

PORTLAND SECOND IN IMPROVEMENTS

Figures Compiled by Municipal Librarian Puts Rate of Taxation Among Lowest.

DATA TAKEN FROM 8 CITIES

Comparison for 5-Year Period Shows Per Capita Expense Below Average, With Lead in Many Municipal Activities Yet Held.

Compared to cities of corresponding size on the Pacific Coast and in the Middle West, Portland has more than held its own in permanent public improvements, being rated second in total outlay for such improvements, according to a report which has been compiled by Mrs. C. L. B. Kelliker, librarian at the Municipal Reference Library at the City Hall.

In addition to the report on permanent improvements Mrs. Kelliker has prepared a comparison of the departmental expenses of the various cities for 1912, which is held by Mrs. Kelliker to be an average year, showing that Portland is among the lowest cities in the rate of taxation and in expenditures and yet led by a big margin in many of the municipal activities, including the amount of paving and the expenditures for schools.

Conservation in Expenses Shown.

The cities compared are San Francisco, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Seattle, Indianapolis, Denver, Oakland, St. Paul and Portland. Of these cities Portland expended a total of \$13.10 per capita for general expenses in 1912. The highest per capita expenditure was \$23.49 for San Francisco and the lowest was \$13.01 for St. Paul.

The rank of Portland as compared with the other cities in the various departmental activities shows that Portland was conservative during 1912 in her expenditures. Of the nine cities mentioned Portland was sixth in the per capita expense for police protection; sixth in fire protection expenditure in the cost of sanitation; ninth in the cost of health protection; seventh in the cost of highways; eighth in the cost of charities; sixth in the cost of schools; seventh in the cost of libraries and ninth in the cost of recreation.

The report shows that in expenditures for permanent improvements Portland more than held its own during the five years ending in 1912. The cost of permanent improvements in the various lines of municipal activity in Portland in the report in the lump sum expended during the five years and the per capita expenditure.

Tab Kept on Expenditure.

Tables showing these expenditures follow: Expenditures for sewers, sewage disposal plants, refuse collection and disposal plants and equipment, buildings and equipment in fire protection, electric and treatment of communicable diseases.

Table with 3 columns: City, Total expenditure, Per capita expenditure. Rows include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Seattle, Indianapolis, Portland, Denver, St. Paul, Oakland.

Expenditures for lands, buildings and permanent equipment for hospitals, correctional and reformatory institutions.

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San Francisco Spends \$45,017.

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Expenditures for land, buildings and permanent equipment used by the public schools.

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Expenditures for the acquisition of land and for the paving and improvement of streets, roads, alleys, bays, rivers and harbors, including docks, viaducts and bridges.

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Portland ranks among the lower cities in the per capita taxation, according to the report. The following table shows the total receipts in the cities and the per capita taxation for five years ended in 1912:

Table with 3 columns: City, Total receipts, Per capita tax. Rows include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Seattle, Indianapolis, Portland, Denver, St. Paul, Oakland.

MUSIC OF GREEK GODS TO BE HEARD AT HEILIG

Barrere Ensemble Will Visit Portland for First Time May 5, Under Direction of Steers and Coman.



BARRERE ENSEMBLE.

The novel delight of becoming familiar with the tone-color and possibilities of the flute, oboe, bassoon, horn and clarinet will be experienced by Portland music lovers May 5, when the Barrere Ensemble comes to the Heilig under the direction of Steers & Coman. There is an indefinable, rapturous beauty in the music of these instruments that hark back to Arcadian days in forest glade and meadow, when the world was in its Spring and mankind was in a state of joyous innocence. Then Pan piped in merry dancers on the flower-sprinkled fields, and the Greek gods visited the haunts of men.

\$165,000 CASE IS ENDED

Attorneys for Miss Myrtle Davis Ask for Non-Suit.

Action Taken Before Railway Company Presents Testimony Showing Improper Relations.

Following sensational developments Friday in the suit of Miss Myrtle Davis against the O. W. R. & N. Company for \$165,000, Miss Davis yesterday took a voluntary non-suit, abandoning her case. No opportunity had been given the railroad company to present the testimony of railroad conductors, brakemen, porters and passengers summoned from the East to prove that Miss Davis traveled in company with Dr. M. J. Buck, the Pittsburg physician who testified in her favor.

CLEVER LITTLE MAID PARTICIPATES IN SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT AND ALSO SPEAKS AT BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCHEON.



Miss Helen Christian. Grave Photo.

Miss Helen Christian, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Christians, a sweet and clever child, recently took the part of Miss Myrtle in the Holiday School entertainment.

In costume recently she also spoke "Daffodils" at the Progressive Business Men's Club luncheon. She carried an artistic shower bouquet of the blossoms. She is a black-eyed, black-haired little miss, with a charming manner.

Funeral Set for Today. Redmen Are to Attend Services for George J. Erdner.

Funeral services for George J. Erdner, who died at his home, 300 East Fifth street, Thursday, will be held today at 1 P. M. from Finlay Chapel. He was a member of Williamette Tribe, No. 6, Improved Order of Red Men, and the members of this tribe will attend the funeral. Mr. Erdner was 56 years old. His widow, Mrs. Catherine Erdner, and four children—Katherine, Emma, Geo. and Edward Erdner, survive.

Foresters Fear 1915 Fire. Plans to Curb Destruction in Dry Season to Be Laid.

70 Ball Teams Can't Play. City Diamonds Not Complete, so All Applications for Day Are Denied.

TO SPIRITUAL TO DERIVATION

Membership Begins to Reach Out From Coast to Rocky Mountains.

CONVENTION PLANS AFOOT

Preparations Being Made for Big Part in Rose Festival—Show Tomorrow at Heilig Is to Bolster Treasury.

That a great National order of men united to serve their fellow men, ambitious of good, generous and original optimists may be the outcome of the Mut movement in Portland is not unlikely. In the original band of Portlanders who organized the Muts in a spirit of levity, membership has been sought by prominent citizens of most of the towns between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific coast.

Next Move in Rose Festival. The next move in which the Muts will have a duty to perform will be during the Rose Festival. And in preparation for that event and the following Grand Lodge meeting, the Muts will meet for the purpose of electing officers and a committee to be in charge of the show.

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An Entertainment Never Before Seen on the Pacific Coast

Ice Skating in the Arcadian Garden Beginning Tomorrow (Monday) Night

RESERVE TABLES NOW FOR DINNER OR AFTER-THEATER SUPPER.

Professor Waltenberg, one of the world's greatest art skaters and racers, together with Professor Jas. Bourke, Canadian Champion Ice Skater, and Miss Marguerite Kirkreth, one of the finest figure skaters, will appear Monday night for engagement in the Arcadian Garden.

This is most unusual act ever introduced on the Coast, and will far surpass any and all features of its kind in the world.

The famous Apache dance will be given on skates.



Every Saturday Night Will Be Carnival Night

Grand Opera Singer. We also are pleased to announce for Monday a programme, the appearance of Mme. Florence Bokenhoff.

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