

# MAYOR'S BUDGET SENT TO COUNCIL

If His Recommendations Are Carried Out, Tax Levy Will Be About 4.5 Mills.

## WANTS CITY LIGHT PLANT

Proposes to Provide by Taxation \$300,000, With Which to Take Over Distributing Plant of Build a New One.

The Mayor's budget of estimated expenditures for running the city during 1909 has been completed.

In his budget, the Mayor states the increased sums asked by each department and the reasons therefor. The City Engineer's office asks for \$7,000 more this year, as estimated, than last and because of the fact that the work has increased so largely that it is impossible to get along without more help and facilities.

The Health Officer asks for \$600 more to make that department more efficient and to safeguard the public health.

The Streetcleaning Department asks for \$36,000 increase, as Superintendent Donaldson declares this sum will be necessary, if the streets are to be kept in proper condition.

Under the Water Board \$40,000 a year for water, and the transfers from the general fund for \$500 for street and sewer incalls for \$25,000 for improvement bond interest, he states.

What Mayor Says About Lighting.

On the subject of public lighting, the Mayor says:

The levy for this purpose is limited by the charter to 1 1/2 mills. If the method proposed at this time to secure such service is to be pursued, it will require a levy of about six-tenths of a mill, assessed on the valuation of property as it is returned by the Assessor at this time to provide for the same.

If your honorable body does not take prompt action designed to relieve the city from the onerous condition sought to be imposed upon it by the terms offered in the charter, would result about \$200,000. This amount would very nearly provide means sufficient to accomplish the purpose, and for every reason of economy and self-respect upon the part of the city a levy of that amount for that purpose should be made.

If it should be your desire to entirely free the city from its present helpless condition in respect to public lighting, a levy of 1 1/2 mills, the limit which is permitted by the charter, would result about \$300,000. This amount would very nearly provide means sufficient to accomplish the purpose, and for every reason of economy and self-respect upon the part of the city a levy of that amount for that purpose should be made.

As to the Fire Department, the Mayor points out that the estimates for the next year is placed at \$639,000, but that the charter fixes the maximum levy at a ratio that will yield but \$62,000, and vol-

untarily the statement that any help that can be given by the fire committee of the Executive Board will be furnished gladly.

The maximum levy for the police fund would bring in \$20,000, but the estimate is only \$22,000, for the street repair fund the maximum levy will yield \$148,000, and the estimate for the ensuing year is \$117,000; the estimate for the Public Library fund is \$27,500. The estimate for the park fund is \$115,000 and the maximum tax levy will bring in only \$100,000, and if any more is to be levied, it will have to come from the general fund.

The assessed valuation of real and personal property in Portland is placed at \$212,000,000.

The tabulated statements contained in the budget follow:

### General Fund.

Disbursements for 1908 \$416,884.31

Disbursements for 1907 402,389.16

Disbursements 1908 (estimated) 631,261.57

### General Fund 1908.

Balance Jan. 1, 1908 \$317,653.24

Receipts and transfers (estimated) 848,933.17

Total receipts 1,166,586.41

Disbursements and transfers estimated 631,261.57

Estimated balance Jan. 1, 1909 535,324.84

### General Fund.

Estimated Estimates Disbursements 1908 1909

Mayor's office \$ 8,200.00 8,200.00

Auditor's office 12,000.00 12,000.00

City Treasurer's office 30,800.00 30,800.00

City Engineer's office 7,400.00 7,400.00

City Electrician 108,256.54 106,452.40

City Engineer's office 1,105.83 1,037.90

Municipal Judge's office 3,000.00 3,750.00

Inspector of Plumb- 6,322.00 7,888.00

ing and Drains 7,238.94 8,421.00

Health Officer 19,230.22 22,823.00

Health Officer 2,400.00 2,400.00

Civil Service Com- 1,980.00 2,500.00

missioner 2,187.25 5,331.00

Street Cleaning 117,643.16 206,826.00

Public Library 16,972.15 18,770.00

City Hall 12,972.53 13,420.00

Assessment property for street improvement and placing of sewers 10,352.10 10,000.00

State of view on street extensions 3,519.00 4,600.00

Accounting 12,373.41 12,500.00

Stationery and blanks 7,902.34 8,300.00

Insurance on city property 1,250.00 250.00

Relief of certain persons 4,451.50 3,500.00

Expense of litigation 391.45 1,000.00

Expense of License 1,742.16 1,250.00

Salary of Council 4,500.00 4,500.00

Miscellaneous Ex- 300.00 1,000.00

penditures 2,928.34 3,000.00

Office furniture 2,287.38 2,000.00

Examination of 228.00 250.00

Investigations 147.90 500.00

Water for general purposes 1,000.00 2,000.00

Car fare 2,267.52 3,000.00

Water for general purposes 30,000.00 30,000.00

### Appropriations Carried Over.

Codifying Ordinances \$ 1,735.45

Personnel and placing of boys 2,074.00

Arch on Sixth street 2,850.00

Transfers street and sewer interest 3,000.00

Improvement Bond Interest Fund 23,000.00

Total \$664,421.29

The Auditor estimates the receipts to the general fund for 1909 as follows:

Available balances Dec. 31, 1908 \$ 50,823.88

Liquor license 566,870.00

Miscellaneous license 41,000.00

Municipal Court 2,290.00

Transfer of license 2,000.00

Building permits 8,200.00

Interest on deposits 14,000.00

Cost of engineering inspection 8,320.00

Police fees 1,500.00

Fireman's 18,210.00

Rent City Hall 1,312.00

Certified copies 1,300.00

Printing department 100.00

Delinquent taxes 400.00

Removal of dead horses 500.00

Water for general purposes 30,000.00

Miscellaneous sources 2,000.00

Total \$663,614.86

### General Fund for 1909.

Receipts and balances (as estimated) \$663,614.86

Disbursements (as estimated) \$664,421.30

### SPECIAL FUNDS

Created by charter which may be provided for by tax levy:

Bonded Indebtedness Interest Fund.

Available balance Jan. 1, 1908 \$ 29,952.04

Transfers from general fund 28,877.91  
Tax levy 1908 111,350.53  
Estimated disbursements for Jan. 1, 1909 170,200.00  
Estimate for 1909 149,594.30  
Balance 1909 110,500.00

Morrison street bridge 12,500.00  
Transfer from Water Board 15,000.00  
The above refers to bonds sold and existing obligations for interest thereon.  
In addition thereto the Council is authorized to issue water bonds to the amount of \$2,000,000 and has ordered the sale of bonds to that amount to be made during the year 1909.  
Interest to be provided for same \$10,000.  
If more water bonds are sold during the coming year an additional sum must be provided to pay the interest on such bonds.

**Park Bonds.**  
The Park Board has provided for the sale of bonds to the amount of \$500,000 to be sold during the year 1908.  
Payment of interest to be provided \$20,000.  
\$100,000 more in bonds are issued during the year 1909, which will allow the authority to issue bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 for interest thereon \$10,000.

**Dock Bonds.**  
Dock bonds to the amount of \$50,000 were authorized by the Council in 1907. Payment to be made from this fund if any such bonds are sold during the year 1909.  
**General Bonds for Fireboat and Fire Mains.**  
Bonds for this purpose were authorized to the amount of \$275,000. If any such bonds are issued, interest must be provided therefor.

**Madison Street and Hawthorne Avenue Bridge.**  
Bonds were authorized to the amount of \$100,000. If these bonds are sold during the coming year an additional sum must be provided for an increase in this fund to meet the interest on such bonds.

**Park Fund.**  
Balance Jan. 1, 1908 \$ 6,907.11  
Transfer from general fund 8,058.03  
Special tax levy 28,261.12  
Total \$ 43,226.26  
Estimated disbursements 1908 20,143.69  
Estimated disbursements 1909 27,949.00  
Estimate filed for 1909 \$ 110,102.50

**Public Library.**  
Estimated receipts 1908 \$ 21,180.00  
Estimated disbursements 1908 21,180.00  
Estimated filed for 1909 27,949.00

**Street Repair Fund.**  
Balance January 1, 1908 \$ 1,304.92  
Transfer from general fund 3,361.71  
Tax and vehicle license 90,952.91  
Total \$ 95,619.54  
Estimated disbursements 1908 100,520.00  
Est'd receipts 1909 vehicle tax 20,143.69  
Estimated disbursements 1909 117,534.46  
Amt. to be provided by tax levy 97,490.79

**Lighting Fund.**  
Available balance Jan. 1, 1908 \$ 8,950.63  
Transfer from general fund 5,834.49  
Tax levy 97,534.46  
Total \$ 112,319.58  
Estimated disbursements 1908 78,499.49  
Loan from gen. fund (returned) 3,500.00  
Available balance Jan. 1, 1909 30,734.00  
(There is a disputed claim on this fund from the Portland General Electric Company for 29,237.00. The estimate filed for 1909 to be provided for is \$121,544.00.)

**Special Bridge Fund.**  
Estimated receipts 1908 \$ 152,974.57  
Estimated disbursements 1908 142,100.61  
Loan from gen. fund (returned) 3,900.00  
Total \$ 113,773.96  
Deficit in this fund Jan. 1, 1909 20,092.62  
The estimate filed for 1909 to be provided for is \$172,034.00

**Police Fund.**  
Available balance Jan. 1, 1908 \$ 22,371.25  
Transfer from gen. fund 16,500.00  
Total \$ 38,871.25  
Estimated disbursements 1908 105,870.44  
Estimated filed for 1909 282,102.00

**Fire Fund.**  
Available balance Jan. 1, 1908 \$ 44,788.84  
Transfer from gen. fund 8,844.11  
Tax levy \$339,824.31 \$383,107.26  
Total \$ 441,757.21  
Estimated disbursements 1908 439,157.25  
Estimate filed for 1909 (including ex- penses, salaries and stores, as now constituted) \$59,429.09  
New equipment and material 238,896.00 \$678,056.30

**Water Board Fund.**  
Funds on hand December 1, 1907 \$ 2,242.24  
Debit estimate \$497,486.15 \$619,923.49  
Disbursements for 1908 153,641.20  
Extending mains 162,609.69  
Sinking fund 43,900.00  
Construction, repairs, operating and other expenses 116,486.72  
Total \$ 498,227.93  
Estimated funds on hand December 31, 1908 \$ 117,466.54

The estimates as filed with the Auditor are as follows: The Auditor's estimate of the disbursements from the same offices and departments for the year 1908 is \$1,430,771.50; making the estimate for 1909 over disbursements for 1908 \$1,811,833.21. The estimated receipts for the year 1908 as given by the Auditor, that will come to the several funds amount to \$1,835,652.72; while the Auditor estimates the disbursements for 1908, from the same funds, to be \$1,830,771.50.

The excess of disbursements from these several funds over the balance in these funds on January 1, 1908, is as follows: General fund \$ 117,534.46  
Police department fund 44,788.84  
Police fund 33,271.89  
Bonds and indebtedness interest 39,852.04  
Lighting fund 1,304.92  
Street repair fund 1,304.92  
Park fund 9,371.11  
Total \$ 272,990.17

To what extent there may be small balances found in some of the special funds on January 1, 1909, by reason of the actual disbursements for the year 1908 being as large as they appear in the Auditor's estimate cannot now be determined either as to the particular fund or as to the amount, should any such balances remain. Under the Auditor's estimate the available balances in all the several funds on January 1, 1909, will be as follows:

General fund \$ 535,324.84  
Police fund 30,734.00  
Lighting fund 30,734.00  
Street repair fund 1,304.92  
Park fund 9,371.11  
Total \$ 607,468.87

Each department and board has presented estimates based on what they consider necessary for their particular department, without regard to the requirements of the department of the city government or the rate of the tax levy necessary to provide for such estimates. I invite your careful consideration to all of the estimates herewith presented and will cheerfully render any assistance in my power to provide only such appropriations to the several offices, boards and departments as may be necessary for efficient and economical work and the best interests of the city during the year. Respectfully,  
**HARRY LANE, Mayor.**

**Masons Present Jewel.**  
At a meeting of Portland Lodge, No. 55, A. F. and A. M., last week the following officers were chosen and at Friday night's meeting were duly installed: Worshipful master, Dr. Francis Drake; senior warden, J. E. Weislein; junior warden, L. P. Sampson; treasurer, A. O. Jones; Secretary, C. M. Steadman; senior deacon, H. C. Weber; junior deacon, W. J. Holman. At Friday night's meeting Samuel Gill, who was worshipful master of Portland Lodge for several years, was presented with a pastmaster's jewel. The presentation speech was made by Dr. O. P. Plummer.

**Debating Society Meets.**  
The debating society of the Allen Preparatory School held its regular meeting on Thursday evening. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That the Oregon law regarding Statement No. 1 should be repealed." Affirmative: Crawford Comp- ton and Roland Chapman; negative, Johnstone Wilson and Marguerite Thomas. The reports on current topics were given by Walter Weber, "The Present Condition of the World," and Ross Gearhart, "The North Bank Road."

**Emma Goldman Coming.**  
Dr. Reitman, advance agent for Emma Goldman, priestess of anarchy, arrived in Portland yesterday and is at the Lenox Hotel. Miss Goldman was scheduled to arrive this morning from Northwestern points where she has been thrown into jail frequently and ordered to leave several times. She will deliver a series of lectures at Albesky Hall, Third and Morrison streets, for three days, beginning

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## MONSTER DEPOT OPENED

**BIG FREIGHT TERMINAL SCENE OF FESTIVITIES.**

**Interurban and City Shipments Will Be Handled From New Plant Henceforth.**

Portland has an additional distinction now in having one of the largest electric line freight stations and yard facilities in the country.

There was a formal opening yesterday of the new station built by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company on waterfront property owned by the corporation for several years. The station and offices occupy a building 50x214, the eastern end containing the offices in a space 45x26. The new building is located on East Clay and Water streets. With the adjacent yards and sidings the company owns about a mile of waterfront at this point, which is valued by experts in Portland land values at \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Wide spaces on the sides of the new station provide truckage for about 30 cars, and arrangements are made for unloading cars on one side and for loading on the other. Perfect interior arrangements for handling freight have been installed, the whole building being provided with electric light; and by plugging in at intervals a portable light may be introduced into the cars alongside the station.

In the middle of the building an office is provided for the foreman in charge, and conveniences are provided for the comfort of employees.

There was a reception held yesterday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock under personal direction of the principal officials of the company, including President Josephlyn. Others who attended and showed visitors through the building and grounds were F. D. Hunt, traffic manager; R. W. Edwards, trainmaster; J. F. Roach, chief dispatcher, three assistant dispatchers and two inspectors, whose offices will be in the new quarters; F. L. Fuller, vice-president and general manager; F. F. Barbour, assistant to the president; O. B. Caldwell, general superintendent of light and power; Fred Cooper, superintendent Portland Railway division; A. H. Richmond, chief engineer, who designed the building; T. W. Sheppard, auditor; J. F. Thibodeau, foreman bridges and buildings; J. F. Durkee, cashier; L. D. Cudworth, chief collector; J. R. Wood, general storekeeper; H. S. Sladen, transportation engineer; and W. H. Hamilton, installation engineer, besides numbers of chief clerks and other employees of the company. President Josephlyn expressed much sat-

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In All Previous Years of Christmas Selling

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For our buyer, Mr. Phil Gevurtz, goes East about the first of the year to lay in an entire new stock of the choicest and best Eastern furniture and furnishings, and we want to empty the store by the time the new goods arrive. Right now, in the zenith of the Christmas business, we are quoting lower prices than any other establishment in the city. It means money saving to you to buy here. Let us be your Santa Claus!

# High-Class China Closets for Xmas Giving

THIS STYLE \$13.50. Made of elegant Eastern oak, bent glass ends, five any desired height. The wood is especially fine grain, the glass double thick. A china closet worth fully \$25. for this low special price. \$13.50

THIS STYLE \$29. This is a wide closet, built of the same high-grade, quarter-sawn oak, with mirror in back. Special price. \$29

THIS STYLE \$31. Very handsome china closet with bent glass ends and door, carved feet, small mirror on top; worth \$45. Special price. \$31

THIS STYLE \$35. Large china closet in extra fine oak, beautifully figured grain, large mirror in back. Special price. \$35

Early English finish, leaded and art glass in ends and doors; very high grade; cut was made from photo; regular price \$48.50. Special price. \$37

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THIS STYLE \$9.00. No. 1026—Golden oak frames, quarter-sawn and polished, high-grade velvet cushions, regulation brass rod adjustable back; good value for \$9

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THIS STYLE \$12.00. No. 2784—This is a very handsome chair and a great bargain at the price; the regulation brass adjustable rod, reversible cushions covered with velvet. Price. \$12.00

THIS STYLE \$13.50. No. 2340—The cushions of this chair are covered with high-grade of Chase leather, tufted and fastened with buttons; frames are weathered oak-shaped like cut. Good value for \$13.50

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# \$35.00 Boston Leather Couch \$19.50

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Three styles of these large leather couches are guaranteed construction, 32 perfectly tempered steel springs, covered in very best genuine leather, tufted and tied with leather buttons, 6 1/2 feet long, 38 inches wide, special. \$55

No. 116—No other Couch is so durable as a Leather Couch; here is a couch having solid quarter-sawn oak frames, strong steel spring construction, covered with a high-grade of Boston leather, hand-tufted and tied with buttons; regular \$35 value at special cash price. \$19.50

Large Japanese Ornamental Vases, many sizes and profusely decorated; suitable for mantels, etc., worth \$2.75, special at \$1.75

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# Buy Your Christmas Gifts on the Dollar a Week Plan. GEVURTZ & SONS

**Other Goods Cut in Price and Show Like Big Reductions.**

**Informal Reception Given.**  
Eighteen members of the Killecat Improvement Society were entertained in an informal reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chase, West avenue and East Burnside, Friday night. The reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stevens, who are in the city on their bridal tour.

**Want Warm Cars.**  
A complaint has been filed with the Railroad Commissioners, attested by W. B. Swope, of the Lents Push Club, against the street railway company, asking that the company be required to provide cars with heating apparatus for that long run. Other organizations are circulating petitions along the Mount Scott railway making the same request. It is set forth that during the cold weather it is a hardship to ride in the cold on this long run. A hearing will be held next month.

**Forger Sweeney is ex-Convict.**  
VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—C. J. Sweeney, convicted forger and sentenced to the State Penitentiary, George Sanford, formerly a guard at the state prison, identified Sweeney, and the latter acknowledged that he had spent four years at the Walla Walla prison.

**Christmas Lens.**  
The Christmas Lens, the East Side High School Journal, is out and was handed to the students Friday afternoon. As the hundreds of students poured from the building every one carried a Lens, eagerly poring over its contents.

This number is easily the most pretentious and elaborate issued. It is artistically gotten up and contains 36 pages of reading matter, well edited. There is enough variety to suit all tastes in the big school, and the many pages of advertisements indicate a large degree of prosperity. The Christmas number is a credit to the East Side High School.

**ALL DOLLS, TOYS AT COST**  
All dolls, toys, games, books, tree ornaments, etc., on sale at cost. All holiday goods of every kind at special prices. Make it a point to visit this store. McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Morrison.

Tomorrow (Monday) last day for discount on East Side gas bills. Don't overlook gas appliance sale.

Take your family to the Perkins Hotel Grill for Christmas dinner.