

DECIDE ON 4.8 MILLS

Ways and Means Committee Joins the Mayor in Holding Down Levy—Possible It Will Be Reduced One More Mill.

As recommended by Mayor Lane the ways and means committee of the council decided yesterday afternoon to approve a levy of 4.8 mills, which will give the city a revenue of \$1,902,740, as against \$1,919,970 last year from a levy of 5.7 mills. It was not necessary to cut down the estimates presented by the different departments to keep the levy within the limit proposed by the mayor. Besides, provision was made for the installation of a chemical laboratory.

Because of the good condition of the general fund and the fact that much of the money to be used for the fire department and police department will be sufficient to meet next fall the levy will be sufficient to provide ample funds for every department maintained by the city. The 4.8-mill levy is generally approved by the councilmen except Kellaher, who is dissatisfied with it. Kellaher believes that the levy should be still lower and will probably submit a minority report to the council tomorrow if it is not reduced.

Salaries Remain Intact.
Care and economy was exercised in estimating the budget. No salaries were decreased except one or two in the engineering department that were reduced. It is recommended that the salary of the city physician remain the same at present but be increased later from the general fund if it is deemed advisable. This is the only salary that will be increased.

The health department fared better than the others though no trimming was done to speak of on any of the estimates. A chemical laboratory was provided for with a chemist, bacteriologist and meat inspector at an appropriation of \$8,500. A proposition was read from Dr. Victoria Hampton who offered to do all this work and furnish the laboratory for \$1,800. The communication was referred to the health board.

The fire department was granted the salary of an additional battalion chief, who will be placed on the east side.

WOMAN'S CURIOSITY LEADS HER INTO HALL WHERE BURGLAR WAITS

It is not given to every person, particularly a woman, to be held up by a masked robber and escape unscathed of purse or person. Madame Bodine, proprietress of a fashionable millinery establishment on the second floor of the Tilford block, 407 Morrison street, had such an experience last Monday night. On the evening in question Madame Bodine, with one assistant, Miss Coon, remained in the workroom later than customary. A few moments before 11 o'clock they heard a stealthy step in the hallway and then for the first time remembered that the door leading from the reception-room to the hall had been left open. Realizing that they were at the mercy of any one who might be bent on robbery, Madame Bodine called out, warning the unseen prowler to leave the building or he would be shot.

This seemed to have the desired effect, for the two women could hear the stealthy footsteps retreating along the hall. Though having no other weapon than a pair of scissors, Madame Bodine took her courage in both hands and entered the hall, determined to see the

man whom she felt sure had but a moment before been intent on some form of violence. Her curiosity, if such it was, did not remain long unquenched. As she reached an angle of the hallway a masked man, armed with a revolver, confronted her and demanded that she hold up her hands. Instead of complying she turned and fled into her own apartment, slamming the door shut behind her. Miss Coon, who had been a witness of all that occurred, uttered several piercing screams and then relapsed into a condition of hysteria. Madame Bodine was, however, made of sterner stuff. After first shouting through the door that she would shoot the robber full of holes unless he left the building at once, she went to the telephone and summoned the police.

It was some time before an officer arrived and when he did the robber was nowhere to be found. Madame Bodine was able to furnish a fairly good description of her assailant and this is now on file in the archives of the police department. Beyond this no progress has been made in the work of catching the robber.

YOUTHFUL EDISONS FLASH AEROGRAMS ACROSS LIBRARY

Portland's youngest electrical expert, Claude Bristol, assisted by Delmar Whitson and Donald McClaire, gave a successful demonstration of wireless telegraphy in the children's department of the public library last night. The stations were manufactured and set up entirely by these boys and from them they succeeded in making the characters of the Morse telegraph code leap through space, entirely across the long room.

The large room was filled with enthusiastic boy friends of the youthful electricians, who manifested much interest in the outcome of the efforts of their young friends. Chief Holden resigns in February and his district, the east side, will thereupon be divided and two battalion chiefs appointed in his place. Provision was also made for the equipment of three new houses, one at Grand avenue and Multnomah street, another at Highland and one on Portland Heights. Chief Campbell has also asked for an automobile and the salary of a chauffeur. Another meeting of the committee will be held Monday morning to make the final adjustments between the departments. If possible the committee is anxious to beat the mayor and make the levy 4.7 mills, but since the library association is asking more than was allotted them it is doubtful if the reduction is possible.

Claude Bristol is the juvenile Edison of the crowd, and it is to his thorough knowledge of electrical appliances that the success of the experiment is due. Delmar Whitson and Donald McClaire have also spent much of their time in delving into the mysteries of electrical science. Through the efforts of the boys in communicating between wireless stations eight blocks apart, and are now preparing to erect a station on Portland Heights across Mount Tabor. It is much to the credit of these school boys that, while wireless telegraphy has been an accomplished fact for several years, it remained to them to make the first public demonstration of it in Portland.

COUNCIL OPINIONS CONRAD'S WICKS

Lights in Pullman Cafe Will Soon Be Dark for Good.

John Conrad, proprietor of the Pullman cafe, on Alder street, was refused a renewal of his license by the council committee on liquor licenses yesterday. The action of the committee will go before the council at the special session tomorrow for approval, but there is small doubt but that the action of the committee will be sustained. Only two of the committee opposed the decision to disapprove the application made by Conrad. They were Driscoll and Willa. The policy entered by the council committee yesterday will be extended to other notorious resorts in the city regarding which complaints have been made by citizens and the police department. Those places that have been conducted in a persistent and repeated violation of the law will be weeded out. In order to do this in the fairest manner the applications were all approved yesterday by the committee, with the understanding that the proprietors are to be summoned subsequently to show reason why the license should not be revoked.

A number of these saloons were named by the police department yesterday, and the list includes the following: Nob Hill saloon, sixteenth and Washington streets; Thomas Fallon's place, Third and Couch streets; Denny saloon, on Fourth between Stark and Oak streets; Baker saloon, Third and Taylor streets; The Canteen, Tenth and Couch streets; Fred Fritz's place, Second and Burnside streets; J. Hochfeld's saloon, First and Main streets; The Pup, Third and Jefferson streets; Johnson's cafe, on Seventh street; John Kubik's saloon, Union avenue and Russell streets and the Comstock, 94 East Sixth street.

THINGS NOT ALWAYS AS THEY LOOK--ON A PLAT

Real Estate Dealers Asked to Return the Money Paid on Lots.

Holmes and Menafee, real estate dealers, and E. R. Charney, their sales agent, are charged with fraud and misrepresentation in a suit begun in the circuit court today by E. E. Allen and Sarah I. Allen, his wife. The Allens claim that they were induced to invest \$2,500 for 19 lots in an addition called "Scenic Place," being shown plats of the land, exhibiting graded streets, water mains and other attractive features.

It is not claimed that the streets and water mains do not exist, but it is stated that the lots and streets have been laid out without consultation with the city authorities, and that they are all awry, because they do not conform to the platting of the city property adjoining. Besides, it is stated that the water pipes are one inch and entirely inadequate. It is charged that these facts were concealed from the plaintiffs, who now ask that the contract be rescinded and that they recover \$228.87, the amount paid to E. R. Holmes and J. P. Menafee on the contract.

WINNING LAURELS.

Miss Iva Shepard, a Portland Girl, Meeting With Success.

MISS IVA SHEPARD. Miss Iva Shepard, of dramatic fame, spends the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Shafer, 554 Third street. Miss Shepard, though just out of her teens, has been playing leader for the past two years. Her debut was made in this city with the Columbia Stock company as Lucian in Quo Vadis. After that company disbanded she joined the Lyric company, then to leads with the Brigham Hopkins company and toured California as leading lady with the Lee Willard company. After months of continuous travel, Miss Shepard found that her health needed a rest from the unforced study and hard work required of a leading lady, so she accepted an engagement with the Gilda Stock company, of Fresno, California, in August. The company has been at the Savoy theatre, Tacoma, for several months. After a holiday rest, Miss Shepard will be seen in leads with the Gilda company, first in "Old Kentucky." Favorable press comments have been made on her Nancy Williams in the "Danites," Kathleen in "Kathleen Mavourneen," Bessie Fairfax in the "Golden Girl," the present of her successes is Bonita in "Arizona," her double of Flora and John, in "disciple," in Broadway's "Holy City," Polly Love, in "The Christian" and Deloris, in "Carmen." Miss Shepard is one of few dramatic artists that have the accomplishment of being a singer and fancy dancer of more than ordinary ability.

RABBI WISE WILL ADDRESS Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian association stands for every man in the city that makes for a better manhood and truer citizenship. They believe in physical culture for men, education for men and religion for men. This afternoon Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of this city will address the men's meeting on the last named subject of the work of the association stands for. "Religion for Men." Special vocal music will be furnished by Miss Ethel Lytle. The meeting begins at 8 p. m. The first feature will be a number of stereopticon pictures, illustrating the "Passing of the Indian" from his native home. The pictures show the Indian in his native haunts, surrounded by his squaw, horses, dogs, and arrows, lances, etc. Miss Gertrude Stone will sing "My Own United States," illustrated with the stereopticon. At 4:45 the popular Sunday discussion group meets. After that there will be singing and eating and setting stakes for the New Year.



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