

# COUNTY BUDGET IS APPROVED

## ACTUAL INCREASE ONLY \$10,316.68, EXPENDITURES CUT

Although there has been an increase of \$23,717.20 in the county school and library fund, interest on bonds and high school and county school tuitions, the Marion county budget which was approved by the budget committee yesterday, shows an increase over last year of only \$10,316.68. This is due to the fact that through strict economy, expenses in the various county offices and appropriation items coming under the general fund were cut approximately \$13,000.

This year's budget calls for a taxation of \$1,105,364.44 as against \$1,095,047.76 last year. The county has nothing to do with appropriations of cities, school districts, special taxes and road districts. It was the increases in these various departments, all added to the county budget, which caused the slight increase in this year's budget. The county school and library fund increased \$5,926.20, interest on bonds voted by the people \$8,666.00 and high school and county school tuition \$10,025, making a total increase of \$23,717.20 which was cut down to \$10,316.68 through economical saving in other departments.

### NEWS HOUNDS LED ASTRAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Newspapermen keeping vigil about the lake shore mansion of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, watching for symptoms that her rumored marriage to Edwin Krenn, young Swiss architect, was about to take place, spent a busy but fruitless day.

### Divorced Wife of Harvester King Goes to Opera While Reporters Hunt Her

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Newspapermen and women and photographers surrounded the house at every vantage point, with additional details stationed across the street to cover Mr. Krenn's hotel.

### MEMBERS OF I.W.W. WILL GET FREEDOM

Harding Will Release Agitators from Prison if They Leave Country

### ROADS TO PROSPERITY DIRECTOR CLAIMS

Operating Incomes Show Large Increase—Strike Causes Some Loss

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—On the basis of telegraphic reports from the national railways, Julius H. Parmelee, director of the bureau of railway economics today predicted an era of prosperity for the railroads for the coming year.

### School Superintendents Gather for Week's Work

County school superintendents from all sections of Oregon gathered in Salem yesterday preparatory to grading the papers in the recent teachers' examinations. It will require a week to complete this work, the state superintendent of schools said.

### GOODFELLOW FROM OAKLAND ENJOYS SELF

Stranger Gives Lavishly to Local Charities But Refuses to Give Name

Saturday a stranger called on Dr. Henry Morris, of the Associated Charities, and asked if he couldn't give a little money to help someone to a New Year's dinner. Being assured that he could, he turned over a \$10 bill for the happiness fund.

A little later, he came back to ask if they could find him some little girl who hadn't had enough of a Christmas to last for the drowsy year to come. They found a little girl who thought Santa Claus was dead and buried, and that Christmas was forgotten.

### SHAW RESIGNS AUDITORSHIP

Corporation Official Leaves After Three Years Service; to Enter Business

Ford E. Shaw, for the past two and one-half years examiner and auditor for the state corporation department, has submitted his resignation to T. B. Handley, state corporation commissioner, to become effective at once.

### Work Praised

The position of examiner is not an enviable one and the duties are not altogether pleasant. In the performance of his duties Mr. Shaw has been vigorous and thorough, and has necessarily incurred the displeasure of some persons bent on conducting a shoe-string business in this state.

### Salary Low

Mr. Shaw has made considerable sacrifice in remaining with the department in that the salary is low when compared with the duties performed.

### Olcott Expected Home Tonight; Gone Six Weeks

Acting Governor Roy Ritner, who has been occupying the executive chair here for the past three weeks, departed last night for Pendleton. Governor Ben W. Olcott has telegraphed that he will return to Salem tonight.

### KNOCKS GIRL OUT

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A robber this afternoon held up Miss Katherine Donovan, head bookkeeper of the Palmer House, famous old hotel of world's fair days, knocked her unconscious and escaped with from \$500 to \$10,000 of the hotel's funds.

### LAY GRAFT TO GOVERNMENT WAR SERVERS

Assistant Secretary of War and Other Officials Are Charged With Plan to Defraud U. S. Government.

### INDICTMENT FIRST OF KIND RETURNED

All Competitive Bidding Done Away With—Millions Said Squandered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Benedict Crowell, formerly assistant secretary of war and six other war-time officials of the war department were charged today in an indictment returned by a special grand jury here with conspiracy to defraud the government and with delaying and defeating the administration of law.

### Contract Fraud Charged

The seven defendants were said by the jury to have participated unlawfully in the award of contracts let by the government during the war and after the armistice involving expenditures totalling hundreds of millions of dollars and in which some of their number had a pecuniary interest.

### Many Indicted

Morton C. Tuttle of Boston, Mass., said to be general manager of the Aberthaw Construction Co., and formerly a member of the emergency construction committee.

### First Returned

The indictment was the first of its kind to be returned as a result of investigations of war fraud cases initiated by Attorney General Daugherty. Others are expected to follow completion of the presentation of evidence by department of justice agents which is said to be rapidly approaching the stage for jury consideration.

### Millions Wasted

It was next charged that the

### INDIANS NOW WORRY ABOUT BALMY WINDS

Medicine Man and Chief of Weather Forecasters Dies—Indians Need Guide

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 30.—Indians of the Umatilla reservation who still follow the advice of the medicine man were today worrying about the power of winter, now that there is no one to bring the balmy chinook winds to this section.

### KLAN ACTION IS AWAITED

All Morehouse Settles Down for Friday—Klux Ranks Said Diminishing

BAETROP, La., Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Morehouse settled down tonight to await the coming of Friday when the state would lay its cards on the table in the Morehouse kidnapping and murder cases.

### State Wards to Enjoy Holiday

Special Dinners, Programs and Entertainments to Feature Day

Special dinners, musical and literary programs and social hours will feature the observance of New Year at the various state institutions.

### FISHER GIVEN TAX POSITION

Earl Fisher Appointed to Succeed Lovell as Tax Commissioner

Earl Fisher yesterday was elected state tax commissioner, to succeed Frank K. Lovell, who has resigned because of ill health.

### SENATE NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL IS PASSED

Three-Day Storm Calmed After Borah Withdraws Amendment—House Provision Left Out.

### SHIPPING BILL IS READY FOR DEBATE

No Important Changes—Million and Half Added for Costs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—After the calming of the senate's three-day storm through withdrawal by Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, of his amendment proposing a world's economic conference, the senate today passed the \$325,000,000 naval appropriation bill and adjourned over New Year's day.

### House Provision Ignored

Debate on the Borah amendment was not resumed and the bill also was passed without mention of the house provision requesting the president to negotiate with the principal naval powers for further armament limitation.

### Shipping Bill Due

After passage of the naval bill, the administration shipping bill, which has been laid aside temporarily was placed in position for resumption of debate when the senate meets again next Wednesday.

### No Changes Important

No important changes in the naval bill were made by the senate except the addition of \$1,000,000 for naval reserve training purposes and \$550,000 additional for torpedo construction, the latter designed to maintain the Newport, R. I., and other stations.

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### STATE HOUSE TO OPERATE RESTAURANT

Protests of Salem Food Dispensers Unavailing—Legislature Gives Approval

A restaurant will be conducted in the basement of the state house during the coming session of the legislature, despite the protests of persons engaged in that business in Salem.

### CAR LICENSES ARE POPULAR

Last Minute Rush Prevails in Motor Department—42,100 Apply

A total of 42,100 applications for 1923 motor vehicle licenses had been received at the offices of the secretary of state last night.

### Many Apply in Person

Because of the usual eleventh hour congestion in the motor vehicle department, it may be more than a week before some of the operators whose applications are now on file receive their plates.

### Deadlock Possible

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### PREMIER LAW WILL SUBMIT NEW PROJECT

Plan for Settlement of Germany's War Debt to Be Submitted by British Representative.

### MORATORIUM URGED FOR CRIPPLED NATION

Possibility of Deadlock at Paris Feared—Result Not Forecasted

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Out of the mass of unconfirmed rumors concerning reparations settlements, an authoritative statement came today from official circles that Premier Bonar Law would go to Paris Monday with a new plan for final and complete settlement of Germany's war obligations.

### Downing Street

Downing street that the French attitude would change to agree with that of the British government. The last fortnight, however, has shown even greater separation between the policies of the two governments.

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### THE WEATHER

OREGON: Sunday, fair.  
LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday)  
Maximum temperature, 52.  
Minimum temperature, 45.  
River, 11.3 above normal; falling.  
Rainfall, .71.  
Atmosphere, cloudy.  
Wind, south.