

LEVY OF 4.8 MILLS IS ENOUGH, SAYS MAYOR

Executive Recommends Considerably Lower Assessment Than Last Year—Will Give City Revenue of \$1,003,740 as Against \$949,970 Returned in 1907.

In submitting the annual budget of city expenses and receipts for 1908 to the city council this afternoon, Mayor Harry Lane based his estimates on a tax levy of 4.8 mills, which would give the city a revenue of \$1,003,740.33, as against \$949,970 last year from a levy of 5.7 mills. Mayor Lane recommends that the council make a levy for the coming year of 4.8 mills or not greater than five mills. The budget shows that the city closes this year's business with a balance of \$107,827.78 in the general fund.

Mayor Lane recommends several changes in the handling of funds, as appropriated to the various departments, and in view of the great work done by the engineering department urges that the ordinance requiring 5 per cent to be charged on street assessments be amended to give the engineering department its proportionate share of the money thus collected, which would tend to lessen the amount appropriated to the department from the general fund.

Wants More Latitude.
The city executive suggests that allotments of funds be made in a manner which will allow the executive department a reasonable degree of latitude to exercise economy in city expenditures, and that they be not tied up in small amounts for special purposes, some of which are often not required and often prove a stumbling block in economically managing the city's affairs.

Mayor Lane has trimmed down the estimate submitted by Chief Campbell of the fire department from \$507,000 to \$463,197. Mayor Lane submitted his estimates based upon the price of materials and supplies as they exist at present. Many of the estimates submitted by the heads of the various departments were based on prices which obtained last year.

The budget shows an increase in the general fund for 1908 over 1907 as estimated by City Auditor Barbur, of \$61,455. The increase of 1907 over 1906 was \$114,785 despite the repeal of the occupation tax, which returned a revenue of about \$63,000 a year. The increased liquor license was largely responsible for the increase in the total fund. The total estimate for expenditures out of the general fund for 1908 is \$455,481.65, as against \$410,183.60 appropriated last year.

The budget in part follows:
Estimates Given.
"I herewith submit the estimate of the expenses and disbursements for the ensuing year prepared by the several officers, boards and departments of the city, together with a tabulated statement showing the amounts appropriated from the general fund, and from several special funds, during the present year, the amounts disbursed from such appropriations for the year 1907, the balances in each fund January 1, 1908, and estimated receipts other than by tax levy to the several funds for the year 1908:

General fund, 1906—
Balance January 1, 1906.....\$ 28,617.11
Receipts all other sources..... 392,114.02
Total receipts.....\$420,731.13
Total disbursements for year 289,285.84
Balance January 1, 1907.....\$ 31,444.29

General fund, 1907—
Balance January 1, 1907.....\$ 31,444.28
Receipts all other sources, estimated..... 508,500.00
Total receipts.....\$539,944.28
Total disbursements for year 430,516.51
Balance January 1, 1908, estimated.....\$107,827.78

General fund, 1908—
Balance January 1, 1908, estimated.....\$107,827.78
Receipts as estimated and tabulated by auditor..... 492,002.00
Total estimated receipts.....\$599,829.78
Disbursements as per estimates herewith submitted and tabulated by auditor..... 455,481.65
Estimated balance December 31, 1908.....\$144,348.13

Shows City's Growth.
"The estimates submitted by the auditor of general fund receipts and disbursements for the year 1907 will closely approximate the amount found on closing the books December 31, 1907, as the figures given are from the books as they now stand and estimates cover only a part of the present month.

"A gratifying evidence of the growth of the city is the constant increase in receipts in this fund for the year 1907 over 1906 which was \$114,785.98, notwithstanding the repeal of the occupation license tax, a tax giving about \$63,000 per year to the general fund when it was repealed. The total fund when 1907 as estimated will exceed those of 1906 by \$41,259.87.

"The auditor's estimate of receipts to the general fund for 1908 will be \$599,829.78, and the disbursements for 1908, as per estimates, will exceed the disbursements for 1907 by \$24,965.14.

Improvement of Streets.
"The balance in the general fund estimated to be on hand at the close of the year 1907 is \$144,348.13, with estimated disbursements from this fund approved as submitted, is subject to such unforeseen contingencies as may appear in the estimates submitted herewith, or may be used in part to transfer to the general fund to be provided for by tax levy, thereby reducing the rate per cent for the same.

"This increase in the estimates to be derived from the general fund for 1908 will be found to be mainly in the fund for improvement of streets in front of public property, health department, crematory, engineer's department and street cleaning and sprinkling department. The necessity for the increase in the engineering and in the street cleaning and sprinkling departments is quite apparent.

Much Engineering Work.
"This city has 800 miles of dedicated streets; their combined area is about 6,000 acres, and their mileage exceeds that between Portland and San Francisco. The great amount of work thrown upon the engineering department by reason of the length and area of our streets is hardly to be excepted by those connected with the department. In view of the extent of the work done this year, the amount of work now under contract and the amount advertised and to be prepared for contract, the coming year, it would seem that the appropriation made for the engineering department that has been submitted by the city engineer.

"If the ordinance requiring 5 per cent to be charged and collected on street assessments for the work of this department could be amended to give the fund for this department its proportionate share of the amount charged to taxpayers for their part of the work, the direct appropriation from the general fund for this department would be much less than at present.

Cares for Many Miles of Streets.
"The street cleaning and sprinkling department has the care of 208.22 miles of improved streets on the east side and 62.99 miles of improved streets on the west side of the river, also 1,174 miles of bridges. This does not include quite a number of miles of street which has been completed, or is soon to be completed, but not yet formally accepted by the city.

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Always Was Sick.
When a man says he always was sick—troubled with a cough that lugged all winter—what would you think if he said he never was sick since using Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Such a man exists.

Mr. J. C. Clark, Denver, Colorado, writes: "For years I was troubled with a severe cough that would last all winter. This cough left me in a miserable condition. I tried Ballard's Horehound Syrup and have not had a sick day since. That's what it did for me." Sold by all druggists.

Foster & Kleiser Signs

SPOKANE READY FOR TRIP SOUTH

Merchants' Association Prepares for Excursion in Special Pullman Train.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 19.—Arrangements are being made by the Spokane chamber of commerce, of which F. E. Goodall is president, and the Spokane Merchants' association, headed by A. W. Doland, to take an excursion to Los Angeles in an elegantly appointed special train over the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and the Southern Pacific lines, with side trips to points of interest and beauty in the Golden Gate state, leaving Spokane February 7.

It is proposed to invite prominent business and professional men from various parts of the inland empire of the Pacific northwest, embracing 150,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho, western Montana, northern Oregon and southeastern British Columbia. The party will be limited to 125.

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WIFE DEMANDS HALF INTEREST

Judge Must Decide Whether Spouse's Work Calls for More Than Board.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Basin, Wyo., Dec. 17.—If a man and a woman begin life with nothing and work side by side until they have obtained a competence, is the woman entitled to half of the earnings or has she worked only for her board and clothes?

This question, which will shortly be settled by Judge Parmelee, is of intense interest to women all over the United States. Emma Blanche Parkhurst was a girl of 16, just graduated from Brownell hall, in Omaha, when she fell in love with a ranch hand, Robert Parkhurst. After a time they quarreled.

When he sued her for divorce she, in turn, demanded half the money she had helped to earn. Mrs. Parkhurst is willing that she should have the divorce; she is willing to go from the home she has helped to raise in the desert, but she asserts that she is entitled to half of that which she has helped to earn by unspendable hardships. Their property amounts to about \$20,000.

It is claimed for the Journeymen Barbers' union the unique distinction of being the only labor union that has never had a strike, yet in spite of this fact the condition of its members has been constantly improved.

ET TU, BUTTER!

Another Old Friend Attacks Us in Our Most Vital Part.

If the food faddists keep on there will be nothing left us to put into our mouths except perhaps to suck our own thumbs contemplatively after having duly sterilized the same.

"Bacteriologists have shown us that ordinary butter is swarming with germs," declares Good Health. "A single teaspoonful of milk generally contains from 2,000,000 to 10,000,000 germs. The number may even be much larger than this.

"In the removal of cream from the milk the germs are taken with it and in the process of churning the germs are collected with the fat, so in the butter we have the concentration of a large part of the germs contained in the milk from which the butter was derived.

"So in a pound of butter derived from 20 pints of milk the number of bacteria must be almost beyond estimate. A brief computation will show that the number of bacteria contained in a pound of butter might easily reach the enormous sum of 5,000,000,000 or 10,000,000,000."

The National Temple of Labor of Washington, D. C., has been incorporated for the mutual improvement of its members and the promotion of the dignity of labor. The incorporators are: Robert G. M. Ross, John G. Schmidt, Newton E. James, William H. Schaefer, John B. Herrell, Charles A. Pfau and Samuel De Nedry.

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