

COUNTY HAS RUN UP BIG BUDGET DEFICIT

Sixteen 1920 Appropriations
Overdrawn in November.

SHORTAGE NOW GREATER

Board of Relief Has Overdraft of
\$26,896, and Registration
Is Close Second.

Sixteen of the 1920 county budget appropriations are "in the red." This was the showing made at the end of 11 months. The number of appropriations not only exhausted but overdrawn, will probably be increased at the end of the 12-month period—at least the appropriations now represented by a deficit, will show an increased deficit at the close of the 12 months.

The greatest deficit is in the board of relief, which received an appropriation of \$26,896, and at the end of 11 months has cost \$53,792.56, representing an overdraft of \$26,896.56. A close second to the board of relief is registration and election. It was estimated that \$69,800 would be enough, but all that has been spent and \$23,794.64 more has gone the same way.

Kelly Butte is now \$11,060.05 over and above its appropriation and individual soldiers have overdrawn to the amount of \$3,357.23. The Vista House has cost more than twice its appropriation for operation, and the Multnomah hospital—the old institution, not the palace on the hill—is "in the red" for \$61,284.7, and this deficit will be considerably larger at the end of the current month. Even the brand inspector has cost \$17.23 more than was estimated, and the constable's office not only exhausted its appropriation at the end of 11 months, but has overdrawn \$154.04.

The court of domestic relations is displaying a deficit of \$11,156.66 and the detention home has a deficit of \$1,217.74. The district court is \$36.32 over its appropriation and this will grow.

County Farm Is Behind.
Inspection of fruit has cost \$187.80 more than was believed necessary and the jail has overrun its appropriation \$743.90. The main division of the county farm appears with a deficit of \$11,156.66 at the end of 11 months, and this will be greater for the 12-month period. The sheriff's office is \$3,359.15 in the overdrawn column, and the tax department comes along with a deficit of \$288.74.

Besides these deficits, interstate bridge tolls have been borrowed to the sum of \$2,544.72, which must be repaid. These tolls were taken to satisfy a contractor working on the new hospital on the hill.

Former Marine Is Glad to Get Back Home.

Hood River Boy Says Life in
Guam Is Trying.

AFFILIATION IS PLANNED

Coos County Farm Bureau Decides
to Join National Body.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Coos county farm bureau at its last general gathering decided upon affiliating with the state and national bodies and to bring this action into effect it was necessary to increase the cost of membership to five dollars. The bureau is doing some fine work here and ranchers in the Coquille valley are particularly interested in the objects for which it stands. The county court has appropriated over \$5000 for work in 1921.

New officers and project leaders for the ensuing year include: J. F. Schroeder, Norway, president; J. Carl, Arago, vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Laird, Bridge, secretary; Percy Schroeder, Norway, treasurer; Clarence Schroeder, Arago, crop improvement; E. L. Weekly, Bridge, livestock improvement; Henry Bryant, Bridge, beef; E. E. Herman, Broadbent, marketing; Mrs. Geo. Lauder, clothing; Mrs. William Goshon, Marshfield, clothing; V. N. Aasen, Norway, publicity; Mrs. C. E. Nosler, Myrtle Point, nutrition.

Damage Case Non-Suited.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A motion for a non-suit yesterday was granted in the case of J. D. Rice, owner of the Dream theater and the Washington hotel of Chehalis, wherein James Haney sued for \$10,000 damages for alleged personal injury. Haney fell through a broken ladder some months ago on the roof of the hotel, sustaining severe injuries. In the suit of E. H. Lester vs. Mills, of Mossyrock, for alleged debt, the jury returned a verdict for \$300 in favor of Mills.

Restaurant Cashier Robbed.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A masked man entered the Lund restaurant late Sunday night, covered the cashier with a revolver, rifled the cash drawer of \$10 in change and made his escape. The robber entered just after three late customers had left and when there was no one but the cashier in the front of the restaurant.

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FISHERMEN INDORSE PLANT
AFTER FIRST BIG RUN.

Steelheads to Begin Spawning Next
Month and Silversides Con-
tinue Until March.

TIDEWATER, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)

On account of the success of the state hatchery established here five years ago, as demonstrated last year when the run of salmon filled the Alsea river, as predicted by T. R. Pollock, superintendent, the hatchery has been enlarged to handle 15,000,000 eggs in place of 11,000,000 handled last year.

The beginning of the season finds the hatchery running to its capacity, having 5,000,000 Chinook eggs and fry and over 5,000,000 Silverside salmon eggs on hand. The steelheads will begin to spawn about the middle of January and the Silversides will continue until late in March.

As fast as they spawn the fry are placed in the retaining ponds and the troughs are refilled with eggs. The fishway is open at present and many salmon find their way out to the Alsea river and pass on into its tributaries, which will insure an almost inexhaustible supply of fish for future years.

Although fishermen were rather skeptical about the good to come of the hatchery, their indorsement now is unanimous, as the first run, which was due five years after establishing the hatchery, swamped the canneries at Waldport, near the mouth of Alsea river, last season. The burning of one cannery unfortunately necessitated many salmon being thrown into the Alsea bay.

A sawmill has been placed on Scott creek five miles above Tidewater by M. A. Beam and the road leading past the hatchery from Corvallis and Alsea to Waldport is still being worked upon so that automobile traffic will be heavy next year. The nearest railroad station is Taquina, which though but 25 miles from Alsea, requires two boat rides and a 16-mile stage ride to reach it.

FARMERS' EARNINGS GROW

Report of Idaho State Club Leader
Shows Agricultural Gains.

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 21.—The annual report of F. L. Audrain, Wash-

ington State club leader, shows that for the year 1920, just closing, the total cost of club work in Washington has been \$34,158 and that net profits of club members are \$70,308.40. Only 50 per cent of the total club membership reported to the leaders and the figures given are based on these reports. The per capita earnings of the club members for the year is \$22.24. Last year it was \$21.52. The clubs include those engaged in published since they first appeared poultry and rabbit production, hog raising, potato growing, corn growing, sheep raising and other lines of farm activity. The work of the girls centers around home activity—cooking, sewing and like duties. Many of the girls are good gardeners also and many raise rabbits, sheep and chickens.

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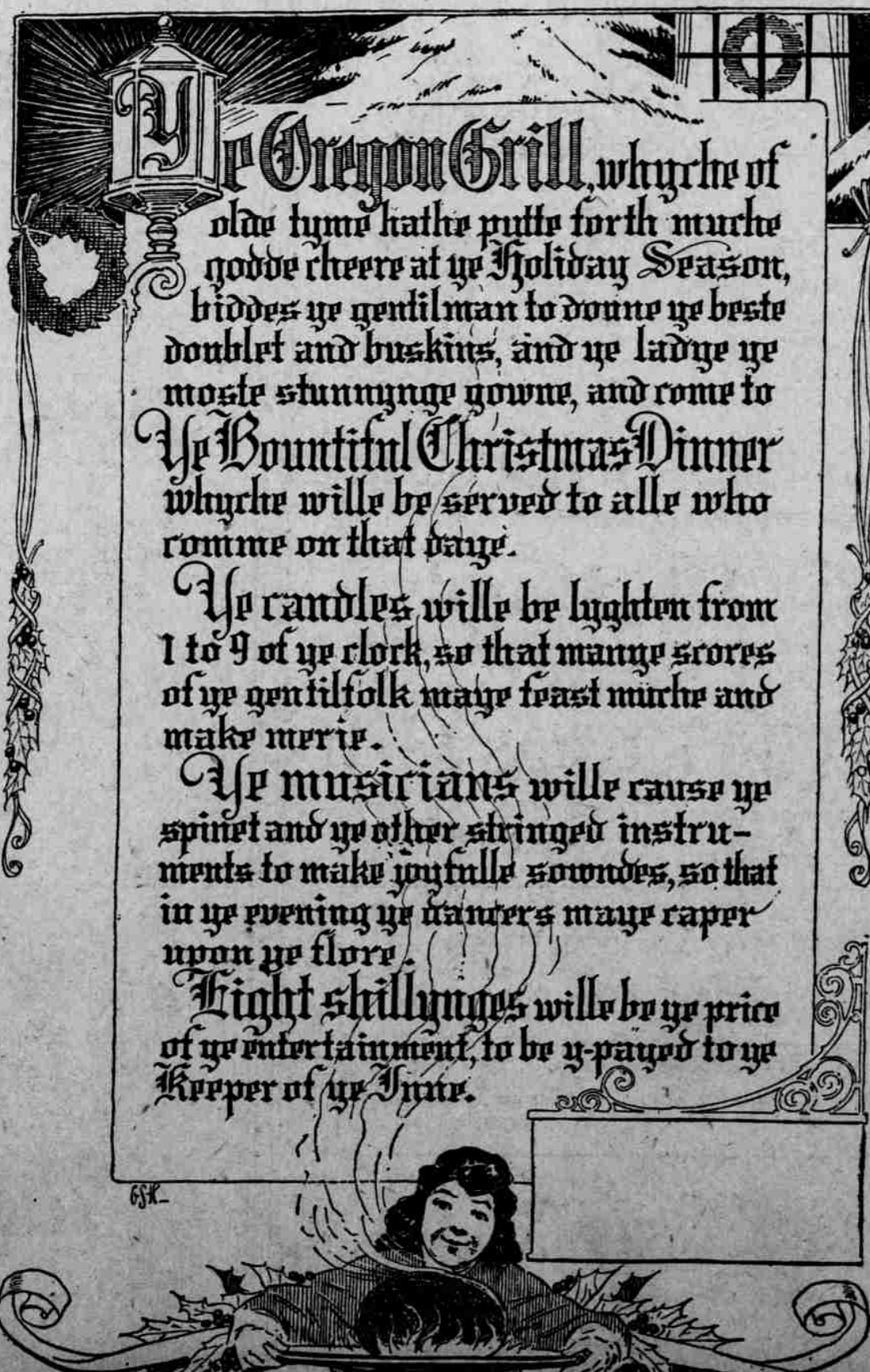


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