

EMPLOYEES' HEADS ARE DUE TO FALL

Retrenchment Proposed by City Commission Centers in Few Departments.

TOTAL LEVY 8.913 MILLS

Bureaus Under Mayor Albee and Mr. Dieck, Composing Minority of Council, Suffer Most—Short- age Next Year Is Foreseen.

CHANGES TO BE MADE IN CITY SERVICE BY REASON OF NEW BUDGET.

Public auditorium to be built. Five small automobiles to be provided for police patrol service in residence sections.

Fire station at Sixteenth and Washington streets to be abandoned and building to be razed.

Three automobile street-flushing machines to replace 35 men and 42 horses.

Grade crossing elimination project to be started on East Side.

City to have 19 fewer policemen, 12 of which positions now are vacant and seven filled.

Detention home for women not to be built.

No new fire stations to be built. Roads in Mount Tabor Park to be macadamized.

Lighting systems to be installed in Sellwood and Holladay parks.

Salary roll of Department of Public Works to be cut down \$42,000 under 1915 expenditures.

Only a few minor park improvements to be made.

About 75 employees to be dropped in various departments, principally in fire, engineering, engineering and health bureaus.

And now comes the practical, tangible, visible result of all this city budget fuss which cut down \$300,000 in the final adoption by the Council of the budget which is to govern the city's expenditures next year. The budget, as adopted, presents in black and white the Council's policies for the 12 months commencing December 1, 1915, and ending November 30, 1916—the city's fiscal year.

Retrenchment will be the policy in some branches of the city service, but not in all. Development of a few important projects will be the general outstanding policy overshadowing all else. Retrenchment will apply with a particularly firm grip to the public works department, the police, fire, health, parks and the street cleaning bureaus. Most of the others will have the same amount they had this year or with increases, having escaped the keen-edge pruning knife wielded by the Council majority—Baker, Bigelow and Daly. The knife missed some of the bureaus of these three Commissioners, which were classed at the beginning as over-supplied with funds and under supplied with efficiency. It missed nothing, apparently, in the departments of the Council minority—Mayor Albee and Commissioner Dieck.

Seventy-five Heads to Come Off.

Upwards of 75 of the regular city employees will join the army of unemployed about December 1 as a direct result of the new budget. Thirty-five of these will be from the labor force in the street cleaning bureau, which will give way to three automobile street-flushing machines to be purchased after December 1 at a cost of \$15,000. Seven policemen will go along with two sanitary inspectors and several employees in the department of public works. Mr. Dieck has to cut his salary roll down \$20,000. Just how many men this lets out is a matter for Mr. Dieck to decide, and he hasn't decided yet.

The fire station at Sixteenth and Washington streets, declared by the board of fire chiefs to be the most strategic station in the city, will go. At first it was planned to build a new station here, but later it was decided to move the apparatus to the present station at Fourteenth and Gilliam streets. The building at Sixteenth and Washington streets will be torn down soon after December 1.

Fund for Auditorium Provided.

The public auditorium will be built. The money for this will be from a \$600,000 bond issue authorized in 1913 by the voters. It became a part of the budget by reason of an item of \$11,000 having to be appropriated next year to pay the interest for six months on the bonds when sold.

Five small automobiles are to fill 13 positions of patrolmen in the police service. Twelve of these positions now are vacant and seven are filled. The machines will be used by policemen in patrolling the residence sections. All the police horses now used will be sold.

No new fire stations will be built. It was planned to erect a new building at Sellwood, a new house for the fireboat Williams and a new station at Sixteenth and Washington streets. All fell victims to the Council majority's ax.

Sixty-five thousand dollars was appropriated for the commencement of work of eliminating grade crossings along the line of the O. W. R. & N. from the head of Bullitt's Gulch to the city limits. This project involves about \$750,000, of which the city will pay \$130,000. Next year's appropriation will finance the city's part of the project, it is said, until the end of the year.

Park Projects Are Small.

Sums were appropriated for some minor park work. The drives in Mount Tabor Park are to be macadamized, lighting systems are to be installed in Sellwood and Holladay parks; \$1500 is to be spent in clearing at Benson Park, and other small items are to be spent for park improvements, including grading for playgrounds in Mount Tabor Park, construction of a wading pool in Columbia Park and the construction of a zoo house at Washington Park.

Retrenchment will not be felt particularly by the taxpayers, because they will have to contribute for municipal purposes next year a total of \$1.41 more on each \$1000 of assessed valuation than was required for the present year. This is not altogether the fault of the Council, for the loss of liquor license revenue next year will amount virtually to \$1 on each \$1000 of assessed valuation, which must be made up by direct taxation.

Deck Levy .613 Mill.

The tax levy for next year has been fixed at 8.3 mills. This is exclusive of the levy for dock purposes, which always heretofore has been included in the city levy. The dock levy will amount to .613 of one mill, which makes the total city levy 8.913 mills, as compared with 7.5 mills for the present year.

There is a serious question about the

SCHOOL CLASS PRESENTATION OF "WHY SMITH LEFT HOME" HAS AMUSING SCENES.



Left To Right, Anna Martin, Ferris Bogles, Ralph Grabler, Gladys Blue, Ruben Goffrier

Council having made the levy inadequate for next year. The levy for 1915 was made too low, with the result that the city will not carry over sufficient balance at the end of the year to make it to meet its pay roll or other expenses during February of next year. The deficit is not made up in the 8.3 mills levy for next year, so that the same result is expected to follow in 1917.

During 1915 the city has had to appropriate for emergencies not provided for in the budget a total of \$300,000. For next year the total amount that will be available for emergencies will be \$127,000. It is declared by many to be inadequate.

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CARS MAY QUIT TWO LINES

END OF BURNSIDE AND MARYLAND AVENUE SERVICE IS SOUGHT.

Company Argues to Council That Service Is of Aid to Only Few, and Is Given at Big Loss.

If the City Council is agreeable, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will discontinue street-car service on two of its lines, one on Burnside from Fifth street to Washington street, and the other on Maryland avenue from Shaver street to Prescott. Application for permission to abandon the lines was made to the Council yesterday by the company.

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FACTS ABOUT CITY BUDGET AS FINALLY ADOPTED BY COUNCIL.

Total amount of budget adopted for 1916, including docks, \$3,254,527.

Total tax levy necessary, 8.913 mills.

Total amount of budget adopted for 1915, including docks, \$3,328,741.

Total tax levy imposed, 7.5 mills.

Total increase in 1915 budget over 1915 budget, \$105,936, or 1.413 mills.

Increase in budget due to Dock Commission, \$29,000, or .865 of 1 mill.

of the company, and at present is of contention to residents of that section, because of the proximity of the Washington-street lines. At most, it is said, the line is able to save an occasional passenger a walk of one or two blocks.

The Maryland-avenue line has been operated for about three years. The stub end starts at Shaver street and runs on Maryland avenue to Prescott street, a distance of 1100 feet. In that distance it crosses only two streets. It is said by the company that the discontinuance of the line can increase no passenger's walk more than a quarter of a mile. This line, it is said, is of no value and is operated at a heavy loss. It was constructed at the time George F. Reusser was after a franchise for a line over Maryland avenue from Kenton to the West Side business district. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company franchise carried a common user, so that both companies

NEW PLAY ANNOUNCED FOR LYRIC THEATER.

Assertion Made That Parity of Tariffs Is Not Aim but Preferential That Will Choke Competition.



An entertaining, bright and decidedly humorous comedy from Dillon and King's storehouse of fun and music will be staged for the first time in this city at the Lyric Theater, commencing with the matinee today at 2:15.

The new show answers to the name of "The Globe Trotters," and from present indications will outdistance any of its predecessors in the race for popularity.

Dillon and King will handle the main comedy roles, and will be assisted by Charlie Kelly, Vera Lawrence, Frank Harrington, Grace Allen, Olive Artell, the Ginger Chorus, under the direction of Teddy LaDue, and the Columbia Quartet.



Left To Right, Harry Kenin, Blanche Strong, Florence Green



Left To Right, Harry Kenin, Mary Townsend, Eleanor Spall, Hester Williams

Large audiences witnessed the presentation of George Broadhurst's comedy, "Why Smith Left Home," by February 15, class, Friday night and Saturday night, at the Jefferson High School. A large, well-chosen and excellently trained cast brought "Smith" through the series of amusing predicaments with high honors. The role of John Smith was admirably played by Harry Kenin, who helped make the three-act comedy one of the best plays ever held at the Jefferson High School.

As the wife of Smith, Mary Townsend was fine. The laughable General Billethead was portrayed by Reuben Goffier, who created an abundance of comedy. Anna Martin was Mrs. Billethead. Others in the cast were: Ferris Bogles, Ralph Grabler, Gladys Blue, Hester Williams, Blanche Strong, Zenobia Lafferty and Florence Green.

would have used the tracks. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company originally planned to extend this line north, and at one time had a franchise for that purpose, but the plan was abandoned, and it is argued now that the stub-end line is of no use.

CHURCH RALLY DAY IS SET

Young People's Federation of Lents Plans Work Demonstration.

The Young People's Federation of Lents, comprising the union of Friends', Baptist, Evangelical and Methodist Churches, of that district, will hold a rally at the Evangelical Church

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A. R. Gray, for seven years a secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has resigned from the Portland association to become general secretary at Eugene, vice E. Kinney Miller, who goes as general secretary at Tucson, Ariz.

For several years Mr. Gray has been in charge of the food supply department of the Y. M. C. A., after a term in charge of the employment bureau. He also has been general secretary at Canyon City, Colo., and assistant general secretary at Houston, Tex. He is a graduate of Chicago University, and is considered a master of administration details.

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4 1/2 DAY SERVICE FROM THE MAINLAND

Wednesday night, December 1, under the leadership of President J. S. Fox. An interesting demonstration of the work as carried on by the Young People's Societies will be given. At 7:30 o'clock the home mission department will conduct a short service on Main (Ninety-second) street. Lents, during which time an exact presentation of the mission work, as performed one night a month at the Portland Community Mission by certain members of the federation, will be given. Then the members and friends will retire to the church for the remainder of the programme, which will be presided over by the heads of the various departments. Music will be a special feature. A cordial welcome is extended especially to strangers, as the present aim of the federation is "One Hundred New Members on December 1st."

several meetings in Seattle, where those who went with her will attend officers' meetings. Miss Booth then will go on to Spokane and the East. The Salvation Army workers who are in Seattle will return to Portland Tuesday.

they were discovered that there was no chance to save any of the household effects. The home of William Leach across the river from Toledo, was threatened by fire Monday, but prompt work by neighbors saved it from destruction.

Toledo Has Two Fires.
CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The new country residence of Isaac Koist, two and a half miles northeast of Toledo, was burned to the ground Thursday by fire that apparently started in the kitchen. The flames had gained such headway when

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many friends and the Oregon State Naval Militia for their kindness and helpfulness during our bereavement in the death of our beloved son and brother, Joseph. (Signed) Joseph and Family. Adv. JOHN NORDBERG AND FAMILY.

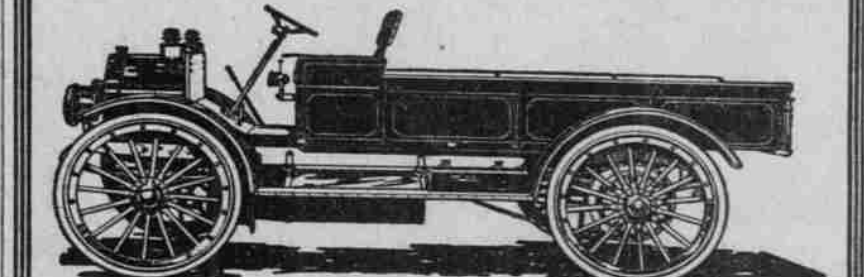
MISS BOOTH GOES NORTH

Delegation of Portland Followers Is Escort to Seattle.

Miss Eva Booth, leader of the Salvation Army in America, was accompanied to Seattle yesterday by a number of prominent Portland workers, among whom were Captain John Andrews, Esmign Florence Toque and Mrs. Fannie Gale.

Friday night Miss Booth addressed a meeting at the White Temple, and yesterday morning left Portland at 11 o'clock. A large number accompanied Miss Booth to the train. She will hold

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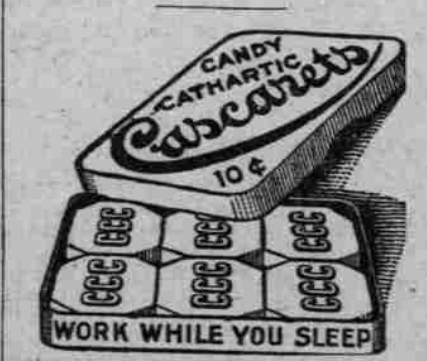
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