

LEGISLATURE HAS BIG JOB AHEAD TO PARCEL OUT CASH

State Budget Is Being Mailed to Members and All Interested in State's Financial Affairs.

MUST USE PRUNING KNIFE

Gap Between Appropriating and Revenue Producing Sources Amounts to \$1,297,214.

The state budget, prepared by the secretary of state, has been published and is now being sent by the office of the secretary to those interested in the legislature and the financial problems which will confront it.

The publication is an exhaustive compilation of the financial needs and revenues of the state. It represents the estimated financial needs of the state government and institutions, after these have been pared down by the state board of control, sitting as a budget committee upon the requests forwarded by the various institutional and departmental heads of the government.

In summary it shows that the estimated amount of money needed to run the state government for the coming two years is \$14,514,492. Of this amount \$3,167,795.81 is to be raised by the appropriation of moneys from the state treasury, of which sum \$3,319,044.03 must be provided by the coming legislature, the difference being provided for by statute from millage tax and other similar statutory sources.

Big Sum Must Be Lopped Off

It is calculated, however, that the maximum that can be raised by taxation during 1919, under the strictures of the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment, will amount to \$2,692,652.30, while the maximum that can be raised in 1920 will be \$3,444,111.44. The receipts from sundry sources during the two years are estimated at \$1,186,109.87 and the estimated cash balance on hand in the treasury as of December 31 last is given as \$581,407.38.

This leaves a gap between the appropriating and revenue producing sources of the state and its estimated needs of \$1,297,214.84. It means, in other words, that unless the legislature can pare down the estimated needs of the state government by that amount, it will be impossible to provide sufficient funds to meet the expenses as they may be incurred. Carried forward another step it means that the legislature, before which departmental and institutional requests for appropriations amounting to \$6,319,044.03 will be laid, will have to shave more than a million and a quarter of dollars from the requests in order to stay within the boundaries of the 6 per cent limitation amendment.

Committees Face Big Task

These estimates, however, do not take into account the thousand and one money bills that will, as is always the case, come into the legislature from the outside so that it will be necessary to lop off even more than the figure stated from what might be termed the "official estimates" if any of the outside requests are to be given favorable consideration.

Around the sessions of the ways and means committees of the house and senate, to which will fall the unenviable task of fixing the legislative appropriations, will revolve one of the chief storm centers of the coming session. The legislature will have no easy task to cut its suit according to the cloth it has at hand.

If it is not possible to keep within the

PROMINENT PORTLAND CLUB LEADER IS DEAD



Mrs. Lucia Faxon Addison

6 per cent limitation boundaries, there are those among the members who contend that the legislature will vote what money it may consider as necessary, irrespective of the admonition of the amendment, and thus throw the state upon an interest bearing certificate of indebtedness basis during the latter part of the coming biennium.

It is possible, of course, and in some instances probable, that this inclination springs more from hostility to the limitation amendment and its controlling influence upon taxation than from any exhaustive study of ways and means to meet its requirements. This condition will clarify itself, undoubtedly, as the work of the session progresses towards its conclusion.

Vancouver Street Car Patrons Want Station Restored

On the premises of the old waiting room for the Vancouver street cars, Second and Washington streets, is a petition calling upon the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to reestablish a waiting room at that or some other convenient place. The waiting room was closed some months ago and Vancouver patrons now complain that they are offered no place of protection from the elements while they are waiting for cars. The petition when fully signed will be presented to the street car company.

Business House Changes Hands

Joseph, Jan. 4.—J. Sig Davis, former Joseph business man, but recently of Ashton, Idaho, is back in Joseph again and has purchased the Sweet Shop from George Boner. Mr. Davis will also operate the Peoples theatre when the influenza ban is lifted.

Makes Fords Start Easy

A new Gas Generator, which heats the manifold, vaporizes the gas and makes instant ignition possible has been invented by the Bear Mfg. Co., 525 Bear bldg., Rock Island, Ill. This simple and inexpensive device does away with hot water makeshifts, etc., and gives you a "ready to start" motor in the coldest weather. It also saves 10 cents a gallon on gasoline, because with it you can use the cheapest gasoline all winter. If you don't try this great trouble and money saver, send them \$1.50 and they will send you one of these remarkable devices under a guarantee of satisfaction or money back. Write them today. Dealers wanted.—Adv.

MRS. L. F. ADDITON, NATIONAL OFFICER W. C. T. U., PASSES

Prominent Portland Woman Also Was President of Woman's Press Club.

Lucia Faxon Addison, national superintendent of the department of labor of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a prominent organizer and lecturer of the W. C. T. U. and well known in club circles, died Saturday afternoon of pneumonia at the East Side sanitarium.

Mrs. Addison was born in Boston, Mass., and was a member of the old family of Faxon. During her early life she was prominent in musical circles, but her interests since moving to Oregon had been identified with the W. C. T. U. activities. She was unusually efficient as an organizer and for four years was state president of the W. C. T. U. In addition to her W. C. T. U. activities she was also president of the Women's Press club at the time of her death. She has written a number of books, among them a history of the 20 eventful years of W. C. T. U. in Oregon. Mrs. Addison had lived in Oregon many years, making her home for some years at Corvallis, where Mr. Addison was in the mercantile business. Later they moved to Leno, where Mr. Addison engaged in the real estate business and where they held considerable property.

Mrs. Addison was interested in welfare and club work, and gave unsparringly of her efforts in whatever she undertook. She was possessed of kindly, attractive personality and in Portland and throughout Oregon was well known personally and through her writings and general activities.

Mrs. Addison leaves a sister and a brother in Abington, Mass., and several nephews and nieces. She leaves no relatives in Portland. Mr. Addison died several years ago. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

LEGISLATURE FACES BIG TASK IN COMING SESSION

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dition, the continuance of which throughout the session, would entitle Speaker Jones to ranking fame as a strategist. Road legislation will undoubtedly be one of the chief storm centers of the session. There is no doubt but that practically, if not all, of the legislators are good road advocates, but there are many plans of how to get them, how to finance them and where to build them. The state highway commission still has some \$3,000,000 of the 1917 bonds for use in its 1919 construction program. It has its plans made for the expenditure of that sum, and for the continuation of work in 1920. There are some who contend that the state has not been given a dollar's worth of road for every dollar spent, and that contention may crop up, more or less forcefully, before the session goes very far.

Many Contentions Appear

There are those who contend that the patent should be taken out of patented pavement, so far as the state highways are concerned, which may cause more than passing dispute. There are others who are opposed to the bonding plan, contending that we should pay for our roads as we build them by direct or indirect taxation. There are others who have it in mind to add new millions to the bonding bill. Then there is the general question of raising road revenue through the increase of the automobile license charge; the amendment of the tax laws to insure the more complete collection of the

direct tax on machines; the addition of a gasoline tax, and various other plans.

And, further still, there is trouble brewing over the settlement of the general road construction policy of the state as between the trunk line highway and the county highway advocates who earnestly contend that the trunk lines are not of much benefit to the farmer unless the lateral roads are of equally good construction.

Even beyond this looms the question of what the federal government is going to do in the direction of a federalized plan of highway construction and what the state must do to meet and cooperate with this plan, whatever it may finally turn out to be. The road problems will be interesting, complex and of far reaching importance.

Financial Problem Is Huge

There used to be an adage about putting the big pot in the little one, a supposedly impossible feat, but that is just what confronts the coming legislature so far as appropriations are concerned. Faced with more than half a million dollars of deficits already incurred, bound to a definite tax levying ability by the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment,

and fronting the financial needs of the various institutions and departments of the state which total a million and more in excess of the taxing power, the legislature has a knotty tangle to solve. How it will be done no one seems to know. They all admit that the outstanding certificates of indebtedness, interest bearing as they are, must be taken up. Nor is there any question but that the hospital for the insane, the penitentiary and the other state institutions of similar class must be maintained. How to get the money is the question.

Various remedies, partial in their nature, have been suggested. Some would increase the tax on inheritances. Others would levy additional taxes upon corporate organization and income, and various methods of indirect taxation are being discussed. All of them have their disadvantages and their opponents. What the result will be no one predicts, except that the legislature will, in all probability pass all necessary appropriations, estimated at more than \$6,500,000, with demands cut down to the bone, and adjourning, let the future take care of itself, which will mean an apparent deficiency of \$1,250,000 or more of interest bearing debt.

Taxing Power Limited

The six per cent tax limitation amendment, it is pointed out, limits the taxing agencies of the state, but places no limitation upon the appropriating power of the legislature. In other words, while the legislature has the power to vote appropriations of \$18,000,000, should it so desire, not more than the amount of the levy of the preceding year, plus six per cent could be raised by taxation. But there is nothing to prevent the issuance of certificates of indebtedness, bearing six per cent interest, to cover that portion of the appropriations beyond the limitation. Legislators say that the state will have to be thrown upon a certificate basis during 1920, pending either the modification of the six per cent amendment by the people, or their direct appropriation of sufficient money to bridge the gap between the tax raising power and the financial needs of the state.

"Reconstruction" is another big question. It is generally understood that

some "reconstruction program" must be carried out, but just what that will be no one seems to know. The belief is growing that returning soldiers and sailors, city bred and city raised, are not hungering for the opportunity to build homes on logged off or otherwise undeveloped land. But there is talk of advancing state aid for the development of irrigable lands and for the financing of veterans who may desire to get back to the soil. What trend this idea may take has not become very apparent. The state's road program, the possibility of state aid for the promotion of new industries and the consequent enlarged scope of employment are being considered in connection with the reconstruction problem.

Measures Interest Portland

Of particular interest to Multnomah county is the proposal to merge the Port of Portland and the Portland dock commission under one head, in connection with which there is a well defined plan to provide state aid for the establishment of water lines to touch the Alaskan, the Oriental and

the Panama canal markets of the Atlantic coast.

A constitutional amendment necessary for and preparatory to the consolidation of the city of Portland and the county of Multnomah is also being put into shape for presentation. Then there is the fate of the national guard and the establishment of a definite state military policy; the problem of the state police; the perennial question of the consolidation of state offices and departments; school legislation; tax legislation; the proposed investigation into the conduct of the state penitentiary, and many other questions of more or less general interest, all of which will go into the general legislative hopper for good measure.

Wilson Photo in Hall of Fame

Urbana, Ohio, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson has been given a place in Urbana's hall of fame. High school students have banded together and have purchased a large portrait of the president, which has been placed alongside the portraits of Washington and Lincoln in the lobby of the high school building.

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