

DEFICIT TURNED INTO SURPLUS BY CUTTING FIGURES

Council Also Saves Financial Day by Recommending Five Per Cent of Municipal Assessments for Treasury.

By cutting \$148,309 off the estimates of various municipal departments supported by the general fund and by recommending the passage of an ordinance providing that the city take five per cent of all municipal improvement assessments as they are paid in, the ways and means committee yesterday afternoon, at the close of a laborious all day session was able to draw a report to the city council showing an estimated surplus of \$24,439 in the general fund, instead of a deficit of \$246,650.

The ordinance providing that five per cent of all assessments go to the city treasury, as rapidly as these are paid, instead of after the contractor, in this instance, has been paid his 95 per cent, will add \$250,000 to the receipts of the general fund.

The estimated expenditures to be defrayed by the general fund, according to statistics prepared by Chief Deputy Auditor Grimes, were \$1,094,835. To this sum was added later \$27,999 for interest and miscellaneous expenses to be paid out, making a total of \$1,122,834. The total estimated receipts for 1911, including the balance left over from 1910, amounted to \$1,147,273. Adding to this sum the \$250,000 to be collected from assessments, the total receipts that could be depended upon amounted to \$1,397,273. Subtracting \$148,309, the amount pruned from the estimates, from the original aggregate of those estimates \$1,094,835, the result was \$1,248,964, the total expenditures out of the general fund, found to be absolutely necessary. The estimated receipts are just \$24,439 more than this amount. Unless some emergency arises before the end of the year the fund will have that surplus left over.

How Money Is Appropriated.

The appointment allowed the city auditor's office out of the general fund was \$48,860. This includes salary raises, aggregating \$1560.

The city engineer's department will receive \$158,730. His original estimate called for \$210,156. Several small salary increases were allowed. This department. Councilman Rushlight made an ineffectual motion to drop right of way agent, J. A. Arment from the rolls. The estimates provide that he shall be employed for six months at a salary of \$125.

The committee recommended the passage of an ordinance creating the office of assistant clerk of the municipal court. The total appropriation allotted to the municipal court was \$4410.

The estimate of the street cleaning department was cut from \$389,000 to \$210,156. Two minor salary increases were allowed. The decrease in the estimate will impair the efficiency of the street sprinkling operations.

The civil service commission will receive an appropriation of \$2370; the harbor master's department gets \$2425; the sealer of weights and measures was allotted \$2378 on which to run his office. This was a reduction of \$1120 from his estimate.

The municipal free employment bureau's estimate of \$3180 was not cut. Included in this is a raise of salary for Miss Mina Smith, superintendent of the woman's department of the bureau. She will receive \$75 a month instead of \$65. Curator C. F. Wiegand of the free museum asked for \$2500. His estimate was cut to \$1900.

A cut of \$2590 was made in the estimate of the city treasurer. The estimate for the mayor's office was allowed to stand at \$6300.

Crematory Allowance \$30,000.

Superintendent Napier of the city crematory estimated the expense of running the new incinerating plant, which has not been accepted by the city at the maximum cost, based on the contractors' guarantee. The ways and means committee decided to cut this item.

"From the reports I have heard I think it will take that much money and perhaps more to run the new plant," said Councilman Baker. On other items submitted by the crematory superintendent, however, the committee was able to make a saving of \$900. The allowance for the crematory was fixed finally at \$30,000.

The committee decided that the interest on \$85,000 worth of crematory bonds could be saved by delaying the sale of these until after the first of next July. That item was therefore chopped away, making a saving of \$3750.

A miscellaneous expense estimate of the city auditor amounting to \$133,000 was cut down by \$11,000 for the items cut out was one of \$12,000 for a proposed fireproof vault room in which to preserve the public records. The committee agreed that this was a necessary adjunct to the auditor's office but advised the city auditor to wait until next year when there will be more money in the general fund.

A set of property books to cost \$1500 was allowed the auditor, however, in spite of the opinion of Mayor Simon that these could be dispensed with.

Building Inspector Out \$14,460.

A cut of \$14,460 was made in the estimate of the city building inspector, leaving him \$19,535 with which to operate his department. The cut will not seriously hamper the work of the department, as the original estimate included the cost of operating the plumbing department, the new building code having contemplated the union of the two departments. An amendment to the code was passed after the annual estimates were filed, separating the departments. This made possible decreases in both departments and also in the health department, with which the plumbing department is affiliated.

The plumbing inspector's estimate was cut from \$14,532 to \$29250.

The health department's allowance was fixed at \$29,975; a reduction of \$1940. City Market Inspector Sarah A. Evans was granted an increase of salary from \$90 to \$100 a month. This salary increase was included in the health office estimate.

After concluding its work of apportioning the general fund the committee turned its attention to the departments supported by direct tax levy. Although the levies for these departments had already been fixed at a meeting last month there were a number of salary increases and other items to consider.

A petition of 25 policemen for salary raises was granted. Each one was given a raise of \$10, making the monthly wage \$108 instead of \$98. The petitioners stated they had taken the cut service examination under the impression that they would be paid \$100 a month. But after they had passed

HAVE SPENT HALF CENTURY TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Patterson Expect a Diamond Wedding, Too.



Mr. and Mrs. James H. Patterson.

Fifty years have passed since Mr. and Mrs. James H. Patterson, of 136 East Thirty-second street, were married in Sturgis, Mich. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday, keeping open house and receiving the congratulations of a multitude of acquaintances. In the evening they were entertained at dinner by Dr. R. T. Royal and his sister, Miss Carole Royal, at the Royal home, 30 Twentieth street, and at a theatre party.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson came to this city in 1882 and have lived in the same block and on the same street since. Mr. Patterson was born in New York in 1837 and his wife in Sturgis, Mich., in 1842. They were married in 1861. Present at the anniversary celebration were Dr. O. R. Patterson of Halley, Idaho, Miss Patterson and E. F. Patterson of Portland, their children, and A. S. Patterson, a brother and family of Portland. Five children are living. From those not able to be present, telegrams and presents were received.

Mr. Patterson has been in the real estate business in Portland for more than a quarter of a century. During 1894, 1895 and 1896 he was postmaster of East Portland. For several years Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have been passing the winters near Los Angeles, where they own an orange grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson expect to celebrate their diamond wedding 25 years hence. Both are in good health.

The examination and before they were appointed the council passed an ordinance providing for a sliding scale of police salaries. Under the terms of this ordinance patrolmen appointed after it became effective were to receive \$30 a month for the first year of service, \$90 a month for the second and \$100 a month for the third year and after. The patrolmen are now in their second year and would receive \$90 a month. A new ordinance will have to be passed in order to permit of them receiving \$100 a month in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

\$109,000 For the Parks.

The committee recommended that the recommendations of the mayor with regard to the park department be carried out. That department will receive \$109,000 from the levy, leaving a surplus of \$10,000. The committee granted a raise of salary for Engineer Keyser, of the department, on the recommendation of Superintendent E. T. Mische. Miss Margaret King, secretary of the superintendent, will receive an increase of \$15, from \$75 to \$90 a month.

Four draftsmen will receive raises of \$15 a month and four watchmen will be raised from \$75 to \$90 a month. All the laborers of the department will receive \$2.75 a day instead of \$2.50 a day.

The committee made no changes in the estimate of the fire department, from the recommendations made last month.

The original estimate of \$172,000 for expenditures to be made from the street repair fund were cut to \$161,000, the latter figure being a second estimate made by the city engineer. A petition of 20 laborers in this department for a raise in wages from \$2.50 a day to \$2.75 was acted upon favorably, the committee recommending the raise.

The committee recommended the passage of a number of routine ordinances, making appropriations for various purposes. Among these was one of \$867,000 for the expense of operating the water department.

An appropriation of \$4000 for the war-rail redemption fund.

An appropriation of improvement \$70,000 for the sinking fund to redeem bonds.

An appropriation of \$30,000 for the water bond sinking fund.

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ASKS WEST TO PICK 5 COMMISSIONERS

Immigration Officials to Receive No Pay; Railroads Fund Is Urged.

Urging the appointment of five men to fill vacancies on the state board of immigration, William Reid of Portland, who was on the last board, has addressed a letter to Governor Oswald West. Mr. Reid advises the governor to appoint the commissioners, to serve without salary, and suggests that no appropriation from the legislature will be needed for carrying on the work of the commission.

The letter follows:

"Salem, January 12, 1911.

"His Excellency, Oswald West, Governor of Oregon:

"Sir—Pardon me saying: 'First—That under the code of Oregon, chapter 43, sections 3506, 3507, Miscellaneous Laws, volume 2, page 1523, there is today in existence (unrepealed) the enclosed law, authorizing the creation by your excellency of a 'state board of immigration commissioners.'"

"Second—That vacancies therein shall be filled by appointment of and by the governor.

"Third—Also, that the governor shall appoint honorary commissioners in foreign countries and in the various states of the United States, all acting without salary."

Governor May Act.

"If I am correct, and seeing I am the surviving state commissioner of the board first created, I would suggest that your excellency can now (1911) ap-

point said board of five without going to the present legislature, seeing that Oregon Development League, Commercial club and Portland Chamber of Commerce now agree to do, as we formerly did for years, supply all necessary moneys without any state appropriations, as the present law wisely provides. I drew up the laws of October 28, 1873, and February 18, 1885, since codified in 1892, to this effect, and we acted all along as these publicity organizations must do today, pro bona publico, without asking any assistance from the state; and pardon me saying it, we made Portland what she and western Oregon afterward became. I speak only for my departed associates, whose moneys were ever given up to 1890 profusely for immigration without assistance of or any salaries from the state to them or to me.

"With the Oregon state railroad commission it should be altogether different. In view of the Panama canal that commission's disinterested printed representations of Oregon's 'free trade' railroad laws to both European and American railroad capitalists alike and of the various fields in Oregon now open without competing with either the Hill or Harriman systems, will be gladly received by outside capitalists with confidence, while the independent representations of Oregon immigration societies would not; and as a necessary result, more local railroads will be built in the future, with, as in the past, foreign capitalists' moneys. That, too, without monopolies to them or even disturbing the vested interests or territory of the Hill and Harriman systems. On the contrary, as 'all roads lead to Rome' (Portland), will vastly benefit their transcontinental lines by reciprocation of the traffic these local lines when built will give to the former's systems for western states.

"For these reasons I venture to believe from past experience as an Oregon immigration commissioner and railroad builder that a moderate appropriation should be asked by your excellency for the Oregon railroad commission from the present legislature to carry specially into effect increased railroad construction in Oregon next four years. Respectfully,

WILLIAM REID."

CONVICT LEASE MAYBE NOT RIGID

Judge Webster Thinks He Has Loophole in Contract for Stove Work.

The state's contract with the Loewenberg & Going company for the use of convicts in stove making, is not binding, according to Judge Lionel R. Webster, chairman of the executive committee of the Oregon Good Roads association. A copy of the contract was received Friday by Judge Webster. He pointed at once to the clause which he says will nullify any opposition to the good roads convict labor bill now before the legislature. "This clause is contained in the agreement made by the state to furnish a minimum number of 150 convicts at 45 cents a day, the state at the same time paying for food and lodging, tools and foundry and equipment for the convicts, and it concludes by saying that the convicts in the number of 150 or such other number 'as the state may be able to spare from other employment it may desire to use them for in its institutions or businesses.'"

"Road making," said Judge Webster, "is peculiarly the state's business, since it is the state's greatest development necessity. I do not believe that this iniquitous contract, which should never have been made, will hold good, and the result of the adoption of the convict labor bill will be to put prisoners at work on the roads where Governor West has recommended they should be."

At a meeting held in Hood River Friday the Commercial club and the grange of the county together decided

to send a large number of good roads enthusiasts to join the Portland boosters who intend to appear before the legislature in Salem and plead for the adoption of the five highway measures. These measures, covering convict labor of state, county and cities, a bonding act for counties, an appropriation for state aid of county roads and the creation of a state highway board with a state highway commissioner, will probably be introduced during the coming week, according to announcements made by officials of the good roads association. The meeting in Hood River yesterday was taken as conclusive evidence of the great interest in road building among the people of that county. The auditorium of the Commercial club was packed. Explanations of the highway measures and an interpretation of the development need they are intended to meet, as given by Walter L. Priest and another representative of the Oregon Good Roads association from Portland, were received with enthusiasm.

The people of Hood River county believe there should be larger appropriations for road making than are provided in the highway bills and will go before the legislature, asking that the state aid be made perpetual for the counties that raise money for road making. One of the most effective addresses of the afternoon was made along this line by A. I. Mason, well known as a Hood River apple grower, who is also one of Oregon's leaders in the good roads campaign.

ROADS COMMITTEE IS TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

A meeting of the special good roads committee has been called by the chairman, Philip S. Bates, publisher of the Pacific Northwest, for lunch at the Commercial club, Tuesday. This committee was appointed at a meeting held recently in the Commercial club. Its first duty is to aid the general good roads campaign in Oregon, then to promote the plan for building the north and south road, or Pacific Highway, in Oregon.

WEST TO ASK STATE TO AID PANAMA FAIR

A special message endorsing the Panama-Pacific International exposition will probably be sent to the legislature by Governor West.

A letter was received from the governor this morning by Ralph W. Hoyt, vice president of the exposition association for Oregon. In the letter Governor West said that he fully approved the holding of the exposition at San Francisco rather than in New Orleans, and that he would like to have the details of the matter presented to him for a better understanding before he prepared a special message touching the subject for the consideration of the legislature. It is desired that Oregon make an appropriation of \$200,000 or more to aid in getting ready for the exposition if held at San Francisco. An appropriation has been opposed by a number of the legislators, including President Ben Selling of the state senate, who has said that it would open the way to an unwarranted expenditure of state funds along other lines.

Mr. Hoyt will go to Salem tomorrow to present the exposition cause. He hopes that the message from the governor will approve the making of an appropriation, and believes that if an appropriation is not authorized the legislature should go on record as approving the holding of the Panama exposition at San Francisco. Such approval was given the exposition by the Nebraska legislature Friday, according to a telegram received this morning by Mr. Hoyt.

Bootleggers Are Fined.

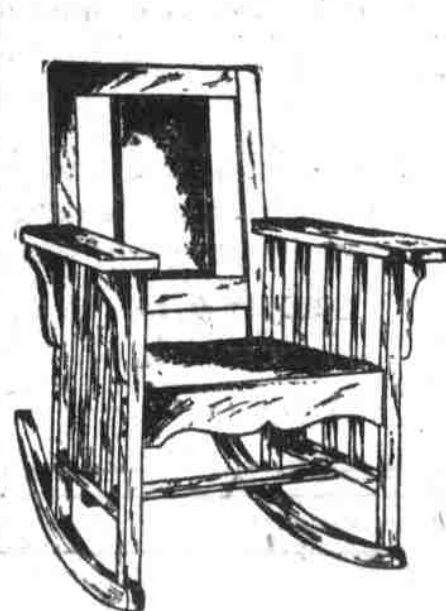
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 14.—Ed Dohl, of Glendale, and Perry Reed of Sutherlin, pleaded guilty to the charge of bootlegging in the circuit court here today. The former was fined \$300 and the latter \$100.

33d Annual Clearance and Discount Sale

We cannot meet competition, we cannot give one half or one third off our regular prices, but we can and do give the discounts we advertise. If any firm does give half off their regular prices, it means that their regular prices afford them a profit of 100 per cent at the very lowest. A man with a wooden head should be able to see that there is a nigger in the woodpile. All our goods are marked with the regular price tickets, besides the extra discount tickets described below, and these discounts are in addition to the regular 10 per cent we allow on cash purchases.

10% DISCOUNT	12½% DISCOUNT	16⅔% DISCOUNT	25% DISCOUNT
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Solid Oak Dressers With French Mirrors \$8.93

These are not quarter-sawn or polished, but are worth just a little more than this price. The glass is not round, like the picture, and the fronts of the drawers are not swell. If you want more for your money than you ever got before, come Monday, not Tuesday, when they will be sold.



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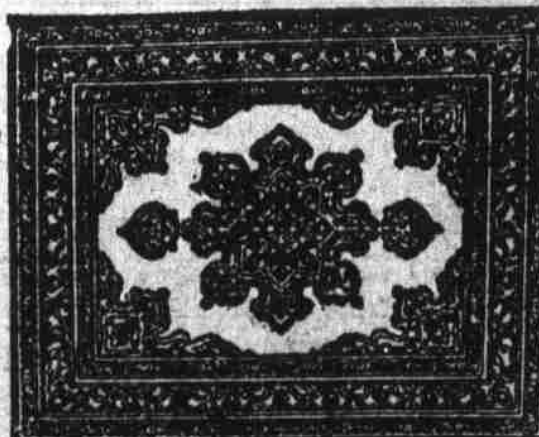
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