

SUPERVISORS ASK TAX REDUCTIONS

Fee Increases Recommended to Council.

FIRE INSPECTION RAPPED

Use of Large Reserve Funds to Repair Municipal Pavements Held Alarming.

Reduction of tax burdens through the provision of additional sources of revenue and increase in license and other fees by the city council is urged by the tax supervisors and a conservation commission in its official budget report, submitted to city officials yesterday.

Fees Short of Costs.
The assertion is made by the tax commission that, while increases have been made in fees charged by the building bureau, such increases still fall far short of the cost of maintaining an inspection force.

An additional inspector in the bureau of licenses was allowed by the commission for the sole purpose of permitting that department to collect licenses from persons who have succeeded in avoiding payment of fees because of the small force in this department.

A review of the entire license schedule with the object of attaining a better classification, making addition of items and raising the fees wherever they may seem to fall short of meeting the cost of supervision, is strongly recommended by the commission.

Cost Accounting Urged.
Lack of cost accounting in city departments caused the tax commission to urge the city council to give some attention to this important subject. Particular stress was laid on the lack of cost-accounting systems in the department of public works and in the street-cleaning bureau.

To care for the department of public works the tax commission made allowance for the employment of a cost clerk, while officials in the street-cleaning bureau were urged to work out a less complicated accounting system than is now in vogue.

While criticism was directed at the street-cleaning bureau because the commission could not ascertain definitely the cost of the operation of this bureau, the general efficiency of the bureau was praised.

An average balance of \$264,762.30 throughout the year in the assessment collection fund, on deposit in banks on open accounts at 2 per cent interest, while the bonds bear from 4 to 5 per cent interest, caused the commission to impose a rebuke on the city auditor's office.

Need Held Not Pressing.
A constant balance in the fire department construction fund throughout the year led the tax commission to assume that the necessity for construction is not pressing. It is suggested that further sales of bonds under this fund be not made until existing balances have been practically utilized.

STATE CAPITOL GETS CAPE

RESTAURANT TO BE PUT IN BASEMENT.

Objections of Salem Caterers on Unfair Competition Basis Are Ignored.
SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A restaurant will be conducted in the basement of the city hall during the coming session of the legislature despite the protests of persons engaged in this business in Salem.

HARDEN JUSTIFIES AMERICA'S POSITION

Loans to Preserve Europe Held Unwarranted.

SELF-HELP IS IMPORTANT

Aid From United States to Perpetuate Existing Conditions Held Not to Be Expected.

BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN, Germany's Foremost Publicist. (Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.) (Repeating the dialogue of an imaginary conversation between Mrs. Europe and Uncle Sam, Mr. Harden emphasizes the justice of the American position that until Europe has reestablished its credit she has no right to expect a loan from the United States to perpetuate existing conditions.)

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provision for two captains and nine policemen to work permanently in the fire prevention bureau in place of the present plan of drafting company officers to make such inspections.

Success of the plan of transporting inspectors of the bureau of buildings in cars over automobiles as suggested a year ago led the commission to recommend a study of the plan by other departments as a means of economy.

Expenditure of large sums from the maintenance reserve of the municipal paving plant to make repairs on pavements laid by the plant during the first, second and third years of the pavement life should give cause for real alarm, in the opinion of the tax commission.

The report points out that the repairs thus far made on pavement with an average of 1 1/2 months have consumed about 25 per cent of the plant's reserve, although only 27 per cent of the maintenance period has expired.

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PETITIONERS SEEK TO STOP BRITISH EXECUTIONS.

Officials Reported to Have Declined to Hang Edith Thompson and Bywaters.

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LAUSANNE FAILURE BEWILDERS ATHENS

Separate Peace by Turks and Greeks Probable.

BITTER WAR POSSIBLE

Haggling at Conference Is Regarded as Hampering Work to End Hostilities.

BY FRANK WILLS. (Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service, Copyright, 1922, by the Chicago Tribune.) ATHENS, Dec. 30.—The same resentful bewilderment found in Turkey is shown here over the failure of the Lausanne conference to accomplish anything.

Mutual Agreement Prevented.
However, the interference of the allies prevented such a mutual agreement and has operated solely to widen the breach between the two warring countries.

LIVELY SESSION ASSURED
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certain legislation crops up. A similar situation exists in the senate. That is to say, the uncertainty of what may happen at Salem and prevents a pre-session forecast of the actual lineup.

Klan Sentiment Factor.
Gossip among eastern Oregon senators is to the effect that no disposition exists to punish the members of the Klan camp in committee appointments, and that Senator Eddy and his 13 signed supporters are likely to be as well taken care of as if Senator Eddy himself were selected for president.

Some Opposition Certain.
On Mr. Pierce's proposed severance tax he will also run up against opposition and he will find opposition in a particular plan for an estate income tax.

FORD E. SHAW RESIGNS
STATE EXAMINER - AUDITOR OF CORPORATIONS QUILTS.
Commissioner Handley Pays High Compliment to Assistant Who Retires From Position.

KEISO BOND ELECTION VALID.
KEISO, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Keiso will not have to hold another election to make valid an issue of \$25,000 of bonds. Judge Kirby rendered a decision today holding that the election in September, 1921, when the bonds were voted, was valid and that the city can proceed with the sale of the bonds.

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