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STATE OF OREGON HAS ENOUGH MONEY

To Pay All Warrants Until April.

NOTWITHSTANDING BIG DRAIN

By Reason of University Appropriation—County School Funds Out on Interest.

Notwithstanding the heavy drain upon the treasury by reason of the adoption of the University appropriations last June, for which no state levy was made last January, the funds in the state treasury will be sufficient to pay all warrants between now and the time when 1909 taxes will begin to come in next April. Cash in the general fund, as shown by the Treasurer's monthly report issued today, amounts to \$214,897.98, and there will be due from the several counties on November 1st about \$400,000 more, making enough to pay current expenses until another tax has been collected. Unusually large receipts from indirect taxes, such as the corporation, insurance and inheritance taxes, and from fees of the State Department, have provided the funds to meet the unusually large state expenditures. The report issued today covers the first nine months of 1908 and shows a total expenditure of \$992,672.47, or approximately \$110,000 a month. At the beginning of the year the state had in the general fund \$116,337.08. The sources from which the state revenue has been derived are shown in the following statement:

Cash on hand, \$116,337.08; state tax, 1908, \$55,440; interest on state tax, 1907, \$481.66; state tax, 1908, \$753,173.52; interest on state tax, 1908, \$17.62; tax on foreign insurance companies, \$60,039.01; fees of the Department of State, \$52,805.13; corporation license fees, \$106,076.56; express company license fees, \$3,741.93; telephone company license fees, \$1,059.41; telegraph company license fees, \$1,090.27; sleeping car company license fees, \$1,832.85; refrigerator car company license fees, \$99.72; Supreme Court fees, \$3,336.45; interest on deposits of state funds, \$6,258.73; inheritance tax, \$25,586.77; transfer from swamp land fund, \$1,203.45; miscellaneous, \$19,550.27; total, \$1,208,130.45; cash on hand October 1, \$214,897.98.

Practically all the common school fund is now out at interest, the total being approximately \$5,430,000.

He Silenced Her.

Dinner had been over only 10 minutes when Jones made a move down the hall for the hall tree and his hat and the long-suffering Mrs. Jones followed after to say.

"You have been out every night for a month. How long is this thing to last?"

"Only until the campaign closes, my dear."

"But I don't see that it is necessary for you to be out every night until midnight. Last presidential election you were not out a single evening. In fact, you said the men who were whopping around nights were a pack of soft-heads."

"So they were, dear, but last campaign is not this campaign. Last campaign things ran themselves, and there was nothing

for the patriots to do. Now the country calls upon every one of them. Mrs. Jones, the very life of our country is hanging in the balance.

"The bulwarks of liberty are tottering to their fall.

"Shall this country be ruled by patriots or traitors?"

"Is Bunker Hill to go for nothing, and are our liberties to be sold for a mess of pottage?"

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"Shall the American eagle still continue to soar on pinions proud, and Old Glory wave in every breeze that blows, or shall the bird become a crow and the flag a dishcloth?"

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Preparing New City Charter.

Minutes of first meeting of the committee appointed to prepare a new charter for the city of Corvallis, Oregon.

Place of meeting, Fireman's Hall; time of meeting, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 9, 1908.

Meeting called to order by City Attorney E. R. Bryson. Mayor Lilly elected chairman of committee and N. R. Moore, secretary.

Roll call showed following persons present: E. Allen, W. A. Gellatly, S. H. Moore, L. Chambers, W. P. Lafferty, Punderson Avery, F. L. Miller, J. B. Irvine, Robert Johnson, M. S. Woodcock, C. H. Davis, Adolph Leeder, S. L. Kline, W. R. Hansell, Dr. Harper, J. H. Harris, J. R. Smith, M. Bauer, G. A. Robinson, O. J. Blackledge, F. Berchtold, A. K. Russ, W. B. Cate, E. R. Bryson, Mr. Imbler, J. H. Jackson, M. L. Hubler, Dr. B. A. Cathey, Fred Porter, J. Fred Yates, Roy Hollenberg, D. A. Osburn, Editor Smith, Charles L. Heckart.

On motion of Dr. Harper, properly seconded, and followed by a rising vote of 14 for to five against, the committee proceeded to consideration of a new charter rather than amending old charter.

Moved by Woodcock, seconded by Avery, that city elections be held bi-annually. Carried.

Moved by Davis, and seconded, that division of city into 3 wards, as outlined by Attorney Bryson, be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Robt. Johnson, and properly seconded, that two councilmen be elected from each ward and three from the city at large. Carried.

Moved by Berchtold that the City Police Judge be designated as "Municipal officer." Carried.

Moved that City Engineer assume duties of superintendent of streets, with provision that city council furnish assistance as necessary; that title of official be City Engineer.

Moved by Russ that City Engineer be appointed by mayor and approved by council. Carried.

Moved by Miller that city attorney be appointed by mayor and confirmed by council. Carried.

Moved by Woodcock that the Chief of Police be appointed by mayor and approved by council.

Moved by Smith that motion be amended to read that Chief

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NEW SCHOOL HOUSE NEAR ALSEA STORE

Will Draw From Districts 29, 41, 42.

FORTY-ONE FAVOR CHANGE

Against Twenty Eight Who Oppose Movement—A New Step in Educational Lines.

A case of more than ordinary interest, coming from Alsea, was up before the District Boundary Board at the court house Thursday. The board consists of Judge E. Woodward, G. W. Smith, Arthur Hawley and School Supt. Mack. A petition was presented by taxpayers from Districts 29, 41 and 42 of Alsea, whereby certain territory was to be excluded from these districts and out of this territory a new district was to be formed and a new school house to be located near the Alsea store was to be built, consisting of four rooms and graded from 1 to 11. In support of the petition a delegation of 25 prominent citizens and taxpayers were present and three representing the remonstrance.

The petition shows that in the three districts the total taxable property of the remonstrators is \$180,000 and that of the petitioners is \$220,000; that 41 taxpayers favor the change with only 28 opposing; that in families of petitioners there are 68 children of school age and in families of remonstrators 38.

Many speeches were made on both sides of the case by the citizens interested and the finishing touches were put on by G. W. Denman.

The case is of unusual interest to the people of this county, as it is the first effort on the part of Benton's people to so arrange school districts that the children may receive full advantage of the vast sum of money being expended along educational lines. There are many school districts in Benton county where the attendance is very small and children of all ages are crowded into the same classes, under one teacher. If such districts could be thrown together in groups it would enable graded schools to be established with the same expenditure of money and would certainly make it more interesting for the pupil as well as placing them in advanced positions on entering the college.

These changed conditions have been adopted in many of the eastern states and have added very materially to the proficiency of both pupil and teacher. When distance has been a feature a team has been provided to take the children to and from school and the experience has proven very satisfactory.

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Mr. and Mrs. Osburn of Portland have been visiting friends in Corvallis the past few days. Mrs. Osburn was formerly Miss Libbie Cox, a popular Corvallis girl.

Defaced Stamps not Mailable.

A new order of the postoffice department went into effect recently. By its terms defaced stamps hereafter are worthless. Should a corner be torn off, no matter how small, or the stamp be mutilated in any way, it cannot longer be used. All letters bearing such stamps will be held at the postoffice two weeks for recovery, and at the end of that time, if not claimed, will be sent to the dead letter office.

Another phase of the order is also interesting. Permission is now given individuals to perforate the stamp with a reasonably small instrument for identification purposes. Such a step is intended to prevent the sending of anonymous letters, or the theft or mutilation of private mail of any nature.

THE WHITE PLAGUE

Consumption Costs a Million a Year

Prof. Irving Fisher, the eminent political economist of Yale University, who in one of his papers before the recent International Tuberculosis Congress in Washington declared that consumption costs the people of the United States more than a billion dollars a year, is preparing an exhaustive report for the National Conservation Commission, which will contain not only these figures but similar data on the economic loss to the country from all other preventable diseases.

Prof. Fisher is a member of the National Conservation Commission and for many years has been carrying on studies along these lines. The Commission received letters from physicians all over the country, urging it to consider the bearing of public health on the economic efficiency of the nation in its efforts to ascertain the resources of the country.

At the Tuberculosis Congress, Prof. Fisher declared that 138,000 persons die of consumption every year. The cost of medical attendance and the loss of earnings before death average at least \$2,400, he said, while if to this is added the money that might have been earned with health, the total loss in each case is about \$8,000. He pointed out, also, that the disease usually attacks young men and women just at the time when they are beginning to earn money and cuts off their earning power for about three years on an average, before they die.

This subject of the economic value to the country of a general raising of the average health came up in the Governors' Conference at the White House in May. Dr. George M. Kober, in his speech on the "Conservation of Life and Health by Improved Water Supply" at the Conference, presented figures which showed that the decrease in the "vital assets" of the country through typhoid fever in a single year is more than \$350,000,000. Typhoid is spread by polluted water largely so that the death rate from this disease can be directly reduced by the purification of city drinking water. Dr. Kober quoted statistics to show that the increased value of the water to city of Albany, N.Y. where the typhoid fever rate was reduced from 104 in 100,000 to 26 by an efficient filtration plant,

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