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BUDGET COMMITTEE WANTS FAIR BOARD APPROPRIATION CUT

County Agriculturist To Get Raise of \$500 in expenses For Conducting Work.

REPORT WILL BE ACCEPTED

Road Committee Would Spend \$160,000 And Suggests How Money Should be Divided Into Funds.

The county court has accepted the final report of the Tax Budget committee which does not make any very radical changes in the present system. It recommends that \$160,000 be spent for roads and bridges and that the county fair appropriation be cut from \$2700 to \$800 and that the expense of the county agriculturist office be met with an increase of \$500 per year making that appropriation \$2000.

The final meeting of the general committee previous to the annual taxpayers' meeting in the armory today was held in the courthouse last night. The report of each sub-committee was adopted. They contained recommendations for changes in the county court's budget as mentioned.

The committee recommended the lopping off of the \$800 item in the fund for the county fair, desired for the erection of a building in which to house the stock exhibit. This was done because of the uncertainty of being able to use the grounds another year. The Lane County Agriculture society, which owns the grounds, complains that it has received no rent from the fair association, and it is possible that they may be sold for town lots. For that reason the committee did not feel justified in recommending the erection of any more buildings. There was a lengthy discussion upon this item before the report was finally adopted.

The committee went on record as favoring the appropriation of \$2000 for the county agriculturist agent instead of \$1500, as placed in the county court's budget. The members feel that it would be better policy to pay a good salary in order to keep a competent man in the position.

The report of the road and bridge committee was of particular interest. Among its recommendations were that the sum of \$160,000 as specified in the budget of the court to be approved; that the court use all the county funds

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DEBATE TRYOUT AT H. S. Miss Campbell's Class Performs Before Student Body

A very interesting debate tryout was held at the high school Friday afternoon. The afternoon recitation periods were shortened, from 45 minutes to 30 minutes so that school might be dismissed at the regular time. The question debated upon was, "Resolved that Oregon should adopt a health insurance law embodying the essential features of the Standard Bill of the American Association for Labor Legislation." The debaters were, Erdine Caruthers, Lillian Mulligan, Royal Doane, Ella Boeson, Chris Boeson, of these four to be chosen to make up the regular team, and one chosen for substitute. No decisions were given at this time, the team to be chosen at a later date.

"PRINCE OF PEACE" TO BE RENDERED AT METHODIST CHURCH

Beautiful Cantata To Be Sung By Choir Tuesday Evening; Benefit Public Library.

"The Prince of Peace," a cantata by Ashford will be presented by a double chorus at the Methodist church Tuesday evening, December 26, at 8:15. Fifty singers will compose the main chorus and as many singers from the high school will sing from the balcony. Special soloists will render the special parts of the cantata. A silver offering will be taken during the evening to pay expense connected with the presentation. Any surplus that might be left will be given to the Springfield library board to purchase new books for the city library. The cantata will be one of the big attractions of the winter and deserves the support of all.

The singers are: Soprano—Mrs. Paul Brattain, Florence Coffin, Myrtle Copenhaver, Jean Fischer, Beatrice Holbrook, Ethel Howard, Grace Male, Leota McCracken, Mrs. C. E. McPherson, Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. H. E. Parsons, Dorothy Phelps, Ruth Scott, Ruby Senseney, Olive Smith, Dorris Sikes, Avis Thompson, Chloe Wooley.

Alto—Edna Duryee, Mabel Duryee, Dr. Keeney Ferris, Iva Hill, Mrs. J. C. Holbrook, Nellie Phelps, Francis Travis, Mrs. R. G. Van Valzah, Grace Walker, Jessie Walker.

Tenor—R. A. Brodie, Leo Calkins, E. E. Morrison, Walter R. Dimm, Norton Pengra, Llewellyn Evans, Jerald Van Valzah.

Bass—Homer Chase, Roy C. Howard, Rev. C. H. Jensen, Gilbert Miller, L. E. Parsons, Edward Nunn, Randall Scott, Orson Vaughn, Joy Walker, Sidney Warner.

Girls—Mona Bauer, Ella Boeson, Hazel

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TWO DRUNKS FIRST TO INHABIT LOCKUP IN NEARLY A YEAR

Marshall John Edwards Picks Up Two Loggers Who Drank Shipment Too Quick.

ONLY 10 ARRESTS IN 1916.

City Shows Marked Cleanup in Last Two Years—In 1914 Police Costs Arrests Many Times Present.

Two drunks, the first offenders of the law that have graced the cells of the city jail since January 26, 1916, were incarcerated Friday noon by Marshall John Edwards to stay until they "thawed out" and paid their fines. The offenders, two loggers, from Mabel who have been in the employ of the Coast Range Lumber company, received a "shipment" on Friday and proceeded to celebrate the occasion. They were so well tanked up when the Marshall picked them up Friday noon that they had to be hauled to the lockup by Vin Williams auto truck.

These offenders are responsible for placing the total cases on Police Judge Walker's books of 10 offenders that have been hauled up during this year. Eight of the offenders paid their fines and were released without being punished further. During the last eighteen months the police costs to Springfield have been very low. Law breaking has been at a minimum. The occasion is rare when the "town cop has to run someone in." Comparing the present with conditions in 1914 we find that 27 drunks alone were locked up during the last 40 days of that year. At that time police costs were many times what they are now. There was the marshal, two or three cops, a jailer and the jail cook.

The Oregon Power Company after a conference with the Oregon Public Service Commission has decided to reduce the monthly minimum on one-half inch water meters to \$1.00 instead of \$1.25. This reduction becomes effective December 26th.

No news was gathered for this issue after 6 p. m. Saturday. We published early in order that the news force might enjoy the Christmas holiday.

POPULATION OF U. S. IS CONCENTRATING IN LARGE CITIES

More Than 40.9 Per Cent of America's 102,017,312 Are Urban Residents.

WYOMING GROWS FASTEST

New York City Has Almost As Many People As Are in Three Pacific Coast States.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The population of the United States continues to shift to the cities, according to estimates announced today by the census bureau. The estimates, based on the rate of population increases from 1900 to 1910, disclosed that 40.9 per cent of the country's inhabitants now live in cities of more than 8000, as against 38.9 per cent in 1910. The entire population of continental United States for 1916 has already been estimated at 102,017,312. The total in the states, territories and United States possessions is put at 112,444,620.

Ten states have taken census since the last federal census in 1910, and seven show population increases. Kansas, South Dakota and Wyoming decreased from 1910 to 1915, and greatest reduction being in Wyoming 2.9 per cent. The least decrease was in Iowa, with a growth of only 6 per cent. The greatest increase was 22.5 per cent in Florida. In Florida, Iowa and Massachusetts the percentage of increase from 1910 to 1915 was greater than from 1900 to 1910, but in the other seven states it was much higher from 1900 to 1910 than from 1905-1915. In Kansas, North and South Dakota and Wyoming the rate of growth from 1900 to 1910 was nearly double that from 1905 to 1915. In Iowa a decrease of 7082 was shown from 1900 to 1910 and an increase of 148,016 from 1905 to 1915. In New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island, slight decreases were indicated by the state returns of 1905 and 1915, as compared with the increases from 1900 to 1910. In the last six years the growth in the white negro population about 750,000.

The populations of some of the leading cities, as estimated today are: New York 5,602,841; Chicago 2,497,722; Philadelphia 1,709,518; St. Louis 757,309; Boston 756,476.

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BOT. CLASS GOES CLIMBING Scale Emerald Heights to Get Location For Maps

An enjoyable field trip was taken by the Botany Class of the high school Friday morning. The students went armed with umbrellas, note books and a stormy desire for more knowledge. Emerald Hights was scaled, and topographical maps of the surrounding country were made from its lofty summit. Coasting, in the mud, was indulged in during the decent.

KIDDIES DEVOUR 20 GALLONS OF SOUP A WEEK WITH LUNCH

Newly-begun Plan At Lincoln School Is Proving a Success; Children Have Better Appetites now.

Like Oliver Twist they all come back for "more." "They" refers to the 70 hungry youngsters who are devouring soup at the recently opened luncheon at the Lincoln school at the rate of 20 gallons per week, four gallons each noon, that is. The plan is proving a real success, according to Miss Anne McCormick, domestic science instructor, who is in charge. "The children come to eat with more appetite, now that they have hot soap to go with their lunches," Superintendent R. L. Kirk said. "We don't find half sandwiches and other pieces of food lying about as we used to, the children eat it all now."

At lunch time, the boys and girls who bring their lunches gather in a clean, well-lighted room in the basement, where they sit at plain board tables covered with newspapers. Not only do they enjoy the hot addition to their meal, but they have a happy time while eating. Each one is given a bowl of soup to start with, and each one comes back for more if he wants it, so long as the supply holds out. After they are through the meal, the children fold up the papers, and the room is practically the same as when they entered.

The plan of serving soup has been in force since December 11, the school board furnishing the soup bones, and the children bringing the vegetables. A little later, Miss McCormick plans to serve a hot drink such as cocoa, also, if it is found possible for the children to bring the milk.

The girls who take domestic science work aid Miss McCormick in preparation. This week, she has been assisted in serving by two high school girls, Miss Edna Platt and Miss Faye Smith.

The soup menu for last week was as follows: Monday, vegetable; Tuesday, bean; Wednesday, tomato; Thursday, vegetable; and Friday, potato.

Miss Olive Smith returned yesterday from Monmouth to spend the vacation with her parents.

TAX LIMITATION TO CUT APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATION

Kay Points Out Budget Already Calls For \$715,000 More Than Can Be Raised.

ONLY ONE AVENUE OPEN

If Provision It to Be Made for Various Institutions Legislature Must ignore 6 Per Cent Amendment.

Salem, Ore. Dec. 23.—With the state budget as prepared by Secretary of State Olcott, showing that there will be required \$715,000 more than the amount which may legally be raised for state expenses, there is nothing left for the legislature for new enterprises, according to a statement of Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer.

This situation he declares has been caused by the passage of the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment. Secretary Olcott's budget shows only the items required for running the state government as it now is and the estimated requirements of the various departments for improvements and new buildings.

That several institutions in the state will be embarrassed and probably handicapped by this situation seems certain. This was not foreseen by the people when they passed the measure, Mr. Kay believes.

The Oregon Historical society is an example he pointed out. It is not included in Secretary Olcott's budget, yet this society has received annually \$15,000 from the legislature by direct appropriation. He expects that a bill appropriating a like amount will come up again at this session. He says the only way to get out of the difficulty is to make the appropriation and so increase the indebtedness of the state, trusting that funds will eventually come to pay it off.

"Should the commission that is now investigating the state penitentiary see fit to recommend the building of a new institution to replace the present disgrace to the state," declared Mr. Kay, "what good would it do when there is no money with which to build?"

Treasurer Kay stated that bills would come before the legislature, or were being prepared for presentation, asking for money to fight tuberculosis also bills asking appropriations to aid in securing tourist travel to Oregon, and to the development and welfare of the state.

