

DEEP PIT ON \$86,649 CONDUITS COUNTY

Conference of Officials Has but Little Success.

AUTO TAG FUND WANTED

Commissioner Holman Endeavors to Stave Off Necessity for Special Tax Levy.

Efforts by Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the board of county commissioners, to find some way to make the conditions of county finances appear rosier and the necessity for a special tax levy more remote, met with little success yesterday.

An informal conference with the secretary of the tax supervision and conservation commission, county treasurer and others led to nothing definite.

As a last resort, Mr. Holman requested another opinion from the district attorney's office as to the possibility of transferring money from the motor vehicle license fund to the general fund. Some time ago District Attorney Myers told the board of county commissioners that such a transfer would be illegal, but Mr. Holman is requesting a further search into the law.

Mr. Holman Acts Alone.

As his chairman of the board last year and took to himself most of the responsibility for preparing the 1932 budget last December, Mr. Holman is digging into the present financial crisis without conferring with his county commissioners. Neither Chairman Rudeen nor Commissioner Hoyt was consulted in yesterday's conference.

Should every cent now in the treasury be paid out on outstanding county warrants there still will remain a deficit in the county treasury of \$106,649.74, which will increase by leaps and bounds until a part of it is retired through the collection of the second installment of taxes next October.

County Income Low.

If the district attorney discovers on second investigation that the \$27,741 now in the motor license fund can be transferred to the general fund, all outstanding indebtedness could be paid off with a balance on hand of \$106,649.74, which will keep the county off a warrant basis for ten days or so, certainly not much longer.

Should, by a more or less superhuman effort, all debts be paid up by May 1, the county will find itself in the unhealthy position of facing a period in which the income will suffice to take care of but a very small per cent of the county's expenses.

Statement is Prepared.

A question which arises when the attention is directed to the fact that the county is in a position to pay general fund expenses, is what fund will be used to retire road bonds and do such things as were performed by the motor fund last year.

A statement of county finances, prepared by County Treasurer Lewis S. Hoyt, shows that the motor fund intended to know why it might be necessary to levy a tax to meet the deficit, which brings figures down to yesterday morning, follows:

April 1, balance on hand	\$33,311
Received from taxes and other	719,294.67
Received from state fund	294,000.00
Total	\$1,046,605.97
Paid on county warrants	347,988.24
Transferred to state fund	34,961.33
Transferred to motor fund	20,455.61
Total	708,284.74
Balance	\$338,321.23
1932	400,248.08
Total	738,569.31
Deficit	\$308,248.08

VEIN OF COAL IS OPENED

Morton Company Uncovers Deposit of Fine Bituminous Fuel.

MORTON, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—The Morton Coal & Coke company has opened a vein of solid coal of fine quality. At the opening it is 800 feet vertically below the outcrop at the top of the hill and is 200 feet wide.

The vein is in a sandstone formation and was taken from numerous outcrops on the mountainside above the town. The company will be ready to ship its product within seven feet of the vein, according to J. E. Bennett, president of the corporation.

Logger Is Injured Severely.

MORTON, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—A back-hill logger was severely injured in a cedar camp two miles north of Morton. A large cedar log fell over the face of a cliff and struck the logger on the head.

Reputed Burglar Surrendered.

DALLAS, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—W. L. Nelson, for whom a warrant had been issued several days ago, gave himself up to District Attorney Helgeson. Nelson is charged with having robbed the home of Frank Holmstrom at Valsets and stealing \$1500. He had a ball and chain around his neck, which was bound over to the grand jury, which meets next Monday.

School Census to be Taken.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—The Aberdeen school census will begin Monday and May 31, according to school board plans. Extraordinary care will be taken this year, the school board announced. The list of children has not yet been completed.

TANNERS LOOK FOR IMPROVED LEATHER TRADE

Would Quickly Help Hides.

Quicker conditions prevail again in the hide market. Prices are unchanged locally and there's nothing to indicate any very early improvement in the situation.

Following the free movement in packers' hides in the east a fortnight ago, leather has been on a smaller scale, but the market is in better condition, as the packers are now well sold up.

Prices Not Yet Established on April Take-Off—Country Hide Business Spotty.

Packers' Sales Fall Off.

Staple Groceries.

Local Jobbing Quotations.

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