LEGISLATION FOUND TO HAMPER COUNTY

Laws Fixing Salaries Make Work of Budget Committee Difficult.

REPEAL TO BE SOUGHT

Advisory Committee Allows Petition for Dental Clinic and Parental Home — Circuit Court Expenses Viewed.

Multnomah County suffers from too much interference from the Legislature, say members of the county budget advisory committee.

This comment was brought forth Wednesday night, when the committee met to consider the budget estimates of various county departments.

It was when the budget of the juvenile court was under consideration that this situation seemed to impress itself most firmly upon the members of the committee. The budget showed a slight increase over the expenditures of the current year, and the committeemen sought the reason.

This brought them into touch with the state law on the subject which provides for at least nine employes in the juvenile court and fixes their maximum salaries.

"But it's a shame," declared J. N. Teal, chairman of the committee, "the way this county is restricted in the exercise of home rule."

Frank Kiernan, another member of the committee, suggested that Multnomah County send a delegation to the next Legislature pledged to a repeal of all laws that needlessly interfere with the prerogatives of the county.

Meanwhile S. B. Martin, County Auditor, and a member of the advisory committee, will prepare a summary of all such laws.

The committee disposed of a lot of work last night, cleaning up the whole docket that Assessor Henry Reed and one of the committee members had prepared.

The routine was broken, however, by the appearnce of a delegation of women seeking appropriations for a proposed dental clinic and for a "parental home" that they propose that the county shall establish and maintain on the old county poor farm on the Canyon road. Judge T. J. Cleeton gave his approval to the plans.

Why the expenditures for the Circuit Courts have been a round $100,000 for the last few years was a question that suggested itself in connection with those departments. The estimates were not allowed, pending a report from the County Auditor on the precise amount that the courts have cost in the last few years.

A letter was read from President Lewis, of the Multnomah County Fair Association, asking for an appropriation of $3500. Mr. Teal didn't think it good county policy to appropriate money for any "boosting" organization. Neither did Amos Benson or A. W. Jones. The fair association finally was allowed $1500.

Sheriff Hurlburt was present and explained his proposed expenditures, which, on the face, are larger than last year. Based on the same service required last year the Sheriff's proposed expenditures for the next year are lower. The following items in the Sheriff's budget then were allowed: County Jail and board of prisoners, $20,560; administration, $40,580.

Other items allowed last night were: Juvenile Court, $15,480; detention home, $11,605; widows' pension relief, $37,500; bridge and ferry administration, $174,997.22; livestock indemnity fund, $5500; county veterinarian, $200; weights and measures apportionment to state, $466.90.

A request for $500 to build an approach to the cruiser Boston was disallowed.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT FATAL

Joe Nordberg Kills Self While Hunting Near Clackamas.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Joe Nordberg, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nordberg, 6657 Eighty-second street S. E., accidentally shot himself in the neck Wednesday and died almost instantly.

Young Nordberg was employed by the Hazelwood Company in Portland. With Ray Dahlberg, aged 14 years, of Tremont Station, he was hunting with a 22-calibre rifle near the Clackamas rifle range. The boys were about 100 yards apart when Dahlberg heard a shot and screams from his companion. Nordberg ran about 100 feet before he dropped to the ground dead. His parents and one brother survive him.

The body was brought last night to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nordberg, 6657 Eighty-second street Southeast, at Gray's Crossing, near Lents.

2 SUBMARINES ARE SUNK

Capture of Third by British Destroyers Off Greece Reported.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Telegrams received here from Algeciras, Morocco, by way of Madrid, report a British cruiser has sunk two German submarines in the Straits of Gibraltar.

PARIS, Nov. 11.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Athens dated Tuesday says:

"The newspaper Kairol says it has received assurances from a reliable source that British torpedo-boat destroyers captured a German submarine in Greek waters last week, taking the crew prisoner."

WOODSTOCK CAR HELD UP

Two Masked Men Board Car and Rob Conductor of $9.75.

Two masked highwaymen held up the Woodstock streetcar at Fifty-fourth street and Sixtieth avenue Southeast just after 1 o'clock Thursday morning and obtained $9.75 from the conductor, H. W. Cooley.

The men stood out by the carline as though they wanted to board it. The motorman slowed down. The men jumped on. They rifled the conductor's pockets and forced him to stop the car. Then they fled back up the track. The car carried no passengers.

GUN PLANT IS DESTROYED

Bethlehem Company Loss May Exceed $4,000,000.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Nov. 11.—Fire virtually destroyed the No. 4 machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel Company here Wednesday.

No official statement as to the loss caused by the fire had been given out up to a late hour tonight. Unofficial estimates placed the damage between $1,000,000 and $4,000,000, with many persons who viewed the damage expressing the opinion that even the latter amount was too small. They called attention to the fact that the building destroyed recently was reconstructed and equipped wih new machinery at a cost of $3,000,000 and that 800 guns and large quantities of other war material in process of manufacture either were destroyed or badly damaged.

A number of gun carriages of a consignment of several hundred which were completed and which were to have been shipped to England today were dragged out safely, but the majority of them were destroyed. Estimates placed on this material by many observers ran as high as $2,000,000, and it was said that little of it escaped destruction or damage beyond repair.

The guns were being made for the entente allies and for the United States Government.

The company issued a statement that the fire was due to a crossed electric light wire circuit which ignited oil in the boring mill.

DEALS TOTAL $103,000

TWO APARTMENT BUILDINGS ARE BOUGHT AT $50,000 EACH.

Site for Third Is Purchased in Irvington and Structure Will Cost $16,000.

Three realty transactions of more than ordinary importance were concluded in Portland Wednesday, including the sale of two apartment buildings and the purchase of a site for the location of a third apartment.

A contract was effected between J. O. Elrod, a Portland capitalist, and M. C. Spores, of Eugene, whereby Mr. Elrod becomes the owner of the three-story frame Beryl apartment building on the north side of Lovejoy street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets. The building covers 55 by 100 feet, or about one-half of the site. This building was traded recently to Spores brothers by H. L. Camp, who accepted title to a large Lane County ranch. As consideration for the Beryl apartment, Mr. Elrod will give title to a large wheat ranch in Eastern Washington. Each of the parcels was placed in the trade at a valuation of $50,000.

The two-story brick Frances building located on the southwest corner of East Thirty-seventh street and Hawthorne avenue was sold by Rudolph Christman through the Lueddemann Company and L. K. Moore yesterday to Henry C. Wulf, of Estacada, at a valuation of $50,000. As approximately one-half payment Mr. Christman accepted possession of 101 acres of improved land about four miles from Estacada. The balance was paid in cash and its equivalent. The Frances building covers 90 by 100 feet and is divided into flats, stores, offices and a theater.

Property on the east side of East Twenty-fourth street, between East Broadway and Hancock street, was purchased by F. E. Bowman yesterday from B. M. Lombard as the site for a $16,000 four-family apartment building that will be constructed in the immediate future. The lot was sold for $2000.

GUARDSMEN HAVE NIGHT

MILITARY BALL AT ARMORY IS FEATURE AT LAND SHOW.

Fine Programme Is Given in Which Colleges Take Part Following Parade by Alumni.

Military and college night at the Manufacturers' and Land Products Show brought out one of the largest crowds Wednesday night since the opening of the big harvest festival at the Armory a little more than two weeks ago.

The military events of the evening began with a parade through the downtown streets by troops of the Oregon National Guard in Portland. It had its climax in a full-dress military ball in the Armory dancehall.

The troops presented a natty appearance in their full-dress uniforms of blue. Two bands, the Third Infantry and Coast Artillery bands, were in line.

A special programme was held in the moving-picture theater, where a detail from Company E gave an exhibition of an awkward squad and then a finished drill.

Mrs. Nellie Pollock sang "The Bronze Bucket" and "The Red, White and Blue," and she was followed by Mrs. Gertrude Woodward in a demonstrated recital. Then came one of the treats of the evening, when the quartet from the Oregon Naval Militia went on the stage and sang some catchy sea ditties and battle songs.

The Oregon Agricultural College Glee Club and the University of Oregon quartet also added to the musical pleasure of the evening.

The presidents of several Oregon universities and colleges were guests at a banquet at the Chamber of Commerce at 6 o'clock last night, and at 8 o'clock they led delegations of the alumni of their institutions in a parade to the Armory.

CASHIER SHUT IN VAULT

TWO ROBBERS GET $300 FROM MOUNT VERNON, WASH., BANK.

Men Escape in Motorbus After Overlooking $1200 in Gold—Driver Shot in Hand for Trying to Upset.

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Nov. 11.—Two masked men robbed the First Stae Bank, of Clear Lake, late Wednesday after locking Cashier H. V. Guernsey in the vault. The robbers took $300 in silver, but overlooked $1200 in gold and currency lying on the cashier's table. They escaped in a motorbus, which they commandeered. J. M. Smith, the driver, was shot through the hand for trying to ditch his car to enable pursuers to overtake the robbers.

Guernsey escaped from the vault by using a screwdriver, which he had left there for use in such an emergency. The robbers left the automobile three miles out of town and escaped into the woods. A posse is searching for them.

When the robbers left the bank they fired several shots up and down the street to intimidate passersby, but no one was hurt.

Clear Lake is five miles northwest of Mount Vernon.

Clyde McMonagle Improves a Little.

Clyde V. McMonagle, the Oregonian photographer who fractured his skull in a fall while taking a picture from a fire escape last Tuesday, was partly conscious at St. Vincent's Hospital early Wednesday night. He was able to recognize Mrs. McMonagle and friends who called. Hospital authorities reported that Mr. McMonagle's condition was slightly improved.

ECONOMY IS URGED

Peer Says Britain Must Curtail to Preserve Solvency.

FORCED LOAN PREDICTED

Waste, Extravagance and Reckless Expenditure in Connection With Military Affairs Charged in Debate by Lords.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—In the course of the debate in the House of Lords tonight, on a motion of Viscount Peel, declaring it to be the duty of a government to exercise more effective supervision and control of naval and military expenditure, Baron Davenport said the country could not go on as it had been going indefinitely and maintain financial solvency. The Marquis of Crewe, Lord President of the Council, who replied, said that the main bulk of the expenditure was on account of the importation of munitions and loans to the allies and the British domains.

Lord Peel, in support of his motion, said that the figures which were given as to the expenditure on war and civil establishments for a full year approached nearly to the aggregate amount of the income of the nation.

Economy Example Not Set.

He doubted whether the government was sufficiently serious in enforcing economy. The government had acted only half-heartedly in restricting the excess of imports, and while it was advising the nation to practice economy there was no evidence that the government was setting an example in economy.

Lord Davenport thought it likely that the government would have to resort to a forced loan.

"We cannot go on indefinitely and maintain our financial solvency," he said. He estimated the country imported from $250,000,000 to $300,000,000 worth of goods which could be done without. The government, he urged, should have courage to recast the system of separation allowances so that no family should have more than it received before the war.

Finances Cause Anxiety.

Baron Joicy, who is a large colliery owner, said he had no hesitation in saying that the financial situation at the present time was causing a great deal of anxiety. The government, he declared, did not seem really to grasp the financial position, the waste, extravagance and reckless expenditure taking place throughout the country in connection with military affairs.

In reply the Marquis of Crewe said everybody realized the national strain imposed by the war. The question of the taxation of luxuries had been considered, but the taxation of some of these articles would involve changes in the customs department which would cost more than the additional amount collected. It had been impossible, he said, to maintain treasury control of the War Office expenditures, where serious delay might be caused, but the financial council of the war had strictly supervised the expenditures.

THAW MAY MARRY AGAIN

Pittsburger Denies He Seeks to Wed Schoolteacher.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Harry K. Thaw found a Pennsylvania school teacher visiting the Panama-Pacific Exposition a few weeks ago, who told him that the bright lights as well as the red lights sully womanhood. His associates say he wants to marry her, and she is more than willing as soon as he can get a divorce from Evelyn Thaw.

That may have been the explanation of Thaw's unexpected arrival, alone, from Pittsburg. He registered at the Waldorf-Astoria.

He was alone only until shortly after the next train from Pittsburg reached New York. Then H. J. Rice, whom the Thaws have described as "Harry's secretary," rushed into the Waldorf. Soon thereafter Val O'Farrell and Norman J. Fitzsimmons, detectives, joined Thaw.

Rice remained by him constantly, and the local men did not leave him until the train aboard which Thaw began his return journey to Pittsburg had passed far beyond the boundaries of this state.

Thaw, on his way to the train for Pittsburg, denied that he is considering marriage with the Pennsylvania school teacher.

Thaw may become a hero of the movies, according to his friends, who say he has been asked to sign a contract with one of the largest film photograph producing concerns.

The company seeks to present the story of Thaw, Evelyn Thaw, and the other characters in the tragedy of his life. Evelyn Thaw did not know her husband had been in New York until he had been gone from the city two hours, and she had concluded her dancing sketch with Jack Clifford in a local theater.

WOMAN CURES ANTHRAX

Doctor's Wife Applies Antiseptic, Which Effects a Cure.

BENBOW CITY, Ill., Nov. 7.—Dr. J. C. Helper, who a month ago was stricken with anthrax, was pronounced cured by his attending physician. His wife was largely instrumental in bringing about his cure. Throughout the greater part of his illness she applied, at 15-minute intervals, an antiseptic treatment to a wound on the physician's neck, which had been caused by the disease.

Dr. Helper believes he contracted the disease from a mosquito bite. For a week both he and the physician in charge of the case held faint hope of his recovery.

The only permanent ill effect left by the disease is a three-inch scar on Dr. Helper's neck, where the flesh had been eaten away.

GERMAN PARCELS STOPPED

Service to America Suspended Because of British Interference.

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The suspension of the parcel post service from Germany to America is explained in official circles as having been due to the fact that the Holland-American line informed the German authorities it was unable longer to carry parcels owing to the interference of the British.

Parcel post traffic from the United States to Germany, however, has not been interrupted.

Woman Is Too Big for Cell.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 4.—The criminal court here was compelled to take judicial cognizance of a physical peculiarity of Mrs. Clara Cochran. She was fined $50 and costs for selling liquor and was unable to pay. Her size prevented her incarceration in jail, and time was given her in which to raise the money. Mrs. Cochran weighs 540 pounds. Judge Ryan was informed it would be a physical impossibility for her to enter a jail cell.

CHARLES CHERRY COMING TO THE PICKFORD.

Charles Cherry, who makes his first screen appearance in a Famous Players production of "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," will be at the Pickford Sunday. Mr. Cherry won destinction all over the country by his talented support of such famous stars as Mary Mannering, Maxine Elliott, and was starred in "The Seven Sisters" and "The Bachelor." In "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" he has every opportunity to display his splendid talents, as the role of "the mummy" requires the delicate touch of a master player. So finished is Mr. Cherry's performance, so effortless his interpretation, that it deceives one into forgetting the presence of stagecraft and the world of make-believe.

CLUB HAS ANNIVERSARY

ROSE CITY PARK MEMBERS HAVE BANQUET AND REVIEW.

Programme of Talks and Music Includes Rehearsal of Work Done for District Development.

The anniversary banquet of the Rose City Park Club, held Wednesday night at the clubhouse, Sandy boulevard and East Fifty-seventh street, was attended by nearly 100. H. J. Blaesing, president, referred to the history of the club and to the record of the Rose City Park Improvement League that developed the district. He then turned the meeting over to O. G. Hughson, who had been active in both league and club.

An illustrated lecture was given by Samuel S. Lancaster, engineer of the Columbia Highway, who told all about its construction and showed colored pictures of the highway on the screen.

George C. Graham delighted the audience with several Scotch songs rendered in costume. Rev. J. M. Skinner spoke of the homes in Rose City Park. Rev. W. W. Youngston spoke on "Play the Game." Rev. A. A. Leas and Rev. J. M. O'Farrel spoke along the same lines. The other talks were made by Rev. Pike Davis, Cyrus Thompson, of Belleville, Ill.; O. G. Griggs, of Pontiac, Mich., and Dr. Emmitt Drake.

F. L. Campbell, one of the membership committee, rehearsed the progress being made in the membership campaign, which had netted more than 100 new members. He said that the work would continue until every property owner and resident had joined the club.

One of the improvements suggested was the extension of the Sandy boulevard 80 feet wide by way of East Burnside to the Burnside bridge and the widening of Burnside to 80 feet on the West Side to Washington Park on the west.

TAFT IS FOR DEFENSE

NATIONS STILL WILLING TO IMPOSE ON WEAK, IS VIEW.

Navy Equal to Greatest of Present Which Supports Standing Army Is Advocated.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—In an address here last night at a banquet of the National Security League, William Howard Taft, ex-President of the United States, declared himself in favor of military preparedness and said:

"Do not let us sacrifice National security to an academic theory or the wish to vindicate it."

Mr. Taft said he found himself, with regard to his views on preparedness somewhere between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roosevelt. Regarding pacificism, he said:

"Nations certainly have not reached the point yet where they are not willing, when the occasion offers, to take advantage of the weakness of another nation to carry out a policy of aggrandizement."

He argued for a navy equal to the greatest present navy of any world power which supports a standing army and for improved coast defenses. He also declared for an increase of the army to 100,000 men exclusive of the Philippine constabulary and said that in time of peril a sufficient number of volunteers could be raised, while the enlarged fleet and improved coast defenses were holding off an attacking enemy.

Mr. Taft told newspaper men that he was out of politics, and added:

"As a citizen I may say without qualification that Elihu Root, of New York, is the one man who answers the requirements of the time for the Presidency."

Mr. Taft said he looked for a Republican victory in 1916.

Motorman Run Down by Auto.

Leaping from a streetcar at the east approach to the Morrison-street bridge without noticing an automobile coming behind, Motorman Sheldon, of the Montavilla line, was struck by the machine of J. C. Lane, 717 East Alder street, Wednesday and slightly injured. There were no bones broken, but Sheldon was painfully bruised.

Robbery Is Reported.

Farrell Freeman, a North End musician, reported to the police last night that four men had beaten him and robbed him of $120 near the Steel bridge. Patrolman Schad and Detectives Leonard and La Salle were assigned to the case.

Several British Generals Recalled.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Official announcement was made today that several British Generals had been recalled from the front since the war began. Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, said none of them had been allowed to resign or retire

MR. MERRICK EXPLAINS

DIFFERENCE OVER BLUE LAW SAID TO BE CAUSE OF EXPULSION.

Honorary Member of Portland Grocers' Association Says Opposition to Statute Brought Action.

Difference arising over the campaign for the enforcemest of the Sunday blue law was the immediate cause of the expulsion of L. R. Merrick and A. Keller from honorary membership in the Portland Grocers' and Merchants' Association, according to Mr. Merrick.

"I was opposed to the enforcement of the law," said Mr. Merrick.

Mr. Merrick is secretary of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association, which has 3500 members in the state, he says.

"Our expulsion," said Mr. Merrick, "was an obvious frameup on the part of Robert G. Duncan, assistant secretary, in order to get control of the Oregon association. At the last convention of the state merchants Duncan was a candidate for secretary, but was turned down, and I was elected unanimously."

Mr. Merrick has a copy of a long letter of resignation which he addressed to President W. C. Gunther, of the Portland association, on November 2, some time before his expulsion. The letter, he says, was not even read at the meeting. In it Mr. Merrick said he did not want to hold honorary membership in any organization against the wishes of any of its members. He also set forth his opposition to the Sunday blue law as one of the reasons for the introduction of a resolution against him.

DR. SUZZALLO IS GUEST

Leland Stanford Alumni Entertain President of Washington.

As an honor guest at a dinner given by the former Stanford students of this city, Dr. Henry Suzzallo, a member of the class of 1899 and now president of the University of Washington, declared that "the modern university should be a school of psychology for the undergraduate."

Dr. Suzzallo talked along the lines that he intends to follow as the head of the Washington institution, and placed emphasis on the statement that "the study of human nature and the association of any student with all the others, is the most important part of the college education."

Chester G. Murphy and Forrest Fisher were responsible for the banquet.

STRIKE OF MINERS ENDS

Ex-Senator Kearns' Company Wins Victory at Park City, Utah.

PARK CITY, Utah, Nov. 11. — The strike of miners of the Silver King Coalition mines appears to have ended in a complete victory for the company Wednesday. More than 300 of the 375 miners who walked out October 28 had reported for duty before 6 o'clock last night, the time set by ex-Senator Kearns, vice-president and general manager of the company, as the limit for the men to return.

Under-ground operations at the property were resumed today. The strike was called on account of dissatisfaction with a hospital and compensation plan established by the company.

The highest structure in America and, with the exception of the Eiffel Tower, the tallest in the world, is an 825-foot tower erected in New Jersey by a German wireless telegraph company.