

CITY EXPENSES ARE NOT UNDUPLY HIGH

COUNCILMAN A. K. BENTLEY PREPARES A STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL EXPENSES AND INCOME THAT SHOWS PORTLAND DOES NOT PAY A VERY HIGH RATE.

Councilman A. K. Bentley, after much work, has compiled a most comprehensive statement of the city's finances, showing where the money collected in various ways goes and comparing Portland's administration with those of other cities. Following is the statement:

"Where does the people's money go?"

"I have been asked the above question many times within the past few months. Evidently a great many people are not aware what it costs to run a city of Portland's size. Portland is not a country village, but a city. It must maintain a good fire and police department, light its streets and pay interest on outstanding obligations. The amount that the fire department receives from taxes is not sufficient to maintain said department. It becomes necessary, therefore, to transfer money from the general fund to help defray the expenses of said department. Portland's annual interest charge is a large one; the city pays annually an interest on outstanding bonds, not including interest on water bonds, over \$140,000—this itself is over three mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property.

"I find the running expenses of the city during the year 1904 will be approximately as follows:

Mayor's, auditor's, city attorney's, city treasurer's and council	\$44,000.00
Engineer's department, inspection, sewers, repairs, etc.	\$2,721.00
Improvement city property	\$13,976.00
Health department	\$14,000.00
Street cleaning, sprinkling	\$60,000.00
Police department and harbor master	\$4,586.00
City hall maintenance	\$7,700.00
Advertising, litigation, stationery, museum, viewings, civil service, etc.	\$1,494.00
Fire department 1904 will be more than 1903	\$106,000.00
Police department	\$100,832.00
Lighting	\$55,540.00
Street repairs (new fund)	\$56,315.00
Parks	\$1,921.00
Total	\$619,115.00
Fixed appropriation	\$19,119.00
Interest charges	\$140,760.00
Total	\$769,879.00

Income.

8 1/2 mills on \$46,084,534	\$437,802.97
Liquor licenses	\$149,000.00
General license branches	\$104,000.00
Municipal court, bonds, premiums, etc.	\$4,400.00
Carried from 1903. Balance general fund	\$6,733.00
Total	\$769,879.00

Less 4 per cent loss in collection of taxes. Payment deferred

Total

\$769,879.00

Water board and interest charges connected therewith are taken care of by the water board.

The following statement shows annual interest charges:

Amount Kind Rate per cent Interest	
\$55,500 General 4	\$2,220.00
\$300,000 General 5	\$15,000.00
\$300,000 Water 5	\$15,000.00
\$75,000 City Hall 5	\$3,750.00
\$70,000 Bridge 5	\$3,500.00
\$5,000 Ferry 5	\$250.00
\$80,000 Former city of East Portland 6	\$4,800.00
\$150,000 Former city of Albina 6	\$9,000.00
\$5,276,500 Interest on improvement bonds, old law	\$15,000.00
Total	\$52,270.00
Paid by water board	\$10,000.00
Balance	\$42,270.00

"From this amount should be added the sum of \$15,000 on bridge and ferry bonds dated January 1, 1904. The assessed valuation of property for the current year is \$46,084,534. The tax levy for city \$9.50 per \$1,000; should produce \$437,802.97, apportioned as follows:

Mills on each \$1.	
Lighting	1-4 \$57,605.67
Fire	2-4 105,690.20
Police	4-5 82,952.17
Street repair	3-4 \$4,562.40
Free library	1-5 9,216.30
Parks	1-2 20,042.27
Interest	3-4 126,732.46
Total	\$437,802.97

"From the above amounts it is necessary to deduct at least 4 per cent to cover permanent delinquencies and rebate for payment within certain period as provided by law.

"The total levy of taxes within the city of Portland is 4 per cent, and is distributed as follows:

Mills	
State	7.5
County	5.0
Road	2.1
Special county (for library)	2.2
Port of Portland	2.8
Total consolidated levy	24.6
City of Portland	9.5
School district No. 1	6.5

Total levy on property within Portland city limits

"That the city of Portland is being economically governed, there can be no question. I have examined the statistics of cities, published at Washington, D. C., for 1903, which is the best authority that can be obtained on the subject, and have prepared the following table which shows that the tax rate of Portland is less than that of other cities of the same size:

Assessed valuation of full value	
St. Joseph, Mo.	\$25,346,740.00
Omaha	\$6,374,158.00
Los Angeles	\$7,377,930.00
Scranton, Pa.	\$3,354,048.00
Albany N. Y.	\$9,469,238.00
Richmond, Va. real	\$11,117,607.00
Richmond, Va. personal	\$2,980,924.00
Seattle	\$4,360,537.00
Portland, Or.	\$46,084,534.00

"Old limits.

"New limits.

"Taking the above rates as a basis and comparing Portland with Seattle, we find that Portland's assessed valuation would be \$86,721,074, instead of one-half that amount, and applying Seattle's lowest tax levy of 10 mills, Portland's income from taxes would be \$867,210, in lieu of \$323,523.

"The City of Portland pays annually interest on city hall and bridge and ferry bonds the sum of \$11,250. Seattle has no city hall, and no large bridges, and consequently no interest charge for such purposes. Seattle's bonded and floating debt is greater than Portland's, yet it has very little to show for it, the

SKATING IS ONE OF PARK'S PLEASURES



MRS. JOHN PITCHER, WIFE OF MAJOR PITCHER, AND DAUGHTER.

The accompanying cut shows Mrs. John Pitcher and her young daughter on the ice in front of the headquarters at Fort Yellowstone. Mrs. Pitcher is the wife of Major Pitcher, in command in the National park, and who spent a few days in Portland this week with her husband and daughter. This photograph was taken during the winter. The skating pond is large enough to accommodate several thousand skaters and is the source of one of the principal winter amusements.

ENGLISH TOO MUCH FOR SON OF ITALY

After spending 20 years in this country, Luigi de Cicco, who formerly resided in Italy, concluded he would like to be an American citizen, though he has so fine a contempt for the comparatively harsh tongue used by Americans that he has never learned to speak it. Against his better judgment, Alfred J. Sears, Jr., judge of department 2 of the state circuit court, was obliged to admit the man to citizenship last Saturday afternoon, though he admitted that he did not like to make a citizen out of a man who had spent 20 years in this country and had not yet learned to speak English.

When de Cicco presented himself before Judge Sears he was accompanied by two witnesses, Frank Umbrico and Frank Guastaliga. Neither witness was able to speak a word of English, though both would be tagged as citizens by the census taker. P. Constantino, one of the proprietors of the Nome saloon, located at 221 Second street, endeavored to officiate as interpreter. He grew "rattled" at the outset and stepping close to the bench, confidentially informed the court that he would "getta gooda man to talk," and then made a speedy getaway. In the meantime court, aspirant for citizenship honors and witnesses waited in a short time a fruit vendor entered the room, puffing and blowing from hurrying up the stairway. Taking his stand beside de Cicco he spoke not a

word, but waited. The court asked if he would act as interpreter, and was answered in the affirmative.

"Ask this man if he belongs to the Mafia or any other anarchistic society inimical to the best interests of America that would cause him to falter in his allegiance," ordered the court.

The interpreter looked at de Cicco and then appealingly at Judge Sears. His honor smiled.

"Well," he suggested, "ask him if he is an anarchist."

"Oh, no," suavely answered the interpreter, "him no belongs; Gooda da man."

"Well, you ask him," impatiently retorted the court.

After a brief conversation, interspersed with expletives and accompanied by pantomimic gestures, the interpreter declared that de Cicco remained "da gooda man." A number of other questions were asked and satisfactorily answered.

"Tell this man I admit him with reluctance," ordered the court. "I think any man who has been in this country as long as he should have learned to speak the English language. He certainly can have no adequate idea of American institutions, if he cannot even speak the language. This is no legal bar to citizenship, however, and against my better judgment I have no alternative, but must grant him papers."

HIGHBALL, A PUPPY, LOVES HIS BEER

Highball, he it known, is a puppy, an awkward, half-grown puppy. To a criminologist Highball forms an exceedingly interesting study. He is a degenerate—the unworthy son of parents commanding respect in the canine world. To be specific, Highball is a dipsomaniac.

This little puppy, who has seen fit at an early age to take the broad path against which the sacred scribes have directed their fulminations, is the property of D. D. Jackson, the county jailer, as is also his aristocratic mamma, Tricky. She is a fox terrier, with a pedigree warranted to stand the severest test, and in the canine blue book her name has been duly inscribed. In her domestic sphere she is an absolute monarch, and to her the question of woman's rights appeals not at all.

During Highball's infant days she ruled him with a rod of iron. As soon as he could toddle he was taken around the corridors of the jail and taught the time-honored custom among fox terriers of "rattling." In Tricky's estimation progeny that have not the "rattling" instinct are fit to be classed as canine vagrants and kept on the rockpile.

But the little fellow did not take kindly to "rattling." He lacked the instinct. Either that or Highball is a victim of heredity. Certain it is that he has given his mamma a great deal of worry. She struggled along endeavoring to overcome the latest tendency to evil in his makeup until a short time ago,

debt being mainly for the ordinary running expenses of the city. Again, Portland has a great many elevated roads, drains and bridges which are a constant drain on the general fund, while Seattle has very few such structures."

when something happened that almost broke her maternal heart, and she has fully resigned herself to the inevitable, perhaps deriving some comfort from a knowledge that in every family is usually to be found a black sheep.

One day a small can of beer was brought to the jail. It was carelessly left on the floor near a doorway for a moment, while Jailer Jackson shook hands with a friend who had called on him. Highball spied the can and had the bad manners to thrust his nose into it. His inquisitive disposition annoyed Tricky and she tried to root him away from the can. Her son not only refused to obey her mandate, but eagerly began to lap the beer. In a few minutes he developed what Tricky in her innocence must have thought a fit, but what he initiated would designate as "a peach of a jag." He raced wildly around the room, turning somersaults, bumping into the walls, and behaving generally without the least decorum.

From that day to this his moral downfall has been swift and mournful. If beer is taken into the jail he knows it at once from the odor and will not be denied. If not given his share his whining is kept up until all of the inmates know what is the trouble. He will strike a humble attitude, look up with beseeching eyes and by every sign known to a puppy beg for the amber fluid that gives him such a feeling of exhilaration. Given the beer, he drinks until he is intoxicated and then goes through the most disgraceful antics. While he is on one of these eprees Tricky will sulkily walk to a corner and sit there sulking until he recovers sufficiently to refrain from conduct which she evidently appreciates brings disgrace and humiliation on her family.

LEWIS F. ARNOLD BURIED AT GREENWOOD

Lewis Frederick Arnold, well known in this city, who died Friday at the home, 998 South Front street, was buried Sunday at Greenwood cemetery. Mr. Arnold was 68 years of age and came to Oregon in 1889. He conducted a tannery for a number of years. A widow and five children survive him. The children are John, George, Mary and Alvina Arnold and Mrs. Carrie Kingsley.

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TERMS CIGARETTE DUDE AN "IT"

DR. BROUGHNER, IN HIS SERMON ON "IF I WERE A GIRL," DECLARED THAT MAN WHO MAKES UNCOMPLIMENTARY REMARKS ABOUT WOMEN IS A NOTHING.

The "little playmate cigarette dude," who stands on the street corner and makes uncomplimentary remarks about the women who pass, declared Dr. Broughner in his sermon at the White Temple last night, is not a man, but an "it." One of the large congregations that has ever assembled in the First Baptist church was present last night to hear Dr. Broughner's sermon on "If I Were a Girl."

The Sunday school hall was thrown into the main auditorium, and all the available space was filled at an early hour. A large number of people stood through the entire service, and large numbers were turned away, unable to gain admission. Dr. Broughner said in part:

"I am rather embarrassed tonight to know what to say. It is a difficult undertaking to imagine yourself a girl. A small boy was asked if he would like to be born again. He said: 'No, I am afraid I might be born a girl.' Now there are some girls I would be glad to be, there are some others I would not want to be. While I cannot speak from experience, yet I can from observation, and if I were a girl I would seek, first of all, to have a high ideal and a noble purpose in life. The many young women have no ideal of life. Without such they can accomplish nothing.

"Every young woman should seek to have a pure character and a good name. Character is what God knows you are, and a reputation is what men think you are. If you would have a character that would be admired for its purity and beauty you will find your ideal in Jesus Christ. He is the only absolutely pure character that the world has ever known. You cannot build such a character, however, by associating with evil companions, reading impure literature, and going to see immoral plays at the theatre. If you would maintain your good name you cannot afford to go with young men of doubtful reputation. You should avoid dressing so loud that you will attract the attention of evil-minded men. Nevertheless, I do not believe in your surrendering too much to the little playmate cigarette dude who stands on the street corner and makes uncomplimentary remarks about women. He is not a man, he is only an 'it.'"

"With a noble purpose and a pure ideal before me, in the second place, if I were a girl, I would concentrate all my energies to attain them. Make the most of yourself, body, mind and soul. You ought to have good body, you ought to take proper exercise so as to make the most of the body God has given you. God never intended you to be a wasp."

"The Young Women's Christian association of our city needs a good gymnasium, in fact, it needs a new building right away. The business young women of the city have already subscribed \$2,500 for this purpose. The association now has 1,200 members, but with the proper equipment it could have three times as many. It is the only institution in the city that is furnishing our young women an opportunity for the highest development of their four-fold nature. Here are educational classes, Bible classes, social features, and opportunities for the development of a woman's whole being. Our philanthropic citizens of means ought to turn their money in this direction and give the young women a building that would be worthy of our city."

"Young women, keep your ideals high. Do not lower them even to get married. Be somebody yourself. I would rather be a Francis Willard and a blessing to the world than be the greatest 'Mrs. Nobody' that ever lived. Seek to be all that God made it possible for you to be, and then dedicate your talents to making the world brighter and better and happier because you have lived."

MERRILL TELLS ABOUT THEATRE

MANAGER OF NEW VAUDEVILLE HOUSE RETURNS FROM A VISIT TO PACIFIC HOUSE AND SAYS HE WILL OPEN WITH THE BEST TALENT IN THE WEST.

"The best in vaudeville is what I have secured for our new theatre which will open about April 1," said Fred T. Merrill, manager of the Portland house of the Edison Display company, today. "I returned last night from two weeks spent in examining all of the theatres both large and small in San Francisco. I devoted special attention to their manner and plan of construction, and our house will be not only the best west of the Missouri river in arrangement, but we will show only first-class attractions. I have an agent here who will keep you informed of the merits of the attractions appearing there from the east and he will be impartial in weeding out the undesirable ones."

"Our house will represent an outlay of not less than \$20,000, including the furnishings. It will have a 50-foot front, of which 60 per cent will be exits. Then there will be four doors on the north side. It will be possible to empty the place in 30 seconds. There will be nothing inflammable in the house. It will be steel lined throughout and a fire will be impossible. It will seat 1,000 persons and be the largest continuous performance house on the coast. "I arranged with the Graumann circuit to take their best attractions and we are to get our choice of 3,000 feet of European films weekly. For our moving pictures from the International Lyceum Bureau of New York, through their western representatives, Miles Bros., of San Francisco. They select only the best, regardless of cost or manufacture, and assure me an agent will be kept on the coast photographing the best that is to be had here."

"Our Spokane house opened last Monday night and is playing to crowded houses. Fred Lincoln, director general of all the Edison theatres has the booking for nine houses from Seattle, which is not less than 22 weeks work. "They will use the Edison films and we will use the Lyceum ones here and at Spokane. We will be on the California circuit which already has houses enough for 21 weeks and Graumann has about established 52 weeks circuit. We are arranging a new inland circuit which will include La Grande, Baker City, Boise, Ida, Pocatello, Ida, Idaho Falls, Dillon, Mont., Anaconda, Butte and Missoula and from Missoula it is intended

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Edward C. Mears, paying teller at the Merchants National bank, expects to give up his position March 15 to engage in business. He has tendered his resignation to take effect at that date. He has been with the Merchants National for the past nine years. Mr. Mears will be associated with Robert Lutke, whose business has recently been incorporated under the name of the Lutke Manufacturing company, dealing in bank furnishings and interior decorations. Mr. Lutke is president of the new corporation. L. B. Gorham is vice-president and Mr. Mears is secretary and treasurer. The business will be continued in the present location at the corner of Sixth and Hoyt streets.

THE VERACIOUS AMERICAN ABROAD

"I used to live near a Danish settlement," began W. H. Jenkins of the Southern Pacific. The man with whom he was talking bent forward in expectation. "One of them told me," continued Jenkins, "that back in Denmark instead of calling a man a prevaricator or plait every-day liar, he is referred to as an American."

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