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Economy in Federal Expenditures
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of the emeers from each branch to meet tive department to prosentatives for econony in federal expenditures. We propose that thit
committee inctude not ont onf fice holdere but citizens, atte
the order of our Oregon'budget committees. National bud
 seldom fuiliilled
 business and finance and public service. Its report has bee
submitted, whieh states in its conclusion:

 ers, proressional people. The selections, should not cein
from the reguar oraniztion because they have speci
axes to grind calling for big appropriations. Let a joint axes to grind ealling for rig apporopiritions. Let a a oint con
mittee of citizizn, senator, congressmen and representative
of the exacutive department draft a budget which will sho The published report of the Chamber of Commerce com
mittee point out that federal oxpenditures have increased 475\% since 1913. Much of this increase is due to the World
War interest on the debt and payments to veterans. Bu
ordinary expenses of government departments have shown enormous increases. Every department is spending more than
it dod in 1922 exeppthe interior department and the reaso
for the decrease there is the transfer of bureaus out of tha department Here
government costs by dpartments for fiscal y years:
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public debt.
But departments so not spend all the money of
covernment. There have grown up a horde of boards a commissions rivaling government departments in costline
The totals for these independent establishments are as fo



 erwards. Trading and log-rolling have gotten these bureaus

 this state, to force through economies th
national establishment.
IN the old days when there in Signs
tout of curiosity, the thrifty railroad company use
 space in these depot signs. often there was a space whic
didn't get sold, and the sign painter would paint in the word
"Do "Do you believe in signs? You must; you are reading them
 way department talks "Sign Language" to Oregon motorists
in the Apri issure of "The Oregon Motoristt in a way even
the pretest anto the pre test auto driver ought to understand,
 this: the direction and restriction signs are white with black
letters, The warning sigs are jellogsith black letters. This
means, don't uump on the brakes when you see a white sign be vigilant when you gee a yellow sign.

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