

GOV'T EMPLOYEES GET SALARY INCREASES

Monthly Wage Budget Is Increased \$2578.34.

ALL DEPARTMENTS BENEFIT

Advances to Affect Employees of County Government Based on Increased Living Costs.

County employes in every department received an increase in salary, retroactive to June 1, at a meeting of the county commissioners yesterday morning.

The increases decided upon increase the yearly budget for the county \$25,783.34, and does not include an increase of \$200 monthly in the office of District Attorney Evans, which was obtained earlier in the month, and which would raise the total budget appropriation because of action by the commissioners in June \$25,983.34.

Department heads, whose salaries are fixed by law, are not included in the increases. The various raises applying only to deputies and clerks in their offices.

Increases Held Necessary.

Recommendations of the heads of departments of the county work, including County Clerk Beveridge, County Auditor Martin, Treasurer Head, Sheriff Hurlburt and Roadmaster Eatchel were followed in every instance without discussion. In virtually all the offices the increases were based on salaries previously received, such as all receiving \$100 being recommended for \$110, all getting \$125 recommended for \$135, and so on.

In a letter to the county commissioners, department heads pointed out that increases were imperative at the present time due to higher rent, food, clothing and everything entering into living in the present age, and quoted statistics showing that the purchasing power of the dollar had dropped 50 cents since 1912.

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All Departments Affected.

Heaviest increases were asked in the office of the county assessor, with an addition to the monthly payroll of \$270. Sheriff Hurlburt came next with increases of \$463.24 monthly, and County Clerk Beveridge followed with increases of \$455.

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In Sheriff Hurlburt's office the monthly payroll has been \$7956.66 but is increased to \$8420, a boost of \$463.34. This amount is divided among the circuit court division, which receives \$112.34 more per month; the tax division, which receives \$225 more; and the county jail, which receives \$115 more.

Salaries of deputies in various offices now range from \$100 to \$225, the latter amount only being received by the chief deputy.

Clerk's Payroll Now \$5780.

Employees in the office of County Assessor Reed are now receiving from \$110 to \$225, the monthly payroll increasing from \$2205 to \$3775, or \$570. Salaries range from \$100 to \$225 in County Clerk Beveridge's office under the new plan, the monthly payroll being \$5780, an increase of \$455.

Constable Peterson's force now have salaries ranging from \$100 to \$150, being increased from \$100 to \$125. The total monthly increase for his office is \$265.

In District Attorney Evans' office, which was included in the earlier rise, the deputies paid by the county were increased \$500 a month, making the range in salaries from \$125 to \$175.

Two stenographers in the office of the county commissioners were increased from \$90 to \$100 and a clerk from \$110 to \$120.

Salary Rise Is General.

Other miscellaneous increases were as follows: 17 janitors, from \$90 to \$100; three elevator operators, from \$30 to \$35; two telephone girls, from \$15 to \$20; head night watchman, from \$35 to \$40; one watchman, \$50 to \$55; 24 bridge gate-men, \$95 to \$100; three bridge foremen, \$125 to \$130; six bridge operators, \$120 to \$125; three utility operators and gateman, \$115 to \$120; three ferryboat captains, \$120 to \$130; three ferryboat engineers, \$150 to \$160; three pilots, \$145 to \$150; six firemen, \$100 to \$110; 10 deckhands, \$100 to \$110; three watchmen, \$100 to \$110; and extra engineer, \$145 to \$150.

BLAME LAID ON PARENTS

CARE OF CHILDREN DECLARED SHIFTED TO SCHOOL.

Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull Opposes Owing of Home Paid for by Work of Offspring.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 26.—(Special.)—Unprepared parents who have succeeded in unloading on the public school system the greater part of the responsibility for their children's health and welfare of the school children, Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull of Portland, secretary of inspectors of child labor, at the opening session of the state teachers' conference here last night.

Mrs. Trumbull expressed herself as opposed to the growing tendency of the schools to step in and take the place of the parents in looking after the health and welfare of the school children. She could also see little to commend in the phrase "own your own home," when it meant, as she said, that "little Johnny and Mary would have to go out to work to help the parents pay for it. A home built on the blood of the children is nothing but a lamentable production of it," she said.

The work of the city school nurse in Marshfield was described by C. L. Weaver, physical director of the schools of that city. J. W. Todd, city superintendent at Salem, told of free school dental clinics, free medical examinations, visits to the homes by the school nurse and other features of Salem's

MISSING GIRL BANS THOUGHTS OF MOTHER

Robin Grigsby, 14, Said She Preferred to Disappear.

STATE-WIDE SEARCH MADE

Miss Mabel Walter, Custodian of Child, Not Implicated in Puzzling Case, Friends Declare.

"Before I'd live with my mother or her people, I'd disappear, and nobody would ever know where I went," was the prophetic utterance of pretty, 14-year-old Robin Grigsby, whose strange disappearance 10 days ago has led to a statewide search, made to Mrs. Thomas G. Greene of this city about a month ago during a conversation on a street car.

The child dropped from sight the night before her mother was to take her from the home of Miss Mabel Walter, 1250 East Twelfth street, to live with an aunt in Tekoa, Wash.

Mrs. Greene, who is the wife of a Portland attorney, said yesterday that she recalled the conversation with the child, with whom she was acquainted through Miss Walter, immediately upon learning that the girl had disappeared and that kidnapping was feared.

Miss Walters Not Blamed.

Absolute conviction that Miss Walter, who has been in Portland more than 16 years and has conducted a kindergarten for children of some of the best families until a few years ago when she took over the work of caring for children whose parents were unable to look after them properly, had no ulterior purpose in desiring the care of Robin Grigsby and could not have been implicated in the child's disappearance was expressed yesterday by Mrs. A. F. Fiegel and Mrs. Charles Billington and as well as Mrs. Greene, all of whom have been acquainted with Miss Walter for years.

Attorney A. E. Carter, representing the mother of the girl, had been promised, he said Tuesday, an affidavit from Mrs. May Wournell, 611 Pettygrove street, recounting an alleged conversation with Miss Walter in which the latter declared that she would prevent the mother from ever getting the girl, Robin, as she desired to keep her and have her work in a factory when she grew older.

Child's Words Recalled.

"That is absurd," said Mrs. Fiegel. "Miss Walter has done everything possible for that girl. The mother owes her for board for the child but that has not prevented her from caring for Robin."

"The night Robin disappeared, I was at Miss Walter's home and saw the girl. Robin had learned that her mother was coming for her the next day to take her to the home of her aunt, Mrs. B. F. Truax, at Tekoa. 'I'll not go,' she said, stubbornly. 'Yes, you will. Robin, you must go with your mother,' Miss Walter told her. 'I'll not go. I'm not a good girl. I won't study or do anything they want me to. I want to stay here,' was the reply. But Miss Walter told her she could not have to go and that things would probably turn out all right. Robin was crying when I left, about 10 o'clock. The next morning the child was gone."

Mother Is Divorced.

Robin Grigsby had been the home of Miss Walter for more than three years. She was placed there originally by Edith Grigsby, her mother. In June, 1918, according to Mrs. Fiegel, the girl was made a ward of the juvenile court and placed in the custody of Miss Walter. This was at the request of Miss Walter, her mother, under the name of Edith Hall, had been figuring in numerous police court episodes, and had repeatedly taken the girl out with her, returning her alone late at night in a taxi.

Last September, Mrs. Grigsby endeavored to obtain the girl but was refused permission by juvenile Judge Taylor. A modification of Mrs. Grigsby's divorce decree several months ago, by Judge Campbell of Oregon City, awarding the child to the aunt, led to the events just before the disappearance.

HIGHER MILK PRICES LOOM

OREGON DAIRYMEN TO GATHER IN PORTLAND TODAY.

Series of Charts Show Increased Costs Along All Lines as Compared With Milk.

Milk may be advanced in Portland, as the result of a meeting of Oregon dairymen, set for today at the central library. The meeting is being held under the joint auspices of the Oregon dairymen's league and the stockholders of the Oregon Milk Producers' association, and dairymen who ship milk to the Portland market have been invited to participate.

That milk must be advanced at once and that the present price is too low to allow the dairymen to make expenses is the contention of many of the milk producers, and at the meeting today the whole problem of milk production will be taken up with the idea of determining a price.

"Effort will be made to determine the actual cost of the milk to the producer," said M. S. Shrock, secretary and manager of the Oregon Dairymen's league, yesterday. "Figures have been submitted by a number of the producers and these will be carefully discussed and averaged."

The league has prepared a series of charts showing the advance of prices along other lines in comparison with the advance of milk, and these charts show that while machinery, feeds and all the essentials for milk production have increased in price since June, 1914, an average of 117 per cent, the wholesale price of milk is only 53 per cent higher now than it was five years ago.

At present the producers are receiving \$1 per hundred for their milk from the Portland distributors, but this price is actually cut down to about \$2.80, Mr. Shrock contended, because of the fact that this is the period of excess production and some loss results in turning the milk into butter, skim milk, buttermilk and condensed milk.

The meeting of the dairymen will open at 10:30 A. M. in the library and will continue throughout the morning and afternoon. A dairy lunch of milk, doughnuts, cheese and sandwiches will be served at noon.

WISCONSIN JOURNAL TAKEN OVER.

MADISON, Wis., June 26.—The Lee newspaper syndicate has acquired the Wisconsin State Journal and will take possession July 1, it was announced this afternoon. E. P. Adler, president of the Lee newspaper syndicate and publisher of the Dayvenport, Ia., Daily Times, will be president of the Wisconsin State Journal company and A. M. Brayton, publisher and editor of the Lacrore Tribune and Leader-Press, will be publisher and editor, dividing his time between the two cities.

Berry Pickers' Earnings Grow. HOOD RIVER, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—The high price of strawberries has proved profitable not only to the growers but to boys and girls engaged in picking. The record probably is held by James, the 14-year-old son of Sheriff Thomas P. Johnson, who has averaged \$5.20 per day for the past nine days in the upper valley.

Why You Are Paying War-Prices in Peace Times

The serious concern about the mounting costs of necessities was shown not long ago when twenty-six Democratic members of the Massachusetts legislature cabled to President Wilson that "The citizens of the United States want you home to help reduce the high cost of living which we consider far more important than the League of Nations."

A man's suit of clothes that cost \$15.00 in 1914 costs \$26.00 today; shoes that were \$9.00 in 1914 cost \$15.50 now; a woman's suit that cost \$15.00 in 1914 is \$24.00 today; every item in both men's and women's wearing apparel has nearly doubled in price, while food, shelter, fuel, heat, and light have soared to equally high levels. This condition prompts the Detroit News to declare that "what the eating, sleeping, and dressing world wants to know is whether the cost of necessities is justified?" The consumer finds it hard to understand, according to the Buffalo Evening News, "why six months after the end of fighting, prices instead of taking a fall, are forever rising."

THE LITERARY DIGEST presents this week in its leading article a comprehensive survey of the elements affecting present living costs; comparative tables showing the difference in prices of many articles in 1914 and today, the opinions of bankers, merchants, and manufacturers as to the future outlook, and the observations of editorial writers throughout the country on the situation. This article should be of practical value to every DIGEST reader.

Other striking features in this week's DIGEST are:

- What the American Soldier Thinks of the French People
- This Article Reflects With Illuminating Detail the Opinion of the American Doughboy as Expressed in Talks With Returning Soldiers, in Soldiers' Letters, etc.
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JAPAN TERMED FRIENDLY

BETTER UNDERSTANDING BY U. S. CITIZENS ASKED.

Dr. John W. Wood of New York Tells Clergymen Statesmen Misguide American Public.

"Cultivate a better understanding with Japan," was the advice given by Dr. John W. Wood of New York city, in addressing the Oregon summer school for clergy yesterday. Dr. Wood spent considerable time in Japan, during a tour of the orient recently completed. "Stinging criticisms by misguided statesmen not only mislead the American public, but irritate the people of Japan. I found the people friendly to America, although at times their love for country and devotion to the emperor fosters a spirit of cockiness on their part," said Dr. Wood. "Christianity has its greatest opportunity in Japan at the present time, before the thought and life of the people become saturated with materialism."

Discussing the church's contribution to social reconstruction, Dean Quinlan of Victoria said: "The social problem is a moral problem. Industrial injustice, profiteering and the like spring from bad morals. And here the humble parson in a quiet way does as much for social uplift as the man who pilots measures through the legislature."

Instructive lectures were given by Bishop Faber on "The Priest in the Pulpit," and by Dean Christian on the "Fourth Gospel."

The concluding lectures will be given today, and this evening the conference for church workers will open at the school quarters at St. Helen's hall on Vista avenue with an address by Bishop Faber on "The Missionary System of the Church." The conferences will be continued Saturday. Sunday the visiting clergy will occupy the pulpits at various churches, and in the evening a mass meeting will be held at St. Stephen's pro-cathedral.

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