

CITY DEPARTMENTS TO REVISE BUDGETS

Council Orders Items Cut to Last Year's Basis.

ALL ESTIMATES TOO HIGH

Police, Fire and Lighting to Get First Consideration When Adjustments Are Made.

By order of the city council, all budgets have been returned to the heads of the various departments, with instructions that all items be reduced to the exact amount that was allowed by the tax conservation and supervision commission last year.

This was done when it was found that through a shrinkage of assessed valuation of property in the city of Portland the levy of the entire 11 mills permitted under the charter would bring in less than was raised by taxation for the operation of the city last year.

Revenues Greatly Reduced. The total of the budget, as allowed by the tax commission last year, was \$3,649,134 and to this was added \$100,000 allowed for the council's general emergency fund. The city levied 10.35 mills last year. The total of money raised by taxation and through miscellaneous receipts was \$3,809,134.

It was estimated by Chief Deputy Auditor Grutz that the full 11-mill levy, if applied this year, would raise \$3,245,000, miscellaneous receipts would bring in \$607,231 and \$36,700 set aside to care for the auditorium claim will come back to the city because of the supreme court's decision in which it was held that the city was under no obligation to pay this amount.

Budget to Be Pared. Confronted with these facts, members of the council felt that it would be folly for them to sit for days and attempt to extract ruthlessly or otherwise more than \$1,000,000, and decided that the department heads could bring the budget down to the amounts allowed for the last year.

But in reaching this decision members of the council were agreed that some special attention would be necessary to certain departments. Mayor Baker frankly stated that the police department, as now constituted, could not give adequate protection where necessary. People, he said, demand traffic regulations which takes men and there is a general demand that the moral laws be enforced.

"We have not enough men properly to take care of these things now," the mayor said, "and as for police patrol, it is a joke."

Street Lighting Imperative. Commissioner Mann served notice that he must of necessity have a \$20,000 increase in street lighting, as he would take the amount to pay for the electricity required by lights installed during the new year. And with thousands of applications on file, some fire districts now without any lights at all, Commissioner Mann maintained that an additional \$20,000 for street lighting would be the minimum that his department could ask.

It was agreed that the fire department must have some attention, Mayor Baker pointing out that police and fire protection were neglected. So it is possible that when the budgets are returned some adjustments will be made to give the police and fire departments additional funds and probably to care for some new lights.

Public Works Hampered. The lack of funds, members of the council declare, means that the public works department will have to fine its improvement programme to about the same as was allowed a year ago—\$1,500,000—although petitions are on file asking for \$5,000,000 of public improvements.

Commissioner Pler, in charge of the park bureau, explained that failure of the council to find additional money means that 16 new parks purchased during the last 24 months must remain undeveloped. "In fact, we may have to lease some of the present parks and playgrounds inoperated next year," he said, "because we may not have as much money as we were allowed for the present 12 months when we have operated under difficulties."

The revised budgets will be back to the city council Thursday morning, when consideration of the items will be renewed.

At the Theaters.

Pantages.

The new bill opening yesterday at Pantages is a splendid one. Every act is notably good with a preponderance of very fine singing. One voice, particularly stands out for its tremendous beauty and volume and power. It lives in the throat of Marion Lane, a vivacious and animated foreigner. Whether she is French, German or Russian the audience could not decide, for she plays the traits and technique of foreign schools of music. Her range is phenomenal and her singing fairly electrifies the audience. In the "Good Bye" in a low, rich contralto and then turns on an amazing high notes which reach a climax of great beauty. Miss Claire is generous with her encores and returns again and yet again. As a final offering she sings a duet-like obligato to a spirited rendition of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes," which brought her overwhelming applause. Harry Downing and his company is remarkably worth while. Against a handsome and unique background a musical revue of the most important proportions assembles itself. An excellent pianist, a young man, provides the melody background, and there are two lovely girls who sing and who are an acrobatic toe dancer whose technique is faultless and who makes graceful and long sustained risings and balancings on her toes. The other maid calls to mind Marilyn Miller and is every bit as graceful and young and talented as Miss Miller. A youthful man dancer delights with his eccentric steps and eccentric imitations of George White and others. Out from them all in this act, however, stands the comedy of Harry Downing in his travesty of a prima donna at work. His comedy is spontaneous, his voice is unusually interesting, of two distinct qualities, one a light baritone and the other a falsetto of remarkable sweetness and color. The costumes are fresh and fine and the whole act sparkles with youth and gaiety.

An artistic act and musical treat in every essential is called "A Musical Musical." In which are Philip Fein and Florence Tennyson, late stars of the San Carlo and Boston Opera company. Their voices blend perfectly in duet and stand out in great loveliness in their single numbers. An episode of song from "The Mikado" delighted the audience greatly. Miss Tennyson wears gorgeous apparel and triumphs in song and in histrionics. Mr. Fein is delightful in the comedy role of Ko Ko. Miss Tennyson adds musical value to the act by playing accompaniments for Mr. Fein. Wilfrid Du Bois has one of the most interesting of opening acts. He has added novelty and original treatment to his skill as a juggler and constantly entertains with his offering. He has a likable personality and proved a great favorite with his audience. Valentine Vox is another chap who pleases by his personality. He is a ventriloquist who has his offering in a novel and unique setting, called "The Gishman." Johnny Marvin adds songs and chatter of a humorous quality and interests especially with his specialty on a saw, using the saw as a violin.

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CANADIAN LOBBY VICTOR

DEFEAT OF SHINGLES DUTY CHARGED TO SHEVLINS.

Northwest Delegation Is Defeated Sharply by Lowering of Rate Governing Magnesite.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—Failure of the conferees on the tariff bill to put a duty on shingles, as asked by the Pacific northwest states, was a victory for the most successful legislative organization that has operated in Washington for many years—the Canadian lumber lobby.

The lobby was managed and financed by representatives of the Shevlin lumber interests in Minneapolis, which held something like 600,000 acres of timber in British Columbia. The original fight was to defeat a tariff on lumber, and this was comparatively easy because northwest lumbermen were interested chiefly in writing into the tariff bill the provision which would make a tariff apply on this side when Canada levies such a duty on the other side.

The opponents of the tariff on lumber and shingles worked through the Minnesota delegation, the last stand in opposition to the shingles tariff being made by Senators Nelson and Kellogg.

The magnesite rate, as finally adopted, is a sharp defeat for the Pacific northwest delegation, who fought to have the house rate of \$15 a ton on the dead burned mineral and \$10 on crude magnesite adopted. The rate as reported out is \$11.25 a ton on dead burned magnesite and \$8.25 a ton on crude magnesite.

LEAGUE HELD ESSENTIAL

BISHOP PLEADS FOR ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS.

Nation Living Wholly to Itself Cannot Prosper, Says Prominent Churchman.

That no state or nation can be prosperous or progressive unless it lives for something larger than itself was the opinion expressed by Charles H. Brent, bishop of New York, in an address before the meeting of the members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon.

The bishop, who was chief chaplain of the American expeditionary forces, declared that the disarmament conference, with all it accomplished, was insufficient and that a league of nations, an association of nations or some other organization of an international character was needed to preserve peace and the best interests of the world. Bishop Brent shared speaking time with Cyrus Pierce, president of Cyrus Pierce & Sons, investment bankers, who told the business men of his observations recently while making a tour of France. "America cannot remain isolated from Europe," he said. "Our prosperity here is dependent largely measure upon the prosperity of European countries. We must aid France and other countries in getting back on a firm financial foundation and in ceasing to think only of war."

ANTI-FIRE PLANS MADE

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR OBSERVANCE OF WEEK.

Committees Formed to Take Care of Various Features for Prevention Propaganda.

Plans for the observance of fire prevention week in Portland beginning October 8 were made at the first meeting yesterday of the fire prevention committee appointed by City Commissioner Bigelow.

Committees were formed to take care of the various features and departments that will arrange for fire prevention propaganda in every section of the city during this week. One committee was formed to consult with ministers of churches of all denominations and if possible arrange for sermons on fire prevention on Sunday, October 8. Another committee will arrange for speakers to appear at all the noon-day luncheon clubs during the week. A general school program was outlined which includes the appointment of junior fire marshals throughout the city to make inspections of homes. Pupils of the schools will be asked to write essays on fire prevention and special fire drills will be arranged.

COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN

MULTNOMAH DISTRICTS ENROLL 3000 PUPILS.

New Structures Going Up to Replace Schoolhouses Burned During Past Summer.

The schools of Multnomah county opened yesterday with 3000 children enrolled for the new year and 120 teachers employed. Three of the county schools burned during the summer months and contracts are being placed to erect new structures.

At Russellville district No. 40 a \$30,000 building is now in process of

Society Brand Clothes advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and the text 'Smart Fall styles are here for you'.

WANTED For Shops and Roundhouse advertisement listing various professions and their rates, including Machinists, Blacksmiths, Sheet-Metal Workers, etc.

Your favorite today advertisement for Olympia Oysters, featuring a large illustration of an oyster and the text 'That fine Chef of Your favorite today'.

Forhan's FOR THE GUMS advertisement with illustration of a hand holding a toothbrush and the text 'Brush your teeth with Forhan's FOR THE GUMS'.

Stabbed by Neuritis! advertisement for Tydol medicine, featuring the text 'Many people suffer attacks by the so-called "stabbed" neuritis'.