Investigation Over Decade Shows Expense of Government Rising Steadily.

ALL BRANCHES TELL STORY

Does Not Prove So Costly as in Others, but All Exhibit

Marked Annual Increases.

the fourth of a series of articles on the subject of increased cost of government in Oregon. This article ernment since 1904. Subsequent arteles will deal with other branches

In 1904 it cost the taxpayers \$444,032 to maintain the government of Multgeneral purposes it cost \$1,726,033 or about quadruple that in 1904. The population in 1964 was about 130,000, while in 1913 it was about double that, These figures tell the story of how expenses have rises; increases ranging from 100 to 600 per cent in each of t'e various departments bespeak the rea-

There is not a branch of the county government that has not cost steadily more for operation since 1994. The growth of some has been moderate, of others phenomenal. In many the increases have been due to increased accommodations for the benefit of the public, in others, it has been due to the increased scope of the work; in still others it has been due to the increased complication of the wheels of Governcomplication of the wheels of Govern-ment requiring more employes and

Looking into the various departments it is shown that there are many sensa-tional flights in expenses. For example, the tax department shows an increase of about \$25,000 a year. It cost considerable more than double for the tax department to collect the taxes of a population of 260,000 in 1913 than it cost to collect the taxes of a population of 120,000 in 1904. The increases are due to additional forces and additional accommodations and systems of keep-

For ferries it cost the county \$12,156 in 1904, and \$72,653 in 1913. This was due to the increased number of ferries put in service between those years, and also to increased capacity and work of the ferries then in service. The ferry Mason, for example, cost about \$10,000 in 1904 and \$20,000 in 1912. Since 1904 there has been established to increase the total form; cost the formus Webster. the total ferry cost the ferries Webster, Burlington and St. Johns. Phenomenal increases are shown in

Phenomenal increases are shown in the expense of maintaining the Circuit Courts. In 1994 the county had to pay \$18,307 for the courts, while in 1913 the total was \$38,126, an increase of over 500 per cent. In other words, it cost five times as much to handle a population of 260,000 as it took with a population of 130,000. The Circuit Court cost has jumped ahead steadily year by year. It went from \$18,000 in 1904 to \$20,000 in 1905, to \$21,000 in 1906, to \$30,000 in 1908, to \$42,000 in 1909; to \$51,000 in 1910; to \$78,000 in 1912, and to \$38,000 in 1915. to \$98,000 in 1913.

The cost of the Sheriff's office has in creased steadily by reason of added em ployes and work. It cost \$14,663 in 1904 and \$32,857 in 1913, an increase of somewhere near 250 per cent. The cost of operating the Assessor's office has jumped from \$17,427 in 1904 to \$50,324 in 1912. It has kept an even pace with population, a growth which would hardly be expected, it is declared by many. The cost of the Assessor's office has dropped in the last year a total of \$10,000, which places the total operation down to where it was in 1911 when it toog a phenomenal jump.

Courthouse Proves Costly. The cost of the County Clerk's office

shows an increase from \$26,634 in 1904 to \$60,775 in 1913, an increase of close to 300 per cent. The growth in thisoffice has been steady year by year, there having been no decrease in expense any year since 1904. pense any year since 1904. With the beautiful new Courthouse

With the beautiful new Courthouse the "maintenance of Courthouse" naturally has grown rapidly. It cost \$11,826 in 1904 for care for the old building and \$52,422 to care for the new building in 1912.

A rather remarkable growth is shown in the office of the District Attorney. In 1904 this office cost the taxpayers a total of \$157.15. The salary of the District Attorney was paid

ary of the District Attorney was paid by the state. In 1913, under similar conditions, excepting that the amount of work had increased very materially, the cost of the office was \$8734.34. In the cost of the office was \$8734.34. In 1908 a phenomenial jump in expense is seen. This was due to special prosecutors engaged in the trial of the Ross case and not to a permanent growth in the expense of the office. The growth in the cost of the county juil operation has been moderate. In 1904 it cost \$12,511 and in 1913 \$15,522. The Multnomah County poor 832. The Multnomah County poor farm shows a rapid increase in expense due to increased building facilities and number of inmates. In 1904 this institution cost \$12,281 to operate.

while in 1913 it cost \$58,743. while in 1913 it cost \$55,743.

The cost of operating the bridges in Porfland has been greater year by year, due principally to the construction of new bridges by the city. In 1904 it cost \$36,848 to operate the bridges, while in 1913 it cost \$100,219, an increase of nearly 200 per cent. In the meantime there have been constructed the Broadway bridge and the new Hawthorne bridge, both of which are expensive of operation. With increased traffic the cost of operating the old

traffic the cost of operating the old bridges has increased rapidly. Juvenile Court Added Expense.

Operation of the County Hospital has gone up rapidly from \$6945 in 1994 to \$39,781 in 1913. This growth has been \$30,781 in 1913. This growth has been rapid and has been due to increased facilities for handling cases and the increased number of cases received and cared for at county expense; also the cost of the new home for nurses operated in connection with the hos-

Juvenile Court cost has jumped upward year by year until it has increased from \$933 in 1905 to \$13,-397 in 1913. The same applies to the Kelly Butte sub-jail, where the cost has jumped from \$15,705 in 1906

to \$25,934 in 1913. Nond construction has been the cause of a large part of the general increases because of the increased number of roads and therefore the increased total cost of maintenance. In the road districts a total of \$82,034 was averaged in 1904 while in 1913 the total of the cost of the cos expended in 1994, while in 1913 the to-tal was \$149,064. In 1919 there was a total of \$254.282 raised, in 1911, \$235,357, and in 1912, \$231,005.

For 1914 there has been a big in crease in road funds due to the hard-surfacing plan worked out by the

County Commissioners. The amount to be raised for road purposes is \$614,626. Since 1994 a number of important propositions have been put through by the voters and by county officials. Included in the list which have added greatly to the cost of government are the new County Jail, three new ibrary, the new County Jail, three new ferry-boats, a fruit inspection department, the Juvenile Court, the Kelly Butte sub-jail, the Detention Home, the Constrible's office, the Linnton quarry and sub-jail, and the widows' pension syssub-jail, and the widows' pension sys-

1994:
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708,563 229,102 30,704 998,369
402,226 234,373 32,884 675,821
4,117,096 286,822 45,288 1449,206
1,167,085 239,552 248,330 1,670,867
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597,563 614,636 153,659 1,365,538

For general county purposes there has been a reduction of close to 20



David E. Lofgren, of Portland. candidate for re-election as Joint Representative in the low-er House of the Legislature from Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. He announced his can-didacy for the Republican nomination yesterday.

Although many have come out for the 12 seats in the House from Multnomah County, and for

the three places from Clackamas County, Mr. Lofgren is the first to run for Joint Representative, In his platform he advocates equitable taxation laws, prac-tical road legislation, fewer taxeating commissions and inspec-tors, fewer laws and more efficient law enforcement, strict economy in appropriations and expenditure of public funds, sim-pilification of court procedure and limiting of appeals to Su-preme Court to cases involving

more than \$250.

per cent for 1914 over 1913, in spite of the fact that a comprehensive road system has been worked out and money provided for construction. The reduc-tion in general county expenses has been greater than the increase in the road levy. The decrease in the county cost for 1914 outside the road proposi-tion is due largely to the fact that tion is due largely to the fact that the County Courthouse and the new Library building have been paid for, whereas for 1913 and for a year before that money had to be raised by taxa-

CHAPERON FRIENDLESS GIRLS

Most Members of Society Women With Families and Are Unable to Give Evenings to "Little Sisters."

Volunteer chaperons to accompany friendless girls to places of amusement in the evening are needed in the work that the Big Sisterhood is doing among girls, according to a report made at the monthly meeting of the executive board Wednesday.

"The great need is proper amusement for girls," said Miss Butler, of the Juvenile Court. "While members of the Sisterhood may differ as to the kinds of amusement which girls should attend, there is no question about the importance of giving girls entertain-ment in the evening, and the problem that confronts us is proper escort for

Most of the members of the Sisterhood are women with families, and their home obligations make it incon-venient for them to give their evenings to the "Little Sisters." If there are women in the city who can give this personal service occasionally they would greatly aid in the work of the Sisterhood by communicating with Miss Prichard, superintendent of the People's Institute, who is chairman of the Sisterhood. A fund is available for the entertainment of the girls, so it is not necessary for the chaperon to assume

the expense.

To acquaint the public with the work done by the Big Sisterhood, it was decided to make the annual meeting, which will be held April 8, an open one. Addresses will be made by mem-bers of the society and by men and women prominent in welfare work of the city. Tea will be served at a social hour, following the business meeting and programme.

Missionary Convention Scheduled.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 14 .- (Special.)—The programme was announced today for the annual convention of the Vancouver district of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which will be held at Winlock, April 8 and 9 Many prominent speakers have prom-Many prominent speakers have promised to attend. The officers of the district are Mrs. J. D. Wonderly, of Centralia, president: Mrs. Vina Clark, of Centralia, vice-president: Mrs. Gertrude Van Note, of Kalama, correspondng secretary; Mrs. Mary Collins, of Ostrander, recording secretary, and Mrs. Rachel R. Reese, of Orchards,



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Ashland Juveniles to Have Election

ASHLAND, Or., March 14.—(Special.) for city officers being as follows: May-

NOMINATE TICKET

As a result of a primary election held by the Boys' Vocational Club, both citizens' and independent tickets will be in the field at the next regular meeting, March 19. More than 200 took part in the primaries, the nominations as follows: May
Study Civic Government.

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