

PRUNING OF STATE EXPENSE IS OBJECT

Senator Perkins, ex-Chairman of Ways and Means Body, Investigates Keenly.

NEEDLESS OUTLAY KNOWN

Act Intended to Drop Many Continuing Appropriations—Lawmaker Declares Vast Economy Programme Is Demanded.

How the next Legislature may economize on expenditures is a subject which Senator T. L. Perkins of Portland, has given considerable thought and study in the last few weeks. Senator Perkins was chairman of the ways and means committee of the last session of the Senate and is well informed on the needed appropriations of the state. But what is more important this year, he is well informed on appropriations that are not needed.

Senator Perkins does not mean to imply, he says, that all institutions should be placed on a continuing appropriation basis. Quite the contrary is true, he says. In fact, he has written to the Secretary of State for a list of all the continuing appropriations at present in effect. As soon as these are received he will draft a bill requiring that many continuing appropriations be discontinued.

Whether such institutions as the State University, the Agricultural College and other educational departments will be required to seek new appropriations at each legislative session has not yet been determined by the Legislature.

But it is apparent, says Senator Perkins, that the demand for special appropriations at every session will lead to a demand for annual legislative sessions. Under the present law the Legislature must look two years ahead and appropriate money for conditions that it thinks are likely to arise within those two years.

"In a state that is growing as rapidly as Oregon," said Senator Perkins, "it is hard to estimate expenditures two years in advance. Conditions change rapidly each year. Take, for instance, the state hospital for the insane. The number of inmates there is increasing every year. This is true of both the mental and the Penitentiary institutions. We make our appropriations on a per capita basis, but who is to pay for the extra inmates we will have to provide two years from now?"

While Senator Perkins favors abolition of many useless state boards and commissions and the merging of several such bodies that have similar duties to perform, he does not look for such proposed changes as a source of any substantial reduction in state expenses.

"While it will be possible to save a few thousand dollars here and there by cutting down salaries positions on commissions and the like," he said, "we must save by the hundreds of thousands and by the millions if we are to have an effective economy programme. What I am aiming at particularly are the special appropriations. We should cut them out altogether. I believe in providing adequately for every state institution and believe in continuing all present institutions in operation."

Stock-Taking Is Advised. "But I think it is time now to stop and take stock for two years. We ought to stand still for that length of time. We have no business passing any legislation that will require additional public expense. Oregon has been progressing rapidly the past decade and we have appropriated money in many particulars in advance of our actual needs. Now it is time for us to wait until the various branches of our government adjust themselves to new conditions. Especially is it opportune to be conservative in our spending through a period of commercial depression."

It was estimated by Senator Perkins and others that more than \$1,000,000 in special appropriations made at the last session will not be required at the coming session. This includes such items as the Turin irrigation project which took \$450,000, the Panama-Pacific Fair appropriation of \$175,000 and others.

DIVORCE MILLS GRINDING

Fred G. Statham Wants Freedom and Custody of Children.

Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged to Don by Fred G. Statham in a divorce suit filed yesterday. It is alleged she flies into rages, calls names and is not a proper person to have charge of their two children whose custody is asked by the husband. Clara sued Marion O. De Lashmutt, alleging she was struck by the defendant last June, and other cruel acts are instanced. They were married in this city in 1904. Katherine sued Michael Hogan, asking the custody of two children and \$30 a month alimony. It is charged that the husband deserted her in 1907. Laura M. was granted a divorce from Joseph S. Hall by Judge Davis, and the maiden name of the plaintiff, Ferrier, restored. In the same court Muriel was given a divorce from W. W. Brown and Minnie from A. J. Veeder. Judge McGinnis gave a divorce to L. A. from Ruth E. Schibler, desertion being the ground. Judge Morrow gave a divorce to Gladys O. from Clarence E. Walker.

AL KADERS PLAN JOURNEY

Lodge to Take Pilgrimage to Nile Temple Ceremonial at Seattle.

At the regular meeting of Al Kader Temple last night at the Masonic Temple, all arrangements were made for the pilgrimage to the Nile Temple ceremonial, Seattle, on Friday night. It is expected that about 125 or 150 Nobles will journey to Seattle, many of whom will be accompanied by their wives. A special train will leave Portland Thursday at midnight, or, in reality, 12:30 A. M. Friday, arriving at Seattle about 7:30 A. M. The Al Kader Temple band of 25 pieces and the patrol of about the same number, will make the trip, too.

BRILLIANT IRISH TENOR WILL SING AT HEILIG

Singer Who Captivates Audiences in Many Cities With Quality of His Genius to Appear in Portland December 18.



JOHN MCCORMACK, NOTED TENOR.

STEEERS & COMAN announce a concert at the Heilig Theater December 18 for the brilliant young Irish tenor, John McCormack. This news will be received with delight by those acquainted with the unusual gifts of this young tenor, who has youth, art, a rich Celtic temperament and a voice of extraordinary power to captivate the heart.

No city visited by him has been able to withstand the irresistible quality of his genius. When he visited Australia a year ago the Australian Music and Dramatic News said of him: "Concert after concert the admiration increased until it culminated in the grandest scene of enthusiasm ever witnessed in a concert hall here. He had staid old men throwing their hats up."

KIDS' HOST FAIRYLIKE

'Gather Youngsters for Feast' Is Goodfellow's Order.

WIDOW-COOK TABLE QUEEN

Friends of Benefactor Provide 35 Juveniles for Thanksgiving Feast—"Little Bird" Says "It Was ex-Mayor Simon."

"Send out to the highways and byways and gather together 30 or 35 youngsters who ought to dine well today," was the substance of a request by one of Portland's Thanksgiving days—"Mr. Goodfellows," whose name was kept secret—almost. And his friends and acquaintances, before they dined well themselves that day, did go out and find 35 of the youngsters, taking a dozen from the Detention Home. In the meantime Mr. Goodfellow had ordered a cargo of substantial and appetizing Thanksgiving food sent over to the home of a deserving widow at 285 East Yamhill street—a widow

venerable dame waving their programmes, and he kept a great audience on its feet cheering for several minutes. He ran the whole gamut of musical emotion—opera, oratorio, ballad and folk songs—and his coming marked an epoch-making event in our musical history. To cap it all, the emotions were settled by a broad and dignified reading of Handel's "Deeper and Deeper Still" and "Wait Her Angels." "Mother of Mine" and "The Lord Is My Light" were also the best the singer gave us; but the coping-stone was the inimitable touch he gave the Irish melodies. It seemed that all the minstrelsy of Erin, all the wealth of song and story the island ever knew, all the melody of a warm and responsive people, had been waiting for the vital spark—waiting for McCormack to sing them."

known far and wide for her artistry in making good things cook better and in catering to the palates of "youngsters." So, when the dinner hour came along there appeared at the festive board 35 children knowing not whom to thank for the outlay and all the jimcracks on the table—jimcracks which included fools' caps and snappers and all manner of favors. The motherly widow herself didn't know just who caused the good things to be provided, or who put the pleasant task under her care. But it was done "to the queen's taste," so to speak, and it was late in the afternoon when the gala party broke up. One of Portland's prominent daughters heard about the party and the affair was so successful that she just had to have a picture. And, now that the picture got out, it is whispered about that it was the good fairy of ex-Senator Joseph Simon, who arranged the affair and saw to it there was enough and plenty.

MINNESOTANS TO MEET

Entertainment to Follow Business Session Next Tuesday.

The Portland Minnesota Society will meet next Tuesday night at the Cottillion Hall, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. The entertainment committee, under Chairman Sam Olson, will be ready to entertain after the business meeting, and promises a good programme. The business meeting will be short. All women members are requested to bring a basket lunch, which will be served later. Any former residents of the Gopher State are invited to attend. The annual election of officers also will take place.

HAPPY ORPHANS AND THEIR PLAYMATES WHO DINED SUMPTUOUSLY THANKSGIVING DAY, NOT KNOWING NAME OF BENEFACTOR.



CHILDREN FROM DETENTION HOME AND OTHERS, MAKING THE MOST OF A BIG OPPORTUNITY.

ROSE PLAN POPULAR

City Beautiful Committee of Festival Encouraged.

VARIOUS CLUBS RESPOND

Scheme to Make Streets of Portland Floral Radii to Amaze Visitors Taken Up Heartily—Architects Draw Designs.

The rapidity with which the plans formulated by the city beautiful committee of the Rose Festival Association have taken hold is shown by the numerous and tenor of the responses being received by Julius L. Meier, chairman of the committee, in reply to a letter addressed to Portland organizations inviting co-operation in the general movement to dot Portland with rosebuds on every street.

A majority of the organizations invited to assist in furthering the general plan have already furnished the names of their respective committees and it is expected the remaining committees will be named within a few days.

The city beautiful committee is composed of Julius L. Meier, chairman; J. A. Currey, A. E. Doyle, John F. Carroll and E. T. Mische. In carrying out the general plan, designed by Mr. Meier, the city will be divided into about 150 sections, the aim being to work up community spirit and pride throughout the city.

Districts to Be Beautified. "According to our present plan an overseer will be appointed for every district," said Mr. Meier yesterday. "This overseer will select from five to ten lieutenants as his assistants. These will encourage a unity of rose planting in their particular localities and, if possible, work out harmonious color schemes so that certain blocks will be banked solidly with roses of one striking color. "On account of the thousands of visitors who will come to the Coast next year Portland's floral showing is highly important. Nothing could be devised that would impress the visitors more than this nature plan of beautifying our city. "Imagine the impression your visiting friends will gain if, as they drive here and there about the city, they find consecutive beds of roses greeting them at every turn. This effect could not be duplicated by any other process. As we all know, no other city has the material at hand to make a showing as successful."

Architects Draw Designs. "A committee from the American Institute of Architects now is forming plans and designs to be worked out on Portland's principal streets, and Jacob Kanzier is chairman of a committee that will take care of the civic centers. The plan is to decorate every street leading from the depot so as to make several permanent civic centers instead of a single central one."

The following named organizations have been invited to send three delegates each to a meeting to be held at the Commercial Club Tuesday evening, December 15, at 8 P. M.: The Parent-Teacher Associations of 50 Portland schools, the Laurelhurst Improvement Club, Broadway Improvement Association, Civic Improvement League, East Side Business Men's Club, Greater Portland Association, Portland Heights Club, Irvington Club, Irvington Park Push Club, Kenilworth Welfare Club, Minthorne Improvement Club, Montavilla Board of Trade, Mount Scott Improvement Club, Mount Tabor Improvement Association, North Portland Commercial Club, Overlook Improvement Club, East Halsey Street Improvement Club, Park Rose Improvement Club, Portsmouth Improvement Club, Sellwood Board of Trade, Rose City Park Improvement Club, South Portland Improvement Club, Sunnyvale Push Club, University Park Social Improvement Club, Woodlawn Improvement Club, North East Side Improvement Club, Portland Ad Club, Progressive Business Men's Club, Portland Realty Board, Rotary Club, Transportation Club, Architectural Society of Portland, Floral Society, Rose Society, School Board, City Commissioners and the Women's Club.

LESSONS FOSTER RELIEF

Instructors Will Guide Makers of Clothing for Refugees.

Free instruction for all persons desiring to make clothing for the refugees in Europe and for the soldiers at the front will be given under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution in a room on the fifth floor of the Lipman-Wolfe building. This department will be opened tomorrow. It will be maintained at least until January 1, and longer if the demand is big enough. Patterns will be given free by Lipman-Wolfe & Company, who will provide instructors. Mrs. Walter F. Burrell is in charge of the arrangements. Members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will do their sewing for the relief work in this department as well as the classes that are to work under the instructors.

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JAIL SENTENCE DESIRED GIRL SEEKS COMMITMENT TO BE NEAR INCARCERATED SUITOR. Margaret McGinnis, Arrested for Drunkenness, Freed When Judge Is Appraised of Circumstances. Seeking in vain to get a jail sentence so that she might be near her suitor, Margaret McGinnis has demonstrated a love that surpasses that of the average woman. Margaret is not beautiful. Her face is disfigured by a great scar, the remnant of a wound inflicted by a man who tried to murder her last Summer. Judge Stevenson says she is a defective, but her devotion for Bert Donaldson, who was sentenced to 40 days in jail for vagrancy a short time ago, is such that it commands the respect of all who know the circumstances. Last Friday Margaret applied at the police station for permission to see her companion. She was told that this was against the rules. "I'll commit some crime so that you will have to put me in jail," she is said to have told the officers. Later in the day she was arrested on a charge of drunkenness. Yesterday she was in Municipal Court and apparently hoped she would be sentenced. Donaldson is a trusty in the jail, and she is said to have hoped that she could see him at work occasionally. "Thirty days is what she wanted," said Bailiff Johnson. "That would let her out about the time that Donaldson was released." This small solace was denied her. Judge Stevenson had been informed of her desire, and had no wish to make the City Jail a trying place. She was released after a severe lecture. Miss McGinnis first came into the limelight last Summer when she was stabbed nearly to death by two men who accosted her near her home. One of the men has been indicted by the grand jury. The other escaped. BRIDGE INSURANCE FIXED City and County Agree on Terms and More Protection Taken. Under the terms of an agreement reached by the city and the county, fire insurance on the Burnside and Morrison bridges is to be increased \$18,000 on each bridge and equitable arrangements are to be adopted for handling payments on the policies in case of partial or total destruction of any of the bridges. A report covering the subject will be presented to the City Council by Commissioner Bigelow Wednesday. At present the Burnside bridge is insured for \$22,000 and the Morrison street bridge for \$32,000. The insurance

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