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Consideration of the 1917 school budget was begun last night by the school board. Most of the items considered were expenses of operation and not susceptible to pruning. Very few cuts were made in the appropriations suggested by Clerk T. H. Wood.

The following items were gone over: Operation cut from \$7300 to \$4000; janitors' salaries \$102,355; janitors' supplies \$15,157; light and power \$15,998; rent (Allen and Vernon community) \$1,250; telephone \$2,500; water \$15,000; administration \$2,000; to attorneys' fees, etc. \$2,000; election cut from \$1500 to \$800; rent (district offices in court-house) \$1,500; office help cut from \$6800 to \$4000; trustee bureau \$3,000; clergy salary \$9,735; property bureau, office and drafting room \$7,500; purchasing bureau cut from \$7785 to \$1,500; shop \$1,500; operation bureau \$6,000; records bureau \$6,000.

\$25,000 Item Eliminated.

The board eliminated \$25,000 to purchase 10 acres of additional grounds for the Franklin high school. It also cut the appropriation for improving the Jefferson high school grounds from \$4290 to \$300. An item of \$2500 for telephones was left for further consideration. It was suggested that only one telephone service be employed, the one giving the best service.

A tentative plan for the Nicholson school was submitted by Superintendent of Properties. It will cost approximately \$125,000, consisting of 30 rooms. It is a one story building and with its playgrounds, covers a double block.

Tax Limit Placed.

The board easily got within the Bingham law by placing a limit on the amount of taxes to be raised at \$2,091.208.

That figure includes both appropriations for the Franklin high school, a science building to cost \$38,000, and an auditorium to cost \$124,000. It is

probable, though, that these items will be eliminated in the final draft.

Notwithstanding there is an approximate loss of \$20,000,000 in assessed valuation it is expected to hold the levy for next year in the neighborhood of that of the present year, 6.6 mills, or approximately \$2,000,000.

SHIPBUILDERS FORGE AHEAD, WAGES RAISED

(Continued From Page One.)

The Oregon City mills, logging and railroad machinery of all kinds. The raise in pay was voluntary on the part of the firm.

"Our men are not averse to working nine hours declared E. C. Ball, this morning, 'so instead of cutting our working time we are going to increase the pay of our men and so keep the shipyard shop up to its limit. Orders are so heavy that we must work our plant every possible hour, day and night, to keep ahead with them.'

\$100,000 Order Confirmed.

The Willamette plant received confirmation this morning of an order for three additional digestors for the Fraser River paper mills in British Columbia. The order is estimated to be worth \$100,000. Eight of these digestors are now building at the plant.

The Northwest Steel Co., partner with the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, in the building of eight Norwegian steamers, is also understood to have placed a sub-contract with J. F. Duthie & Co., of Seattle, for the construction of another \$800,000 steamer. The Duthie plant now has orders for five vessels so let out by the Portland plant, while 14 are building here by the two firms and the new plant of Smith & Watson shortly to be built.

William Cornfoot, who is also completing plans for a big shipyard in Portland, expects to be able to start work within a few days. The formal request for use of streets in Alameda is to come before the city council tomorrow, and, if granted, work is to start at once.

Steamer Columbia Bought.

The Globe Grain & Milling Co. this morning announced the purchase of the steamer Columbia from the Hammond Lumber company, who had only shortly before purchased her for \$425,000, at an income of \$35,000.

The Columbia is at present under charter to W. R. Grace & Co. until January, but upon her release is to be put into the service handling grain from this port.

Owing to the shortage of steamers, the grain mart has been in bad shape here for some time, deliveries being handled by the Columbia. It will handle 2000 tons of grain at a time, and is expected to be kept regularly in the coast trade.

Arthur C. Callan, who is handling the financing of Portland owned and built motorship to be known as the Maid of Douglas, announced this morning that stock subscriptions for that ship were so liberal that a second vessel will be started at once.

Second Vessel Planned.

"A coterie of Portland business men have arranged to subscribe \$250,000 toward this end, and as subscriptions are coming in rapidly, the company promise to at least equal that sum, we will undoubtedly build a second vessel, a duplicate of the Maid of Douglas," said Mr. Callan.

The Columbia Contract company is planning the establishment of a shipbuilding yard on the Columbia river near Vancouver, according to information given out this morning. They hope the ground and the lumber necessary for the construction of a steam schooner hull, into which the engines of the tug Samson, one of the most powerful seagoing tugs on the river, are to be placed. Two other wooden vessels are to be built upon speculation, it is said.

**BUILDING PERMITS
GREATER AND REALTY
SALES ARE NUMEROUS**

For October, the building permits issued number 323 and involve buildings that aggregate \$894,950 in value—nearly double the value of buildings for the corresponding period last year and nearly 50 per cent greater than was shown during the corresponding period in 1914.

Thus far this year the permits granted have exceeded by a goodly margin those issued for the entire period of 1915. To date the permits for 1916 are 3967 in number, representing an aggregate of \$5,796,055, while for the entire of last year 4623 permits were granted for buildings valued at \$5,895,845. For the corresponding period of 10 months in 1915, 4063 permits were granted, aggregating \$4,398,308. This year shows an increase of \$1,500,000 over the corresponding period.

Postal savings are also considered a reliable index of the progress of prosperity. This month showed that \$40,000 in savings deposits were added to the former amount, \$1,197,000, making the grand total of deposits with Uncle Sam \$1,237,000.

Postal receipts for the month amounted to \$103,500, an increase of 3 per cent over the corresponding period last year. Real estate transfers, while showing an increase of \$20,000 over last month, do not equal in amount the conveyances of the corresponding period of last or the preceding year. Since the transfers represent only nominal amounts, they are practically worthless from a statistical point of view. The transfers for the month numbered 908, and represented registered values of \$420,616. On account of the majority of real estate transfers being registered for nominal sums of \$1 or \$10, the number of transfers filed is a better criterion of activity in the realty market. The transfers for last month numbered 70, and involved an aggregate of nominal sums equal to \$411,461. This shows that while this month shows an increase in amount of only about \$20,000, the increase in the number of transfers filed was nearly 150.

**Crowds Meet Train;
Cheer for Wilson**

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 31.—(U. P.)—The Hughes women's special train left Indianapolis today after the women spent a rather rough evening in campaigning on street corners.

From the time when they arrived in the city until the meetings were over, the women speakers faced organized cheering for Wilson at every point.

Hoodlums Disturb Meeting.

Los Angeles, Oct. 31.—(P. N. S.)—Hoodlums attacked the woman's county Democratic headquarters last night while pictures were being shown of President Wilson. Rocks were thrown through windows and several women narrowly escaped being hurt. Efforts to capture the miscreants failed.

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Some More at Its Meeting This Morning.

WASHINGTON ZOO STAYS

Commissioners Expect to Keep 1917
City Levy to Something Under
Nine Mills.

J. R. Wood, city purchasing agent, and a stenographer in his office, lost their positions, the firemen got their one day off in every five, and Commissioner Baker got an appropriation for the continuance of the Washington Park zoo and a tentative appropriation for the construction of an additional comfort station in the business district, this morning in its work on the 1917 budget estimates.

The two positions were abolished at the suggestion of Commissioner Bigelow, who has had charge of the purchasing bureau. He said his move was in the interest of economy. He proposes to take over the work of the purchasing agent in addition to his other duties.

In eliminating the two positions, the council increased the salary of P. L. Cover, material inspector in the bureau, from \$85 to \$125 a month, and a stenographer in Commissioner Bigelow's office from \$35 to \$55 a month. J. R. Wood has been receiving \$300 a month and the stenographer has been getting \$150 a month. The order of the council becomes effective with the adoption of the budget estimates December 1.

Number Is Out.

In allowing the firemen one day off in every five, the council increased the budget of the fire bureau by \$3920 to pay the salaries of eight more men who have to be added to the bureau to provide for the change.

Chief Dowell and his assistants wanted 15 men additional to provide for the one day off in five, but the council cut the number. The change and the appropriation were allowed by the votes of Mayor Albee and Commissioners Bigelow and Baker.

Commissioner Daly was against the plan from the start, contending that the people should be allowed to vote on the "two platoon" system which firemen are advocating. Commissioner Dieck favored the one day off in five plan, but was opposed to the employment of more than seven additional men.

It is proposed to install the eight men in one company in the downtown district and have them answer all alarms. They will respond to the alarms on a single piece of fire apparatus.

Zoo to Be Continued.

In allowing an appropriation for the Washington park zoo, the council decided to continue the zoo and forget their plan to abolish it. Originally it was proposed to eliminate at least part of the zoo, owing to the fact that money would be unavailable to rebuild present animal houses.

Commissioner Baker sought \$3800 for the maintenance of the zoo for 1917, but the council cut the amount to \$7500, with the understanding that money would be appropriated next year, if possible, for the construction of new buildings.

The council agreed on an appropriation of \$8000 for the construction of an additional comfort station to be located probably at Second and Washington streets. This appropriation is only a tentative one, however, subject to cancellation if funds are not available when the work on the budget estimates is complete.

Just what the city tax levy for 1917 will be is a matter of conjecture, but the council expects to keep the levy within 9 mills. Owing to the decrease in the assessed valuation, estimated at \$20,000,000, and the fact that the city is faced with the necessity of providing \$120,000 for the U-W-R-N, regrade project and \$30,000 in interest and sinking fund charges on the public auditorium bonds, the commissioners say that it will be impossible to keep the levy down to 8.3 mills, the levy for the present year.

The council is also facing the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment, which may be adopted by the voters next Tuesday, and if this is adopted, the council can increase the amount for 1917 by only 6 per cent over the allowance for the present year.

Only Two Passed.

Only two of seven women taking a municipal civil service examination for the position of assistant in the women's protective division of the police bureau passed, according to announcement by the civil service board. Miss Martha Randall, acting assistant, passed highest, with a grade of 78.85 per cent, and Mrs. Grace Bransford, the other successful applicant, received a grade of 76.13 per cent.

**Naming Gantenbein
Colonel Protested**

Robert G. Duncan claims in message that Judge Has Set Aside Decisions of Appellate Courts.

A telegram of protest against the recently announced appointment of Judge C. U. Gantenbein as a colonel in the army reserve was sent this morning to Nelson D. Baker, secretary of war, by Robert G. Duncan, manager, Portland Grocers' & Merchants' association, and secretary of the Oregon Retail Grocers' association.

"We respectfully protest against the appointment of C. U. Gantenbein to be colonel in the army reserve," said Mr. Duncan. "As judge of the circuit court, he has set aside decisions of the Oregon supreme court and the United States court of appeals."

"If given command of troops, he would likely prove despotic, and we seriously question his physical fitness for service in the army."

"If I find we shall have time before the signing of a commission," said Mr. Duncan, "I shall get up a petition of protest to the secretary of war, signed by the leading citizens of Portland."

Grocers of the city are roused, according to Mr. Duncan, as result of Judge Gantenbein's handling of the case of war, by Robert G. Duncan, in which they are vitally interested, having to do with Sunday closing.

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