

BUDGET PROMISES ON City Commission, as Whole, Will Revise Estimates.

LOW TAX LEVY IS ASSURED

Committee Representing Taxpayers' League Urges Economy, but Asks That Recall Election Be Held to Teach Opponents Lesson.

Delegating themselves as the official budget committee to consider budget estimates for 1915 for the various city departments, the City Commission yesterday started the task of pruning estimates to a point where the tax levy for next year will be the lowest in several years past.

With every member of the Commission favorable to a big cut in the 1915 levy and with conditions favorable to the chances for a recall election, the various appropriations sought by the various bureaus and departments will be cut to a minimum.

It has been decided that the tax levy for 1915 shall not exceed 7 mills, and it is the hope of the Commissioners that it can be cut even lower.

A committee comprising Henry Teal, L. J. Goldsmith, L. A. Lewis, Leo Friede, Charles Mahaffey and A. H. Devera, representing the Taxpayers' League, appeared before the Council yesterday and made a plea for the cutting of expenses and the lowering of taxation.

Mr. Teal, an expert, expressed opposition to general salary increases; to unnecessary special appropriations; to the issue of any bonds which are not absolutely necessary; and to the sale of bonds for the erection of a public auditorium.

Delay of street improvements wherever possible was advocated.

Mr. Teal said the league disliked to see the city forced to expend \$20,000 or \$25,000 for the proposed recall election, but favored the election being held.

The question of salary increases is to be a perplexing one in the budget sessions because of the efficiency code. This went into effect January 1 and provided that all employees maintaining a standard of efficiency should receive an increase of salary at the end of each six months until the maximum for the position was reached.

At the end of the first six months some increases were granted under the code, but not all who had good efficiency ratings.

The principal part of the pruning is expected to be in connection with special appropriations sought. The police bureau probably will receive a request for \$100,000 for three substations, 50 additional patrolmen and two other new automobiles.

The City Commission yesterday flatly refused to consider a demand of the companies for \$1,111,212 a year and the companies refused to consider the offer of \$18,000 a year as made by the city.

By mutual agreement the bridge will be kept open under present arrangements for 20 days pending further negotiations.

The contract between the city and the companies by which the bridge has been used by the city for the last two years expires today.

It was thought at first that if the city refused to pay the rental asked by the companies the structure would be closed to traffic today or tomorrow, but the companies, through W. W. Cotton, attorney, announced that they were willing to let the bridge remain open until the city and the companies could agree on a rental and toll schedule.

The city remaining firm in its stand for a big reduction, His views are backed by Commissioner Bigelow and, possibly, by two other members of the Commission.

Under the provisions of the permit under which the bridge was erected, the companies have a right to use the city or could maintain the bridge on a toll basis. The County Court may be asked to fix a schedule of tolls to take effect if the city does not agree with the companies on the rental.

Attorney Cotton said that he thinks the figure the companies demand, \$1,111,212, not as a maximum, but as a reasonable figure. The city holds that its proposed rental of \$18,000 a year is a minimum and that if the companies are willing to concede or compromise the city might add a few thousand dollars to the amount of its offer.

THREE BOYS AND TWO GIRLS OF FRIDAY'S ROLL ARE FOUND.

Nephew of Seattle Newspaper Man, Wapato Woman and Tillamook Boy Among Those Sought.

Three missing girls and two missing boys were found, but five other persons were reported lost yesterday, so that the number of missing persons on the docket at police headquarters was 10 last night.

Mabel Bryant, 25 years old, who disappeared from her home Wednesday night, was found yesterday wandering in the woods nearby. Ruth White, 14-year-old resident of Lents, was located yesterday in the Portland Y. W. C. A.

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The West Side precincts brought in a total of 273 names and the East Side sent 479 to registration headquarters at the Courthouse. Outside precincts returned 32 names.

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Three posts of Grand Army Veterans and allied Women's Relief Corps, or chapters, will meet tonight in Grand Army of the Republic Hall at the Courthouse to hold a joint observance of Peace week. Those participating will be Sumner, Lincoln and George Washington posts. A general invitation is issued to all Grand Army men and their families.

A programme has been arranged, consisting of music by a quartet, readings, etc. An address will be made by W. S. Alder, city superintendent of schools, and there will be remarks by veterans in attendance. Grand Army of the City will give a concert to stand for peace, having recently sent a resolution on the subject to President Wilson endorsing his stand for peace.

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Wool Market Stronger

First over Western Washington and another storm area is central over the Lower Missouri Valley. A high-pressure area over the eastern slope of the Northern Rocky Mountains and the barometer continues relatively high in the Atlantic States.

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