

ESTIMATES FOR 1904 EXPENSES

Various City Department Officials File Statements of Appropriations They Require Next Year for Maintenance.

Estimated expenditures with a full-paid fire department for the year 1904, \$288,471.
 Estimated expenditures without a full-paid fire department for 1904, \$798,401.
 Total expenditures made during the year 1903 for municipal requirements, \$288,040.28.
 Difference in estimates between a full-paid and a call system fire department, \$43,070.

City Auditor Devlin has completed the task of tallying up the estimated expenditures which will be required to operate the city of Portland's municipal departments during the coming year, and the proposed expenditures, as is generally the case, will certainly exceed the income from taxation and other sources. Possibly the estimates will be whittled down from \$788,000 to \$100,000, although there will be a revenue from a number of sources not definitely figured upon, which may add about \$30,000 to the revenues.

The principal feature in this year's estimates is the report from Fire Chief Campbell, which shows the required appropriations with both full-paid and the present "call" system. The difference in cost is \$43,070, but the item of cost is said to be small when compared with the greater efficiency and better footing which the establishment of a full-paid department would assure the city. This, however, is a matter entirely with the executive board, which meets next Friday to consider the estimates.

To the executive board will fall the necessity of paring down the estimates. This is a job which will require more than a little tact, as each of the department heads declare they have already toned down their requests to a minimum. But the present administration means to keep the expenditures within the amount of income, and the chopping knife will certainly fall wherever it is judged best.

During the past year the city officials proved themselves good financiers, for the month of December will end with money in nearly all of the funds; at least there has been no exceeding of appropriations. In addition, the street signs and several other expenditures will be secured through appropriations made this year.

Included in the estimate which the

Department	Estimated Expenditure
Health department	\$6,000
Public property	\$12,500
Fire department (full paid)	\$162,320
Fire department (call system)	\$115,250
Police dept. (reg. expenses)	\$90,823
Light fund	\$5,000
Total	\$31,921

SUGGESTS CHANGES IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Accompanying Fire Chief Campbell's annual report were a number of suggestions as to the improvement of the service next year. He says, in part:

"If a full-paid department is not installed then an increase of salary should be made to every man.

"The giving of vacations as provided for by the charter is a wise provision, and is giving great satisfaction.

"For the improvement of the service and efficiency of the department during the ensuing year, the most important factor will be the fireboat, now under construction, and the benefits that will be derived from its service will be incalculable.

"I would recommend that action be taken as early as possible for the erection of the house for the fireboat crew. The engine companies 4 and 5 should be supplied with new hose wagons.

"There is a great demand for better fire protection in the vicinity of the railroad depot, at Brooklyn, Albina and in the south end, which, if granted, would place the department in perfect control in all sections of the city."

Superintendent G. J. Walker of the fire alarm telegraph suggests that the automatic be changed to the manual method of operating the fire alarms, which would cost \$1,000. Thirty-five boxes are unreliable and should be replaced by new boxes at a cost of \$4,325.

DR. WHITING, THE CITY COUNCILMAN

Dr. Sanford Whiting, the newly elected member of the city council from the fourth ward, to succeed the late Dr. Byron P. Cardwell, has been a resident



DR. SANFORD B. WHITING, The New City Councilman.

of Portland since 1894. He was born in St. Paul, Minn., in 1849, and was graduated from the Cincinnati Medical college in 1871.

Soon afterward Dr. Whiting went to New York City, and for over a year served in the Ward Island hospital. In 1893 he took a course in the New York Post-Graduate Medical school. After completing his studies in New York Dr. Whiting came to Portland. He engaged in the practice of his profession until the beginning of the Spanish-American war, when he went to the Philippines on the medical staff of the Second Oregon regiment, holding the rank of colonel. He is at present a surgeon in the Third regiment, Oregon National Guard, with the rank of captain.

Colonel Whiting and Miss Iva Marvel Curtis of Portland were married in this city December 2, and are at present on their wedding tour at points on Puget sound. They expect to return about January 1 and will take up their residence at the Portland hotel. Mrs. Whiting is well known in local social circles.

HANNA WILL FIGHT WOOD.

(Journal Special Service.)
 Washington, Dec. 17.—Hanna today said emphatically that he would continue his fight against Wood on the floor of the senate.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN DISE.

(Journal Special Service.)
 Manila, Dec. 17.—Captain Benjamin of the Twenty-seventh infantry died at the hospital here this morning of malarial fever.

WEHRUNG'S REPORT ON STATE FAIR

Salem, Or., December 17.—The state board of Agriculture met yesterday afternoon in annual session and disposed of the business of the past year, made its reports and a report was ordered to be made to the governor. The old board then gave way, and the two new members, appointed to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Hon. W. H. Wehrung and J. H. Settlemier, took their places, the other two members retiring from the board. The new board promptly organized by the election of the following officers, who will have the responsibilities of the work of conducting the next state fair: President, George Chandler, Baker City; vice-president, Jasper Wilkins, Coburg; treasurer, A. Bush, Salem; secretary, W. A. Moores, Salem.

The board appointed the president a delegate to attend the meeting of the Northwest and the meeting of the North Pacific fair association, which meets in Portland, to fix the dates of the various fairs in the Northwest for the season of 1904. This association consists of the managers of the fairs of the Northwest, and by reason of its organization it is made possible to fix the dates so that they will not conflict, and it also brings attractions to them that would not be secured otherwise.

The board decided not to appoint the minor officers this time, but adjourned to some date early in February, to be fixed by the president, when the date of the fair will be known. Before adjournment the president appointed the following finance committee: G. A. Westgate and Jasper Wilkins.

The board, as it is now constituted, consists of the following members: Frank Lee, Portland, term expires March 14, 1904; W. Downing, Salem, March 14, 1907; Jasper Wilkins, Coburg, March 14, 1907; G. A. Westgate, Albion, March 14, 1905; George Chandler, Baker City, March 14, 1904.

The report of President Wehrung is as follows:

To His Excellency George E. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon—Sir: As required by law, I herewith submit for your consideration the annual report of the Oregon state board of agriculture for the year ending December 1, 1903.

The officers of the board acting the past year are as follows: President, W. H. Wehrung, Hillsboro; vice-president, J. H. Settlemier, Woodburn; secretary, M. D. Wisdom, Portland; treasurer, A. Bush, Salem; members, Jasper Wilkins, Coburg; George Chandler, Baker City; C. A. Westgate, Albion.

The Oregon state fair was held under the management of the board, September 14 to 19 inclusive, 1903.

The board paid out \$10,354.45 in premiums on livestock, agricultural products and domestic arts, or 28.4 per cent of the state appropriation, a detailed statement of which is herewith submitted.

We were also compelled to make a number of needed improvements, including a water system, amounting in all to \$2,294.36.

For this work we issued improvement fund warrants, of which you will find a detailed report under head of "building committee."

The fair was a great success in every particular, and was the largest and best exposition ever held on the grounds.

If, as President McKinley said in his last speech at Buffalo, "these fairs are the state-markers of progress," certain progress is being made in the agricultural and domestic arts, and such fair is better than the succeeding one.

This method of promoting the progress of agriculture and livestock-breeding has proved itself in other and older states most useful, and we are confident these friendly competitions between the farmers of this state is doing much to encourage them to better methods of farming and breeding.

The increased interest manifest in the fair the past few years has been very marked and is full of promise for the future.

We feel confident that no money appropriated by the legislature has done more good or will leave a more lasting benefit to the people of the state.

The quality of the soil and breeder of domestic animals here is of a high and fuller culture, a larger experience, a broader and more accurate knowledge and a clearer insight and comprehension if he is to be successful than the man who engages in almost any other profession or occupation. The work of the merchant, the miner, the mechanic, is plain and simple compared with that of the farmer. Successful farming is the true basis of prosperity in this state and the sources from which all others must be recruited, and we are confident the farmer to advance in agriculture will be returned threefold to the people at large.

The aim of this board has been to stimulate and educate the farmer. The work done has been very gratifying and we have every reason to feel encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. H. WEHRUNG.

PARADISE LOST IS CREATING DISCUSSION

(Journal Special Service.)
 London, Dec. 17.—Much discussion will probably be the fate of the original manuscript of the book "Paradise Lost." The Sothebys are commissioned to sell it at auction on March, 1904, unless it is previously sold privately. An effort is being made to keep it in England, but the London agent, who has offered \$250,000 for it, the authorities of the British museum are trying to get the government to purchase it for the museum. Milton sold "Paradise Lost" to a publisher named Simmonds, who paid him a promise of two more similar payments if the two editions sold.

SECRET SERVICE IS WATCHING A CRANK

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Secret Service Agent George W. Hazen has been notified by the head bureau at Washington to locate a crank who has been writing letters to President Roosevelt. He found the man living with his brother at 514 Post street. His name is James Boyd. He acknowledged that he had written the letters and said that he had been treated badly at the asylum in New York and wanted an investigation started. He wrote to the president to have him look into the matter. Boyd is apparently harmless but is being watched by the secret service.

CLAIMS COLOMBIA WAS BEATEN BY BRIBE

(Journal Special Service.)
 San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Gen. Francisco Castro, who was in charge of the Colombian forces at Panama before the revolution, gave out an interview to a passenger on the steamer Barracouta before he left her at Punta Arenas, Costa Rica.

DAKOTA FOSSILS INTEREST EUGENE

(Journal Special Service.)
 Eugene, Or., Dec. 17.—Dr. Thomas Condon, the geologist at the University of Oregon, yesterday received from the Black hills, in South Dakota, a large box containing a fine collection of fossils. The fossils are shells resembling the chambered nautilus.

Dr. Condon explains that the region around the Black hills was at one time a part of the ocean. When the Rocky mountains were pushed up out of the ocean the sea shells clinging to the mud and were raised up to the crest of the mountains. The mud became rock and the shells were hidden away to be found centuries afterward.

W. E. Smith, a recent arrival here from South Dakota, brought with him as a pocket-piece a specimen of the fossil shells found in the Black hills. By chance Dr. Condon saw the specimen and became very much interested in it.

When Mr. Smith saw the interest which was taken in the specimen he wrote to friends in Dakota to send a selected collection. The veteran geologist was much elated yesterday when the box arrived.

William Folders of Portland has been in Eugene the past few days and has leased a large room in the new Beckwith brick block for a furnishing goods store. Mr. Folders left today for Portland, but will return in about two weeks and begin preparations to move his stock here. He expects to be ready for business about the middle of February.

For the second time within a week George Berger and T. C. Luckey, proprietors of the Reception saloon here, were yesterday fined \$100 in the police court. The offense this time was that of allowing gambling games to be conducted in their place. The previous time the \$100 was paid for keeping their saloon open after 12 o'clock Saturday night, in violation of the Sunday-closing law. At the time the proprietors were arrested for this latter offense a crowd of men was in the bar drinking with two young women. The police closed the place two or three times, and after failing to comply with the request the proprietors were placed under arrest and fined.

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SAVED SEVENTEEN

DEATH OF MRS. GRAY AT SALEM

(Journal Special Service.)
 Salem, Or., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Prudence M. Gray, mother of Gray brothers, leading business men of Salem, died this morning, aged 72 years, of paralysis, after an illness of four years. Her husband died five years ago. She came from Iowa in 1865 and has been living here ever since. She was a member of the Methodist church and one of the founders of the Oregon Children's Aid society of which she was treasurer many years. Mrs. Gray was prominent in religious circles and charitable to a large degree. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 1 o'clock.

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