

# DEFICIT PROBABLE IN GENERAL FUND

### Fire Committee of Executive Board Declines to Buy New Apparatus.

### WARNED BY THE MAYOR

### Award of Contracts for \$25,000 Worth of Equipment Postponed, Pending Decision of Council. Revenues Fall Off.

So great is the danger of a big deficit in the general fund of the city that Mayor Lane yesterday afternoon advised the fire committee of the Executive Board to postpone the award of bids for \$25,000 worth of apparatus for the Fire Department until the matter can be placed before the Council, probably at a special session, to be held next week. In view of the circumstances, the members of the committee so voted. The bids will be held open until action is taken by the Council.

Conditions, as set forth by Mayor Lane, placed the fire committee members in an embarrassing situation, as the call for bids was responded to by several firms, and one man came clear from Boston to be present in person at the time of awarding the contracts, another was here from Seattle. It now remains to be seen whether or not the bids will ever be accepted, the whole matter being one for the Council to determine. It seems doubtful at this time, because of the financial situation, and it would not be at all surprising if the Council decides to leave the appropriations as they are.

If this is done, it will mean that none of the fire apparatus can be purchased, as the ordinance, carrying the amounts specified in each instance, the sum to be expended for each piece of apparatus. In all but two items, the bids exceed by a small margin, the appropriations.

### Now Up to Council.

The action of the fire committee, which is composed of Mayor Lane, as ex-officio chairman; Marcus A. Fleischer, Richard Wilson and L. T. Peery, refers the matter back to the Council, with a review of the situation, as outlined yesterday afternoon by Mayor Lane. Then if the Councilmen see fit to amend the appropriation ordinance, so that its aggregate amount may be applied in the purchase of the fire apparatus for which bids have been opened, the Executive Board will proceed, it is said, to award the contracts.

In defining his position to the members of the fire committee and to the representatives of fire apparatus manufacturers, Mayor Lane explained that, as citizens, realizing the danger that confronts the Council, he is giving the members due notice of the facts, as possessed by him. He declared that any deficit must be made up out of the private purses of the Councilmen, and that while some of the members had fought him, he nevertheless felt that he must overlook this and do his duty by them as a citizen and as an official.

### Causes of the Deficit.

Three unexpected incidents have combined to create the present condition, explained the Mayor. The O. R. & N. Company has refused to pay taxes assessed against it to the extent of \$75,000, and has filed suit to nullify the same to that amount. Should the city eventually win, the sum will not, in all probability, become available this year. The referendum was applied to the vehicle tax ordinance, or at least was sought to be applied, and the matter is tied up in the Circuit Court. This cuts off about \$15,000 that was counted on. Then there is the matter of the local option campaign, being waged on the East Side, which, if successful, is said to be sure to wipe out revenue to the extent of approximately \$25,000.

These three matters combined, it was shown, create a serious condition and Mayor Lane declared that something must be done to make certain payment of the city's obligations.

### Protect City Council.

In order that the members of the City Council may have all the facts and be placed in a position to protect themselves, the fire committee members voted to hold open the bids until such time as the Council may choose to take action.

The only awards recommended to the Executive Board by the fire committee yesterday were for two combination chemical and hose wagons, which will cost the city \$1800 each. These will be furnished by A. G. Long, a local dealer. The apparatus for which bids were asked consists of four second-size engines, two third-size engines, besides the wagons for which the contracts were let.

### SPOUSE SOUNDLY WHIPPED

### Jealous Husband, Who Objects to Wife's Escort, Is Worsted.

L. D. Carmack, manager of the Diamond Ice Company, had far better have suppressed his jealous emotions when he saw his wife, Mrs. Harriet C. Carmack, on the street with another man, Thursday night. Jealousy got the better of him, he attacked his wife and her escort with stones, knocked the escort down, had a tussle with his wife, and then suffered a sound thrashing from the aforesaid escort, who recovered from the lullaby blow delivered by Carmack in sufficient time to be revenged. Added to that, Carmack is in the toils charged with threatening to kill his wife.

In the heat of the fracas, he is said to have assured the woman that but one thing prevented him from taking her life, the lack of a suitable and sufficient weapon. She took that as a threat against her life, consulted Deputy District Attorney John Stevenson and the arrest of the husband followed.

The name of the escort involved is not yet revealed. He is said to be a younger man than the husband and even a handsomer one. It is said he was felled by a rock thrown by Carmack but shortly arose and gave an excellent account of himself. Mrs. Carmack likewise wedged in a few blows on her spouse and her knuckles showed the result yesterday. The case will be heard in the Police Court.

### RESTORE EXCURSION RATE

Commercial Clubs Want Low Fare to Seaside Resorts.

An effort is to be made by all the commercial clubs in Eastern Washington, Idaho and Oregon, including the local commercial club, to secure a restoration of the low excursion rate from interior points to the seaside resorts on the Oregon and Washington coast, which has not been in effect for several seasons.

Among the reasons given for the reduction are that it has been profitable to the

railroads and a great convenience to the people of the Inland Empire and other interior points; that the natural increase in the volume of travel warrants the reduction for the Summer season. The rate requested is about one fare for the round trip, with stop-over privileges at Portland.

### CONSOLIDATION IS COMPLETE

### Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. Takes Over Properties.

Subsidiary companies to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company have been taken over by the big electric corporation and that concern now operates every mile of streetcar track formerly owned by the Portland Railway Company and the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company. These two companies have formally transferred their properties to the merger company.

The same thing has been done by the Portland General Electric Company, so that now the P. R. L. & P. Co. is the holder of all electrical properties of every kind within the city, with the exception of the independent trolley lines just being built. The corporation controls traction, light and electrical power.

The final steps in accomplishing formally the consolidation of the individual companies began some time ago when the stockholders of the Portland Railway Company met at the headquarters building, First and Alder streets, and formally approved the transfer of the streetcar company to the big corporation. Deeds of transfer for the property have already been filed and the formal sanction of the officials of the Portland Railway, now that the other details have been settled, was all that was needed to bring about the actual transfer.

The O. W. P. lines were the first to be taken over by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and the Portland General Electric Company came into being for a few days before the consolidation yesterday complete the consolidations. The old companies will be known no more in the operation of the properties, although the organizations will be maintained.

### ELECTRIC ROAD STOPS WORK

### Mount Hood Company Awaits Outcome of Pending Land Cases.

Trouble over right-of-way has stopped operations on the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company's line, under construction between Portland and Bull Run, near the base of Mount Hood. Work was halted yesterday morning, when 80 laborers were laid off indefinitely. No promise could be given when grading and track-laying operations will be resumed. Everything depends upon the securing of right-of-way in the neighborhood of Gresham.

The rails of the new line have been laid up to a fence near Gresham. The electric road is a disputed piece of right-of-way and there are other similar tracts adjoining, all of which are involved in suits brought by the Mount Hood company to condemn. There is one other piece of right-of-way in the town of Gresham which must be secured by legal process. The railroad could, unquestionably, secure a franchise along a Gresham street, but the company prefers to buy its own right-of-way instead.

"I cannot tell when these land matters will be settled," said General Manager W. E. Coman of the Mount Hood company yesterday. "We have taken our men off the work, housed our machinery and covered our steam shovels. The track is laid just as far as it can be until we secure more right-of-way and we expect to accomplish this as soon as the courts act. However, the courts are busy and I do not know when we get these matters adjusted until June."

"Work on the power plant is going ahead slowly. We need sand for making concrete and we are waiting until it can be hauled in after the rails are laid on the road. We received 25 new gravel cars today that will be used in grading the line."

### NO DAMAGE TO YOUNG WHEAT

### Recent Frost Was Not Severe in Eastern Oregon.

A. A. Morse, special representative of the freight department of the Harriman lines, has just returned from a trip over the Snake and Condon branches of the O. R. & N. and says that reports of damage to growing wheat by frost in that territory are unfounded. He found wheat in excellent condition throughout the territory visited and says there will be a crop this season that will equal the large one of last year. The crop is all in and rain is needed. However, several weeks will elapse before the lack of rain will work any damage.

Mr. Morse says that in the territory tributary to the two feeder lines he traveled over, there is about 10 per cent increase in the barley acreage, with a proportionate falling off in winter wheat, leaving the total grain acreage about the same as last season.

### River Service Is Curtailed.

The O. R. & N. will operate a tri-weekly boat service between Riparia and Lewiston on the Snake River, commencing at once. The former daily service will be discontinued, because of the opening of the new Riparia cutoff. Boats will leave Riparia Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and will leave Lewiston Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

### W. E. Coman Goes to Chicago.

W. E. Coman, assistant general freight agent for the Harriman lines, left Portland last night for Chicago, where he goes to attend a meeting of the Transcontinental Freight Association. There is a long docket awaiting the meeting of the freight men and it is not expected that Mr. Coman will return to Portland for one month.

### Canadian Officials Here.

B. W. Greer, general freight agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway, at Vancouver, B. C., accompanied by W. B. Langin, assistant freight traffic manager for the Canadian Pacific's Western lines, with offices at Winnipeg, Man., spent yesterday in Portland, looking into traffic conditions in this territory.

### Low Rates to Chicago.

Extremely low rates to Chicago and other Eastern points on sale May 4 via Chicago & North-western Line. For full information apply R. V. Holder, Gen'l Ast., 123 Third St.

### It Reached the Spot.

Mr. E. Humphrey, who owns a large general store at Omega, O., and is president of the Adams County Telephone Co., as well as of the Home Telephone Co. of Pike County, O., says of Dr. King's New Discovery: "It saved my life once. At least I think it did. It seemed to reach the spot—the very seat of my cough—when everything else failed." Dr. King's New Discovery not only reaches the cough spot; it heals the sore spots and the weak spots in throat, lungs and chest. Sold under guarantee at Woodard's, Clarke & Co.'s drugstore. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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# STOCK SALES END

### Fine Cattle Are Disposed Of on Closing Day.

### COMPETITION IS BRISK

### Twenty-one Head of Short-horns and Herefords Sold at Auction for an Average Price of \$154 Each.

The livestock sale conducted by the Portland Horse Sale Company for the past four days closed yesterday with the auctioning off of 21 head of fine Short-horns and Herefords. The average price paid was \$154 a head. This was the first attempt of the sales company to sell blooded cattle and its success only goes a step farther to prove Portland to be one of the coming centers of the fine stock industry. During the four days of the sale over \$50,000 was paid for fine horses and cattle. Buyers from all over the Northwest attended and every purchaser from outside the city who came here to buy a thoroughbred horse or other animal found what he wanted and was willing to pay fancy prices for what he got.

There was a surprisingly large crowd on hand at the Union Stockyards yesterday morning and the moment the sales were opened the bidding was sharp and spirited. C. C. Colt, president of the Union Stockyards and representative of the Swift Company, was one of the city bidders. A blue ribbon Hereford, caught his eye and she was finally knocked down to him for \$120.

G. W. Warren, of Warrenton, bid \$390 for Star Wren, a winning Shorthorn bull at the State Fair last year. The sales follow:

Short-horns.	
Consigned by W. O. Minor.	
Maggie Hillsdale, calved Novem-ber 8, 1902. A. L. Brown, Haines, Or. \$110	
Mary Ann, born, calved February 14, 1906. Portland Union Stock Yard. 155	
1906. George Chas. 1907. Baker, Or. 100	
Maggie Jan. red, calved July 29, 1900. 70	
George W. Warren, Warrenton, Or. 70	
Melrose, red and white, calved Feb-ruary 6, 1907. A. L. Brown. 70	
Star Wren, no. 1, but. 300	
Star Wren, no. 2, but. 300	
1. 1906. G. W. Warren. 300	
Herefords.	
Consigned by A. R. Morgan:	
British March, calved January 6, 1904. 300	
C. Mininger, city. 120	
Imp Flash, calved March 23, 1898. J. O. Storey, Eugene. 120	
Imp British Beauty, calved January 12, 1898. George Chas. 120	
Ida, calved January 17, 1905. C. C. Colt, city. 120	
Pride of Waco, calved March 19, 1902. 105	
1902. A. J. Warnock, Norton, Or. 105	
Rosina Alamo, calved March 19, 1902. 105	
Johnson & Weir, Corvallis. 150	
Imp Queen Idea, calved November 14, 1900. A. J. Warnock, Norton, Or. 150	
Imp Topsy, calved February 25, 1898. J. O. Storey. 150	
G. Storey, city. 100	
British Bull, calved July 30, 1906. 140	
Johnson & Weir, Corvallis. 140	
Imp British Beauty, calved July 13, 1900. 125	
Ruby, calved July 11, 1906. R. H. Ball, Mount Vernon, Wash. 100	
Ruby, calved July 29, 1906. 100	
Toppen, city. 100	
1903. A. J. Warnock, Norton, Or. 100	
Consigned by the Williamson Valley Land & Livestock Company:	
Owl (bull), calved January 20, 1903. 125	
Lewis (bull), calved July 13, 1906. Sam Cochran, St. John, Or. 145	

### BISHOP DEFINES DUTIES

### Declares Ministers Should Never Engage in Business.

The remarks of Bishop Wilson Thomas Hogue, who is presiding over the annual Free Methodist Conference in session at the First Church, East Mill and Ninth streets, lumine even the dullest routine of the proceedings. His short talks are looked forward to with great interest. He had over 19 years of hard work on the circuit, and knows all about the hardships the ordinary field worker encounters. Yesterday morning he made some incisive remarks on the duties of ministers.

"A minister," he declared, "ought never to use his title of minister for business purposes, and he ought never to divide up his work. By no means should he become a real estate man, an insurance agent or a peddler. Bishop Powell, of the Methodist Church, said in a recent sermon that he had found many backslidden Methodist ministers who had become insurance agents, real estate men, and sold stock in some wildcat company. The bishop then said to his audience, 'You butchers and grocers, beware of these men.'"

Bishop Hogue also remarked on the tendency of the members of the church to move, and that it was the duty of the pastors to urge the necessity of fixed places of abode. His remarks were addressed to the conference, as he was receiving Henry E. Kreider and J. L. Smith into the conference as elders, having been announced they had completed the course of study. E. M. Walter was admitted on trial to the conference. E. M. Hillis was continued on trial.

### CITY LIGHTS STILL BURN

### Josselyn Says People Must Not Suffer for Mayor's Fault.

"Just because Portland has an obstreperous Mayor is no reason why the people of the city should suffer by having the street lights turned off," declared President Josselyn, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, last night. "Our company will not leave the city in darkness for any such reason," he added. May 1 was the date when it was hinted that the street lights would be turned off unless the city renewed its contract with the company. Mayor Lane opposed the efforts of the Council to renew the old contract and the clash between the Mayor and President Josselyn that promised to plunge the city into darkness was due last night.

However, consideration for the people of the city, he says, kept President Josselyn from taking the rash step threatened.

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### HOLD ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Multnomah Women's Annex Members Do Stunts.

The annual gymnasium exhibition of the women's annex of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club held yesterday afternoon in the Multnomah gymnasium brought out a large attendance. The exercises were under the direction of Professor Robert Krohn and consisted in artistic and intricate marching, fancy dancing, dumb-bell, parallel bar and various calisthenics.

One of the prettiest features of the long and varied programme was the figure marching of 12 of the young women, attired in picturesque fencing costumes.

Hanan snoot at Rosenthal's

### TWO FINANCIERS IN FIGHT

Louis J. Wilde Administrators Rebuke to C. A. Block.

Louis J. Wilde paid his respects to his old friend, C. A. Block, yesterday with a right swing to the cheek delivered with high velocity and considerable accuracy. It was the only blow struck, for Block did not seem inclined to fight. Besides, a large assemblage of unfortunates, pedestrians interfered and prevented what might have been rather a classy fistic event had Wilde insisted.

The fight, or rather the blow, occurred in front of a barber shop near Washington street on Sixth street. Wilde was coming out of the shop as Block approached. Block had a walking stick

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