

WILL PAY BAILIFF

Council Finds Way to Settle Salary of Macdonald.

DRAWN ON SPECIAL FUND

Mayor Lane and Councilman Vaughn Will Fight to the Last Ditch Against Such Diversion of the City's Funds.

James Macdonald is to be paid for his services as an assistant clerk in the Municipal Court, extending over a period of one year, if it becomes necessary for the individual members of the City Council to draw on their private purses for the money. It is probable, however, that his salary of \$80 a month will be granted out of a special fund of \$1000, which is set aside for the use of the assembly for any purpose it may see fit.

MAYOR SUBMITS BUDGET

ALLOWS \$1,602,569 FOR CITY EXPENSES IN 1908.

Based on Tax Levy of Not Less Than 4.8 or More Than 5 Mills on \$215,579,945 Valuation.

Mayor Lane submitted his budget of estimated city expenses at the meeting of the Council yesterday afternoon, recommending a tax levy for 1908 of not less than 4.8 mills and not to exceed 5 mills. The budget is an estimate of \$1,602,569 for the year 1908.

Judge Cameron Speaks for Bailiff

During the discussion, which was started by Councilman Baker, Judge Cameron spoke, favoring the payment of Macdonald's salary, and praising the latter for the work done by him. Judge Cameron, however, in a question asked that Macdonald saved the city money, because, while working, no other bailiff was required, whereas, had he not been paid, it would have been necessary to employ two bailiffs to perform the duty, both drawing salaries of \$100 a month.

ATTACKS FATHER'S WILL

MRS. G. F. STEVENS SUES FOR LARGER SHARE OF ESTATE.

In a complaint filed in the County Court yesterday Mrs. George Francis Stevens assails the validity of the will of the late George T. Myers, her husband, and asks the judge to set aside his order admitting the instrument to probate as the last will and testament of Mr. Myers.

WILLS BANTERS VAUGHN

Wills seemed in a cheerful frame of mind, and declared himself of the belief that "seven my bald-headed friend, Mr. Vaughn, will not object to voting for Macdonald's salary out of the special fund," and saying that Mr. Vaughn should be told the truth, and that Macdonald is entitled to pay, "and," concluded Wills, "he will tell the truth, for all bald-headed men are honest."

OFFICIAL PAPER CONDEMNED

Sellwood People Wish City Notices Published in a Newspaper.

A resolution passed by the Sellwood Improvement Club, at a recent meeting, protesting against the placing of the city's official advertising in the Portland Daily Abstract, was read at the special meeting of the City Council yesterday afternoon. The communication was referred to the judicial committee. The resolution expressed a wish of the members of the club that one of the daily newspapers of general circulation could be selected as the city official paper.

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SITE FOR STATION

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