

## CITY PAYS EXPENSE OF EMPLOYEES' TRIPS

### Taxpayers' League Demands List of Expenditures.

### SOME ITEMS QUESTIONED

### Municipality's Profit From Jaunts Taken by Several of Workers Declared Dubious.

Announcement that the plan of constructing nine new tennis courts in the city parks at an estimated cost of \$14,000 had been abandoned, was made yesterday by City Commissioner Pler, in charge of the park department, following upon the heels of formal demand by the Taxpayers' league for an itemized list of the expenditures for "unforeseen contingencies" made by the city council since the 1921 budget was completed December 1, 1920.

The list was completed immediately by City Auditor Funk and showed that the city council had authorized expenditures totaling \$146,324.67 for so-called emergency causes since the beginning of the present fiscal year.

**Some Items Questioned.**  
As has been the practice for years, the city council, in compiling its budget for 1921, included \$204,878 in the emergency fund to be used in handling "unforeseen contingencies." While the list showed many appropriations that are justified as emergencies, it also showed some expenditures where, it was declared, there is a question as to whether the outlay of money was for a "real emergency."

For instance, the list included an eastern trip for H. E. Plummer, chief of the building bureau, which cost the city \$30. C. P. Keyser, superintendent of parks, returned yesterday from an eastern trip which will take another \$350 or \$350 from the emergency fund.

**Auto Hire Included.**  
The list included a number of large items for automobile hire, items which were paid to employees for the use of their private automobiles. This practice is not now in vogue, City Attorney Grant having ruled that the city has no legal power to carry out this plan.

Another item found in the list was for \$600 listed as a "trip to Los Angeles." This trip was taken by City Commissioner Bigelow, City Engineer Laugaard and William Helber, superintendent of the municipal incinerator, for the purpose of investigating incinerating plants. No report has been made on this trip as yet, nor have any recommendations growing out of this trip been submitted to the city council, although the trip was taken some months ago.

**Mr. Dulin Gets Trip.**  
Another trip was taken by R. L. Dulin, superintendent of the municipal paving plant, which cost the city \$204. This trip, it was stated, was for the purpose of investigating paving conditions in San Francisco and other American cities. This report has been submitted to show the results obtained for the emergency expenditure.

Item on the list which called for \$1234.63 was marked sundries, and another which called for the expenditure of 10,000 from the emergency fund was a transfer of funds from the general fund to the sewer interest fund.

The telephone rate increase has developed an item in the budget in which officials were forced to face and the expense incident thereto has been in excess of \$500.

**List of Outlays Required.**  
The city charter, incidentally, requires that the head of each department itemize the amount of money desired for certain purposes. These amounts are considered by the city council sitting as a budget committee, and, if approved, the commissioner in charge may draw to that extent for a specific purpose.

If a transfer of funds is deemed necessary, authority is required from the city council. If the money appropriated in the budget is exhausted, it is the habit of the department officials to appear before the council for additional funds. At times they are unsuccessful, but at other times when the single amount seems trivial or a real emergency actually exists the council has been in the habit of allowing the request. The complete list of the "emergency expenditures" made during the first six months of the fiscal year are as follows:

|                                                    |           |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Personal service, municipal store.                 | 9.08      |
| Trans. gen. fund to Harold ave. sewer.             | 16.30     |
| Personal service, bureau of parks, November, 1920. | 11,867.30 |
| Women's detention home.                            | 150.00    |
| Realt. Piggish home colony.                        | 200.00    |
| Consulting engineer.                               | 300.00    |
| Care of sewer.                                     | 300.00    |
| Personal phone.                                    | 30.00     |
| Advertisements.                                    | 3,000.00  |
| Overtime, auditor's office.                        | 125.00    |
| Prior year demands.                                | 185.00    |
| Reporting case.                                    | 10.00     |
| Prior year demands.                                | 422.13    |
| Prior year demands.                                | 5,147.12  |
| Repairs to wharf.                                  | 23.00     |
| Rental playground.                                 | 223.00    |
| Auto hire.                                         | 200.00    |
| City hall wiring.                                  | 200.00    |
| Consulting engineer.                               | 500.00    |
| Examination E. O. Jones.                           | 23.00     |
| D. E. Smock, extra time.                           | 5.00      |
| Prior year demands.                                | 140.92    |
| Extra room, sewer weights and measures.            | 340.00    |
| Appraisers, street extension.                      | 400.00    |
| Delinquent tax certificates.                       | 217.23    |
| Auto hire.                                         | 1,197.60  |
| Dep. trans. fund, improvement Harbor street.       | 4.00      |

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| Prior year.                                             | 37.30        |
| Motor equipment, bureau of purchases.                   | 130.00       |
| Prior year, all etc.                                    | 2,303.94     |
| Electrical examiners.                                   | 60.00        |
| Salary, stockkeeper.                                    | 240.00       |
| Loyal Legion.                                           | 2,400.00     |
| Additional milk inspector.                              | 420.00       |
| Vacation, city attorney.                                | 1,680.00     |
| Defective sewer.                                        | 23.00        |
| Personal service, auditor's office.                     | 300.00       |
| Settlement Mrs. M. Case.                                | 240.00       |
| Prior year meals.                                       | 783.22       |
| Personal service, city attorney.                        | 1,300.00     |
| Union Henshaw.                                          | 350.80       |
| Water, Port of Portland.                                | 2.50         |
| Taxes, Portland Railway, Light & Power company.         | 120.97       |
| City planning commission.                               | 619.51       |
| Dupuy license inspection.                               | 1,312.34     |
| Room, fourth floor.                                     | 490.62       |
| Trans. to saving fund.                                  | 24.25        |
| Trans. to sewer East 88th street.                       | 23.43        |
| Expense to Seattle, Greenfield.                         | 10,000.00    |
| Trans. to street and sewer interest fund.               | 240.00       |
| Purchase of property.                                   | 1,000.00     |
| Personal service, auditor's office.                     | 300.00       |
| American Legion.                                        | 1.65         |
| Prior year.                                             | 300.00       |
| Sundries.                                               | 1,234.43     |
| Clerk municipal court.                                  | 300.00       |
| Prior year demands.                                     | 240.43       |
| Salary motor bus inspector.                             | 1,750.00     |
| Trip of H. E. Plummer, building inspector.              | 350.00       |
| Expense to Seattle.                                     | 5.00         |
| Transfer to street improvement fund.                    | 1.00         |
| Prior year demands.                                     | 2.50         |
| Rental of lots.                                         | 22.00        |
| Maintenance.                                            | 118.05       |
| Electricity, prior year.                                | 36.00        |
| Consulting engineer.                                    | 1,084.33     |
| Women's detention home.                                 | 2,900.00     |
| Sundries.                                               | 148.52       |
| Prior year demands.                                     | 19.14        |
| Motor bus inspection fund.                              | 1,120.00     |
| Safety signs.                                           | 215.36       |
| American Legion.                                        | 300.00       |
| Trip to Los Angeles.                                    | 600.00       |
| Motorcycle parties.                                     | 30.00        |
| Expense to Seattle.                                     | 120.00       |
| Purchase of delinquent tax certificates.                | 1,000.00     |
| Remodeling room 311.                                    | 250.00       |
| Signal.                                                 | 50.00        |
| Press badges.                                           | 35.00        |
| Motorcycle parties.                                     | 300.00       |
| Clinton—Ruth Lawson.                                    | 100.00       |
| Prior year demands.                                     | 2,500.00     |
| Expense, bureau of parks.                               | 5,800.00     |
| Equipment, bureau of parks.                             | 2,500.00     |
| Nursing.                                                | 200.00       |
| Removal of dead cows.                                   | 50.00        |
| Memorial.                                               | 20.00        |
| Hans Pedersen.                                          | 26,702.84    |
| Right of way, tract E.                                  | 200.00       |
| Interest on account, license 1889.                      | 200.00       |
| Personal service, city attorney.                        | 400.00       |
| Expense Peninsula dist. sewer.                          | 25.00        |
| Maintenance and repair of sewer.                        | 10,000.00    |
| Care of horse injured.                                  | 35.00        |
| Signal.                                                 | 5,000.00     |
| Right of way, Balch creek.                              | 2,152.50     |
| Repairs to sewer.                                       | 14.00        |
| Damages, T. Tourney.                                    | 2.80.00      |
| Interest on warrants.                                   | 425.00       |
| Salary, sub for Dr. Rose.                               | 87.00        |
| Expense to Seattle.                                     | 240.00       |
| Trans. to street and sewer interest fund.               | 2,000.00     |
| Trans. in sewer, Duhamel and Jersey streets.            | 35.78        |
| Personal service, city attorney.                        | 213.00       |
| Personal service, municipal court.                      | 790.00       |
| Interest on account, license 1889.                      | 180.00       |
| Repairs, Fifteenth and Montgomery streets.              | 300.00       |
| Market sheds.                                           | 310.00       |
| Salaries.                                               | 35.00        |
| Expense, auto camp.                                     | 4,000.00     |
| Expense, electric.                                      | 3,000.00     |
| Dr. Rose, suit of clothes.                              | 25.50        |
| Clerk (Gustafson).                                      | 100.00       |
| Interest on account, license 1889.                      | 140.00       |
| Taxes, Portland Ry. Light & Letter ballot, Foster road. | 11.67        |
| Prior year, Detention ho., etc.                         | 736.33       |
| Personal service, auditor's office.                     | 28.40        |
| Construction, Bk. 48, Couch.                            | 700.00       |
| Total.                                                  | \$146,324.67 |

### TRAINING OPEN TO STATE

#### Out-of-Town Citizens May Go to Camp Lewis for Drill.

Application for the citizens' training camp to be held at Camp Lewis, starting July 6, will not be confined to Portland residents, but may be made by persons throughout the state. It was announced yesterday by Roger MacVeagh, chairman of the local committee, who is in touch with the situation all over the state.

In order to facilitate the work of receiving applications for the training camp, Mr. MacVeagh has enlisted the services of men in other communities who are in touch with and interested in the movement.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
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### VOTING SUPPLIES READY

#### SECRETARY OF STATE SHIPS LAST CONSIGNMENT.

#### Under New Law Counting Boards May Be Used If County Courts Order New Method.

SALEM, Or., May 31.—(Special).—The secretary of state today completed the task of sending out supplies for the special election to be held throughout Oregon Tuesday. These supplies were sent direct to the county clerks, who later will distribute them among the voting precincts.

It was estimated here today that the cost of the election would exceed \$100,000, of which sum \$15,000 will be paid by the state. Under a new law enacted at the last session of the legislature, county courts at next Tuesday's election may employ so-called counting boards for the first time in the history of the state. The law provides that these so-called second boards shall start counting when the first 20 ballots have been cast. Under ordinary conditions the votes in any precinct should be counted within an hour after the polls are closed.

### JOHN M. SCOTT HONORED

#### Transportation Men Pay Tribute to Railway Official.

The Transportation club honored John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, at its luncheon yesterday in the fifth bank building, with high officials of the various railway offices paying tribute to Mr. Scott in short talks.

The luncheon was preparatory to the departure of Mr. Scott June 2 on a visit of several months' duration to his old home in Scotland. Mr. Scott has been actively connected with the railroads operating out of Portland for a period of 35 years.

#### Grand Larceny Is Charged.

DALLAS, Or., May 31.—(Special).—Ed Osborn, a young man living south of Lebanon, was arrested in that city Saturday night by Marshal Greene on a warrant issued in Independence charging him with grand larceny. He was accused of having robbed a fellow employee at the Horst Bros. hospital, near Independence, of a suit of clothes and 15 in money. Osborn was brought back Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Hooker and is in the county jail, having been bound over to the grand jury.

#### Loop Highway Rally Planned.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 31.—(Special).—A rally for stimulating interest in the \$350,000 bond issue, proposed for raising funds for Hood River county's participation in the Mount Hood loop highway programme, will be held Thursday night at Park grange on the west side. The chief speaker of the event will be S. Benson, ex-chairman of the state highway commission, who is now making his home here.

#### Normal Students Hold Memorial.

OREGON STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, May 31.—(Special).—Memorial exercises were held

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John P. Kavanaugh of Portland, "The Spirit of the Day."

Sunday School Workers Meet.

WALDFORD, Or., May 31.—(Special).—The fourth annual convention of the Lincoln County Sunday School

association was in session here the last three days. Delegates representing all Sunday schools in the county were present. The sessions were replete with talks, lessons, sermons and music, conducive to the growth of Sunday school work.



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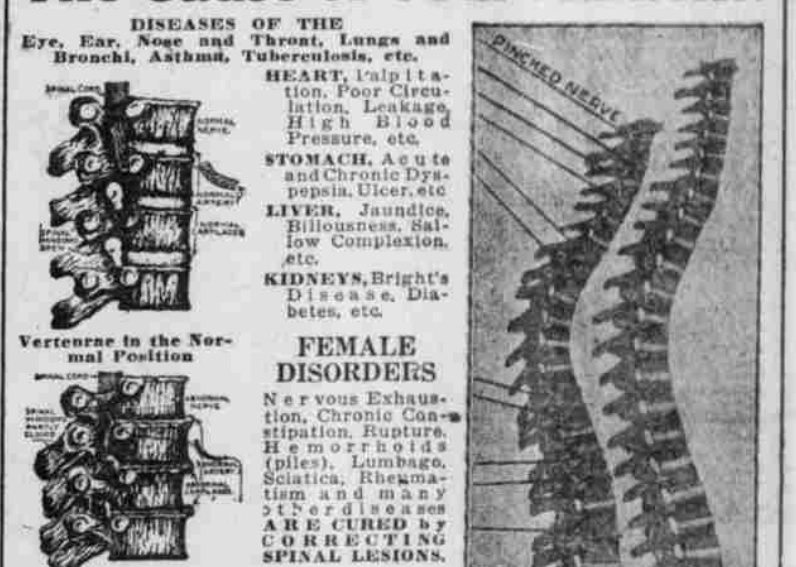
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