

## BUDGET PLAN IS FAVORED BY MAYOR PURDIN

In a letter to the city council Mayor Purdin Tuesday night recommended the adoption of a budget system, the establishment of a purchasing department, systematic care for the poor of the city and municipal aid in the proposed spring sanitary clean-up. The budget system would hold taxpaying citizens, appointed, who would have a voice in fixing the city expenses for the year. The purchasing department would buy the supplies for the city departments.

The following recommendations for important changes in the city administration were made last night by Mayor Purdin:

To the city council, Medford, Oregon. Gentlemen: With your permission I propose at this time to submit some things that we might do that I believe would benefit the city.

### Budget Committee

I would recommend that an ordinance be passed empowering the mayor, with the advice of the council, at the first regular meeting of the council in October of each year hereafter, to appoint a committee of six citizens to act in conjunction with the finance committee of the council and be known as the budget committee of the city and the duty of which committee would be to prepare and submit to the council at the first regular meeting in November of each year the annual budget of the city, showing a conservative estimate of the expenses of each department of the city for the next ensuing year, the same to serve as a basis for the annual tax levy for the next year thereafter, and the expenditures of the several departments to be kept within the estimate of the committee, save in case of some unforeseen calamity.

### Purchasing Department

I believe there should be a purchasing department of the city, to consist of such members of the council as may seem best, and to which committee should be referred each item of expense proposed to be incurred for the city. Supplies for the various departments of the city to be purchased by the committee on written requisition from the heads of the respective departments, and the committee to examine carefully into the necessity for the purchase and the price to be paid. While there may come times when an emergency will arise when some expense will have to be incurred without the advice of the committee, I believe there will be money saved the city by the committee, and having talked this matter over with members of the previous council and this council and some of the heads of the departments of the city, I believe the suggestion is practical.

### Aid for the Indigent

We have no provision for this purpose, and as there are many requests for assistance, it would seem to me that a relief committee should be appointed with power to pass on all such applications, which should be referred to them, this committee to consist in part from the council and in part from the citizens and no relief to be granted only when recommended by this committee.

### Clean Up the City

I would earnestly recommend to the council the necessity of having all places where stable manure and other filth has been allowed to accumulate given a thorough cleaning up, and thereafter to be cleaned as often as once each week, as the time will soon arrive when all such places will be breeding places for flies and other pests, and if this matter is attended to now, it will result in great benefits to the city in the better health of the people. There is need also that we give close attention to the condition of the streets and alleys and sewers, that they shall be kept in sanitary condition.

### The Public Market

While there is a great cry for economy, I think that the grounds adjoining the public market should be covered with concrete with a smooth surface, so that they may be flushed regularly with water and kept more cleanly than they have been and now are, as the condition at this time to say the least, is most unsanitary.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAHLON PURDIN,  
Mayor.

## FIVE MEET DEATH IN MINNESOTA HOTEL FIRE

REMIDJ, Minn., Feb. 4.—Five persons met death in an early morning fire which destroyed the Hotel Kelliher at Kelliher, near here. Seven others were seriously burned. The origin of the fire was not known.

## ECONOMY POLICY OF NEW COUNCIL PUT INTO EFFECT

Economy measures, consolidating offices, clipping expenses, abolishing "luxuries" to city employees and increasing duties of city workers were adopted at a meeting of the city council Tuesday night. Free phones to volunteer fire department members, nine in number, and the cancelling of the insurance on the city hall on the grounds it was the height of precaution to insure a fire station were discontinued.

The following is a summary of the action of the council along economical lines:

Office of street commissioner abolished and department transferred to city engineer with no increase in salary.

Office of plumbing inspector abolished and work to be done by water superintendent, with no addition in salary.

Salary of city attorney reduced from \$75 per month to \$50.

Merging of offices of building and electrical inspectors under one head.

All overtime to be abolished in city work. City pay for 8 hours set at \$2.50. Where extra work has to be done let work to needy residents at this rate.

City employees to have no pay during vacations.

Police auto to be abolished and city engineer and police to use one auto.

Bids to be received for street cleaning to reduce expense. Firemen to be deputized as special policemen.

Councilman Sargent also announced that Chief of Police Hittson had agreed hereafter to look after the sanitary inspection of the city and see that garbage cans were covered and stables cleaned out at least once a week. This would save the cost of a special sanitary officer. The mayor in his special message also called attention to the desire of the administration to clean up the city.

At the close of the meeting Mayor Purdin following a ballot appointed W. H. Crawford a member of the police force.

## APPLES MAKE A HIT NEBRASKA EDUCATOR

Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska, writes as follows to Professor O'Gara:

"We have been enjoying the box of splendid apples that you sent us at Christmas time. Dr. Bessey and I agree each year that the apples from Oregon make the holiday season more than worth while. The big yellow fellows were especially good. I do not know that I have ever seen such a combination of crispness, mellowness, size and flavor.

"I have on my desk a copy of the Medford Mail Tribune, and I have just been looking over page four of the edition of January 1st. We had a good time with the botanists when they were in Nebraska, but I fear Lincoln seemed pretty parched and hot with what they had in the mountains and valleys of Oregon."

### TOMATO GROWERS ATTENTION.

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## PATHOLOGISTS OF PACIFIC COAST PLAN TO ORGANIZE

State Commissioner of Horticulture A. J. Cook of California is now making arrangements for the forty-fourth California state fruit growers' convention, which is to be held at Davis, June 1 to 6, inclusive. It is expected that this will be one of the greatest meetings of its kind ever held in the country. There will be many new features, and addresses will be made by many of the ablest men in the United States.

At this meeting there will be in attendance representative horticulturists from all parts of California, and a notable gathering of men prominent in horticulture, including growers, college professors and others from all over the country. The place of meeting being central, it has been chosen as the best point for the initial meeting of plant pathologists who have been invited to attend in the interest of the formation of "The Association of Plant Pathologists of the Pacific Coast States." This new organization has been in contemplation for some time, and through the efforts of Professor Ralph E. Smith of the University of California, pathologists from Arizona, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Colorado and Wyoming will be in attendance.

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## WEST & WHITMEAN

the particular subjects of pear blight, crown gall and physiological plant diseases common only to the Pacific slope, which will come up for discussion. At the meeting, Professor P. J. O'Gara of Medford will lead the conference on pear blight, it being conceded that he has had more experience with the various phases of this disease than any other pathologist in the country, and has had the opportunity of studying it throughout every fruit district in the United States. The request that he lead the conference on this subject

was made by Professor A. J. Cook, state commissioner of horticulture.

## HOUSE TAKES A JOLT AT PLEA FOR SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The house democratic caucus last night went on record against creating a house women's suffrage committee. By a vote of 123 to 57, the caucus adopted a resolution declaring this was a state question, rejecting the Baker resolution to create a committee.

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