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THE 1921 BUDGET

In listing a \$10,000 sinking fund item in the proposed 1921 city budget, the Bend council has taken a step which merits sincere congratulation. That this step had been long delayed under previous administrations did not make it any the easier, for the sinking fund deficit had gained year by year until large appropriations were necessary to build up the fund to its normal size. Large appropriations are ordinarily avoided by an economical council, but the necessity, as pointed out in the last audit of city books, was pressing, and the issue has been squarely met. The same policy must be pursued for several years by Bend budget makers if the deficit in the sinking fund is to be wiped out, for the shortage at the end of the present year will be more than \$36,000, the audit report states.

The building up of a sinking fund is more than preparing to retire bonds as they come due. Within the past few weeks, Bend has had the opportunity to buy back some of her own municipal bonds, at a discount. Lack of a sinking fund of any real size prevented the grasping of the opportunity.

The plans for the improvement of the city park, and particularly for bringing water to Pilot Butte cemetery to make that spot a proper resting place for the dead, are both well considered, although it is possible that the amounts which it is proposed to appropriate for these purposes may prove to be insufficient.

Throughout the budget and in the deliberations which accompanied its formation runs the evident desire of the retiring council to make possible for the new administration an efficient management of municipal affairs for the coming year. This desire is appreciated by the council-elect and the proposed budget has the endorsement of the five new council members who attended the special session of the council last night.

The two councils have done their best. Now it is up to the voters of Bend.

FORESTS AND WATER

The importance of the national forests in making possible supplies of pure water for the Northwest is shown in an interesting set of figures compiled at the district office of the forest service in Portland. The report says:

"Eighty-seven cities and towns of Oregon, Washington and Alaska derive the water supply for their municipal water works from the national forests of the North Pacific district, according to a report just compiled in the office of District Forester George H. Cecil. Of these towns, 38, having an estimated population of 392,000, are in Oregon; 42, with a population of 634,000, are in Washington, and seven, with 15,000 people, are in Alaska.

"The larger towns of the district using national forest water are: Portland, Eugene, Oregon City, Roseburg, Albany, Medford, Ashland, Baker, La Grande, The Dalles and Bend, Oregon; Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Walla Walla, Yakima, Wenatchee, Aberdeen, Port Angeles, Ellensburg and Roslyn, Washington; and Anchorage, Cordova, Ketchikan and Petersburg, Alaska.

"The forest service cooperates with the towns in protecting their watersheds from fire and trespass and every effort is made to keep the water free from any sort of contamination. Formal cooperative agreements between the secretary of agriculture and the city officials are in effect providing for this protection of the watersheds of Tacoma and Walla in Washington, and Oregon City, The Dalles, Dufur, Wallowa, Baker and Toledo, in Oregon."

WHY WE SHOULD JOIN

Although the appeal of the day is to join the Red Cross because it is the great, country-wide relief organization to which we all owe support, there is, in truth, a more personal side which, if thought upon for a moment, should lead us, if we have hesitated, to give without hesitation, or to give more than we had planned, if we already plan to give. In view of the work of the Red Cross in the county, it is quite fitting that the

idea should be considered on Armistice day.

Armistice day has not yet fully found itself. In part it is a celebration of the end of the war; in part it is observed in recognition of those who gave their lives; in part it is the day of especial honor to all who served. For them, nothing during the war was too good. We were all ready to do anything for them. Are we not still as ready to help those who need help?

The answer, of course, is "Yes," and, as it comes springing to our lips, let us recall what was said on the first page yesterday. Many ex-service men have been helped by the Bend Red Cross in the past year. There are still many to be helped.

Wishing to honor the ex-service man and to do for him in any way possible, how can we better serve him than by giving a few dollars for the support of the local home service section?

Back of it all is the Red Cross, of course, but what your money really means here is aid for the needy ex-service man and other worthy causes.

BEND'S WATER.

In connection with the prospective use of practically all of the waters of the Deschutes river for irrigation, we venture the suggestion that it is none too soon to be considering the city's future water supply. When fully carried out, the development of the various units of the Deschutes project will mean that during the winter months all but a small portion of the water of the river will be impounded above Benham falls. Water is less likely to be contaminated in the winter than in the summer months, we believe, but the lessened flow will have potentialities of danger. Winter or summer, a great reservoir, collecting water from an area in which farming and logging operations are going on cannot be safe.

Many city water supplies, it is true, are drawn from large reservoirs. These, however, are basins where the drainage area is carefully guarded against contamination, as in the case of Portland's Bull Run reserve. The Benham Falls reservoir will be simply the enlargement of the river, with water flowing in from populated lands above and from the hunted and fished and traveled and logged-over lands on each side. The water cannot be kept pure. Indeed, it cannot be kept safe during the reservoir construction except by heavy chlorination, and none of us want that.

Since our water is furnished by a public utility corporation, some may feel that worry over the future may be left to it. The answer to the problem as we see it, however, means the use of public land in the shape of forest reserve, and, since it is probable that public cooperation will be necessary to obtain it, it may well be the subject of public consideration. The partnership idea is as prominent here as in any other feature of our local life.

The forest reserve in mind is, of course, the section bordering on Tumalo creek. There in a small area is a watershed that can be made safe, and from which can be had as pure and safe a drinking water as any in the state. Other Oregon towns derive their water supply from national forests. Now that the time approaches for parceling out the waters of the Deschutes for irrigation, Bend's water supply should also be remembered and arranged for.

In our humble opinion a man who takes out his first naturalization papers before the war, avoids any chance of military service by pleading he is an alien enemy, and then—after the war—comes in to complete his naturalization, has a brassy nerve unequalled the country over. He wants the United States, but the United States does not want him.

A news item recently told of the development of the toy industry in England and France, wool, wood and fiber being the chief materials used. Does anyone get a hint of what might be done here?

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of November 17, 1905.)

One hundred and three pupils are enrolled in the Bend schools and 97 are in daily attendance, a percentage that is probably not exceeded, if approached, elsewhere in the state.

Engineer J. R. Graham, in charge of the survey work south of Madras for the Oregon Eastern, spent most of the week in Bend.

Three ordinances are to be voted on in the near future by the city council. One would reduce the pay of the city recorder from \$25 to \$10 a month, one would cut off entirely the pay of the city treasurer, now

\$100 a year, and one would reduce saloon license fees from \$600 to \$400.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Wilkinson and two daughters arrived late last Friday night from Minneapolis.

F. O. Minor is having a woodshed and storehouse erected this week.

Mrs. M. Niswonger of Powell Butte visited her son, Elmer, at Bend last Saturday.

REPORT MADE BY GRAND JURY

CONGESTED CONDITION OF OFFICES IS POINTED OUT—PURCHASE OF INDUSTRIAL HOME FAVORED.

Ending its labors for the present term of the circuit court, the grand jury has brought in a report covering its inspection of the county offices and affairs. The congested condition of the clerk's, the sheriff's and the school superintendent's offices is given special mention in the report and a recommendation is made that the county immediately acquire land and buildings for an industrial home. In addition, the jury, which was composed of T. W. Triplett, L. F. Orell, Bert Torkelson, W. R. Davidson, E. P. Brosterhouse and George A. Paddock, urges that sufficient funds be supplied for the support of the county library.

The lack of sufficient heat for the various county offices is commented on.

The main features of the report are as follows:

"We find the condition in the sheriff's office to be in the best state possible under the present arrangements, but the office is very much congested and we find that he has not room to properly take care of the tax collecting department of the office, and we would recommend that additional space be provided for the sheriff's office for this purpose, but particularly that more vault space be provided for his office, as he advises that when the present tax rolls are received, he will have insufficient vault room within which to store them.

"We have also investigated the clerk's office and, while conditions in that office are in very fine shape, and, in fact in the best shape possible under the crowded arrangements, yet we find that by the end of another year the vault will be overcrowded. This condition can be overcome, we are informed by Mr. Haner, county clerk, by securing a carriage or truck upon which to keep a number of the volumes, which can be moved from one place to the other. We recommend that such carriage or truck, as recommended by the county clerk, be secured for that office.

"We have also consulted the county physician, Dr. Hendershott, with reference to the conditions in his department, and find that the county is not sufficiently equipped with

houses with which to take care of indigents, or those who are afflicted with communicable diseases, and it would be advisable for the county to purchase a tract of land to be used as a county industrial home, and construct the necessary and proper buildings thereon, which could be made practically self-supporting. We understand that there is quite a considerable sum of money appropriated for the use of the county physician's department which will revert to the general fund unless used by the first of the year 1921 for this purpose. We would recommend that that portion remaining unexpended of that sum be used for the purpose of securing land for the above mentioned purpose. Also it seems advisable that some place be provided for the use of that department in the case of persons afflicted with communicable diseases. We consider this matter of very urgent importance and strongly urge that immediate steps be taken for this purpose. The present plan under which this department is being operated appears to be an expensive plan, which could be corrected by the carrying out of the above suggestion.

"We also investigated the jail, particularly as to its sanitary condition, and find that the sanitary conditions are not bad, but the inside walls are not in a very good condition, and we would recommend that they be kalsomined."

"We find that the sheriff has had an electric heating system installed in the jail and we find that this step on the part of the sheriff was necessary and recommend that the electric system so provided be accepted by the county and continued in use in the jail.

"Upon investigating the county school superintendent's office, we find that his office is very much congested and that he has no way at all to preserve his records, and that he is compelled to work under disadvantages on account of such congestion. More space should be provided for this office, as well as some means for preserving and taking care of his records.

"As to all the rest of the offices we find conditions satisfactory, except all of the officers seem to feel that they are not furnished with a required amount of heat, or rather that the heating plant is not adequate for the proper heating of the offices.

"We have made particular investigation of the county library and find that the library is being used very extensively and branches are being established from time to time throughout the county and, from all that we can learn, this institution is performing very useful work in the county, but we find that it is very badly handicapped for lack of funds with which to carry out its purposes, and more money will have to be provided to finance it during the coming year, as it will be impossible to carry it on under the present arrangements. It appears that a great deal of work during the present year has been done by interested persons free of charge. We would recommend that this be given very thorough consideration and the proper and necessary amount of funds be provided to carry on the work for

the coming year, so that the most benefit might be derived from it.

"It has come to our notice during our deliberations that quite a large number of persons under 16 years of age are driving automobiles in Bend and within the county. This, we are advised, is contrary to law, and we would recommend that the officers give this matter first attention.

"It has also come to our attention that cigarettes are being sold to minors, who are prohibited by law from buying, and the parties selling prohibited from selling. We recommend that special attention be given to this matter and that all violators of this law be promptly taken up and punished accordingly."

VARIED MEANS OF TRAVEL ARE USED

After a 31-day journey, made by dog team, automobile, steamship and railroad, Mrs. Sam Lowry, sister of Mrs. E. C. Landingham of Bend, has just arrived in the city. Mrs. Lowry started her trip from Brooks, Alaska, where she has resided for 21 years, on learning of the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Almira Swalley, pioneer resident of Central Oregon. She was still on the way to Bend when Mrs. Swalley died.

Mrs. Lowry drove a dog team from Brooks to Fairbanks, then went to Cordova by auto. The greater part of the remainder of the journey was made by steamer. Mrs. Lowry brought with her nuggets and curios of the north country valued at approximately \$2000.

Mr. Lowry is expected to arrive here in two months more, when, with his wife, he will leave for Ireland to make a protracted visit.

TESTIMONY IN WESTON TRIAL DRAWING MANY

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the witness in an effort to shorten his estimate as to the duration of the fire.

The jury in the case is composed of Paul Hosmer, Charles Saylor, C. J. Leverett, W. N. Ray, J. C. Smith, Earl Wright, John Gagen, R. H. Loven, G. L. Moore, A. B. Hicks, George Gove and O. O. King.

During the trial of the case the jury will be isolated, with a bailiff constantly in attendance. A large room has been provided for their use at night at the Pilot Butte Inn.

Investor's Puzzles.

One of the perennial puzzles for investors is how to tell when a very good thing becomes just a little too good to be real.—Detroit Free Press.

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