

SCHOOL BUDGET IS HARD NUT TO CRACK THIS TIME

Just How Directors Are Going to Slice Off \$35,770 and Make Both Ends Meet Is the Main Question Now.

Taxpayers Will Be Given a Chance to Express Their Views at Meeting to Be Held in December.

An analysis of the 1918 budget of the Portland school district shows that 74.98 per cent of the total amount of money to be raised, by the 6 mill tax levy under the 1917 statute now controlling the district, is to be spent in the payment of salaries, while the remaining 25.02 per cent is to provide for the operation and upkeep of the school system. This does not include the fixed income of \$18,500 which will come to the district from various sources, but the amount in excess of that to be raised by the special levy. Nor does it take into consideration the fact that the budget, as prepared, is approximately \$35,770 in excess of the total amount that can be raised under the arbitrary limitation of the six mill levy.

The amount necessary to pay the principals, teachers and janitors now employed and at the present rate of payment totals \$1,804,765.

The total of the salaries paid to Superintendent Alderman, his assistant School Clerk Thomas and the various employees of the administrative department foots up to \$57,004. The total salary budget therefore comes to \$1,861,769 for the year.

The cost of operating the school buildings, aside from salaries and exclusive of the offices of the city superintendent and clerk of the board, will be \$224,100, according to the budget. This includes \$150,000 for general supplies, \$75,000 for fuel, \$21,000 for light and power, \$16,000 for water, \$12,000 for the teachers' retirement fund and \$25,000 for bills payable, the six largest items in the list of operating expenses.

The budget also sets aside \$58,450 for the purchase of equipment during the year, the largest item being \$37,750 for general purchases which it is estimated, will be necessary. Maintenance will call for \$64,625 additional, the largest single item under the heading being an estimate of \$47,430 for necessary and anticipated repairs and replacements.

The sum of \$32,256 has been set aside for improving the grounds which is for the improvement of grounds surrounding school buildings recently constructed or in course of construction. The largest single

item in the budget, except salaries, falls under extensions, and totals \$210,000, being in reality the amount necessary to pay contract balances to fall due on construction work already begun and partially completed, principally for the Buckman school.

Including all school activities the total estimated cost of operation, equipment, maintenance, improvements and extensions, but not including salaries, to be paid from the six mill levy, totals \$621,231 for the year. The total cost of the administrative department—the offices of the city superintendent and the school clerk—is \$37 per cent of the total cost of the entire school system. The fixed charges of \$37,147.04 for the payment of bond interest and sinking fund demands are not included in the calculations, since they come from a separate levy of not to exceed three mills, authorized to be levied from the six mill levy provided for general operating purposes.

It has been suggested that the addition of one pupil, on an average, to the number taught by each teacher throughout the school system, would mean a reduction of some 20 teachers and a consequent salary saving of approximately \$20,000. The increase of two pupils to a room would cut out 40 teachers and reduce the salary list by some \$40,000 a year. This suggestion meets with instant opposition, however, on the ground that an increase in the number of pupils per teacher means a proportionate decrease in teaching efficiency.

The next chapter in school budget making will be the public taxpayers' meeting to be held the first Monday in December.

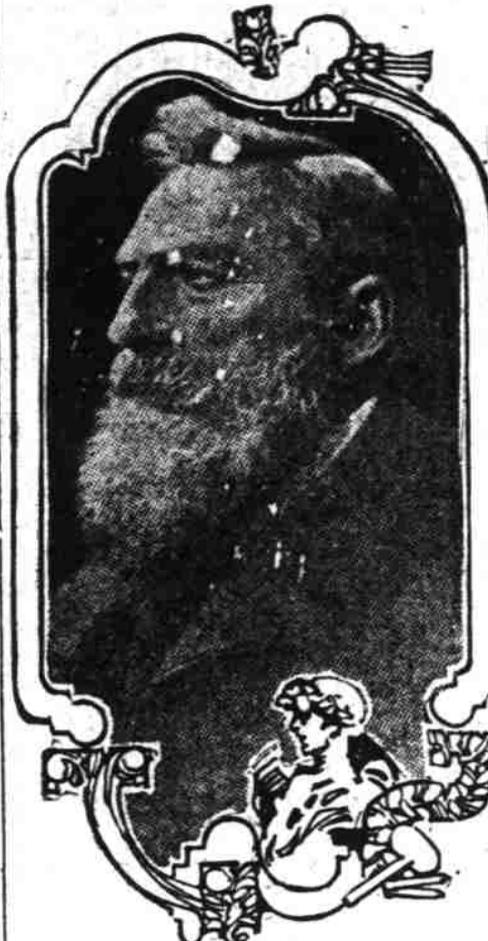
Minister Preaches To Click of Needles

Denver, Colo., Nov. 17.—The Sunday morning sermon of Rev. L. B. Longacre, local Congregational minister, is now accompanied by the merry clicking of a hundred pairs of knitting needles. Women of his congregation, unwilling to leave off their knitting of sleeveless sweaters and other comforts for the Sabbath, petitioned the pastor for permission to knit during the service. He not only agreed, but assisted them to recruit members for the Sunday morning knitting class.

Lincoln Bought Liberty Bonds Springfield, Ill., Nov. 17.—Abraham Lincoln was a big investor in Liberty bonds during the Civil War, according to the records of the probate court of Sangamon county. The records show the martyred president used all of his surplus money and practically his entire personal estate to help in the fight during the struggle between the north and the south.

Auguste Rodin, Celebrated Sculptor, Is Dead in Paris

At 77 Years Life of World-Famed Artist Is Ended.



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Paris, Nov. 17.—(U. P.)—Auguste Rodin, France's great sculptor, died early today.

Auguste Rodin was born in Paris in 1840. For 50 years he struggled against poverty, ridicule and poverty before he was finally recognized as the foremost sculptor of the age.

When he arrived at the age of 77 he was still plying his art, but under very different circumstances from those he was experiencing when he was first recognized.

He died in the pavilion of the eighteenth century Hotel Biron, which stands near the famous Hotel des Invalides, the French government installed him in all its splendor that was possible.

His early life was spent in the studios about Paris, where as a boy he struggled to learn the art of sculpture. He began to attract some attention, but did not succeed in gaining particular distinction.

He left for Brussels, where he became the pupil of the great Belgian sculptor, Vin Raebour.

Retiring to Paris, he continued the struggle for recognition, but failed until 1880, when his "John the Baptist" turned the tide of public opinion in his favor.

Some of his best known works in this country are the collection owned by Thomas Fortune Ryan and exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum in New York city.

The French government presented Rodin's bust "La France" to the United States and it was installed on Crown Point, N. Y., on the shores of Lake Champlain.

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AVIATION HAS CHARM FOR OREGON SOLDIERS ENCAMPED IN EAST

Feats of Daring Performed by Army Birdmen Appeal to Men From Northwest.

INTENSIVE TRAINING ON

The Beaver Regiment Again Entact Is Being Reorganized According to the New Standards.

With the Oregon Troops in Camp, Nov. 11.—(By Mail)—"Look at the birds," said the trainman on the Long Island railway as the first section of the detachment of the Beaver regiment, which left Portland October 26 under Lieutenant Colonel Carle under the command of Captain J. J. Abrams, sped through Long Island on the last lap of the trans-continental trip.

There were from one to 14 airplanes in the air at any time the boys cared to look out of the windows. From before 7 a. m. until dark, around 5 p. m., the students and instructors are flying. Around noon each day the Italians, Lieutenants Baldini and Resnati, take out their Caproni biplanes, capable of carrying seven and nine passengers, and teach the American men the finer points of the game which these Italian army officers have learned in the war.

Aviation is inviting

The Oregon boys have been so busy since arriving here that none has been able to write a closed book to us. It will not remain so, for long, as each man has expressed a desire to visit the field. The joy supreme for the majority of the men would be an invitation to "go up." But that is an Elysian field to which we dare hardly aspire. "Why, I'd just like to wipe engines," said an L. C. company sergeant today, "if only I could get into aviation." It is a new phase to all, compared to which "squad right" is a humdrum existence. It is a man's game, too, this flying.

Intensive Training Begins

Monday of last week intensive training began. The boys are up at 5:45 a. m. have exercise, mess and "fall in" by 7. From 7 to 11:30 they are at drill. Obstacle races and position aiming and trigger squeeze exercises take up the time of the drill period. At 12 m. they have mess and are back in line from 1 p. m. until 3:30 p. m. Retreat is at 5:30 p. m.; call to quarters 9 p. m.; taps, 10 p. m. As you see, this is a full day's work for in between times the boys must police tents, make toilets, etc.

Private Lester Hunt, L. Company, was struck by an automobile Friday night as he waited in line with his company for the arrival of the baggage cars. Hunt is in the hospital with an injured knee.

Westerners Win Commendation

Western soldiers here, and that includes Wyoming, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon men are a continual source of wonderment to easterners. Their splendid physique elicits favorable comment on every appearance at drill or ceremony.

Just now advancement is the order of procedure. Preparing for the increase of the infantry companies to 250 men, the company commanders have held examinations for the new sergeants and corporals. In L. Company every man, who was with the company and who is still with the or-

EUGENE MAN HAS RAPID PROMOTION



Cecil C. Wooley

Eugene, Or., Nov. 17.—Cecil C. Wooley, formerly of the Eugene High school and the son of L. F. Wooley of Eugene, who enlisted in the aviation corps of the United States army six months ago as a private, has been promoted to the rank of first class sergeant.

Sergeant Wooley is 21 years of age, and was born and raised in Lane county. He belongs to the Fourth aero squadron, which is now located at Fort Hill, Okla.

He writes his father that his squadron is doing some fine work in training and had the honor of breaking the time record in detaining and setting up camp ready for business and putting an aviator in the air.

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Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 17.—That Baron "von" Steuben of Revolutionary war fame, was properly named Baron "de" Steuben and was a Frenchman, not a Prussian, is the claim of A. B. Gardiner, secretary general of the Society of Cincinnati, in a statement made public here.

Baron "de" Steuben was of German birth, but renounced Prussia and owed allegiance to France when he came to America to help the Revolutionary cause, according to Gardiner. He asserts that Steuben expatriated himself after making a glorious record in the Seven Years war, but says the full reason for his expatriating himself probably will never be known.

50,000 French Buildings Ruined

Paris, Nov. 17.—The department of Fine Arts has established an estimate of the damage done to buildings in France by military operations. From this it appears that up to the end of May, 1915, 1223 parishes have suffered from the ravages of war. The total number of damaged buildings is 105,697, while 50,756 have been completely demolished and 63 public monuments destroyed.

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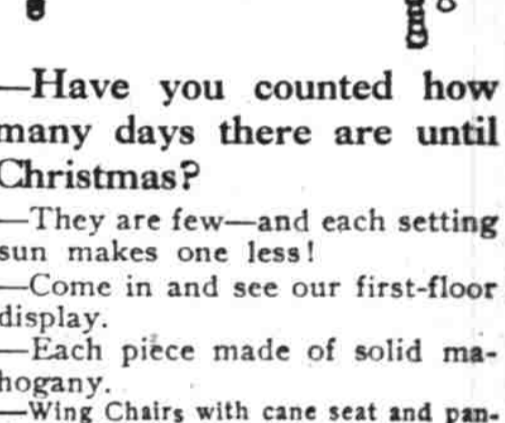
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