

TAX MONEY DELAY MAKES CITY SHORT, SAYS TREASURER

The city of Portland could save a lot of money if it now has to spend in interest payments on borrowed funds, if the sheriff of Multnomah county would make his tax returns more promptly so that the city could be given its share of the tax money, according to William Adams, city treasurer, who was before the tax supervising and conservation commission yesterday afternoon.

Treasurer Adams said, in answer to questions asked him by Chairman Mulkey of the commission, that the city was compelled to borrow money from time to time after the general fund had been exhausted and before the time that new tax money came in. During those times the city was confronted with the problem of returning warrants unpaid for lack of funds or borrowing sufficient to tide over the lean periods. It meant interest charges either way, and the city was in the habit of borrowing as a matter of course. There had been times, he said, when the city was on an interest paying basis for two weeks or more, waiting for the tax money collected but not distributed.

SHERRIFF MIGHT SPEED Adams said he did not know just how much faster the sheriff's office might be able to work, but he thought it ought to be possible to speed up a little bit, and that every day meant a good deal of interest accumulation on large loans.

The rich and the extensive property owners of the city are responsible for the major share of the delinquent and unpaid street assessments and open liens, Adams told the tax body. The city's home owner had the habit of paying his bills and meeting the charges levied against him for street and sewer improvement work, but those who were endowed with plenty of this world's goods and who had large holdings of realty, let their charges go unpaid and carried by the general taxpayer, because they considered that the 6 per cent interest charged by the city was low and that their money was worth more than that.

CITY BIG LANDOWNER Portland is rapidly becoming one of the largest landowners of the city, Adams testified. It is attempting to sell a good deal of property for the assessment liens levied against it, and it is buying more of this property in than are private buyers. Adams said that some of this property could be used for parks and playground purposes, that it might be traded for other property wanted for school or other public purposes.

The city treasurer's office is carrying a "cash tag" of some \$74,000 to cover money advanced to protect the city's credit by paying delinquent assessment lien charges. Property now being sold would probably wipe this sum off the books for a time, but within a short space advancing advances would put it back in the cash drawer. Approximately that amount was being carried in that manner from year to year, Adams said, and would continue to until the present tangled over delinquent city charges had a straightened-out.

"Big Five" Packers Hearing Opened by Attorney General

Washington, Nov. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Assistant Attorney General Galloway today opened a hearing on the petition of the California Fruit Growers association, which is seeking the modification of the court decree forbidding the "big five" packers from entering into competition with wholesale grocers. The fruit growers are supported in their petition by the packers.

The contention made to Galloway today was that the prices of fruits would be maintained at a higher level if the government continued to prohibit the use of facilities owned by the packers for the transportation of products from the Pacific to Eastern and Western markets. At the hearing today, attorneys for the packers declared that the value of the "consumer's dollar" would be materially lessened by the denial of the fruit growers' petition by the department of justice.

Music Week Proves Portland's Police Have Opera Talent

Who says a cop doesn't make a good singer? They all said so themselves, Monday night at rollcall, when members of the first night relief were informed that to properly observe Music week they would start the day with a 15-minute songfest.

But, enter Mrs. Miesha Pets of the Portland Opera association. She read their thoughts and so she threatened, "You fellows haven't your clubs, but I have my stick. You cops have got to sing." Behind the threat was the young woman's smile, which the officers could not resist. It took them a couple of numbers to get warmed up, but when they started on "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," every rusty son of Ireland in the crowd let loose. And the others pitched in, too. "America," "Lisa Jane," "Smiles," and several other old favorites boomed out as the leader, "Slim" Leayens, the 6-foot-4 jaller, reached all the high notes in the tenor. Even Captain Inskip, who avows singing is a past art with him, opened his mouth and warbled as he hasn't warbled since he quit the old church choir. Drapeau and Reno, who have trained their voices on the telephones behind the desk at headquarters, added quality to the chorus. "Altogether, it was quite a strain," observed the emergency hospital doctor, who watched his patients in the hospital on the other side of the building for symptoms of nervous prostration.

Whether it was the music, or their leader, or the 15 minutes "off" that the cops liked, or all three, was not disclosed, but as they filed out of the station when the singing was over, "I wish she'd come again" was the general tone of the remarks.

FORMER RESIDENT ENDS LIFE Baker, Nov. 23.—Word has been received here of the suicide in Los Angeles of Jesse T. Rea, for several years representative of the Union Meat company in this territory. Mrs. Rea is living in Portland.

ROAD REGULATION COMMITTEE FORMS TO HELP ON LAW

The special committee appointed by Governor Olcott to prepare for the coming special session of the legislature recommendations relative to the enactment of a law for the regulation and preservation of the public highways, met and organized Monday afternoon. John B. Yeon, highway commissioner, was selected as chairman of the committee, and Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, secretary. Other members of the committee are Fred A. Williams, chairman of the public service bureau; F. M. Warren of Portland and E. D. Cusick of Albany.

At the outset it was stated by members of the committee that it was not their intention to assume any of the functions of the legislature. They took it that the governor, in the creation of the committee, had in mind the assembling and compilation of information which would assist the legislature in the drafting of a law to protect the highways and to regulate commercial buses and trucks, as well as require them to return to the state additional revenue as compensation for the damage they did to the roads.

LEGISLATORS INVITED Whether the committee will go so far as to submit a formal measure to serve as a legislative model is to be determined. It was decided by the committee to invite members of the legislature to sit in with it, especially the senate and house committees on highways, during its investigations of the subject. The first session of the committee was confined to a preliminary discussion with a view of finding a starting point from which to begin its work. It was realized that it would be some job to find a ground on which to build. It is a new subject of legislation and no other state offers a precedent to go by. The discussion was chiefly on the assumption that the fixing of rates and routes would be under the jurisdiction of the public service commission. It was realized that it would be difficult to define a common carrier and to

Tiny Girl Is Run Over by Machine; Longshoreman Hurt

Mildred Miller, 3-years-old, who lives at 305 Fifth street, was struck to the pavement and run over by an automobile driven by N. Lakefish at Fifth and Clay streets Monday afternoon. Lakefish stopped his machine after the front wheel had passed over the girl's shoulder and outside of bruises and minor cuts she apparently was uninjured. John Platt, longshoreman of 642 Flint street, was struck by a Southern Pacific engine on Front street at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. His leg was fractured and serious bruises were inflicted as the car flung him aside from in front of the moving train. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital.

Palmer Succeeds Rand Baker, Nov. 23.—The Baker board of education has elected G. W. Palmer to the unexpired term of Justice J. L. Rand, who resigned as chairman on accepting appointment to the state supreme court, which required his removal from this city. Dr. Roger Biswell, another member of the board, was granted leave of absence for six months to go to California, where he will take a post graduate course.

RAILROAD DELAYS LOWERING RATES

Advices received by the Southern Pacific company from the east indicate that the 10 per cent reduction in rates on agricultural products recently announced by the Association of Railroad Executives will not become effective before January 1, 1922. There has been considerable speculation on the part of agricultural producers as to the probability of the reduction actually becoming effective.

CALIFORNIA HEIFER QUEEN OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Nov. 23.—This being the age of the precocious Capper, it occasioned no surprise at the International Livestock exposition when Lulu Mayflower, an Aberdeen Angus heifer, owned by the University of California, was adjudged the grand champion animal of the big show. This is the first time in the history of the exposition that a heifer has won. Lulu won over hundreds of the best bred cattle of the United States and Canada. So far as shape is concerned she is out of style, being blocky, with short stocky legs. But her back is perfect. It is broad enough to lay marble on and of the undulating, or curly rippling variety. Indiana won the 10 ear yellow corn honors over Pennsylvania, Iowa, Ohio, and Nebraska and Wisconsin swept the majority of the prizes in the \$10,000 premium list on alfalfa and hay. Zululand's first cotton ginning plant has been placed in operation.

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Table with columns for date (OCTOBER 9, 1921), car model, and price. Includes models like Dodge Brothers touring, Oldsmobile, and Buick.

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