

### COUNCIL AGREES ON CITY BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

#### Expense List of \$171,664 Ready to Be Printed for Study and Hearing—Relief Projects Will Stand

The Medford city budget for 1933, which provides for an expenditure of \$171,664.70, is now ready for publication, preparatory to the public hearing as a result of the meeting of the committee held last night, at which no changes in the budget, as presented to the council Tuesday, were made. Several hours were devoted to the discussion of proposed changes in the specifications, listed for expenditure of the \$5000 relief fund, but the changes were not made. The fund, as it now stands, will be spent on the opening of Fourth street and the straightening and widening of East Main, doing away with the bottle neck at Bear creek bridge.

Proposed changes in the hiring of extra help in the offices of recorder and treasurer were also discussed and a thorough investigation of the matter followed by the committee's approval of the program as it is now carried out by the two departments.

Unemployed Heard. Representatives of the Medford Association of the Unemployed, who appeared before the council Tuesday night, brought their request for continuance of a paid executive before the budget committee.

The committee passed a motion recommending to the council that an appropriation of \$75 a month, through the emergency fund, be continued to provide a salary for a paid executive, office now held by Harry Moore, is greater now than in the past, the representatives of the association pointed out in view of the fact that the unemployed have entered into several contracts for work, which will not be carried out unless the public can hold some one person responsible.

The business manager or executive is hired by the association, the council's action in the matter being purely one of making the appropriation to the unemployed association.

Saving Listed. The budget recommended for the coming year, although slightly lower in total than that of last year, really represents a saving of \$20,550 in salaries and operating expenses, it was stated last night. This amount of money having been included in the budget to care for the estimated tax delinquencies. If the taxes are paid this money will not be spent. No such provision was made in last year's budget, however, and the taxes did not come in. In order for the city to operate, City Superintendent Fred Scheffel stated some provision must be made to care for the delinquencies. The bond retirement last year was \$69,528. This year it represents a very small shrinkage, the total being \$68,469.70.

### REDUCE FARE TO PORTLAND GAME

A special round trip rate to Portland for the holidays and the big game was announced today by A. S. Rosenbaum, general freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific company. The Southern Pacific company has granted an \$8.50 round trip rate with first class tickets, Mr. Rosenbaum stated. The tickets will be honored in Pullman, tourist and chair cars upon payment of the sleeper rates. They will be honored on the Shasta, leaving Medford Wednesday morning, and on the Oregonian, leaving Wednesday evening. The Medford football team is expected to take the Wednesday Shasta and then the evening train.

The rate in itself, Mr. Rosenbaum stated this morning, is the lowest ever granted by the Southern Pacific with sleeper privileges and in addition to this extra low price the tickets will be honored for returning until midnight of the following Monday, allowing the excursionists several days in Portland following the Thanksgiving festivities.

It is important that those desiring tickets phone their reservations to 84 as soon as possible, Mr. Rosenbaum added.

### BAD LUCK AND STOOL HIT CRAPS SHOOTER

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18.—(AP)—His head cut and bruised, William Johnson was treated at the emergency hospital today. He told police he lost \$40 in a dice game at a Chinese lottery house. He then demanded that the house return the money. The proprietors refused. Then Johnson grabbed for a sack of money on the table. A Chinese checked him on the head with a stool.

### SLAVES COME HIGHER IN ABYSSINIAN RAIDS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Slave raiding by Abyssinians in British Africa will come higher in the future—the minimum fixed at 20 head of cattle per person stolen instead of 15 as in the past. The payment of 15 is expected to be required for each man, woman or child killed or enslaved in a recent raid into the British Kenya colony.

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### FRENCH BOY IS CHAMPION ORATOR



Georges Poi Domine (center), who as a representative of France won the seventh international oratorical contest in Washington, D. C., is shown as he was congratulated by Lucille D. Goldsmith of Los Angeles, who placed second, Charles G. P. Smith (right) of England was third. (Associated Press Photo)

### Sales Tax With Shelter Exemption Is Explained

In Series of Short Articles, J. C. Barnes Explains Details of His Proposal to Lighten Tax Burden on Workers

No. 1. A Working Man Now Pays a 20 Per Cent Sales Tax on One-Fourth His Income. A general sales tax, when levied for the purpose of exempting shelter from taxation, corrects an economic error that has been perpetrated in too long. It is time we called a spade a spade. When a working man buys shelter it is a commodity just the same as any other of his necessities. When a tax is placed on this commodity shelter it is as much a sales tax as if it was imposed upon his bread and meat, only five times as bad a tax, since there is imposed at the same time with it an excess interest burden, the two burdens together making home ownership impossible for the poor man. I am not going to discuss this heavier burden of interest a working man must carry because of this uneconomic tax, but will show just what the direct burden amounts to. One-fourth of a workingman's total annual expenditures for living expenses goes for shelter. If a workingman earns \$4 per day—\$1200 per year—three hundred dollars of this he spends for shelter requirements. And here is the "nigger in the woodpile." Twenty per cent of this, or \$60, goes for state, county and school taxes. So this working man, and every working man, pays a 20 per cent sales tax on this one-fourth of his annual expenditures. We purpose instead a 2 per cent sales tax on all his expenditures. Two per cent on \$1200 is \$24. Which is the heavier burden. \$600 collected in a lump sum as taxes (or monthly as rent) or \$24 collected a few cents at a time? And here is the tragedy of it. I find men who have opposed a sales tax all their lives who do not realize that a working man is carrying this heavy burden of a 20 per cent sales tax on one-fourth of his expenditures. This is a selective sales tax with a vengeance. It selects shelter, a working man's prime necessity, and imposes this 20 per cent burden in such an insidious manner that its lifelong opposers have never discovered it existed and will not admit its presence when it is pointed out to them, but will raise their hands in holy horror when a proposal of a much less tax is made to abolish it. I contend this iniquitous sales tax on shelter is the master criminal of our time. It fosters usury, it destroys homes, it is the chief contributor to unemployment in our state, it robs the hungry and is destructive of our democracy in that it makes home ownership impossible for a great number of our citizens.

### Arithmetic Shows Why Republican Party Lost

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., used some arithmetic today to explain to a meeting of the Women's National Republican club just why, in his opinion the republican party was defeated in the November 8 election. "There was nothing the Republicans could have done to avert defeat," said Mr. Fish. "President Hoover made a gallant fight but was doomed." He then summed up as follows what he said he believed were "the main causes" for the defeat. Fifty per cent depression. Twenty per cent desire of the voters for a change. Twenty per cent prohibition. Five per cent ousting of the veterans from Washington by force. Five per cent miscellaneous. "This is no time to cry about spilled milk," Mr. Fish added. "I have an abiding faith in the future of our party. We must put new strength, youth and leadership in the party." Mr. Fish was one of the republican candidates to emerge from the campaign victorious. He was re-elected from the 23rd New York congressional district.

NEWS has been received here of the birth of a son, named Robert Vinton, to Mr. and Mrs. James V. Nygren of Chilcoquin, formerly of this city, where Mr. Nygren was rural carrier for the Mail Tribune. The baby was born November 16 and weighed eight pounds.

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