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BUDGET IS ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

\$49,804.50 Is Amount to Be Raised in Taxes for Coming Year.

LEVY ABOUT 18.4 MILLS

Arrange for Purchase of Additional Lands in Ashland Creek Water Shed.

The city council met last night in special session. Business of importance was transacted, including the adoption of an ordinance providing for the tax levy for the year.

The budget originally decided on and submitted by the council to the County Tax Supervision and Conservation commission provided the sum of \$50,804.50. A reduction of \$1,000 was made by the commission, particulars of which appear in another article of this issue.

The amount of taxes to be raised this year exceeds that of last year by \$3,010.00. The amount last year totaled \$46,794.50. Although the total amount of taxes to be raised for the coming year is larger than for the past year the levy will be somewhat less, due to an increase in the assessed valuation of the city.

Included in the items among which the total tax will be divided is that of the city park. The sum of \$4,254.32 will be apportioned the park fund. This is less than the amount asked for by the park board, but is all the city felt justified in appropriating, in the face of a reduction of \$1,000 made by the tax supervising commission.

BUY ADDITIONAL LAND

A decision was reached looking to the purchase of additional land in the Ashland creek shed. The additional purchases will include approximately 200 acres owned by J. F. Rocho, for which the city will pay \$8.00 per acre.

Dodge Is Appointed
Louis Dodge was appointed a member of the park board, succeeding Mrs. Fred Wagner whose resignation was accepted several weeks ago.

31 MOROS KILLED BY CONSTABULARY

MANILA, Dec. 29.—Thirty-one Moros are reported killed in a battle with the Filipino Constabulary at Malunda in Lanao. According to the report a detachment of 60 constabulary men attacked the Moros under Chief Data, who cut the telephone wires. No casualties were reported among the constabulary.

TOM MIX RECOVERING FROM GUNSHOT WOUND

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Tom Mix, cowboy movie hero, is expected to return soon to the studio, after recovering from a severe wound received when he was accidentally shot by his own gun. Mix received the wound last Saturday when his revolver fell from his pocket and was discharged as he was attempting to prevent a rifle falling from the wall. The bullet lodged near the spine and was removed by an operation.

ARMED BANDITS ROB BANK NEAR CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Armed with shotguns, a gang of bandits sped into Summit, near here, discharged several volleys of shots, descended on the Summit State Bank and looted the vault of approximately \$17,000 in currency. Scores of townspeople scurried to cover as the gang invaded the town. The shower of lead terrorized those near by and no resistance was offered.

NEVADA MAN ATTACKED BY SWARM OF BATS

RENO, Nev., Dec. 29.—Attacked by what he declares was a swarm of a thousand bats, Joseph Morasky, station agent at Imlay, relates a weird story of a recent trip he made through a cave in a mountain six miles east of Imlay. Morasky says he was taking a walk over the mountains when he suddenly came upon the opening of the cave. He returned later with a rope and lowered himself into the mouth of the cave, and after proceeding thru a natural tunnel and down an incline for about 200 feet came into a large chamber.

This chamber was the home of the bats, and he says they began an infuriated attack upon him and he owes his life to the fact that he wore a very heavy cap, coat and gloves.

146 CASES OF WHISKEY STOLEN BY BANDITS

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Forcing their way into the office of the Illinois Wholesale & Manufacturing company, six heavily armed bandits overpowered the boy watchman, bound him securely and carried away 146 cases of whiskey valued at \$19,000.

ASHLAND - MEDFORD BUDGETS ARE REDUCED

Ashland Suffers Cut of \$1,000 While Medford Sustains \$8,300 Reduction.

Although the action was recorded October 22, it will be a matter of general news to announce that a meeting of the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission of Jackson county held on the foregoing date, the commission unanimously voted to reduce the annual budgets of Ashland and Medford.

The commission ruled as follows: "That the budget of the city of Ashland should be modified by reducing the item of \$14,722.50 estimated for the general department, and the police department, in the sum of \$1,000, leaving the amount \$13,722.50, and that the budget of the city of Medford should be modified by reducing the item of \$20,300.00 for the water fund in the sum of \$8,300.00, leaving the amount of said item \$12,000.00."

It will be noted that the order reduces the amount of the general fund of Ashland \$1,000, while the water fund of Medford suffers a reduction of \$8,300.00, nearly half. The budgets submitted by Central Point, Gold Hill, Phoenix, Rogue River, and Talent were approved as submitted.

The result of the reduction ordered in the local budget means that Ashland will have to economize in general fund expenditures to the amount of \$1,000, which is causing city authorities some concern. Just what the result will be in Medford is not known but it is evident that a cut of \$8,300.00 is sufficient to cause some worry in that city.

CHILD RECOVERED BUT MOTHER IS KILLED

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—Motherly love won over the fear of death when Mrs. Maude Mourning, 24, was instantly killed by an outgoing interurban train here when she threw herself in front of the train and succeeded in rescuing her five year old daughter from the rails. The little girl was hurt but will recover.

SEATTLE MAN HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—A charge of manslaughter will be filed on Monday against Ole Knutson, Seattle fisherman, arrested as the man who drove the automobile that killed Eileen Bradshaw, cripple, Christmas and sped away without giving assistance. Knutson, who is held at the city jail admitted that he hit something at the time and place of the tragedy, but denied knowing it was a human being.

AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCallen are at home to their friends at 1089 Boulevard.

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WILL TEST SCHOOL LAW JANUARY 5

Suit to Restrain State Is Scheduled for Federal Court.

THREE JUDGES TO SIT

Hearing on Compulsory Attendance Statute to Be Held Before Three Federal Judges.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Suit for a restraining order against the state law requiring public school attendance will be tried before three federal judges in Portland January 5, according to notice received yesterday by Joseph A. Hill, president of Hill Military academy, who instituted the proceedings to test the compulsory law. One of the federal judges will probably come from California.

Action to prevent operation of the law was begun by Mr. Hill last July. He filed four counts—that the law violated the constitution of the United States; that it deprived him of property without due process of law; that it denied to his school equal protection under the law; and that it impaired the obligation of contract. December 16 further steps were taken when Governor Pierce, Attorney-General Van Winkle and Stanley Myers, district attorney for Multnomah county, were served with copies of the suit for a restraining order from the federal courts.

Mr. Hill alleges that a business worth \$100,000 and equipment valued in excess of \$40,000 will be rendered useless by the law if it goes into effect September 1, 1926, as provided. He further charges that business has decreased since its passage at the general election in November, 1922. Parochial schools are also interested in the outcome of the forthcoming hearing, which, in event of either success or failure, it is predicted, will go on to the supreme court of the United States. Oregon is the first state to test the validity of such a public school law and the procedure here is being watched with great interest by other states.

SHASTA LIMITED BARELY AVERTS SERIOUS WRECK

REDDING, Dec. 29.—Passengers on the northbound Shasta Limited of the Southern Pacific were thrown into a panic when a broken drive rod derailed the locomotive and mail and baggage cars in tunnel No. 2. Although the sudden stoppage greatly excited passengers none were hurt. The tunnel was slightly caved in but officials expected to have the track cleared at noon today.

TIMBER LAND SALES INVOLVE MILLIONS

Two Extensive Transfers Are Reported in Southeastern Part of Clatsop County.

ASTORIA, Dec. 29.—The transfer of a large tract of timber land in southeastern Clatsop county involving \$313,000.00 from the George L. Burrows company to the Crossett Lumber company was completed today. Another timber deal involving the sale of 6,000 acres in the same section of the county and owned by the Lumberman's Timber company will be closed by the first of the year. The consideration is said to be approximately \$2,000,000. The purchaser of the latter tract is not officially announced, but it is understood to be a company with extensive holdings in this county. The land is to be logged and the timber brought to the Columbia river.

50 MILLION MARKS ON LETTER FROM GERMANY

BUCHYRUS, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Stamps representing 50,000,000 marks were affixed to a letter recently received from relatives in Germany. Another citizen here received from a relative in Germany one of the new good standard ten pennig notes—one-tenth of a mark—on which is printed the statement that it is equal in value to 2.33 cents of an American dollar, indicating that the new good standard money in Germany is valued the same as the pre-war mark, which was 23.8 cents.

Bend—Bend hotel company incorporated to erect \$250,000 hotel.

GIRL, 23, WOULD SELL EYES



Dear Editor of the Evening Journal:
I have read the article in your paper... I am selling a sample of my eyes... I shall call on Saturday... I am a friend who doesn't want to see anyone.

A New York newspaper editor was amazed recently when he opened his morning mail and read the following remarkable letter, accompanied by the photograph of the sender's eyes:

"For sale, a pair of eyes. I have used them for twenty three years, and they were of good service. I think I saw more than enough of this world, and give a chance to anyone who can pay me enough to live the rest of my days in darkness."

"Kindly have the answers sent to you. I shall call on Saturday at your office. I am sending a sample of my eyes."

"Thanking you heartily."

"A FRIEND WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE."

SERIOUS FIRE AVERTED AT ASHLAND LAUNDRY

Housewife is Victim and Other Two Leave Gas on Following Liquor Party.

A fire that started in a boiler room in the rear of the Ashland Laundry was controlled with slight damage. The fire department was able to confine all damage to one room, as a heavy concrete outer wall gave slight chance for the fire to spread.

EXECUTION IS STAYED; FOLKS RETURN HOME

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 29.—Believing that he was to be hanged at the state prison here today, the mother and a brother of Thomas Walton arrived here the day before Christmas from their home in Montague, Calif., and started on their return journey yesterday, after learning that Walton had obtained a stay of execution, pending appeal of his case to the supreme court, it was announced at the penitentiary.

DORRIS CITIZENS PAY FOR CELEBRATING XMAS

DORRIS, Cal., Dec. 29.—Celebrating Christmas after their own fashion cost three local residents fines imposed by Police Judge W. P. Sherman. F. A. Michels paid a \$100 fine when haled before the judge on a charge of resisting an officer having knocked down Deputy Marshal William Evans, who was forced to beat Michels on the head with his pistol to bring him to submission.

LIQUOR SPILLED WHEN TRUCK GOES OFF ROAD

GARDNERVILLE, Nev., Dec. 29.—A small truck loaded with liquor of the better kind came to grief a few miles west of here when the driver fell asleep at the wheel and ran off the edge of a small bridge. Cases of liquor were scattered around and parties who arrived on the scene repaid themselves for their work of rescue by confiscating the greater part of the cargo.

JACKSONVILLE POST TELLS OF ACCIDENT

Prof. Easy carried himself in a sling for several days this week, as a result of an auto accident near Medford Saturday, which made his face look like he had been run through a threshing machine a time or two.—Jacksonville Post.

TAX LEVYING SUPERVISION HELD ILLEGAL

Supreme Court Rules Adversely Against Tax Conservation Commissions.

EXCEPTION IS MADE

Decision Places Tax Levying Burden Upon County Courts and Other Bodies.

SALEM, Dec. 29.—The supreme court yesterday held that the act of 1923, creating tax conservation commissions throughout the state, is void because of a defect in the title. This opinion does not affect the tax conservation and supervision commission of Multnomah county, which was created by an earlier act passed in 1921. The court did not rule on the constitutionality of the act at this time.

The result of the decision will be to place the burden of tax levying, supervision and conservation entirely on the shoulders of the county courts and other tax levying bodies.

The act of 1921 created the commission now operating in Multnomah county. By the amendment of 1923 an attempt was made to extend this system throughout the state. This amendment was found defective by the supreme court, which made only a memorandum opinion, evidently with the intention of handing down a written opinion later.

Yesterday's opinion is only a short memorandum, issued to cover an emergency that being the last day on which, under the law, tax levies may be filed with the county assessors. A more lengthy opinion, in which the court is expected to touch upon the constitutionality of the act, will be handed down later.

The validity of the tax conservation commission law, as well as its constitutionality, was attacked in a mandamus proceeding brought in the supreme court by the county court of Umatilla county and the banks of Yamhill county.

In the former instance the court was asked to compel the county assessor of Umatilla county to extend upon the tax rolls an item of approximately \$65,000, representing a levy for market road purposes, which had been eliminated from the county budget by the tax conservation commission.

Counties Join
In the latter instance the court was asked to compel the county court of Yamhill county to restore an item of approximately \$75,000 for the payment of outstanding bonded and warrant indebtedness, which the commission was said to have eliminated from the county budget.

Klamath, Polk and Tillamook counties joined with Umatilla and Yamhill counties in the attack on the law.

33,549 MEN APPLY TO STATE FOR BONUS

Of the Number 21,250 File Applications for Cash Payment.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—A total of 33,549 applications for cash bonus and loans had been received up to tonight, according to a report prepared by the world veteran's state aid commission. Cash bonus applications paid aggregate 21,500, representing \$4,634,360.22.

Applications for loans paid by the commission total 4927 and aggregate \$12,237,300. Payments made by the commission on interest total \$328,287.18 while payments on principal aggregate \$264,526.28.

The law creating the bonus department carried an appropriation of \$30,000,000, but only \$20,000,000 of these bonds have been sold.

Major Simpson, acting secretary of the commission, said today that he was of the opinion that the \$20,000,000 of these bonds already sold will care for the needs of the department and it will not be necessary to dispose of any more of the securities.

MRS. KELS SISTER MAY HAVE TO ACT FOR HER

LODI, Cal., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Annie Kels, wife of Alex. A. Kels, Lodi murderer under sentence to be hanged on January 4th, may have to appear in proxy before Governor Friend W. Richardson to present petitions now being circulated and to plead with him for the life of her husband. Mrs. H. A. Staples, sister of Kels, said to-day that unless Mrs. Kels proves from her present broken-down condition, she would be unable to make the trip to Sacramento to see the governor. In that contingency, Mrs. Staples said she herself would carry to the governor the petitions which request that the death penalty be set aside.

NEW YEARS A HOLIDAY AT THE POSTOFFICE

In accordance with instructions from the Department, the New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st, will be observed by the Ashland postoffice as a complete holiday. Service same as on Sundays.

BOARD MAY MOVE ELK UP ASHLAND CREEK

Matter Submitted to Council; State Game Board to Be Consulted.

Frank Jordan, representative and member of the Park board, appeared before the city council last night, and asked permission to remove the herd of elk now located in Lithia park to land owned by the city in the Ashland water shed. In making the application, Mr. Jordan stated that no final action could be taken, however, without consulting the State Game board.

The matter was discussed at some length and terminated with the council issuing instructions to the Park board to make whatever disposition of the elk that the board considered necessary, so long as orders of the State Game board are not violated.

Members of the Park board realize that the pasture occupied by the elk is demanded for auto camp and park purposes, and that if they can be removed to a suitable location congested conditions will be greatly relieved in both the park and auto camp. Final action will not be taken for some time.

O. L. AND S. P. ARE INTERCHANGING CARS

EUGENE, Dec. 28.—Freight cars are now being interchanged between the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific tracks at Lasen station, two miles west of Eugene, where the two lines cross. Physical connection between the two systems, long desired by local shippers, was obtained largely through the efforts of the Eugene chamber of commerce. Steel work on the new connecting track was completed December 22 and ballasting was finished yesterday.

PICTURE DISTRIBUTOR GETS TWELVE YEARS

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Ralph Pielow, local motion picture distributor, convicted last week of an attempted criminal assault, was sentenced today to 12 years in the penitentiary. Judge F. W. Wilson, of The Dalles, passed the sentence. Pielow's attorney has filed notice of appeal.

RENO COUNCIL REFUSES TO NAME POLICEWOMAN

RENO, Dec. 28.—Once more, making at least eight times in the past six years, the city council has refused to add a woman to the Reno police force. At least once a year some petition is presented to the council by several women's clubs. The members of the council declare there is no need for a policewoman and it would be unwise to add another salary to the police department's maintenance cost.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Private funeral services for the late Mrs. Margaret Stockton Taylor will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 at the chapel of J. P. Dodge and sons, local undertakers.

U. S. STEAMSHIP AND 30 SAILORS ARE LOST

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—The United States Shipping Board steamship Conejos has sunk in the Black sea with a loss of 30 of her crew, according to a dispatch from Batoum. The vessel foundered during a gale 150 miles off Batoum.

RUSSIA TO CONDUCT RED PROPAGANDA

Wredenski, Clergyman of Russian Church Named to Work in U. S.

ORDERS ARE REPEALED

Tchitcherin Recalls Orders Not to Conduct Communist Propaganda.

(Copyright by I. N. S.) BERLIN, Dec. 28.—A clergyman of the Russian living church named Wredenski has been sent to the United States by the Third International to conduct red propaganda, it was learned by the International News Service today after a searching investigation of the ramifications of the Russian propaganda system. It was established beyond doubt that George Tchitcherin, commissioner for foreign affairs in the soviet government at Moscow, has repealed ironclad orders that no one connected with the Russian diplomatic or consular service in any capacity whatsoever may directly or indirectly engage in communist propaganda purposes.

Tchitcherin had instructed the Russian envoys to direct their entire attention to legitimate business so that no foreign government could accuse the soviet of using its diplomatic machinery for propaganda purposes. However, the Third International is still feverishly backing propaganda for a world revolution. Every conceivable means of publicity is being employed by the officials of the Third International.

A branch, specializing in propaganda in England and America, has established headquarters at Bonn on the Rhine in the occupied area in Germany. It is conducted by a Russian named Rarmarowski.

It was Rarmarowski who gave to the clergyman Wredenski as to how to proceed in the United States. Wredenski is understood to have worked his way to New York as a steward upon a steamship.

WALLA WALLA WILL BAN CIGARETTE ADS

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 28.—After January 1 cigarette advertising on billboards with he under the ban. The city commissioners several months ago passed an ordinance forbidding such advertising, the date of its going into effect being January 1, 1924.

ELKS WILL HONOR THE LATE CHARLES PRESCOTT

The Elk's Memorial services for the late Charles N. Prescott, drowned at Marshfield, December 16, 1923 will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Elks' Temple. The regular ritual given by the lodge on such occasions will be a pretty part of the ceremony and Rev. P. K. Hammond will deliver the memorial address. A male quartet will furnish music. The public is invited to attend the service.

EUGENE-KLAMATH CONTRACTS AWARDED

Contracts for construction work on the third unit of the Southern Pacific system's new main line in Oregon between Klamath Falls and Eugene have been let to the Utah Construction company of Ogden and San Francisco and the Stewart & Welch company of Seattle and San Francisco, according to announcement yesterday by J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent for the company. The contracts provide for 32 miles of rail-bed and include the building of a 3700 foot tunnel under the summit of the Cascade range according to George W. Bosche, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific system.

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