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COUNTY EXPENSES HAVE ADVANCED

Small Margin for Surplus on Current Year, Says Lightner.

ECONOMY IS NECESSARY

Commissioner Says Very Little Cash Will Be Left When all the County's Bills Have Been Paid.

Status of gen. fund, Oct. 1, 1906, 702	
Estimated amount of September bills to county.....	\$ 30,000
Estimated county expenses until new taxes come in.....	185,000
For construction of Detention Home, about.....	12,800
For 1100 feet pipe, grading, water tanks, etc., for Detention Home.....	2,200
Repairing the Armory.....	15,000
Repairs to Burnside Bridge.....	30,000
Totals.....	\$250,000

Status of road fund, Oct. 1, 1906, 424	
Estimated amount of September bills.....	\$ 15,000
Estimated amount of bills until new levy is made.....	90,000
Totals.....	\$115,424

There will be very little cash left from the county taxes after the expenses of the year are met, according to W. L. Lightner, of the County Commissioners. He said yesterday that he can see where every penny is to go, and that a saving must be made if all expenses are to be met. He said yesterday:

"There has been considerable talk about the large amount of money which will be left in the treasury this year, but I fall to see where it is to be found. On October 1 the road fund stood at \$72,424, and by the time the new taxes come in it will be exhausted. The September bills, amounting to about \$15,000, must be deducted from the figure I have just given, in addition to a similar amount, approximately, for every month until we have more money from the new taxes."

"On the first of October the general fund on hand amounted to \$250,000. Of this about \$30,000 will have to be paid out for September bills, and it will take about \$185,000 besides this to run the county until the fund is replenished. Five years ago carpenters would work for \$1.50 and \$2 a day; now they will not work for less than \$4 and \$4.50 a day. At the County Poor Farm we are paying our Chinese cooks \$5 and \$4 a month, respectively, and cannot get a good cook for less."

"After the County Court had fixed the tax levy for the county for this year, the Oregon Legislature, at its last session, got busy and raised the salaries of all employees of the County Clerk's office, the Auditor's office, Sheriff's office and Surveyor's office. Then the County Court raised the salaries of the Assessor's office, and the salaries of employees on bridges and ferries. The salaries of engineers and captains were raised \$10 a month, and those of employees on bridges were raised by the court \$5 a month. The appropriation for the Detention Home was also made after the tax levy had been fixed, and that for the Juvenile Court."

"But what might seem a small thing, but which affected us most seriously, was the cutting down of the time and giving all employees an eight-hour day. During a part of the year we have 100

teams working on the road, and we always have from 15 to 20 teams hauling rock from Kelly Butte. We cannot do near the work with the men we have that we did before their time was cut down."

"A law passed by the Legislature in 1903 holds us responsible if we exceed the levy, notwithstanding that the Legislature has itself made the appropriations. It is as follows: "S. B. 184, Section 1—The county expenditures, in counties of 30,000 inhabitants or more, shall be confined to the amount of the annual levy therefor, and members of the County Court and Board of County Commissioners, or any other county officials, who shall authorize, incur, cause or create, or officially approve, any expense or liability for the county in excess of the amount of the levy that may have been made for county expenditures hereinafter defined, shall be jointly and severally liable, individually and personally, for the amount of such excess. County expenditures shall include roads, bridges and ferries, support of poor, and interest on warrants, as well as the usual and ordinary expenses of the county government and salaries hereinafter included in the classification of the county tax and road tax; but shall not include school, park, library or bounty tax."

"Section 2 reads as follows: 'The County Court, or Board of County Commissioners may, if they deem it necessary, order and direct a special levy to be made of not exceeding one-half mill on each dollar of valuation, to raise funds to meet any unforeseen contingency, which, in their judgment, should be dealt with in order to prevent serious loss or injury to the county. And funds thus raised shall be set apart and used for such contingency only.'"

IMPORTANT CHURCH EVENT

National Congregational Council Is in Session.

The month of October this year brings events of unusual interest to the Congregationalists in Oregon and in the United States.

The Triennial National Council of the Congregational Churches of America met in Cleveland, Ohio, October 8 inst., and will continue until October 17.

This will prove a memorable Council in Congregational history. Besides the discussion of matters of great interest connected with the American Board of Missions—the American Missionary Association and the Congregational Home Missionary Society, the Council will close with an animated discussion on Tri-Church Union, the union of the Congregational, United Brethren and the Methodist Protestant Churches of the United States.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Oregon will be held with the First Congregational Church of Salem, October 15-17.

Many interesting topics will be discussed, such as: Modern View of the Church by Rev. J. J. Staub; One Little Corner in China, Rev. J. E. Walker, D.D.; The Call of the Country Work, Rev. P. S. Knight, Ph.D.; Our Church, Rev. H. W. McSmith; State Superintendent Rev. A. J. Folson; Child Labor, A. J. Hendricks; If I Were a Preacher, J. A. Lyman, M.D.; If I Were a Layman, Rev. H. W. McSmith; Church Union, Rev. D. B. Gray and E. C. Oakley; Sunday Schools, Rev. W. C. Gilmore; Christian Endeavor, Elmo S. White; Foreign Missions, Rev. J. J. Staub; Narrative of the Churches, Rev. David Staver; The Work of the Oregon Women's Home Missionary Union, Mrs. C. F. Clapp; Work of the Oregon Branch Woman's Board of Missions of Pacific, Mrs. B. D. Sigler; Divorce and Divorce Legislation, Rev. E. F. Green; The Sabbath for Man, Rev. H. Gilpatrick; Congregational Church Building Society, Rev. H. H. Wilkoff; Modern View of Scripture, Rev. Paul Rader.

Rev. Luther R. Dyott, D.D., the new pastor of the First Congregational Church, will receive a hearty welcome by the association, and will deliver an address on Wednesday evening.

Public Library Notes.

The statistics of the Public Library for September have run into large figures. The library seems to be appreciated more and more all over the county. The circulation from all departments for the month was 20,712.

The course of lectures given to the teachers last year by the reference librarian in the resources of the library and the use of its tools will be repeated this year, beginning next Tuesday, at 4:30 o'clock, in the parlors of the library.

Books on Halloween entertainments and ghost stories will be found on a shelf at the right of the main desk.

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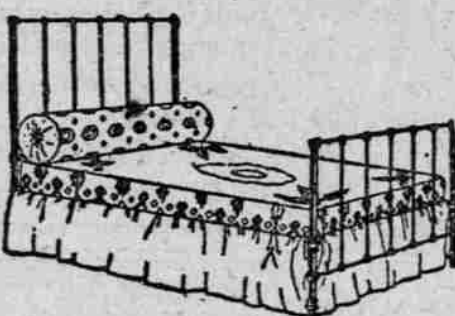
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losses bring the grand total up to \$200,000. The fire started in a small shop at the rear of the building at 10 o'clock. For a time the Garden City Bank and the entire central business portion of the city was threatened. Two firemen were seriously injured.

VOICES HIS APPRECIATION

Benjamin Gill Says The Oregonian Is an Inspiration to Him.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Oct. 5.—(To the Editor.)—I was in your delightful Portland this Summer for a second visit, a sojourn of six weeks or more. I daily read The Oregonian with even more enjoyment than two years ago, and think it has earned a National reputation. I have been a constant reader in years back of the Springfield Republican, New York Sun and New York Daily Tribune. The last is my daily paper when I am here at home. I regard The Oregonian as worthy to rank among them.

The Oregonian news is clean and informing, more select and faithfully edited than the papers of the state in which I live. The Oregonian is like the Boston Transcript. It takes care of its paper. I have gone to its editorials every day, and have always found something to stimulate me. Discussions of educational methods, controversies with the ministers and theologians—in every case of which The Oregonian has come out best—moral questions and religious questions, questions pertaining to the public policy of Oregon's state officials or of the general Government; sensible, if rather optimistic, outlook into the future of Portland and Oregon daily the Oregonian has given me something, and what is best—has made me eager for the next day's paper.

I start in with my Tribune again day after tomorrow, but I shall miss the sustenance and inspiration of that splendid paper. The Oregonian—until I am permitted to handle it again, if so be I ever shall. BENJAMIN GILL, The Pennsylvania State College, Dean of the School of Language and Literature.

The enclosed card is to be taken to the teacher by the pupil and is to be filled out and signed by the teacher and forwarded by her to this society at least every three months. It is intended as a duplicate report and will be filed in this office with letters and other communications concerning the child. This card will be a protection to the good faith on the part of the custodian if properly filled out and shows fair degree of advancement, should the district furnish no report cards, apply at this office and additional copies will be furnished free of charge so that all custodians may have a card in hand. Where the question of discipline or truancy arises, the school board and trustee officer, should the district furnish no report cards, apply at this office and additional copies will be furnished free of charge so that all custodians may have a card in hand. Where the question of discipline or truancy arises, the school board and trustee officer, should the district furnish no report cards, apply at this office and additional copies will be furnished free of charge so that all custodians may have a card in hand.

THINKS IT WASTE OF TIME

To Repeat From Memory Forty-two Chapters of Book of Job.

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(To the Editor.)—We are told that last Sunday an audience at the Y. M. C. A. listened to the recitation by a feminine teacher of elocution of the entire book of Job—42 chapters.

As an example of memorizing power, this was truly prodigious. But there is a law of nature that protests against such feats, and that the over-development of any one power, either mental or physical, is at the expense of some other force. In this case, it would seem to have caused some weakening of the most graceful and powerful attribute—generosity. Could it have been for the pleasure or profit of the hearers that they were kept for two hours witnessing this mnemonic parade?

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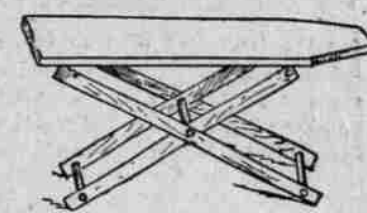
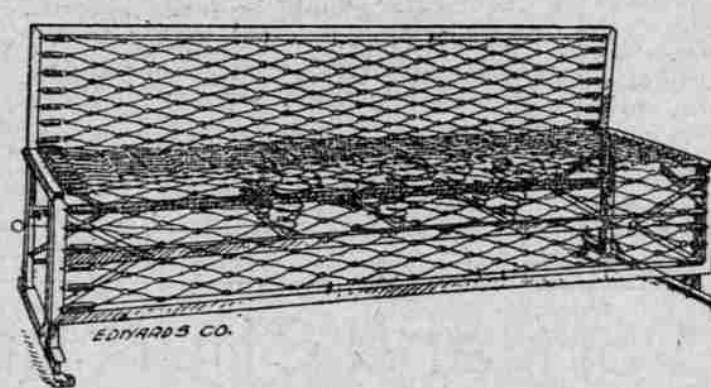
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