anxious to reach an amicable agreement with Czechs regarding the claims of the latter to Austrian Silesia, and a Polish deputation will soon go to Prague, to discuss the matter, according to a statement issued by the Polish foreign minister and printed in Cracow newspapers. The minister also said that no efforts will be made to solve by diplomacy claims to Galicia by Ukraine.

Regarding the Southeastern frontier of Poland, the minister says the situation is very serious and adds: "It will be a question of arms until the matter is settled."

ZURICH, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to reports received here from Germany has concentrated a large force of soldiers in Posen.

Posen is in German Poland, Polish Nationalists have claimed it as part of the new Poland and Polish troops have invaded the territory.

MARKET REPORT

As given by the Brady Mercantile company and Farr Brothers.

Table with columns for BUYING and SELLING, listing various commodities like Creamery butter, Potatoes, Onions, Eggs, etc. with their respective prices.

MEETING OF STATESMEN WILL SHOW NEW FACES

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—Next week will see numerous smiling new faces about the State Capitol, and will also see a few of them not so smiling departing from the paths which they have trod for many days.

Foremost among those who will be leaving will be State Treasurer Kay. By constitutional inhibition he was unable to be a candidate for a third term for State Treasurer. For some time he had the gubernatorial bee buzzing in his bonnet. He was confident that he could have beaten Withycombe when he ran for his first term, but laid down for the Governor's benefit. By a sad circumstance he was not so confident that he could beat Olcott in the last primaries. As a result he didn't run and Withycombe was nominated again instead of Olcott.

State Treasurer Kay will be missed in more ways than one about the Capitol after his eight years of stewardship of the public funds. For instance, he has a voice that sounds for all the world like a bale of tin cans falling down an elevator shaft and his confidential conversations are whispered into every nook and cranny of the grand old building.

For eight years it has been his habit to buttonhole some friend in an open space in the lobby and remark: "I have a little confidential matter I wish to confide in you."

He then proceeds to turn loose with his confidence in a voice that fairly makes the rafters rattle. Every stenographer from the bottom floor to the top quirks an ear and gathers in the treasurer's confidence to retail it at home.

In that way he will be missed as the general run of state officials retail their confidences in a still small voice that scarcely be heard by the auditor. Many a stenographer will lose some choice bits of family gossip by the exit of the State Treasurer.

Also the politicians about the State Capitol are going to lose a warm friend and adviser. The State Treasurer has been ready and willing at all times to give advice gratis to all sorts and conditions of men in regard to matters political. As he lives only a half block from the state house it is very likely that he will drop around quite occasionally to continue in this role as confidential adviser and friend and in this way he probably will not be missed so much.

It must be said, however, that the treasurer's office has been administered in excellent shape during Kay's administration. Everyone didn't agree with him a great many times as to board matters, but as far as that is concerned everyone does not agree with any member of the state board of control, so that isn't a very black mark chalked against him.

Along with State Treasurer Kay will follow Judge Thomas F. Ryan, who has been his assistant and a number of smaller fry in the office. Stanley Culver, who has been on the inheritance tax desk for the treasurer will remain. Spence Wortman, deputy sealer of weights and measures will be replaced by W. A. Dalziel. Still other supernumeraries will walk out when Hoff walks in to succeed Kay.

Whether Kay still has gubernatorial aspirations in the future is not known, but undoubtedly he would take a flier at the job if he thought the going was going to be smooth and prosperous in the way of votes.

Next to the State Treasurer the most important change to be made is probably that on the Public Service Commission when Fred Williams of Grants Pass, very much known, will succeed Frank J. Miller, who is known all over the state. It will be remembered that Williams walked into the job by a negative strength, being elected on the basis of Miller's support of the six-cent fare order for the Portland, Railway Light & Power company in Portland. The primaries happened to have followed when the people were at white heat over the result of the order, and probably if the election were to be held tomorrow, when the people have become educated to war time rises in public utility rates, a different story would have been told.

But the change is to be made. So far Williams has not appeared at the capitol and as far as is known neither of the other two members who will remain of the Commission—Commissioners Buchtel and Corey—have as yet met him.

People down Grants Pass way who



know him say that Williams is a decidedly good fellow and that he will make a good impression on the commission. He said in his slogan which put him over at the primaries that he didn't believe in a six-cent fare for a five-cent ride. Just how far he can put over this edict when he climbs on to the public bandwagon remains to be seen.

On the Supreme bench the first Democrat to be elected for many years will appear in the person of Judge A. S. Bennett of The Dalles, and Charles Johns will also be sworn in as supreme justice, but has been on the bench for several months. He is now a familiar figure about these parts. Conrad P. Olson will return to his law practice in Portland.

Considerable speculation is rife as to what will become of the institution heads and smaller department heads who come under the State Board of Control with O. P. Hoff going onto that board as a new factor. The probabilities are there will be no radical changes along that line. It is expected that R. B. Goodin will remain as secretary of the board of control, that Arthur Lawrence will remain as state printer and that W. M. Plimton will remain as secretary of the state printing board. Out at the institutions no particular changes seem in view just now, at least, but it is a certain fact that if any of their workmanship don't look good to Hoff after he has been on the board for a time he will insist on a change. That may be said without any reservation, but as to any immediate contemplated changes, "there isn't going to be none," so far as is known.

What will happen at the prison depends largely upon what the legislature will do, but even if the legislature turns back the control of the prison to the state board of control, which it won't, it is more than likely that Warden Stevens would remain firmly on the job. So far he is making good out there with a rush and apparently with as far as it is possible for a man to make good controlling the kind of a bunnet that is put into his care out there.

Under the governor no particular changes are contemplated. On the Industrial Accident Commission Willford Allen is serving as a commissioner in place of Lieutenant Colonel Carl Abrams, who is now in charge of the big concentration camp at Winchester, England, and dispatches have indicated that he will be there for some time. Under an agreement Abrams is to take Allen's place upon his return from the front. It is known, however, that the Governor is very much pleased with Allen's administration in the accident commission and is inclined to do something for him in a political way if the opening is there for him to do it on Abrams's return. Just what this may be of course is largely problematical as yet.

Adjutant General Beebe also will step down and out when George White returns home from France, under a similar agreement which extended to practically all of the state offices left vacant by men who joined the service. No intimation has as yet come from overseas as to when White will return.

Another change that will be made will be the reappearance of C. H. Gram as State Labor Commissioner to take Hoff's place. Gram was formerly a deputy under Hoff, but the two had a falling out and for many months before the election Gram was not connected with that office. Dalziel succeeded him as deputy under Hoff and Gram beat Dalziel for the commissionership. Dalziel will be made sealer of weights and measures, and apparently the hatchet is more or less buried all around.

Gram has not announced his force of deputies as yet.

PUBLIC REPORT MADE ON HOG ISLAND AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The report of the department of justice on the government's great Hog Island shipbuilding project, made public at the White House today on wireless instructions from President Wilson, says searching investigation has disclosed no criminal liability, but recommends that a board of arbitration determine what part, if any, of the more than \$60,000,000 the plant cost, was in excess of reasonable necessity.

In brief the investigators report: That the facts do not justify criminal process and that no fraud or secret profits have been established. That the probable cost of the plant will be about \$61,000,000 (including \$6,000,000 for additions by order of the Emergency Fleet corporation), compared with an original estimate of \$21,000,000 and a revised estimate of \$27,000,000. That no clear explanation of this discrepancy has been forthcoming.

\$50,000 PROBABLE SUM STOLEN FROM BANK BY A. DAVIS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The amount stolen from the East Side bank of Portland by Arthur C. Davis, now under arrest here, may reach \$50,000, police today believed when they reported that \$43,235 had been recovered.

This amount was secured after detectives had taken Davis to a number of local banks where he had various sums on deposit. It was said that probably \$2000 or more would be recovered today.

The bank does not know how much was taken. Davis said it was \$35,000.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—The recovery of \$43,235 by Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin from Arthur C. Davis, charged with robbing the East Side bank on November 1, almost makes it impossible for Davis to have had an accomplice, said the police. H. H. Newhall, president of the bank, said the day Davis was captured that he thought there was still about \$46,000 missing, \$30,000 of which was in bonds belonging to patrons of the bank.

GERMANS APPEAL TO U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR EASIER TERMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In spite of Secretary Lansing's emphatic admonition that such communications must not be addressed to the United States alone, the German government has sent another appeal to the American government for modification of the armistice terms and for food. The receipt of the note was announced at the state department today with the explanation that it would not be made public because it did not differ from previous appeals and was in violation of the decision that communications must be addressed to all the governments associated with the United States in the war.

FRENCH LOSSES LARGE

PARIS, Dec. 20.—French soldiers to the number of 1,400,000 were killed during the war, according to a statement by the Socialist Deputy, Lucien Volfin, in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon.

The announcement was made during an interpellation of the government on demobilization.

Lone Hero on Transport Gets "Some Reception"



SERGEANT LELAND KAUFMAN

"Some reception!" exclaimed Sergeant Leland Kaufman as he came ashore from the American transport Oregonian. The sergeant was right. He happened to be the only returning soldier on the ship but the New York City police boat, which is being used by the Mayor's Committee to welcome our boys, nosed around the transport with siren screaming and the police department band playing just the same as though hundreds of doughboys were on board. "Some reception," repeated Sgt. Kaufman, who was wounded and gassed at Chateau-Thierry.

CHRISTMAS SPENT BY PRESIDENT WITH ARMY

CHAUMONT, Dec. 25.—President Wilson reached here from Paris early this morning for his Christmas Day, visit to the American troops. His train was held outside the town for a time to accord with the program of the local officials. At 9 o'clock he entered Chaumont, as had been arranged.

The president played in luck again on the weather, for while it seemed to the visiting party to be cold and bleak and rain was apparently threatening, the American troops at headquarters declared the day was really a fine one for this region at this season.

A guard of French and American troops received the president at the station. General Ferring greeted him as he arrived in the city, as did the mayor and the prefect. There was a reception at the city hall.

LOCATION OF BRIDGE CREATING INTEREST

Much interest is being manifested here over the location of the proposed new steel bridge over the Willamette between Oregon City and West Linn, as this materially affects the business center of the city.

About two months ago the state Highway Commission made the proposition to the county court that the draftsmen and surveyors of the commission draw the necessary plans and do the surveying in their spare time as they are not always busy.

This offer the county court made haste to take up as it would mean a very large saving to the county, as this work would take considerable time and much expense. The surveyors started the work but apparently paid no attention to the location of the old bridge as the work done so far has been on Eighth, Ninth and Tenth streets.

When the court took up the proposition of the commission nothing was said as to the location of the new bridge but it was supposed that there would be no change. Soon after the work had started and the business men noticed the apparent change they immediately began to object as any change in location of the bridge would also affect a change in the business center of the city.

Farsighted business men of the city think the time to settle the question is now, before the commission has put any expense on the work. They think this would be better than to wait until the plans are drawn and the surveying completed and then file a protest. If the location is changed, they think the county court should take the initiative and take the matter up with the commission and settle this at once.

C. Schuebel discussed the matter with Judge Anderson Wednesday and is authority for the statement that the judge said if there was any change in the location he would see to it that the commission did not get any financial help from the county in constructing the new bridge. This would make considerable difference to the expense of the state as the bridge was to have been paid for by the state and county and perhaps a part of the expenses would be borne by the two cities affected, Oregon City and West Linn.

INCREASE NAVY 80 THOUSAND IS NOW PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In line with the navy general board's policy of a navy "second to none in the world," a bill was submitted today to the house naval affairs committee by Captain Harris Lansing, acting chief of the bureau of navigation, providing for an increase in the active personnel of the navy from 131,000 to 211,000 men.

The bill divides the increased personnel as follows: One hundred and seventy-five thousand enlisted men, 24,000 apprentice seamen and firemen, 12,000 men in trade schools under training and 6000 for the naval flying corps.

This large sea force will continue to receive war pay, if the committee acts favorably on a recommendation of Secretary Daniels.

Men given temporary commissions will be allowed to retain them after passing an examination, if another bill prepared in Captain Lansing's office is passed.

It is estimated there are 5000 such officers in the navy.

RHODES MAY RECOVER

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The condition of Major General Charles D. Rhodes, head of the American armistice commission, who was injured in the fall of an airplane near Paris on Monday, continued to show improvement today. Unless unforeseen complications occur, his complete recovery may be expected.

Advertisement for Theroux Music House, featuring various musical instruments like Banjo, Ukeleles, Violins, Hawaiian Steel Guitars, and sheet music.

Statue of Ex-Kaiser's Grandfather Pulled Down by Liberated Residents of Metz After Nearly Fifty Years of German Rule



Alsace and Lorraine celebrated the extermination of their Hun rulers with a feeling that showed plainly how the subjugated people had felt since 1870. This photograph taken in Metz which was the capital of the Moselle Department before the Germans overran France nearly fifty years ago, shows the statue of Wilhelm I, grandfather of the ex-kaiser, just after it had been pulled from its base by citizens of Metz and French soldiers. A number of other statues recalling German rule were hurled from their pedestals.

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GERMANY WILL ELECT OFFICERS ON DEC. 28

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21.—The conference which will elect a president of the German republic will assemble December 29, a Berlin dispatch stated today.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Chancellor Ebert of Germany, is expected to resign today as a result of a conflict between him and the executive committee of the workmen's and soldiers' council at Berlin, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Geneva.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—Richard Barth has proposed that the council of six send a delegation to Versailles immediately to ask the allies if they are ready to discuss peace.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—Ulrich K. Brochdorff-Rantzau, the German minister to Denmark, has been appointed foreign minister at Berlin, it was learned today.

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BALLIN'S SUCCESSOR NAMED LONDON, Dec. 24.—Doctor Kuno has been appointed managing director of the Hamburg American Steamship line, succeeding the late Albert Ballin.