

COUNCIL WILL CUT MR. DIECK'S BUDGET

Proposed Park Appropriations Trimmed \$97,850 After Mr. Baker's Attack.

MR. DALY DROPS ENGINEER

General Assault Made on City's Purchasing System and Committee Appointed to Devise Less Expensive Method.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF CITY BUDGET COMMITTEE AT YESTERDAY'S SESSIONS.

Dock Commission budget sent back with ultimatum to trim it or make separate levy. City's purchasing system attacked on ground of red tape and extravagance and committee appointed to revise it so as to reduce cost of making purchases. Appropriation made for improvement of Benson Park, \$1,900. Special appropriation allowed for permanent park improvements, \$21,000. Proposed special park appropriations denied, \$97,850. Job of E. A. Taylor, water engineer, eliminated, \$3,000. Special office operating appropriations allowed, \$24,900. Commissioner Dieck fails to trim own budget sufficiently, so Council fixes time to do it for him.

The Council handed Commissioner Dieck his budget of proposed 1916 expenditures and instructed him to lop off \$100,000. He took it back, spent two days or thereabouts with his shears and returned it with only a small reduction beyond what the Council had trimmed out for him previously. "All right," said Commissioner Baker after the revised sheets were looked over, "take off your coats, gentlemen, and let's go to it. If he won't we will."

Works Estimates to be Trimmed. And this afternoon at 2:30 Dieck was set as the hour for the operation, with the majority of the Council pledged to serve as surgeons and Mr. Dieck and whatever other members of the Council he may be able to muster up as spectators. This little display of pyrotechnics along with a fatal attack made by Commissioner Dieck and others on the city's long-revered purchasing system; an ultimatum to the Dock Commission to cut its budget or make its own levy; the whacking off of the \$90,000 a year job of Water Engineer Taylor; the slaughter of \$27,850 in proposed special park improvement appropriations and granting of \$34,900 in special office appropriations, made up a lively session for the day.

Mr. Dieck Falls Short. In Commissioner Dieck's revised budget he fell short of meeting the demands of the Council for cuts. He had an array of cuts lined up which at first looked as though they would but upon investigation it was found that much of this already had been cut by the Council before the budget was sent back to him. The reduction by Mr. Dieck included one structural draughtsman at \$1,800 a year, which position had been vacant for about four months; \$750 in proposed salary increases which the Council had trimmed out; one instrument man at \$1,200 a year; one senior draughtsman at \$1,200 a year; two chainmen at \$1,200 a year, and \$300 for laborers and \$700 for a bridge carpenter. The rest was in small supply items.

Former Errors Charged. Along with the revised budget Mr. Dieck presented a compilation showing that lack of proper engineering in years past had cost the city and the property owners hundreds of thousands of dollars. He said the difference between now and then was the engineering work is being done now. He said there was insufficient help in the old days. "What's the idea now?" asked Commissioner Baker. "Are you going to ask a still greater increase?" "Not at all," Mr. Baker, replied Mr. Dieck. "I am just showing you that engineering costs are higher. I want to show you that proper inspection pays in the long run, whether it is 5 per cent or even 10 per cent."

"It ought to be great now, with 25 per cent for engineering," said Mr. Baker. "I deny that, Mr. Baker," retorted Mr. Dieck. "It is nowhere near 25 per cent." "You are putting us in an awfully hard position, Mr. Dieck," said Mr. Baker, "by making us trim your budget for you."

Mr. Dieck Defends Position. "Now, listen," replied Mr. Dieck. "I have asked for just what I think is necessary and nothing more. I'm not grasping at anything. My nature is good and I'm not trying to 'pass the buck' to the Council. I am willing to do what you want, but I am responsible for the engineering, and I am going to fight for what I think is necessary to keep up the engineering end of the work. People demand certain things, and if I say I haven't got the money and can't do it, something's 'going to bust.'"

"Looks like the city's the one that will 'bust' if we keep on," said Mr. Baker. "Give given you the honest figures, and I'll answer any questions or furnish any information you need," said Mr. Dieck. "Well, gentlemen," said Mr. Baker, "you've heard all the testimony; it's up to us to take off our coats and get busy." This operation was deferred for 24 hours. System Called Cumbersome. The attack on the cumbersome and costly system of making municipal purchases came during the discussion of the budget of City Auditor Barbur. It has often been pointed out by Auditor Barbur that he is put to great expense in his office by reason of the Council's red tape system which requires all kinds of bookkeeping, clerical and accounting duplication. Commissioner Dieck popped the question of this extravagance which often has been pointed out as a defect of the present government during the past two years. "Why can't the number of regulations be cut down?" asked Mr. Dieck. "Hundreds upon hundreds of them go through for less than \$1."

ations, don't it?" asked Commissioner Baker. The statement was made that it costs between 75 cents and \$1 to put through a requisition. Commissioner Bigelow questioned the statement that great numbers of requisitions unnecessary were going through. The question was put up to Mr. Grutze. Requisitions Increase Exorbitantly. "We issue as many requisitions now under this system in one year as we used to in five," said Mr. Grutze. "What do you mean by 'used to'?" asked Mr. Bigelow. "I mean two or three years ago." "That's my attack," said Commissioner Dieck. "There is no excuse for this system of duplicate bookkeeping and red tape. It costs as much for bookkeeping as the expenditure for the stuff purchased."

"Yes," explained Mr. Grutze, "the cost of bookkeeping now is much greater than it was two or three years ago. It is because of the system." The proposition was questioned again and Mr. Dieck sent for one of the ledgers in the Auditor's office. He opened it haphazard and found a long list of items purchased ranging in amount from 14 cents to 60 cents. "That's evidence enough, isn't it?" asked Mr. Dieck. "I think here is the place to begin," said Mr. Baker. "There is something wrong when it costs 75 cents to buy 10 cents or 15 cents worth of stuff."

"These small purchases should be made as they used to be as departmental cash accounts," said Mr. Dieck. "It is bad business to put cash in people's hands, isn't it?" said Mr. Bigelow. "There is an absolute check on it," said Mayor Albee. "It's better to put the money this way with the slight chance of a man to put it into additional payroll."

It was finally agreed by all that the system is cumbersome, wasteful by red tape and generally deficient. A committee comprising Auditor Barbur, Chief Deputy Auditor Grutze, Commissioner Bigelow and Purchasing Agent Wood, was appointed to revise the system. And this fell into disrepute another of the red tape systems which come in with commission government and has been clung to as something sacred in spite of its excessive cost having been pointed out often. The system was revised by the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, an organization brought here by committee government proponents during the campaign for commission government.

Water Engineer Dropped. The job of E. A. Taylor, water engineer, fell into the discard at the opening of the morning session. The \$200 salary had been questioned before by Commissioner Dieck, who said he did not believe the man was worth the money. "Cut him out," said Mr. Dieck. "Between then and yesterday he had made a change of heart. It was on his own initiative that the job was chopped off."

At the morning session the question of separating the dock levy from the city levy was settled in favor of the dock levy being included if the Dock Commission is willing to cut out question items aggregating \$230. City Chairman Mulkey, of the Dock Commission, attended the Council session. "Have you any right to cut your budget," asked Mayor Albee of Mr. Mulkey. "Why don't you test it out?" replied Mr. Mulkey. "My opinion is you have not but it is an open question. Perhaps your City Attorney can advise you better than I."

Rejection is Proposed. "It seems to me that it is the proper attitude for me to reject it from our levy," said Commissioner Dieck. "You have never done it before," explained Mr. Mulkey. "I have always been a part of the city levy."

"Why is it submitted to us?" asked Mr. Baker. "Because the charter requires it," said Mr. Mulkey. "I take it that it is merely for you to reduce the amount asked for to millage and put the millage in a part of the city levy. The Dock Commission is part of the city government."

"It is as much a part of the city government as the street cleaning bureau," said Mr. Dieck. "No," said Mr. Dieck. "It is a separate function and should not be a part of the city expenditures." "I believe," said Mr. Mulkey, "that the Council's part in passing upon our budget is the performance merely of a ministerial duty." "What's that?" asked Mr. Baker. "Trim of \$2850 Asked. A function to perform without a discretion," said Mr. Mulkey. The Council finally decided to send the dock budget back with a request that \$2850 be trimmed out. A total of \$97,850 in proposed park improvements fell in one line under the pruning shears. Out of a total of \$118,850 in special park appropriations \$21,000 got by. Of this amount \$6000 was for extension of the Lacey Forest Park lake; \$12,500 for park drives and \$2500 for park drainage. Special appropriations aggregating \$24,900 got by without trimming. These were as follows: Official advertising, \$10,000; relief of certain persons, \$3000; assessments against city property, \$5000; Council emergency fund, \$5000; premiums on bonds of city employees, \$1300; annual audit of city books, \$2500; transfers to street and sewer interest fund, \$5000; printing annual municipal reports, \$2000; relief of Mrs. J. F. Kraig, \$1000; small judgments in courts, \$1000. Outmeal is generally adulterated with baifly flour to give it a whiter appearance.

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the task of stringing lights and pennants on the downtown streets began yesterday. By Saturday the exhibition will be more than 50 per cent complete. Many of the perishable displays will not be put in place until Monday afternoon, so as to present the best possible appearance Tuesday, when judging of the exhibits will begin. Offices for the exposition were opened at the Armory yesterday and President Kingsley and Vice-President Batsham with the various committee chairmen will be found there until the close of the show. The office at the Armory is in the Couch-street end of the annex, and A. C. Black, chairman of the amusement committee, will make headquarters there. All supplies for the "1916 Bar" were in place yesterday and Umattilla County had its display of grains and grasses nearly finished. Many exhibits are fast taking shape and by Sunday the show will be well along towards completion.

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The man who was found early Wednesday morning hanging dead in the men's restroom of the Plaza block has been identified as Lloyd W. Chick.

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that the slayer could not be prosecuted. The men had been friends for many years, according to the Sheriff, and there was nothing to indicate that the fatal shot was fired with the intent or purpose of killing Mr. Myers. Mr. Chick's body was identified by Mrs. Eva Mayberry, who lives on Hayden Island. Mrs. Mayberry said that he had been traveling around through the West making the various fairs and expositions. He is said to have a mother and sister in Oakland, Cal., and Deputy Coroner Smith is attempting to get in touch with them by wire.

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Arrested Wednesday night at Lents Junction carrying a loaded shotgun and a 41-caliber revolver, Conrad Olsen was discovered at the police station yesterday to be suffering from a charge of shot which he had received in the right leg. Two shots also had penetrated his head just behind the ear.

Olsen, according to the testimony of a friend, had declared that he was going out and burn the store and house of his divorced wife at Lents Junction, and it is in the belief of the police that some of her friends shot him. Neighbors in that vicinity said they heard four shots, but Detectives Leonard and LaSalle, who made an investigation yesterday, were unable to learn who did the shooting.

Olsen is uncommunicative and refuses to tell how he received the shot in his body.

The man was arrested by Motorcycle Officers Crane and Goldstone, after people in the vicinity of Lents Junction had telephoned the officers of the disturbance. He was given a sentence of 100 days in jail and fined \$500 by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday.

When he is released it is probable that he will be put under bond to keep the peace, as it is said he has threatened a number of times to kill his divorced wife.

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