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RELIEF COMMITTEE SCORES GOVERNOR IN PORTLAND MEET

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from this committee the next month unless the governor makes funds available," he continued. Relief is going to stop, and the governor will be solely responsible. Wharton's opening report, which he read rapidly and in an even tone, said the governor at no time "questioned the integrity of the committee members."

Governor Has Authority

He quoted acts giving the governor authority to obtain budgets in advance of expenditures of the committee, and said he was unable to get these until after the governor ordered the committee onto a cash basis. Chairman Judd Greenman denied any reports were refused.

The governor is going to require all who can work to earn their own way and take care of the needs for harvest labor, Wharton continued, thus saving available relief funds for winter months.

When he concluded, Miss Cella L. Gavin of The Dalles, said she refused to reconsider and was resigning from the committee.

She criticized the governor and Wharton for not making recent criticism "direct to the committee first before to the public."

Greenman said committee's only power to curb direct relief expenditures was through cutting down on county relief committee budgets submitted. Because of pressure exerted by the committee, county requests went down constantly, and the allocations were even less, he said.

"We'll try our level best to keep expenditures within the liquor profits," Greenman said. "But if misery increases, neither governmental fiat nor budget directors will keep us below \$150,000 a month."

Sarcasm Prevalent

"The depression may be over for governors and retired army officers, but not for sawmill operators," said the Vernonia lumberman.

"Are you going to send a worker out into the strawberry fields dragging his syphilitic leg, or put him into a sawmill?"

"It is the duty of everybody to see that the status of employable persons become known and that all employables go to work."

Back of the recent "bouncing checks" of the relief committee was a mistake in the board of control of office which resulted in failure of \$350,000 March allocation of liquor funds.

to be transferred to the relief account, Thornton explained.

Board Approved Action

The board of control approved the transfer then, and the governor was present at the meeting, Greenman said. When the matter came up again in June, the governor refused to sign the transfer, he said.

Bryson, Gavin and Greenman, the only relief committee members who spoke during the morning session, pointed to numerous duties the relief committee performs in addition to administering direct relief, and said administrative expenses were not excessive.

LIEN MUDDLE FINDS OFFICIALS SILENT

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adjustments since the engineer's audit of the old lien docket.

The minutes showed but sketchy accounts of the proceedings. In many instances the amounts involved were not mentioned; in one case the name of the party involved was not listed; and in one other the pages of the minutes books designated by the recorder as pertaining to the lien matters did not reveal any disposition of the matters by the council.

Disposition Given

Following is the disposition of the council made of the assessment tangle: To John W. Connaway \$6.77 was ordered refunded.

In an unnamed case the council ordered that this lien be marked paid and that property taken in exchange should be valued to include the \$232.00, plus interest.

In the cases of C. V. Simon, Dr. E. T. Helms, L. J. Plowman, E. T. Dodge, Hawkins and Roberts, Harry Gordon, and Mrs. J. L. Elsworth, none of which had any amounts listed, the council denied the requests for adjustment after the cases had been sent to the judiciary committee for consideration.

The case of J. R. Campbell was closed when the property affected was deeded to the city; and the claims against Mrs. George Turnbull and J. B. McKinney were withdrawn when they paid the assessment. The council ordered a reassessment after considering the request of Robert C. Hall. The Alpha Corporation's claim against \$100 due was denied.

In the case of the B. T. Merrill property there was an unpaid assessment of \$28.89 with interest accrued since June 1, 1914. Because of an overpayment of a paving assessment on Orchard street the \$17.48 overpayment was applied and the treasurer instructed to cancel the balance of \$11.41.

Councilman Sam Bond presented the request of Fred Porter, the minutes of the council show, Mr. Bond

stated that Mr. Porter had receipts marked "paid in full" on all assessments and after that developed unpaid assessments on the property. Mr. Porter was willing to pay the principal but not the interest since he was in the city all the time and ready to pay up his account. The case was closed when the city attorney pointed out that the city treasurer or common council had no power to relieve any individual of the payment of such assessments.

No disposition has been made of the G. G. Stratton and C. W. Hensler cases.

Mayor Large indicated Wednesday that the mixup demanded attention and action but said he was not yet ready to make any statement. Attorney Calkins likewise declined to comment.

Dr. M. C. Harris, chairman of the judiciary committee which considers requests of waivers on payment of assessments, said:

"As chairman of the judiciary committee I am interested only in seeing the city get what is due. I have no criticism to make; I want to see everyone treated fairly." He pointed out that his position on the committee called for a business-like attitude according to the policy of the council.

Engineer W. C. Clubb, to whose office some blame for the muddle had been directed Wednesday, declined to make any statement unless requested by the council. He explained that his activities were governed by the council and by the city charter in regard to assessment work.

Case Cited

Typical of the confusing cases which cause embarrassment to property holders, former property holders, and the city of Eugene is the case of Mr. and Mrs. X, the details of which are presented here on the basis of the abstract and correspondence between the attorney for the parties concerned, and city officials.

Mr. and Mrs. X, in 1923, made full payment to the city for assessments on their property which included two lots. In 1925 one of the lots was sold to Mr. Y on the basis of the city treasurer's report which read in the abstractor's certification: "The city treasurer reports that there are no city liens."

In 1930, the city confronted Y with a statement showing \$49.81 of

unpaid principal plus accrued interest, making a total of \$72.27 still due. The amount of principal plus interest on this property would have read \$84.88 but for the fact that records reveal that in 1923 X made an overpayment of \$21.02 on the other lot and an underpayment of \$8.12 on the interest on that parcel. That amount, deducted from the overpayment left \$12.89. Interest on the credit of \$12.89 due X amounted by 1930 to \$0.87 and the total credit of \$22.56 could have been shifted by X to offset the newly discovered delinquent assessment against the lot sold to Y since X was bound to defend the title against the claim.

Still More Complications

To further complicate the muddle X had been faced with another assessment in 1934 of \$70.43 of principal plus interest on the same assessment was made in 1935. X assumed title to the property after that date and X had no knowledge of the muddle since it had been from all his records. X offered in 1934 to pay principal sum of \$70.43 but was informed at such a time could have made the payment avoided the interest. The city accepted by the city.



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