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TAXPAYERS CUT COUNTY BUDGET, OUST DEPUTIES

EXTRA TRAFFIC COP IS VOTED DOWN

Tax Department Is Hit Hard; Move to Include Health Nurse Unsuccessful.

Bent upon making reductions somewhere in county expenditures, taxpayers at the annual budget meeting Friday voted for the elimination of two deputy clerks in the court house, cut the tax collector's salary and the salary of his chief deputy, abolished the office of county club leader, abolished all overtime in the tax department, prunde the alowance for traffic law enforcement so as to provide for one instead of two officers, cut the allowance of the circuit court $500, and practically halved the appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the county health officer and county physician. They also killed moves to establish a county health nurse, a county poor farm and a county library.

ONE FUND CHANGED

The only increase in the entire budget as outlined was made in the fund provided for enforcement of the prohibition statutes. The $1500 for this purpose, upon resolution introduced by District Attorney Livy Stipp, was taken from the sheriff's budget, augmented by $500, and placed under the control of the county court. Under this arrangement expenses incurred by both the sheriff's office and the district attorney in this work, can be paid from a fund provided for the purpose.

A $6500 fund provided in the budget for the building of a new jail was approved.

Reductions started upon the first item, the account of the circuit court. The budget showed an estimated increase of $500 over last year making a total of $6,000. With practically no opposition it was reduced to last year's amount. Later it was shown that this figure included only fixed expenses, such as witness and jury fees and would be higher next year owing to the inclusion of women on the juries. Motes to reconsider this cut lost heavily.

TAX DEPARTMENT CUT

When the tax department's budget was considered, the taxpayers okehed the installation of a new receipt issuing system, to cost $1000. They then voted to cut the chief deputy's salary from $1440, estimated, to $1380, the allowance made for this in the 1921 budget. The second deputy's salary was cut $1140 to $1080. The budget called for two clerks at a salary of $1,020 each. One of these was voted off the list. An item of $800 for overtime to provide for night work necessary in checking the tax books during the time collections are being made during the days, met a similar fate. The original motion to do away with the services of a deputy in the tax office was loosely made, but Judge H. E. Cross, who was elected chairman of the meeting, construed it as applying to one of the clerks. A general cut in deputies salaries was talked in lieu of this action, but was not put in motion form.

Subsequent consideration of the assessor's budget resulted in the cutting of one clerk, at a salary of $1020, from the list. The argument was advanced the deputies who are being pruned from the list, were necessary but the plea of economy broke down all barriers to instant action.

CLUB LEADER OUT

An $1800 fund for the salary and expenses of the County Club Leader was killed. Opponents to the club work took issue with its proponents that it was of value to the farmers. Figures were presented showing the extent of the work during the past year, and the profits accruing to the children who entered upon the various projects. A division of the house

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Family at West Linn Has 4 Generations

The birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, of West Linn, Monday, January 2, makes four generations in the Montgomery family. Mrs. John Montgomery, of West Linn is the great-grandmother and she is but 63 years of age. Mrs. Montgomery is the mother of four boys, all of whom were over-seas in the world war.

The new arrival is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barto Montgomery, and her name is Percilla June.

Sheriff W. J. Wilson

Clackamas county official under indictment for larceny, who says he is not worried and that he is prepared to vindicate himself in open court.

OLD BRIDGE TO REMAIN OPEN FOR TWO WEEKS

Material Delayed; County to Assume Liability for Care of Span.

The old bridge on the Pacific Highway across the Wilamette river between Oregon City and West Linn will not be closed to traffic January 1, as contemplated, but will remain open for a period of approximately two weeks duration.

Through an agreement between the county court and the contractors this delay has been affected, due to the further construction work on the new bridge, which is to occupy the same position as the old one, has not been received.

Under the agreement the county will assume all liability for accidents, and either the contractors or the court will be able to terminate the agreement and close the structure before the two weeks period has elapsed.

Under the arrangement at present, the county court assumed liability for the structure during the daytime, and after midnight, it was in the hands of the contractors who were to prohibit traffic. This agreement will now keep the bridge open 24 hours a day.

Work on the light span at 5th street to care for foot traffic while the old bridge is being replaced, is progressing well, and it is probable that it will be completed by the time that the old structure is closed. The arrangement made by the county, however, provides that the old span shall be kept open to foot passenges until the light bridge is ready. During the period of about a year that the construction work will be under way, there will be no vehicle traffic possible across the Willamette here, and machines will have to make the trip down the river to Portland and up the Pacific highway on the West side.

Chickens Are Stolen From Redland Farm

Chicken thieves are busy in the Redland section, and on Tuesday evening they visited the poultry house of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spatz, of Redland, and stole about 25 of Mrs. Spatz' prize hens, and also one of the best Plymouth Rock cocks. The chickens were Plymouth Rocks and White Leghorns. The thief picked out the best birds. From indiactions some of the birds were killed before taken away, as there were signs of blood. Several other neighbors have reported birds stolen during the past few days.

On the night the Spatz chickens were stolen a side of hog that was ready for the brine, was also stolen, and it is believed that the same party is responsible for both thefts.

Sheriff Wilson's deputies were sent into the Redland section yesterday afternoon to investigate the matter. There were tracks found near the poultry house.

The Spatz farm is about seven miles from Oregon City, and near the Redland store.

New Move to Secure Health Nurse Looms

Undaunted by their failure to secure an appropriation at the county budget meeting for the purpose of maintaining a county health nurse, the members of the Oregon City Women's club will, at their next meeting launch a movement that will have for its purpose, the adoption of means of raising a revenue sufficient to care for the nurse throughout the entire year.

PRISONER THOT TO HOLD KEY TO YODER MYSTERY

SALEM AUTHORITIES TO INVESTIGATE

Man Serving Time for Forgery Believed to Know of Unsolved Murder.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—Reports received here yesterday by Sheriff Bower indicate that private detective agencies may send a man to Monroe, Wash., to interview George Clausson, serving a term for forgery in the Washington state reformatory, in an effort to secure information regarding the murder of Simon Yoder, garage man of Woodburn.

The Yoder murder occurred nearly a year ago.

REPORT IS DISCREDITED

Sheriff Bower gave little credence to the opinion that Clausson has knowledge of the murderer's identity, although a photograph of Clausson, exhibited recently in Woodburn, was said to be that of a man employed in a pool hall there prior to the tragedy.

He was in Camas, Wash., at the time of the murder, according to information received by Sheriff Bower when he was brought there from Baltimore, Mr., less than a year ago to face a charge of forging a soldier bonus check belonging to a man nemed Lawson. He also was charged with selling an automobile which had been stolen at Sutherlin, Ore.

Clausson was not at Camas at the time of the Yoder murder, so far as could be ascertained.

Suspicion that Clausson may have known something of the Yoder murder near Woodburn, arose from something said by a relative who visited Clausson when the latter was in jail at Vancouver, according to the sheriff's office. Deputies today said, however, that they could not recall the remarks nor the name or address of Clausson's relative.

Two Boys Are Born On New Year's Day

Two boys, born in Oregon City will celebrate their birthdays on New Years. Dr. C. H. Meissner officiated at the arrival of the two youngsters.

The first was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Van Domelen, of 612 Third street, Oregon City, when a 10½ pound son was born at 10 a. m. His name is Gerald Edward. The grandfather, Frank Cox, business man of this city, is also rejoicing over the advent, for this is his first grandchild.

The second boy to arrive in Oregon City was born to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Eaton, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Howell, of 1005 Main street, parents of Mrs. Eaton. He was born at 12:30 p. m., and his weight is seven pounds. Robert Merle is the name honoring the new arrival. This is also the first grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Howell and also first grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Eaton, of Canemah.

Monday morning at 5 o'clock, Dr. A. H. Huycke, of this city, escorted into the world a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, of West Linn. The girl weighs seven pounds.

Twilight Ranch Sold To California Man

The George Jenison property at Twilight, consisting of 17 acres, recently sold through S. O. Dillman, real estate dealer, of this city, brought a price of $3500. Together with the place went 14 stands of bees, a number of which were imported stock. Walter Nelson, of Weed, California, purchased the place, and he and his family are delighted with their new home.

Mr. Jenison was divorced six months ago and remarried on Christmas day. He has gone to Wyoming to make his future home.

Wilsonville Mill Is Under Construction

WILSONVILLE, Ore., Jan. 3.—A new sawmill is being built on the Willamette river opposite Wilsonville. The work of manufacturing will commence in the early spring. The mill will have a capacity of 3000 feet per day. A planer will be operated in connection with the mill.

NOVEL STUNT FOR LONDON HOSPITAL FUND: St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, England, enjoyed a decided boost in funds on the last day of its recent drive thru the novel efforts of Mrs. Montieth Gordon. Her scheme called for the auctioning of ladies' garters, the sum paid depending not on the intrinsic value of the garter but, as you see above, on the matter of fit.

ROBBERS LOOT 2 STORES FRIDAY NIGHT; GET $300

MERCHANDISE, WATCH AND CASH TAKEN

Gladstone Building Entered Through Window; No Clues Are Found.

Two robberies, loot from which aggregated about $300, occurred Friday night.

The Frommyer grocery store at Gladstone was robbed of $200 cash in addition to other articles. The C. C. Store, 10th and Main streets, Oregon City, was robbed of merchandise to the value of $61.28.

CASES ARE JIMMED

The thieves did not enter the C. C. store but jimmied the locks on two display cases located on the north side of the building facing 10th street. They took three sweaters, 12 pairs of men's leather faced canvas gloves, 12 pairs of men's khaki wool sox, two dress shirts, one pair of overalls, two pair of pants, three full pairs of shoes and five right and one left shoes. The total loss is estimated at $61.28.

TIME IS SET

The robbery, it is believed occurred about three o'clock Friday morning. Due to the light character of the locks, it was an easy matter for the thieves to open the cases. The theft is being investigated by the local police department.

At Gladstone, about nine o'clock Friday evening robbers gained entrance into Frommyer's grocery store by means of a bedroom window of the Frommyer apartment which is located on the floor above the store.

CASH REGISTER RIFLED

The men rifled the cash register and obtained $200 in cash and a gold watch belonging to Mrs. Frommyer. Although the men went through the bureau drawers in the apartment scattering the contents about the floor nothing of any great value was taken.

The robbery occurred sometime between 7 and 9 o'clock while the Frommyer family was attending a show in Oregon City as the work had been completed by the time the family returned home at 9:30. No clue has been found.

U. S. SAILORS STABBED

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2.—Serious trouble between sailors from Italian and American warships here developed today when a band of some two score Italian sailors surprised and attacked about a dozen American jackies in a cafe and then went from one cafe to another seeking out and attacking isolated groups of Americans.

Five Americans sustained knife wounds, two of them being seriously stabbed. The attacks were the outgrowth of a trifling brawl in a cafe.

QUICK ACTION EXPECTED ON STATE BONUS LOANS

First Applications Are Sent In From Clackamas County; New Houses Planned.

First appraisals of property to be used as security for loans under the so-called Oregon Bonus bill will probably be made beginning next week. It is expected that funds on these loans will be forthcoming about February 1.

The first applications for loans from Clackamas county were forwarded Wednesday to the commission in Salem which has charge of the administration of the bonus act. Applications for cash bonuses have been received for some time.

Although it is not possible to make an accurate estimate until after the loans are actually granted, Phil Hammond, bonus attorney here, estimates that at least two or three hundred homes will be built with money loaned to former service men by the state. Already applications for building loans to this extent have been made, but a positive check cannot be made until after the loans are recorded.

The commission, according to Mr. Hammond, has passed upon more than 5,000 applications for both loans and cash bonuses and nearly twice that number are still pending. Contrary to expectations, the larger number of men are requesting state loans, rather than the cash.

Game Licenses for Coming Year Issued

The first combination fishing and hunting license for the year 1922 to be issued in Clackamas county was made out by Clerk Fred A. Miller Thursday to Dr. L. G. Ice. It is number 25551, carries two deer tags, is printed in ordinary paper with green ink and costs $5.

The license fee was raised shortly after the first of the present year to $3 for either hunting or fishing license or $5 for a combination. The licenses themselves are printed on much cheaper material than a few years ago.

Officers Elected By Club at Waluga

WALUGA, Ore., Jan. 3.—Officers of the Waluga club chosen at a special election held at the Lake Grove Community house, for the ensuing year are: Carroll A. McFarland, president; R. D. Bangs, vice-president; William Herrick, secretary; H. W. Holden and Sydney B. Vincent, directors.

The club will endeavor to have the Portland Gas & Coke company extend its mains from Oswego into the Goodwin, Lake Grove and Bryant districts. A short time ago petitions were circulated and were quite generally signed asking for the installation of gas in this section.

GRAND JURY RETURNS CHARGES OF LARCENY

THEFT OF TOOLS ALLEGED; INVESTIGATION SAID CHARACTERIZED AS SPITE WORK; "WILL CLEAR MYSELF IN OPEN COURT" IS STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL

William J. Wilson, sheriff of Clackamas county, was indicted Tuesday by the circuit court grand jury on charges of larceny by bailee.

Wilson is charged with taking for his own use, tools belonging to C. E. Moulton, valued at a total of $87.50. The indictment is the result of investigation made by District Attorney Livy Stipp and officials of the Northwest Law and Order League. The crime is alleged to have been committed March 4, 1920.

STATEMENT MADE

Characterizing the indictment as the result of a political frame-up, Sheriff Wilson said that those who instituted the investigaton have been trying to 'get' him for months. "There's nothing to it. I was never called before the grand jury, and I will clear myself in open court," he said.

Investigation of the sheriff's office has been conducted here since the middle of November. Officers of the Northwest Law and Order League appeared before the grand jury at the opening of the November term, and although no public bills were returned, it was generally understood that testimony regarding the activities of Wilson and his deputies, was taken.

H. E. Meads, former deputy sheriff and candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff in opposition to Wilson, and C. E. Moulton, Portland plumber, were the chief witnesses before the grand jury. A bill for investigation into the Wilson case by F. W. Snyder, head of the Law and Order league has been presented to the county court. It totals $263.28, rendered in a lump sum. Of this amount $106.20 is okehed by District Attorney Stipp.

OFFICERS DISAGREE

Wilson and the Law and Order men have never worked together. Wilson refused to approve bills submitted by Snyder for prosecution of liquor cases in Clackamas county. Some were paid by the county court, and $646.70 is still pending. At the recent meeting of sheriff's of the state held in Portland, Wilson openly denounced the private operatives. Four of Snyder's men are at present facing liquor charges in the Federal courts, and Snyder's state authority has been revoked by the governor. Meads for some time served under Wilson, but ill feeling grew up and he resigned his position.

The specific charges in the indictment are the outgrowth of an affair at Hillsboro nearly two years ago.

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Auto Is Wrecked at Clackamas; 2 Hurt

A Hudson car, 37012, listed as belonging to Lawrence M. Perry, 730 Kearney street, Portland, smashed up on the highway at Clackamas about 1 o'clock Friday morning, injuring two of the four occupants, practically wrecking the machine, and damaging a store building into which it crashed.

The identity of the occupants is unknown. Witnesses after the accident, say that there were two men and two women in the machine, and that one couple was badly injured. They were taken to Portland in a passing car.

Deputy Sheriff Carl Long investigated the acicdent at 3 o'click friday morning, and found that, in making the turn in front of the Haberlau store which fronts on the highway at Clackamas, the car had run into a high-tension electric line pole, broke one of the high voltage wires, which lay on the ground until it was repaired by P. R. L. and P. linemen shortly after ten o'clock.

The car was badly damaged. The left fender, wheel and lamp were demolished, the engine block broken into two pieces, and the windshield and top wrecked. After hitting the pole, the car swung over into the store building wrecking the glass in the front door. Evidence of injuries was found in the numerous blood stains found around the scene. Deputy Long found several broken whiskey bottles in the machine, and the car was still smelling strongly of liquor.

Officials were unsuccessful in getting in touch with the owner of the machine, which was brought here to be held pending further investigation of the case.

Seven Cases Heard In Recorder's Court

Recorder's court here has had one of the busiest days yesterday on record for some time. Seven cases, five of which were for liquor violatons, were tried before Judge Charles Kelly.

Tom Rollins, arrested several days ago by Chief W. B. May, appeared to answer to charges of having liquor in his possession. He was fined $50. Rollins had deposited $10 bail for his appearance, which he forfeited by his absence when the case came to trial. He was picked up Monday by the chief.

C. E. Evans, charged with having liquor in his possession paid a fine of $50. May also brought Ed. McCarthy and Ed. Smith into court on charges of being drunk. McCarty, who was fined $25, was remanded to jail in default of payment, and Ed. Smith, paroled from the circuit court under sentence for forgery, was held for action by Judge Campbell after being fined $10 by the recorder. Roy Lanigan, arrested for possession of liquor was fined $5.

Two traffic cases were tried but the men dismissed with warnings. N. Goldberg, driver of a fruit vendor's wagon, and a driver for the Mt. Hood Ice cream company of Portland, were charged with double parking.

Quit Claim to Land Is Asked In Action

Fred J. and Etta Bechill filed suit Friday against W. H. and Agnes Annand asking that any claim they have in certain lands, which they agreed to to purchase from the plaintiffs, be set aside and the contract for the purchase be declared void.

According to the complaint the defendants entered into a contract for the purchase of the land for the sum of $5000, of which $1,000 was to be paid when the contract was made and the balance at the rate of $40 installments.

Plaintiffs state that the defendants were to pay taxes and the insurance during the life of the contract, but allege that they have not only failed to pay the installments but also that they have neglected to pay taxes and insurance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—Federal investigation of retail prices of necessities in all parts of the country is rapidly reaching completion, it was said today at the justice departments.

Year's Sentence Is Given Charlie Wells

Charles E. Wells, held to await trial on charges of non-support of his wife and child, changed his plea Friday from not guilty to guilty, and was sentenced by Judge J. U. Campbell to one year in the state penitentiary.

Wells was arrested a month ago after being indicted by the grand jury. He was held for two weeks, and upon the plea of his wife was released. Twenty-four hours later, the woman asked the officers to confine him, saying that he had beaten her. He was again committed to the county jail by Judge Campbell to await a hearing in the circuit court. About a week ago, Wells confessed that he was responsible for an attempt which was made to effect a jail delivery. Officers discovered the main door to the corridor with its hinges nearly cut in two. A crude hacksaw was later found in the jail, and then Wells turned over to the sheriff several sawblades and a file. He subsequently gave them several keys on which he had been working.

He was taken to Salem today by deputies Hughes and Long, and commenced serving his time. After he was taken from the jail, another part of a saw blade, believed to belong to him was found.

TAX BUDGET TO BE CUT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Every man, woman and child in the United States will start off the new year with a direct saving of $7 in federal taxes which during the year will expand to four times that sum.

Under the new revenue act which becomes effective January 1, $700,000,000 in taxes is lopped from the budget.