

5842,311 IS LOPPED OFF BUDGET FIGURES

Cuts Made by Joint Ways and Means Committee.

MATTER UP TO LAWMAKERS

Biggest Slash Made in Case of Industrial Accident Commission. Normal School Warned.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The joint ways and means committee, during its first two weeks of wrestling with the financial problems which confront the Oregon Legislature, has tentatively allowed \$2,002,863.44 of the \$2,845,176 of the budget requirements to be put up to the law makers for their consideration, having lopped off \$842,311.56 so far. These figures are based on a compilation by John Schroeder, chief clerk of the committee. These slashes leave only a little more than \$400,000 more to be cut off to meet the provisions of the \$4,441,550 limitation amendment and there is every indication that the committee will make good on this task. The main reduction made has been the lopping off of the \$680,000 which the Industrial Accident Commission estimated would be the share for state aid during the next two years. The committee is powerless to take such action, unless the entire Legislature makes a change in the law, but since such a change has passed the Senate and is now in the House, where it is admitted to be completely surrounded by its friends, there is little danger of the action of the ways and means committee in this regard being defeated. Normal School Warned. The committee is also on record in establishing an important policy by declaring in regard to the State Normal School that it is the duty of the committee that no appropriation be granted over and above that provided for by the millage tax and that the institution is to keep within the limitation. If this holds true with the State Normal School it is likely to be in connection with the other higher educational institutions which are supported on the millage tax basis. At least an attempt will be made to hold it good in such cases. The next heaviest reduction is that of the State Fair, \$30,000 being pruned from the estimates of that institution. The Normal is shaved of \$24,441.56 or bringing it down to \$74,288.44, or millage tax basis. The Forestry Board is hit by a reduction of \$16,000, while the institution for the blind is cut \$10,000 so far lost only \$12,200 of the \$345,700 appropriation sought in the budget estimate. Committee's Action Tabulated. The tabulated history of the committee's action so far is appended:

Table with columns: Name, Amount, Reduct'n, Balance. Lists various institutions like Oregon State Fair, Bluebook, Board of Control, etc.

JEWISH WORK IS PLANNED

Portland B'nai B'rith Lodge to Undertake Campaign. Plans which will result in making Portland a centralized point of Jewish activity is being carried out successfully by a campaign for 1000 members was launched last Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Portland Lodge, B'nai B'rith, held in the B'nai B'rith building. Luncheons will be held every Tuesday noon at the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of members getting together for committee reports. A membership committee composed of Milton Markewitz, Ben Lippman and Sig Lippman was appointed. The committee is expected to choose eight captains who, in turn, will select teams of eight men. This organization will direct the membership drive.

FARMERS STAND BY WILSON

Educational Union Adopts Commemorative Resolutions. DALLAS, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Southern Local No. 123 of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, have adopted resolutions commending those Senators who endeavor by their utterances to discredit President Wilson in the eyes of the allies and denying that these Senators voice the sentiment of the American people. The resolutions say the farmers are standing "firmly behind President Wilson in all his efforts to secure a just and lasting peace."

COURTESY SHOWN WOMEN

Less Than 50 Enemy Alien Fair Six Interfered During War. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Less than 50 enemy alien women were interned during the war, it was disclosed today by the Department of Justice. Most of the women now are being transferred to special barracks at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and instructions have been issued to treat them with particular courtesy. They have been confined in various institutions. None has been in jail.

PORTLAND YOUTH HONORED

Ernest E. Ely Wins Distinguished Service Medal for Daring. Courage and persistent daring have won for Lieutenant Ernest E. Ely, of the...

PROSPECTS IN IDAHO FOR MERGER BRIGHT

Party Leaders Determined to Adopt Programme.

DIRECT PRIMARY IN DOUBT

County Division Fights Disliked and Act Is Planned to Put Question Up to Counties.

IDAHO HAS NEW COUNTY

BILL CREATING CLARK PASSED BY LEGISLATURE.

Debate on Lewis State Normal Appropriation Bill Features Session in the House.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The first county division bill creating the 42d county in this state to receive the approval of the 16th Idaho Legislature, was passed today. It is that of Clark and the new county is formed out of the western part of Fremont County, with Dubois as the county seat. The bill passed the Senate some time ago. It was approved by the House of Representatives by a vote of 48 to 11 and is now before Governor Davis for his signature. Although there were a number of votes cast against the bill, it was not fought on the floor of the House. The House session was featured by the debate on the Lewis State Normal appropriation bill, carrying \$150,000 to be used to replace the administration building of the normal, which was razed by fire, and was given the right of way because of the emergency to get building operations under way. The proposed plan to create a new county was launched in the House by the introduction of the Nampa County division measure. Nampa is designated the county seat of a county to be formed from the southeastern part of Canyon County, the southwestern portion of Ada County and the northwestern part of Owyhee County. The measure carries an enabling act. Morgan of Washington attacked the principle involved in acting separately on institution bills. He said that the new administration was face to face with the extraordinary deficiencies of the past administration, which have to be met and a bigger demand than ever for funds for the new administration. Representative Moody, of Bonner County, sharply interrupted Morgan to pointedly suggest that he confine his remarks to the bill under consideration and not to the past administration. He explained that, under the constitution, insurance money on state institutions had to be paid back into the general fund and that was why this was done in the case of the Lewiston...

WHITMAN OFFERS PRIZES

Effort Made to Stimulate Study of History in Schools.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—In order to stimulate the study of history by high school students and to encourage them to prepare for future patriotic service, Whitman College has offered to the members of the 1919 graduating classes in the high schools of the Pacific Northwest six prizes aggregating \$1000, to be competed for upon simple conditions. These prizes are offered, three for boys and three for girls, as follows: First prize, \$250 (\$150 cash and \$100 tuition scholarship); second prize, \$100 (\$50 cash and \$50 tuition scholarship); third prize, \$100 tuition scholarship. Honorable mention will be made of the next three highest.

MANY APPLES ARE SHIPPED

Fruit Exports to England Nearly Completed. It Is Reported.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—In letters to the Hood River Fruit Company, H. E. Davidson, of New York City, export representative of a number of Northwestern apple shippers, writes that he expects to largely clean up his exports to England this month. Mr. Davidson, who writes that he has been getting out from one to four carloads per week since he has been in New York since last December, says he expects to secure much additional cargo space the last week of January. Mr. Davidson's representative has exceeded those of any other Northwest shipper, it is said.

DISTRESS STORY SCOUTED

CAMP LEWIS OFFICERS BELIEVE MEN EXAGGERATE FACTS.

Discharged Soldiers Supplied With Money and Many Positions Await Workmen.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Statements of distress among discharged soldiers have been exaggerated. Officers at Camp Lewis believe they cannot conceive of men just out of service being as hard up as reports from Portland and other cities would indicate. Furthermore, they say, plenty of work is to be had for men who want it. Pessimistic reports, say the officers, is affecting the morale of large groups of soldiers still held at camp. Men are paid their back wages and 3 1/2 cents a mile back to the place where they were inducted. This in most cases makes enough money to keep a soldier in funds for some time, they say. If a man goes broke in towns as close as Portland, Tacoma, or Seattle, they believe that he must have wasted his money. As for lack of work, officers point out that more than 1400 positions are awaiting men in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and California, as well as in this state. More are being received daily at the vocational department at Camp Lewis. The trades listed include almost every possible occupation. Shipbuilding is now doing well. The greatest permanent industries in the country and the Shipping Board is seeking hundreds of men for labor and specialized work. Men are wanted also to handle the merchant ships being turned out in yards on both coasts. Wages vary with the size of the ship.

SIGNAL CHANGES PROPOSED

Southern Pacific to Improve Coos Bay Bridge System.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The Southern Pacific Railway Company has found its automatic and electrical signal system at the bridge across Coos Bay can be improved, and a recent survey of the system decided Engineer A. H. McKean on making several changes that will require the expenditure of approximately \$1700. The most important change will be that of moving the derrick away from the drawspan to a distance of 500 feet, whereas it now is located within 150 feet of the draw. The signal system warns approach of a train on the presence of trains on the bridge, or of the drawspan being open. A number of minor changes of a technical nature are to be made when the remodeling is done.

Grays Harbor District Gets Orders.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Military district headquarters at Grays Harbor were to be abandoned February 1, according to announcement here today by officers. Captain Hayden, Adjutant for Colonel Hill, will remain on the harbor, probably with...

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