

COUNTY EXPENSES NEARLY DOUBLED Department Wants \$1,242,165 Instead of \$471,480.

KNIFE WILL CUT DEEP Much Pruning Will Be Done Before Estimates Will Match Revenue as It Is Now Figured.

(Continued From First Page.) Re-arrange the floor system of the bridge piers and to lay a hard-surface pavement, to provide a new draw rest and to paint the structure. This would cost \$113,816.05, it is figured, instead of the \$23,322.50 spent on the bridge this year.

\$20,000 Emergency Fund Asked. The main item asked for the Burnside bridge is a \$20,000 emergency fund in case the lower track of the drum has to be renewed. The estimated cost for \$40,247.67 for this bridge, for which the 1919 budget asked \$22,210.42.

Farm Wants \$14,000 More. The Multnomah county farm asks for about \$14,000 more to operate in 1920 than has been required during the current year. The chief increase is in the farm division, for it is sought to buy, among other things, the following items: Tractor, \$1000; dairy cows, \$1000; fence, \$1000; silo, \$500; tractor supply, \$500, and other supplies on the farm demand a larger appropriation. The salary increases are nominal, the chief items being for extra harvest.

Supplies Cost More. Salaries show little increase in the county clerk's budget, but the cost of supplies has mounted, according to the estimates for the coming year. In the registration division an increase of more than 47 per cent is noted, made necessary because of the 1920 elections. In the main office, it is planned to spend several thousand dollars for new steel equipment and indices.

Throughout the county, few new salary increases are figured, the reason for which is that virtually all the county salaries except those fixed by law were raised recently by the county commissioners on the request of department heads. No budget estimate has yet been turned in by the sheriff, county assessor, court of domestic relations, county agricultural agent, county school superintendent, constable or courthouse superintendent.

Table with columns for Department, 1919, and 1920. Includes Road Department, Lower River District, Sandy River District, and Columbia District.

DANO SERVICE MEN STAYING AT POLITICS Colonel Davis Non-Committal on Race for Senate.

LEGION POSTS ARE ACTIVE Dark Horses Seem Certain to Come Into Running When Election Date Draws Near.

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 18.—(Special)—If those party leaders anxious to place Colonel E. G. Davis politically, expected him to make it clear on his arrival from Washington, where he has been spending the past three years, that he is at all political, especially with regard to the United States senate, they must have been disappointed, for the colonel struck a non-committal attitude. He neither affirmed nor denied that he would be a candidate. He simply dismissed the subject by the statement that he wished to review the political situation at home before reaching a decision. If the situation is satisfactory and if he believes he has a good chance of winning the nomination, he will get into the running.

Ex-Soldiers Not Candidates. Party leaders who are carefully observing political developments, especially those who would like to see new blood injected into leadership and therefore are anxious to see some of the new men run, remark that it is a notable fact that of all the returned Idaho soldiers, none is attempting to advance his political interests. It seems likely that when the time comes men who played a small part in the war will enter the races as dark horses.

Idaho Legion Posts Active. Idaho branches of the legion are taking an active part in public affairs insofar as they affect the legion policy. This was illustrated in the question taken by the John Regan post of Boise which a few days ago went on record in favor of the removal of Dr. E. T. Biver, former secretary of the state board of health, as examining physician for the board of vocational training for the district of Idaho. Biver was appointed secretary of the state board of health when Alexander, democrat, was governor and held over after his retirement during the period of reconstruction in the cabinet form. He then retired. However, he received the government appointment to the vocational training board. Biver has been acting as its examining physician.

Ex-Service Man Wanted. "Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the John Regan post of the American Legion that the person appointed as the examining physician for the board of vocational training in such district is not qualified in such capacity; "Whereas, there are in such district ex-service physicians competent and willing to act in such capacity; "Now, therefore be it resolved by the John Regan post of the American Legion, that we protest, disapprove and condemn the appointment to such position of other than an ex-service man; and "Be it further resolved, that appropriate action be taken forthwith and the matter be presented to the senators and representatives from the state of Idaho and to Surgeon-General Blue of the United States public health service, to the end that such appointment be immediately revoked and an ex-service physician or physicians be appointed."

Biver Fights Influenza. This post is one of the strongest in the state. It has taken the initiative in organizing posts in the various counties and many of the state leaders are included in its ranks. Biver was on the reserve list and subject to call. He made preparations to leave his state post if the government needed his services, but he was never directly called. He directed the anti-influenza campaign in Idaho last winter and made a hard fight against the spread of the disease. The Non-partisan League, the organ of the non-partisan league in this state, has also created interest in political circles by coming to the defense of the Scandinavian-American bank which failed at Fargo, N. D., taking up this defense the League says: "Bank Defended. "It would be entirely a mistake to assume that what is happening in North Dakota is merely a North Dakota event. It is most decidedly not

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Ballot Place is Vague

Justice Bennett's Opinion

Justice Bennett and Justice Olcott also refused to give an opinion on the governor's term of office under the contention that the question is not to be placed before them. Although Attorney-General Brown this afternoon stated that he probably would give an opinion in reply to Mr. Koser's letter within the next three or four days, it is not believed about the capital that the question at issue will be definitely settled until it has again been placed before the supreme court. Just now this will be a question of a problematical, but it is surmised in certain quarters here that it will not long until some person bent on serving the people as governor will file his nominating petitions with the secretary of state.

The secretary of state, at his discretion, could refuse to accept the petition, whereby a friendly mandamus action could be instituted by the candidate to have his name placed on the ballot. Practically all of the attorneys hereabouts, including two staff, believe that this is the most logical resolution after debating the controversy before the supreme court.

Mr. Koser Thought Sincere. Although it is believed here that Mr. Koser is sincere in his request for a legal opinion in order to expedite preliminary election work in his office, there is some doubt expressed as to whether he will make up the ballot without first obtaining a ruling by the supreme court. This belief is shared by many persons at the capitol, who contend that the previous decision of the supreme court was so vague that nothing short of another opinion would warrant the assistant secretary of state in going ahead and preparing the ballot. At any rate, however, it is believed that Mr. Koser's letter will have the desired effect and that the question of whether Mr. Olcott to serve out the unexpired term of the late Governor Withycombe or will retire in 1920 will soon be determined.

Wardrobe and Tires Stolen. A complete wardrobe was stolen from the rooms of C. F. Gaiser, 232 Glenn avenue, according to a report he made to police headquarters yesterday. Among other articles taken were a brown checked suit, a green overcoat, a blue serge suit, one silk shirt, a pair of black shoes, a tan

to locate her husband, Oscar D. Parker. Mrs. Parker is said to be very sick and is quite anxious to see her husband, whom she has lost track of through avenue.

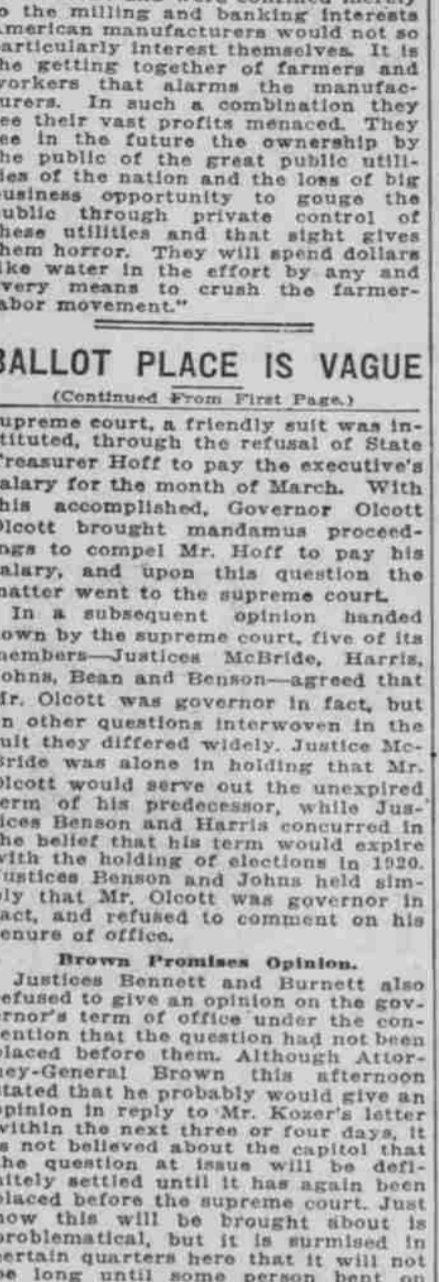
Woman Ill; Husband Sought. Friends of Mrs. Oscar D. Parker, who is now sick with pneumonia at Reedport, Or., are making an effort

1000 Pounds of Mint Oil Shipped. EUGENE, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special).—One thousand pounds of mint oil were yesterday consigned by different

Earth Cannot Be Moved. YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 18.—(Special).—Judge F. H. Rudkin of the United States district court gave a decision yesterday sustaining the Yakima superior court in holding that the government could not take earth excavated in building an irrigation ditch across one man's land and use it for building a continuation of the ditch beyond the boundary of the land from which the earth was taken.

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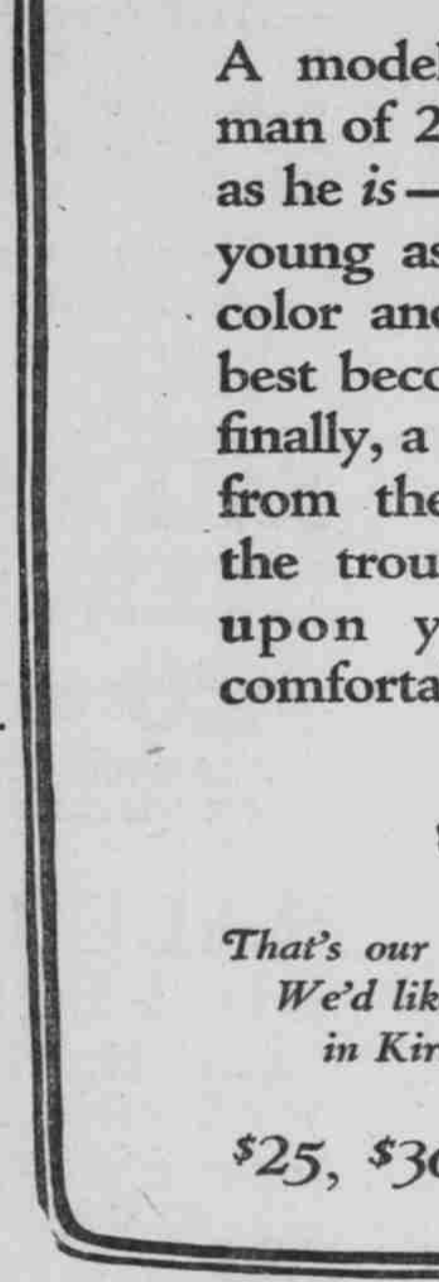
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