

BUDGET RADDS MAY SEND OFF FIREWORKS

Daly-Bigelow Faction Is Expected to Seek Revenge on Council Majority.

DALY MAY REDUCE LIGHTS

Further Meetings Will Be Lively, Say Watchers, Who Note Race for Title of Watchdog of Treasury of City.

Lively doings are in store in the City Council chamber this week over the 1917 budget figures.

Somewhat is going to hurt financially and somebody else politically. The financial sufferings will drop on the shoulders of many employees.

Promoters Get Own Realty. This was to come in spite of the fact that they, with the other Commissioners, had gone down and cut out everything in every department that looked "cuttable."

Mr. Bigelow, who was to be one of the prime losers by this arrangement, blossomed forth with a real economy programme that sank the gait into the departments of Mr. Daly.

Padded Budgets Denied. The Daly-Bigelow faction is heralding forth to their constituency that the Budget, which they have padded and that their own were not and that, therefore, the three could spare 5 per cent cuts while the others could not.

Reduction of Lights Rumored. Revenue may also pop up in the form of cuts where some of the Commissioners do not wish to make his entire 5 per cent cut in his department in the item of street lighting.

Concerts May Be Eliminated. The cutting means that next year the city will do nothing. Street maintenance will have to be given up almost entirely, for the necessary street out concerts in the parks, and either to cut out part of the playgrounds and swimming tanks and park improvements or to cut down the season to a few weeks.

City Will Have No Cash for Months. Also it means the city will get farther in the hole financially than it is at present. Under present conditions there will be about two months at the beginning of next year that there will be no money to pay salaries or bills of the city.

Provision is made in the budget as it now stands for making up part of this deficit, which dates back to the time \$300,000 a year in liquor license revenue was lost. But the way the thing is going now, this money allowed for making up the deficit will be eaten up next year by special appropriations which will be necessary to keep up the city's activities.

There was much complaint at the beginning of the commission government administration in Portland in 1913 about needed things in the way of expenditures having been passed along by the former administration.

Jonathan Rollins, of Alton, N. H., age 70, is successfully driving his new automobile. He drove to Dover a few days ago, which was the first time he had visited the place in 40 years.

MILITARY MEN WHO ARE MENTIONED AS LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR COLONEL OF THIRD OREGON INFANTRY.



Lieut. Col. John L. May

Capt. Kenneth P. Williams

WIRE TO FLASH PLEA

Long-Distance Phone Call Is to Convert Western Women.

EAST TO TALK FOR HUGHES

Plea Will Be Last for Election of Republican and Extension of Suffrage to Unenfranchised Sisters by Franchise.

The last plea in the present campaign of the Eastern women to the Western women, asking the latter to vote for Mr. Hughes and thereby for a step in the way of Federal equal suffrage, will be made tonight when, from Chicago, Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch will speak over long-distance telephone to Oregon women, bidding them cast their vote for the Republican nominee.

The mezzanine floor of the Multnomah Hotel has been fitted up with a number of telephone receivers and half a dozen transmitters. A committee of Portland women, who although formerly of Wilson leanings are now avowed supporters of Mr. Hughes on the broad principle of woman's rights, has been selected to respond to Mrs. Blatch.

Prominent Women on Committee. This committee includes, among others, Miss Emma Wood, Miss Gertrude Talbot, Miss Coraella Cook, Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, Mrs. Andre Foulhoux, Mrs. Lewis McArthur, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Hepburn and Mrs. Mary Gertrude Fendall, the last named a Maryland representative of the Woman's Party, who has been working in Oregon with Miss Margaret Whittemore, of Michigan, in the interest of Mr. Hughes and equal suffrage prospects.

The ceremony will begin at 6 o'clock Portland time. The affair is open to the public, and a large gathering of women is expected. Receivers have been installed to accommodate a good number, and the transcontinental conversation will be made public. Mrs. Blatch is deeply into the work of the Women's party in Oregon, as the representatives here are sanguine that Oregon will return a successful vote for Mr. Hughes. The party has enlisted in its ranks the last few months a large number of Oregon women who were openly advocates of Wilson's re-election, but who have swung to the Republican standard bearer on the suffrage issue as paramount to others at this time, from the women's viewpoint.

Oregon Women Not Members. The Woman's party does not number in its membership, however, the Oregon women, because the party is composed of women who belong in the states where the suffrage is not yet been granted. The party leaders have made it clear to the Western women that the party was not organized to dictate but to appeal to the Western and suffrage state women. The Democratic party leaders told the suffrage petitioners that they did not believe the women were to be reckoned with as a political force, and the

Women's party was organized to prove that they were. For that reason, while the party numbers many Democratic women, it has lent its influence to piling up a telling vote for Mr. Hughes. Mr. Hughes is the candidate who has come out in the open and espoused the rights of women.

Philadelphia school children, by contributing pennies, have endowed a bed in a hospital for consumptives.

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Colonel U.G. Alexander

GUARD ELECTION SET

Three Officers Mentioned for Colonel of Third Oregon.

NOVEMBER 15 IS DATE

Captain K. P. Williams and Lieutenant-Colonel McAlexander and May Are Suggested—First Two Regular Officers.

General orders for the election of a successor to Colonel Cleland McLaughlin, late Colonel of the Third Oregon Infantry, who has been ordered back to duty as Captain with the Seventh United States Infantry, a part of General Pershing's command in Mexico, were issued yesterday by Major W. W. Wilson, acting Adjutant-General of the Oregon National Guard.

The election will be held at 8:30 P. M. at the Armory, in this city, Wednesday, November 15. Field officers and Captains of the Third Infantry are eligible to vote. Colonel Greed C. Hammond has been designated inspector of election.

Three officers are being mentioned as possible successors to Colonel McLaughlin, and these are the only names that have so far appeared. Friends of Captain Kenneth P. Williams, United States Army, who has been inspector-instructor on duty with the Oregon National Guard, and who made a notable record during the mobilization of the Oregon National Guard for border service, has been besought by a number of officers to become a candidate, but he thinks it will be impossible for him to do so as he is likely to be ordered East.

Lieutenant-Colonel John L. May, of the Third Oregon Infantry, will be a candidate. It is expected for the post just vacated by the departure of Colonel McLaughlin. He is well known in Portland, and his many friends in the Guard will, it is expected, give him loyal support.

Lieutenant Colonel Ulysses G. McAlexander, United States Army, who has been commandant of cadets at the Oregon Agricultural College, a duty from which he was recently relieved, since that time having been attached to Oregon National Guard headquarters, also is expected to be a candidate for the post.

SWAIN MAILED IN JAIL

Husband Punishes Prisoner for Attention Paid to His Wife.

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SINGLE TAX DEFEAT BY 100,000 LIKELY

Assessor Reed Shows How Development Would Be Retarded by Measure.

FEW WOULD OWN HOMES

Revenue Raised Would Not Provide for Governmental Expenses and Would Only Be Satisfactory During Boom Periods.

The full rental value land tax amendment to the constitution will be overwhelmingly defeated next Tuesday, according to County Assessor Henry E. Reed, who has made an active campaign against the measure.

Mr. Reed estimates that the majority against the amendment will be upwards of 100,000. He says it will be beaten worse than any other measure of similar character ever submitted to the people of Oregon.

Four years ago a graduated land tax amendment was rejected by more than 50,000 majority. Two years ago an amendment providing a super tax on land was beaten by nearly 68,000. This year's decisive defeat of the rental value scheme, together with the fact that the Fels Fund Commission will go out of existence on December 31, may be expected to give Oregon some relief in the future from proposed legislation of this character.

Billion in Property Included. In his addresses in various parts of the county, Assessor Reed has asked his audiences to bear in mind that the land-rental tax is not only a proposed constitutional amendment, but because of its effect upon the sovereign power of taxation, practically proposes an entire new state constitution.

It concerns the 500,000 people now in the state property which the Tax Commission values in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000,000.

Notwithstanding the possible effects of the adoption, it has been drafted and put upon the ballot by a small group of persons and recommended to the electorate as a cure-all for the ills of mankind. No conference of people interested in tax legislation was called and no attempt made to ascertain the sentiment of the people at large with regard to the need of the measure.

Paralysis of Development Foreseen. One argument which Mr. Reed has used effectively is that the destruction of the selling value of land, which would be a logical consequence of the taking of the full ground rent, would paralyze agricultural development in Oregon through the medium of rural credits.

Both the Federal farm loan act, now in force, and the pending rural credits amendment to the constitution of Oregon, take the land value as the basis of loan on farm lands.

Both lend upon the basis of 50 per cent of the value of the land, with an additional allowance by the Federal Government up to 20 per cent of the value of the permanent, insured improvements.

With the selling value of the land taken away by the imposition of the

full ground rent, there would be no value to mortgage either to Federal Government or the state for loans. As the laws of Oregon, if the land rent amendment should be adopted, would not afford sufficient protection to mortgages of the kind authorized by the Federal farm loan act, there would remain until it should recover from its dream of making land common property by confiscating rent.

Assessor Reed, impressed upon his audiences that Oregon should not spurn the chance now offered to cooperate with the Federal Government in the development of agriculture. The Government, he says, will be able to lend money to farmers at 5 per cent on loans running from five to 40 years, which are better terms than can be obtained by the owners of the best retail land in the city of Portland.

Ownership Not Encouraged. Under present conditions farmers pay from 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 per cent for their money on short-time loans, and are burdened with an interest charge which weighs them down and hampers their progress.

Another argument made by Assessor Reed is that the amendment, if adopted, would not encourage home ownership, as has been claimed by its sponsors and advocates.

He has shown from official figures of the United States Government that the percentage of owned farm homes in Oregon increased from 80 in 1900 to 83.2 in 1910. In the City of Portland, the percentage of owned homes was 34 in 1890, and 21.4 in 1900 and 46.3 in 1910.

Portland Percentage High. With the exception of Oakland, Cal., and Spokane, Wash., Portland has the greatest percentage of owned homes of any city in the United States, whose population exceeds 100,000.

Portland's progress in home ownership, Assessor Reed, has been achieved under existing laws relating to the acquisition, ownership and taxation of land. His legislation of the type of the pending amendment is required to encourage further advancement in the direction of home-owning.

Referring to the experiments with land taxation in Canada, which are apparently quoted by advocates of land rent legislation, Assessor Reed has shown that they have been confined mainly to young cities, which did not have the complex problem of vested rights to deal with.

Young Cities Try Scheme. Where the system of land taxation has been introduced land values were increasing rapidly and enormously, and the transition to the land tax was made under the favorable condition of an existing tax base.

The same end could have been accomplished in Portland in the period of population increase and land development which followed upon the close of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition.

However, the Canadian cities learned their lesson long before the outbreak of the general European war. With the coming of the business depression, which was common to Canada, as well as to the United States, the experience of the Canadian cities showed conclusively that the system of land taxation, under all circumstances, depended upon to supply in a satisfactory manner the necessary public revenue.

Not Enough Revenue Provided. Such, also, would be the result in Oregon if the land rent tax should be approved by the people. The land rent tax would not provide the necessary public revenue for all the units of government within the state, and could not be made to do so.

Summarizing his objections to the proposed amendment, Assessor Reed has set forth that the benefits which it promises would not accrue. They are, he says, of the extreme. A building boom might follow the adoption of

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the amendment, but it would be of short duration. There would not be continuous employment for labor through the stimulation of construction work for the simple reason that there is not an unlimited demand for buildings.

People would not be encouraged to go upon the land in times of stress and unemployment and be expected to make a living, because, without agricultural training, they would fail.

The one sure effect of this adoption of the amendment would be to discourage investments of any kind in real estate and retard the development of Oregon.

JOSEPH CHOATE HONORED Fifty-Five Years Ago Cleveland Girl Became Bride of Lawyer.

LENON, Mass., Oct. 28.—Fifty-five years ago Joseph H. Choate was married to Miss Caroline Dutcher Sterling, of Cleveland, Ohio. Aside from congratulatory telegrams from the day, no special observance marked the date.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Choate are in excellent health and are out every day in their automobile. They expect to remain in Stockbridge for a few days.

Samuel W. McCall, Governor of Massachusetts, Mrs. McCall and their two daughters, Misses Ruth and Katherine McCall, and Lieutenant-Governor Calvin Coolidge are at Stockbridge.

Arriving the other night were the Duke and Duchess de Richelieu, of Paris.

Horse in Role of Pickpocket. CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 29.—A heavy draught horse enacted a role of pickpocket in Allentown, Pa., recently. The discovery was made by the driver while driving along the street, saw a gold watch and chain dangling from the animal's tail. The theory is that as the horse switched its tail to keep off the flies it dexterously extracted the timepiece from the vest pocket of a pedestrian who was passing by.

Save Half the Investment in Your Car. WINTER with its rain and mud is on the way threatening to put the good old car out of commission, but don't exile the companion of your fair weather days. Stop and think that the difference between safe and dangerous motoring is not the summer or winter skies above but the tires beneath—Goodrich Black Safety Tread Tires. Look carefully over their simple effective non-skid tread. The common sense of the parallel five fingers and cross-tie pattern shows you convincingly why a Goodrich tire grips through muck and slush to bed-rock safety. Rain or shine, it puts fair weather under your motor car. Rescue your car from months of idleness—save yourself the loss of investment, comfort and convenience—by equipping it with—GOODRICH Black Safety Tread Tires. The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.—Best in the Long Run. Local Address: Broadway at Burnside St. Phone Broadway 850.