

STATE LIBRARY APPROPRIATION CUT TO \$75,000

The ways and means committee, in the words of Senator Stapler, spasmodically wrestled with many things last night and took drastic action on several state departments.

Among the institutions that felt the iron hand of the committee was the state library, which was deeply slashed. The library originally placed before the state budget commission requests totaling \$95,140 for the biennium, and the commission cut this to \$75,000. Recently Miss Cornelia Martin, state librarian, and Edgar H. Piper of the library board appeared before the committee and asked for the full amount asked, Miss Martin declaring that the work had been much hampered in the last two years by shortage of funds. Instead of making the full allowance the committee last night cut \$17,000 off the budget commission's figures and voted to allow only \$75,000. A peppery discussion preceded the vote.

The attorney general suffered at the hands of the committee. His request was for \$65,280 and some time ago the board voted to allow only \$50,000. Van Winkle asked to appear and declared if all he asked were not allowed, the committee should recommend repeal of the act whereby the attorney general is sent about the state to appear in various cases. All the board would do last night, however, was to allow \$55,000.

The committee refused to appropriate anything for the Oregon Employment Institution for the blind in Portland, which wanted \$15,000 for a new building. Three items for the normal school at Monmouth were approved. These were \$50,000 for a new class room, \$40,000 for additional instructors

and \$16,000 for new weaver and plying. Other items will be passed on later.

Because farming operations at the state school for the deaf are going into the "red" year after year the committee will probably recommend to the state board of control that the school drop farming work and give its attention almost entirely to school instruction. A later report is awaited.

The figure of \$214,161 for the University of Oregon medical school in Portland, which amount was approved by Dr. R. B. Dillehunt, was approved. The budget commission recommended \$209,000. The full amount of \$214,161 asked for the Dornbecher Memorial hospital for children was also approved.

Following out a scheme breached some time ago for raising more revenue the committee found that by lopping off from 10 to 15 per cent from the receipts of various state activities and diverting those amounts to the general fund of the state about \$2,751,643 would be secured. If the attorney general approves this a bill will be drawn. Fifteen per cent would be required from the game commission, fish commission, state fire marshal, state real estate department, market agent, medical examiner's board, board of optometrists and state board of pharmacy. Several others would be required to contribute 10 per cent.

An opinion from the attorney general held that the one-fourth mill road tax cannot be diverted to any other purpose prior to 1926.

A press dispatch from Washington indicates that an appropriation of \$300,000 for a new post-office and federal building in Astoria is included in the blanket measure providing for the erection of government buildings.

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Lincoln, Neb.—James W. (BUD) Lundy, 52 years old, believes he ranks well toward the top of acrobats well toward the top of acrobats. Lundy, who is an assistant sergeant-at-arms in the state house of representatives, plays with his home town grid team and last season was not pulled out of the game either by injury or by the coach. He was a member of the

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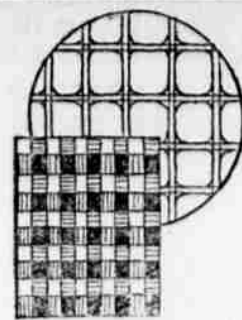
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