

RISE IN CITY'S COSTS IS 48.6 PER CENT

Figures of 1916 and 1920 Compared by Pier.

PORTLAND SPENDS LITTLE

Percentage of Increase Based on Facts, Says Executive, Refuting Political Statements.

3-MILL TAX IN NUTSHELL.
Eight mills of taxation was required to maintain city service in 1916. Since then the natural increases in the cost of labor, supplies, etc., require 11 mills of taxation to maintain the same service. No more than eight mills can be levied by the council without special authorization of the voters. Authorization for the extra three mills has been given by the voters for the last two years. Reauthorization is necessary for next year. If it is not given the council will be forced to make an arbitrary reduction of one-third in every branch of the service, including fire and police.

The increase in the cost of operating the city government since the end of 1916 has been 48.6 per cent. Announcement to this effect was made by S. C. Pier, commissioner of finance. This showing has been made by the city, Mr. Pier says, in spite of the conditions which have brought about increases in the cost of labor from 70 to 100 per cent and in materials and supplies from 75 to 200 per cent in all lines of activity.

The figures were obtained by Commissioner Pier to show that political campaign statements to the effect that the city's expenses have increased 125 per cent are untrue. Mr. Pier's statement is based upon a comparison of the amount of money raised by taxation to operate the city during 1917 compared with the same figures for 1920.

City Smallest Spender.
The report shows that not only has Portland made this showing, but also has had by far less increase in expense than any other coast city and that at the present time is raising and spending less than any other large coast city.

"Actual figures show that Portland is being operated cheaper than any other large city on the Pacific coast," said Commissioner Pier. "Records in my office show that the increase in the cost of operating municipal activities in Portland has increased 48.6 per cent since the last of 1916. This percentage is based upon facts and not estimates. Figures also show that the various departments in the city government of Portland are conducted on far less money than are similar departments in other cities."

Portland Costs Lowest.
"For instance the cost of the city service in San Francisco is \$17,454,659 annually, Los Angeles \$8,500,000 a year, Seattle \$8,983,936, while the cost of city service in Portland is but \$4,796,225, this amount including the three-mill levy voted by the people one year ago."

"The per capita cost of taxes for city service in San Francisco is \$34.44; in Los Angeles \$21.81, in Seattle \$23.24, and in Portland only \$18.54. "Official figures obtained from Seattle show that \$1,521,886 was spent last year in operating the fire bureau, whereas in Portland the cost of similar service was \$962,020. The Seattle police bureau during the past year cost \$1,225,822, while in Portland the cost of the police bureau for the year was \$865,598."

City Tops 444 in Health.
"Although Seattle spent more than five times as much money than did Portland during the last year, explained Commissioner Pier, "Portland has been given the top rating over 444 cities in the United States for a clean and healthy city. The Seattle health bureau cost of operation was \$630,550, while in Portland the cost of operating the health department for the year totaled \$117,775."

"The city, like every individual, is forced to pay higher costs for supplies, labor and materials and cannot give proper service to a city which has grown and in added territory since 1916 without the three-mill tax levy."

"The public should also know that comparisons made in political advertisements opposing the three-mill tax, purporting to show figures coming from the 1921 city budget, are misleading. There is no 1921 budget in existence."

Budget Compiling to Start.
"In compliance with the charter, I have filed estimates received from the heads of various bureaus, which will be submitted to the members of the city council during the latter part of the present week. At that time work will begin in compiling the 1921 budget. Such work could not be accomplished until after election because the council must know the result of the three-mill tax measure."

"Although departmental heads were advised to keep estimates down to the lowest possible point, they are human and interested in their individual departments. Hence they have submitted in some cases estimates which will be reduced materially. Such is the case each year, for the council has never prepared a yearly budget without applying the 'pruning knife' to estimates. In some years the budget has been trimmed as much as \$2,000,000 below the estimates filed. The budget will be filed on November 15, but does not exist today."

Three-Mill Fight to Be Waged.
Members of the city council, the fire prevention bureau and representatives of civic and business organizations of the city are prepared to wage a strenuous campaign today in support of the three-mill measure. All who have studied the condition of city finances carefully have endorsed the measure and are urging its passage in order to save Portland from the disastrous results which would follow a reduction of one-third or more in every municipal department. Members of the fire prevention bureau cite that for the past year it has been urged that the present fire department be built up with additional fire equipment and that fire stations now closed because of inadequate funds be reopened. Defeat of the three-mill measure, they say, means nothing more than the closing of additional fire stations now in operation and a reduction of a large number of men now on duty."

East Side First to Suffer.
Although defeat of the three-mill measure at the election tomorrow would be a severe blow to the entire city, according to the council, the city officials will devote their efforts today on the east side, feeling that the failure of the voters to reauthorize the additional levy will hit the east side of the river even harder than the west side.

"I believe that the east side has been aroused to the seriousness of the situation," said Commissioner Elgelow yesterday. "However all the work possible will be done today on the east side, for the loss of the three-mill will be felt more keenly in the suburban districts than in the business district. Closing of fire stations for instance will be a harder blow to the east side, for there are fewer stations on the west side of the river now in operation."

Public Not Awake to Peril.
"I do not wish to be placed in the class of an alarmist, but defeat of the three-mill tax at this time would be extremely serious. Unfortunately the seriousness of the situation would not be realized by the general public until it was too late."

CHAUTAUQUA IS PLANNED

Five-Day Programme to Be Given at Thornton, Wash.

THORNTON, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The Edison-White company, with headquarters in Portland, will render a Chautauqua festival in Thornton November 15 to 19. The programmes will be held in the school auditorium and some excellent entertainments are promised by the advance agent who was here last week making arrangements.

CHURCH BUILDING SOLD

Methodist Landmark in Eugene to Be Razed in Near Future.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The old Methodist church building at the corner of Tenth avenue and Willamette street, one of the landmarks of the city, has been sold by the Southern Pacific company to a local building and loan association, and it will soon be razed.

PROGRESS OF ELECTION TO BE SHOWN ON THE OREGONIAN SCREEN

The progress of the count of votes in city, county, state and national elections will be shown tomorrow night by The Oregonian on the screen at Sixth and Alder streets. Starting at 8 o'clock, or as soon thereafter as darkness will permit, the latest news of the balloting will be flashed in numerous bulletins. The returns on local candidates and measures will be compiled as soon as they are received by the special election staff of The Oregonian. The Associated Press will send frequent reports on the way the voting is going in all parts of the country.

CIDER INDUSTRY HELPED

New Ruling by Internal Revenue Department Satisfactory.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—While the burden of proof is still on the manufacturer to show that the beverage was turned over to transportation companies for consignee in a non-intoxicating state, the Volstead act, according to notices received from internal revenue headquarters by local cider manufacturers, relieves the manufacturer from further responsibility after such delivery.

Knights of Pythias Banquet.

ST. HELENS, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Ridgefield lodge, Knights of Pythias, made their annual visit to Avon lodge, Knights of Pythias, at St. Helens Saturday night. The Washington lodge came over 100 strong and brought their families. Musical numbers, talks and other features by members of each lodge made up the programme, which was followed by an elaborate banquet. For a number of years the St. Helens lodge has visited their Washington brethren during the strawberry season and the Ridgefield lodge returns the visit for a clam chowder dinner.

Please vote ONCE for Dan Kellaher, either first, second or third choice. Dan Kellaher for mayor means 3-cent fare. 99 X.—Kellaher for Mayor Com.—Paid Adv.

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For Congress



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A STATEMENT TO THE VOTERS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY.
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STATEMENT NO. 6
The undersigned representatives of the organizations named below, believe in Esther Pohl Lovejoy. We know her record. Her life has been, and is, an open book. She started as a cash girl and by her own efforts has become known nationally and internationally.

- We, the undersigned, take pleasure in recommending her to your favorable consideration:
- MRS. C. B. SIMMONS.
 - MRS. DAVID HONEYMAN.
 - REV. W. T. McELVEIN.
 - ANN SHANNON MONROE.
 - MRS. H. B. TORREY.
 - J. H. RANKIN.
 - REV. E. C. BRICKMAN.
 - WM. F. AMOS.
 - E. A. BAKER.
 - MRS. MARY MALLETT.
 - ADA WALLACE UNRUH.
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 - REV. BYRON CLARK.
 - OTTO HARTWIG.
 - MRS. JOHN KEATING.
 - W. E. KIMSEY.
 - MRS. G. GIBBS.
 - JUDGE W. N. GATENS.
 - K. F. THUNEMAN.
 - REV. H. C. HOWARD.
 - M. D. WELLS.

We know her ideals. Her business success has been phenomenal. She has never found it necessary to retract upon any moral issues. She is tried and true.

In the name of the womanhood of America, in the name of the children of America, in the name of the moral forces of America, in the name of those who fought for their ideals in the World War, in the name of those who toil with hand or brain, your country needs your vote on November 2 for

- 43 X Esther Pohl Lovejoy.
- Ministerial Association, By Rev. Byron Clark.
 - W. C. T. U., By Mrs. Mary Mallett.

Oregon Dry Committee, By Ada Wallace Unruh.

Central Labor Council, By W. E. Kimsey.

Metal Trades Council, By J. E. Pelton.

Building Trades Council, By Frank Hamman.

Affiliated Railroad Labor Organizations, By Fred Ross.

Oregon Popular Government League, By Rev. F. K. Howard.

Oregon State Federation of Labor, By Otto Hartwig.



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If you would know how generally and how favorably "Wear-Ever" utensils are known in typical American homes ask ten of your friends—or phone ten homes selected from the directory—asking what brand of cooking utensils they prefer. The broad preference of discriminating women for

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