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CITY BUDGET IS CUT \$2000 LOWER

Budget Voted by City Council Will Lower Taxes by \$2000 Over Last Year.

At a special meeting of the council last Monday night, the annual budget for the city of Springfield for the ensuing fiscal year from November 1, 1919, to November 1, 1920, was prepared and voted. As adopted it cuts the amount needed for next year \$2000 lower than the budget for the previous year, thus decreasing the taxes of the city by \$2000.

To accomplish this result and enable the city to run on this amount for the next year, the councilmen and city officials declared that it would be absolutely necessary for every property owner to pay all city assessments, street, sidewalk, or any other, that may be levied against them. Only with the cooperation of the people and property owners themselves can their taxes be reduced.

The budget for the 1918-1919 year totaled \$17,000 of which only \$13,490.85 was expended, saving to the city over \$3000 for last year.

Following is a comparative table showing the amount expended last year and the budget for the ensuing year:

	Expended 1918.	Budget 1919.
Police	\$1380.00	\$1700.00
Rec. & Treas.	960.00	960.00
Attorney	125.50	200.00
Light	1932.48	1950.00
Water	996.00	1000.00
General	526.03	1000.00
St. Improvement	1848.75	1900.00
Library	373.64	400.00
Interest	6000.00	6290.00
Totals	\$13,490.85	\$15,000.00

DEFENDS LABOR IN HIS MESSAGE

Little Said About Treaty—Minority Rule Intolerable. Hits the Reds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—In his message delivered to congress today President Wilson outlined a large program of legislation which would restore a peace-time business status, reduce the cost of living, rectify labor and farming conditions, revise the tax system and curb unrest. He renewed his recommendation for a budget system of national finances and declared the administration bill providing farms for soldiers should be passed without delay.

The railroad problem he reserved for a future message and he made no statement of his intentions regarding the peace treaty or Mexico.

His only reference to the senate's failure to ratify the peace treaty in saying that the restlessness was due largely to the nation's hesitation in determining its peace policy. The federal government, he declared, should be armed with full authority to deal in the criminal courts with those who promote violence.

To meet the cost of living, the president asked extension of the wartime food control bill, federal regulation of cold storage, readjustment of food transportation and establishment of a system of federal license for all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

The president's principal recommendations were as follows:

Establishment of a budget system for the national finances.

Recognition and relief for veteran soldiers of the world war, particularly in the way of government farms as proposed by Secretary Lane.

An enlarged program for rural development, in recognition of the farmers' part in the war.

Reorganization of the taxation system with simplification of the income

FARMERS, BUSINESS MEN, ARE YOU READY?

If the farmers of this community knew that they could increase the present profits from their land with no greater proportionate amount of labor and cost than at present, would they be sufficiently interested in a method which would enable them to do this to see it through and stand back of such a move?

We believe they would.

If the business men of this city realized that by some effort and tact a much greater pay roll could be brought to this city through a factory which would enrich the farmers and the city, too, would they stand behind it and help make it a success? If they knew that it had been a great success elsewhere, in a farming country not one bit more favorably situated than Springfield and surrounding territory, would they say, "Let's go!"

We believe they would.

We refer to a dehydrating plant. This method of marketing the different varieties of fruits and vegetables is rapidly becoming one of the leading industries in Oregon and Washington. It has proven profitable for the farmer wherever tried. There are several large plants on the coast, one being located at Salem, another at The Dalles, operated by the Wittenburg-King company. The Salem plant was started only a few years ago on a small scale. It has grown to be a great plant, employing several hundred people, operating day and night through the entire year.

They buy from the farmers all they can raise of the following:

- All berries and small fruits.
- String beans,
- Tomatoes,
- Cabbage,
- Carrots,
- Turnips,
- Beets,
- Spinach,
- Beans,

In fact, they will take any vegetable the farmer will grow in a marketable quantity. And they have always given good, profitable contracts. More than that they send their trucks out into the country, and pick up this produce from the farmers.

The farming country around Springfield is served by unexcelled good roads. There are more miles of macadam roads tributary to Springfield, and serving a larger and richer farming area, that are passable to heavily laden trucks any time of the year than in any other section of western Oregon. Portland alone may be served by more miles of paved and macadam roads but there is not the same class of farm land surrounding it as is the case with Springfield. This means that the farmer's produce can be marketed any time of the year; that he can haul his seeds and supplies at any time.

It has long since been proven that land in the Willamette, McKenzie and Mohawk river valleys, all of which are tributary to Springfield, is capable of yielding abundantly any of these crops. Virtually every foot of this land will grow some variety of berry or vegetable, and these when marketed at a dehydrating plant will yield the farmer from 25 to 100 per cent interest on the investment annually. Western Oregon and Washington is rapidly becoming the small fruit center of the world, says the Manufacturer.

This land is the equal of any and better in quality to that of many localities where prices are much higher per acre.

Adjacent to Springfield thousands of acres are being made ready to irrigate next year and this will greatly increase the acreage and yield of berries and vegetables as many of the farmers who will irrigate plan to put in loganberries, strawberries, raspberries and vegetables. The irrigated district is one of the richest sections in the valley and with the addition of water at the right times of the year will yield crops almost beyond the imagination of the most enthusiastic.

Thus it will be seen that the farmers of this community have the fertile land that will produce the crops to support a dehydrating plant and the necessary good roads are already here. It would involve no radical change for the farmer to grow berries and vegetables and many are now finding that their land is better suited to such crops than wheat or other cereals. Those who reaped a harvest off the evergreen blackberry last year know that there is money in berries. Why not enlarge these profits and keep more of the money at home at the same time.

NEEDED: A GOOD MARKET! IT CAN BE OBTAINED.

Are you ready?

and excess profits.

Readjustment of the tariff system, if necessary, to meet changed world conditions and make the system conform with the fact that the United States is "the greatest capitalist in the world."

Protection for America's new chemical and dyestuffs industry.

Federal aid in the building of good roads.

Development of forest resources.

Laws to bring about democratization of industry, including participation of workers in decisions affecting their welfare.

Establishment of the principles regarding labor laid down by the league of nations.

Enactment of Attorney General Palmer's legislation for dealing with the Reds.

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LOYAL LEGION TO START STORE

Local Chapter Favors Cooperative Store for Members of Four L Only.

The L. L. L. of Springfield are working out plans for the operation of a store in the near future for the benefit of the members.

This proposition has been thoroughly discussed at the meetings, as well as having been presented to each member, all of whom are in favor of anything that will lower the present high cost of living.

Cooperative buying is being successfully carried out by 4 L members at North Bend who make their purchases by pooling their money, making the division upon receipt of shipment. By this method a substantial saving is being made over the present retail prices.

The most favorable proposition at this local calls for the operation of a store for 4 L members only. This will necessitate an overhead expense which has been carefully estimated and after being added to the cost price will still leave a substantial saving over the present retail prices.

The Springfield local has an active membership of 316—one of the largest in the state. This membership represents in the neighborhood of 1200 persons who will be directly benefited by this store.

In view of the fact that this proposition is assured of sufficient financial backing and capable administration the members have no doubt but that it will be a success in solving the present high cost of living.

BANKS SHOW DEPOSIT GAINS

Statements of Local Banks Indicate Prosperity of Springfield Community.

That the business interests, farmers and people of Springfield and community are prosperous and progressive is shown by the statements of the local banks. Both show a good increase in deposits.

The First National bank deposits have increased nearly \$31,000 in round numbers, in the last two months, as shown by their statement at the close of business November 17th. Their individual deposits at the close of business September 12 were \$238,704.76 and at the close of business November 17, deposits were \$269,660.87, making the exact increase \$30,956.11.

The deposits of the Commercial State bank show a net gain in the four and one-half months of \$56,295.09

These figures may be taken to indicate two things: the increased prosperity of the people of the Springfield territory, and the increasing tendency of the people to place their confidence and business with their home institutions.

PHONE TOLL TO EUGENE IS OFF

Declaring the Burleson telephone schedule and rates to be unjust and arbitrary the state public service commission has held the phone rate rise to be illegal. A refund retroactive to July 29 has been ordered, the new rates having went into effect December 1.

Springfield is affected by having the rates reduced and the toll of 10 cents per call to Eugene discontinued. Local phone rates hereafter will be \$2.25 for individual line phones; \$2 for a two-party line; and \$1.75 for a four party line. These prices are for wall set services and for desk set service the added differential of 25 cents per month will apply.

BASKETBALL HALL TO BE OPENED

Efforts of American Legion and High School Lads Successful in Gaining Gym.

Arrangements have been made whereby the high school and Post No. 40 of the American Legion will lease the lower floor of the W. O. W. building for use as a basketball floor and club room. This was determined at a joint committee meeting of the two bodies last night.

The manual training class of the high school will work Saturday in an effort to make the building ready to commence practicing the first of next week. The high school expects to have a strong basketball team, as also will the local post of American Legion.

The two bodies will share equally the expense of the rent and the cost of fitting up the building for use.

One room is to be used for a club room, games and reading room.

It is said that the movement may later expand into a community building. The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen will be asked to join the high school and American Legion in the use of the building and share the expenses. The 4 L local holds its meeting the last of this month when it is expected they will decide upon the matter.

The securing of this building will fill a long felt want in Springfield and the boys of both organizations are jubilant over their success.

STATE TEACHERS TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Local Teachers Will Attend State Association Meeting in Portland Last of December.

Several Springfield teachers will attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Teachers association in Portland December 29, 30, and 31. F. M. Roth, principal of the high school, has been elected an alternate delegate from Lane county and expects to attend. F. B. Hamlin, city school superintendent will also attend the convention, Mrs. Hamlin going with him. Miss Lindahl and Miss Nelson will attend some of the sessions and spend the holidays with relatives in the city.

Other delegates from the county are Maude Drury, Walker, Marie Gallagher, Coburg; Will Haley, Tieren; Supt. C. A. Howard, Eugene. Alternates: Mrs. May E. Cox, Marcola; Mrs. Maybelle Jones, Springfield, Rt. 2.

Indications are that this will be the largest and most important teachers' convention ever held in this state. Delegates from every county and from every local teachers' organization in the state will attend the business meetings of the representative council. This meeting as well as all of the other sessions is open to all teachers in the state.

UNIFORM LAWS NEED OF SCHOOLS

Minimum Salaries of \$100 for All Teachers in Oregon Is Urged by Institute.

New or additional legislation for high school laws, their maintenance and distribution of funds, and a minimum salary of not less than \$100 for teachers were important resolutions adopted by the legislative committee of the Lane county institute. The resolutions in full are as follows:

"We, the legislative committee, beg leave to report as follows: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this institute that there should be new or additional legislation upon the subject of high schools in this state, that there may be uniform laws for

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