

WHERE IS CASH FOR CITY BILLS TO COME FROM?

Serious Financial Situation Must Be Considered—Amending Charter to Increase Taxation Rate Is Offered as Only Solution

At the meeting of the city council last Monday night, Police Judge A. L. Leavitt submitted for the consideration of the mayor and members of the council a financial statement for the city. The facts it revealed were so astounding that The Herald asked Judge Leavitt to prepare for the information of the taxpayers of the city an analysis of this statement. It presents a situation so serious that the analysis furnished by Judge Leavitt will prove of deep interest to the people who have to foot the bill—the taxpayers.

An analysis of the financial statement of the Police Judge furnishes much food for thought and incidentally prompts the inquiry "where do we go from here?" It is as follows: The predicament in which the Council of this city finds itself on the eve of preparing its budget and determining the tax levy for the next fiscal year of the city, is analogous to the situation of the Council of the city of Portland; in this, that both are confronted with the necessity of reaching deeper into the pockets of the taxpayer than ever before if the growing demands upon the city treasury are to be met in the manner contemplated by the charters of the two cities. Both cities are fronting charter limitations enacted in 1913 under what we are pleased to term normal conditions. Portland's city council has determined to call a special election and submit a charter amendment raising the limit of taxation from 8 to 11 mills which will produce something like \$666,000.00 additional revenue. It is explained that this additional amount of revenue is needed to meet the increased cost of labor, material and supplies and to provide an increase in the salaries of city employees and officials whose compensation is not fixed by charter.

The same explanation could be and probably will be urged in support of an amendment to the charter of this city permitting an increased tax levy which the report of the Police Judge recently indicates must be made if the city's finances are to be kept on an even keel.

Beginning with the General Fund, we note that the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1918 and ending May 31, 1919, opened with a balance of \$3,391.75; and closed with an over-amount of approximately \$3,286.00. Taking the expenditures of the

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APPROPRIATION SUIT FOR STATION SITE IS STARTED

Alleging that the property is necessary for station, yard, track and spur sites, in the development of its railway enterprise, the Oregon, California & Eastern Railroad company yesterday began suit in the circuit court against Agnes Pierce and Albert H. Pierce to condemn certain land named in the complaint, situated in this city.

A tender of \$1,200 for the property is made by the plaintiff. R. C. Grosbeck is attorney for the company. The land is described as Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 3, and Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Block 4, Hollister addition to the City of Klamath Falls.

ROOSEVELT FUND BEGINS TO GROW

Reports from the chairman of the Roosevelt Memorial association show great enthusiasm and progress over the whole state. The appeal to American patriotism through the memory of Theodore Roosevelt, men and women who are true and loyal Americans are rallying and becoming enrolled in this all-American movement.

Reports from the country indicate that Klamath county is not going to be behind in its tribute of honor to Theodore Roosevelt or to the great cause he worked his whole lifetime for.

The work of Americanism which he stood for as a single man must now be passed on to the men and women of the country and they must carry it on and see it through.

C. W. Eberlein, county chairman, is beginning to get voluntary returns through the coupon as published in The Herald.

It is the desire of the executive committee that this method be adopted, thereby reducing the labor necessary to call personally on each subscriber. Every bank in the city will receive your subscription and you may save time by stepping into the bank and leaving your subscription, name and address for enrollment.

The Women's Roosevelt Memorial association also reports satisfactory progress. Directions have been received from the state superintendent of instruction that the memory of Theodore Roosevelt shall be observed by appropriate exercises in public schools during the present week.

MRS. E. P. LAWRENCE UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. E. P. Lawrence, wife of the Presbyterian pastor, underwent a serious operation yesterday. She was reported to be doing as well as can be expected by Mr. Lawrence today, and her condition is favorable to speedy recovery.

WILSON TRYING TO SAVE PARTS OF THE WRECK

President Hopes to Build New Industrial Conference From Units of Now Useless Organization, Balking Labor Group Disbanded

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—From his sickbed in the White House today President Wilson dictated another letter to the national industrial conference in which he is reported to have urged the conference to proceed without the representatives of labor in a final effort to frame some program for the reestablishment of industrial peace.

Department of Labor officials are reported to favor further action by the public representative group in the hope that the program originating with that group will be acceptable to labor.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Labor Federation, today reiterated declarations that it would be useless for labor representatives to continue.

After receiving President Wilson's message Chairman Lane adjourned the conference as originally constituted and immediately called members of the public representative group into session as a new conference.

It is said that the President may increase the membership of this group. Organized labor may be asked to participate through new delegates to be named by the President.

The President's aim, it is said, is to build a new machine from the wreck of the old, which will be strong enough to bring about industrial peace in this country.

NO JURISDICTION—CLAIMS DEFENDANT

The case of J. A. Howarth, a government employe at the Klamath agency, accused by C. S. Hood, resident of the agency, of shooting two mares owned by Mrs. Hood, was continued to November 11 by Justice Chapman this morning. The court in the interval will consider the defendant's motion for dismissal of the action on the ground that it lacks jurisdiction, the defendant maintaining that the United States courts have exclusive jurisdiction within the reservation boundaries.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF ELKS TONIGHT

Harry Allen of Portland, president of the state Elks' association, will be here this evening to meet local Elks. He is motoring from Ashland with Wilson, Wiley, Clarence Underwood and Austin Hayden, who have been in Portland to greet the grand exalted ruler, of the national Elks, Frank L. Ruess. The meeting here tonight will be important, and members are urged to lay aside other business and attend.

RAILROADS WANT RATE INCREASES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Immediate steps are to be taken by railroad companies to obtain an increase in freight rates, it was announced today after a lengthy conference between Director Walter D. Hines of the railroad administration and representatives of the association of railway executives. Hines reiterated his decision not to attempt a general readjustment of freight rates during the period of federal control.

GERMANY IS STILL INCITING TROUBLE

STRASBOURG, Oct. 23.—A conspiracy to foment a revolution in Alsace and Lorraine to reestablish an autonomous republic is assuming greater proportions than was first anticipated, says report here. The alleged arch conspirator, Koeshler, has confessed, it is said, to have received half a million francs for his services from Germany since last May.

FARMERS HEAVY LOSERS ASSERTS KANSAS SOLON

Senator Capper Says Producers Can Stand No Further Decrease—The Farmer Gets \$8 for Wheat Which Sliced in Bread Brings \$5.87

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 23.—The farmers' side of the high cost of living question was presented in the senate yesterday by Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas, who declared that, while farmers are selling their products at a loss in declining markets, the consumers are paying rising prices.

Faulty distribution was blamed largely for this "remarkable spectacle," and the senator urged a number of remedies to increase production. He deplored the numerous industrial strikes and the small representation given agriculture in the industrial conference.

"Remedy" Hits Growers

"In our efforts to get rid of the high cost of living disease," said Mr. Capper, "I fear we are in great danger of dying of the remedy. As a result of Washington's effort to reduce high prices by breaking down entirely the cost of food, we have the remarkable spectacle of a rise of 1 per cent in the cost of living, coincident with market drops that are putting livestock raisers out of business and causing serious losses to other producers."

Illustrating the anomalous situation of farmers and consumers, Senator Capper said farmers are selling their wheat at a loss, adding:

"It takes four and a half bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour. The wheat raiser gets about \$8.37 for the wheat, the miller \$12.70, the baker \$5.70, and the hotel keeper in Washington, as it is doled out in thin slices, \$5.87."

Livestock Men Suffer

The government, through the grain corporation, Senator Capper said, profited \$23,000,000 at the expense of farmers last year, the farmers selling from 20 to 70 cents less than the guaranteed price.

"The situation of the livestock farmer is even more deplorable," he said. "Farmers are selling their grain fed hives and hogs for less than it costs to produce them, but the consumer finds little or no change in the price of meat."

"While everything a farmer must buy demands the high dollar, the price of his commodities, the cheapest in the market, is held down by a foreign embargo and a government guarantee."

Losses Are Immense

"Without visibly helping the consumer we have brought about a crisis in our most fundamental and vital industry by forcing the producer to accept prices at which he cannot continue to produce, while he and the consumer are compelled to pay prices at which they are forced to curtail the home demand."

Citing losses sustained by agricultural producers, Senator Capper said the recent decline in livestock prices had cost producers \$80,000,000. Livestock growers, he said, do not control the markets, and like other agricultural producers, must accept prices fixed by others.

Farm wages have doubled, land values have risen enormously and everything the farmer buys, he said, has risen from 50 to 300 per cent.

Among the remedies suggested by Senator Capper were cessation of "federal government propaganda which tends to bear down the prices of farm products."

Wider Markets Urged

"Executive departments," he said, "should seek wider markets for the farmer by lifting the embargo on wheat and wheat flour to Europe, by extending credit to European governments and by lowering ocean freight rates."

Legislation to free the livestock producers of alleged control of the markets by the packers also was urged by Senator Capper, who suggested establishment of co-operative farm selling agencies.

S. F. MAN WILL MANAGE WHITE PELICAN HOTEL

Al. Short, manager of the Washington hotel in San Francisco, has undertaken the management of the White Pelican hotel here for the Klamath Development company. The Fleischacker interests, largely involved in the K. D. control, also own the Washington hotel, so that Mr. Short, it is understood, will have the management of both the local and San Francisco hostilities. He will assume management of the White Pelican about November 1, although he is now here, having arrived last evening to look the situation over.

E. B. Hall, whose five-year lease on the White Pelican expired last July and who has been holding the management since until a satisfactory man could be found, will devote his attention to other local hotel interests.

SINNOTT ON JOB FOR SHEEP MEN

"Klamath Falls, Ore., Oct. 22.

"The Klamath Wool Growers' association, representing more than 100 members and an investment in sheep and lambs of nearly \$2,000,000, most earnestly protest against the proposed importations and auction sales of Australian wool. It spells ruin for them. They see in the proposed sale benefit only for manufacturers of woolen goods. The cost of raising sheep and wool is so high that any reduction in price will simply be disastrous. We ask that you get busy at once and use every endeavor to prevent this unjust and ruinous arrangement from being put into operation."

The foregoing telegram, signed by the Wool Growers' association, through its president, E. M. Hammond, was sent yesterday to Senator Chamberlain, Congressman Sinnott and Hawley and others at Washington, in an effort, general among wool growers throughout the country, to head off the proposed sale at auction in Boston of a great quantity of Australian wool, starting in a few weeks with the sale of 15,000,000 pounds and 10,000,000 pounds monthly thereafter.

In response to their telegram, the local association this morning received the following message from Congressman Sinnott:

"Your telegram regarding the importation of Australian wool received and have investigated the matter here. I am informed by the quartermaster general's office that the matter is not in the hands of any government official in Washington, but is probably in the hands of the government wool administration, care of the U. S. army supply base, Boston, Mass. Am wiring to this administration the substance of your telegram and will let you know when I get further information."

Attention of Klamath sheep men was called to the situation yesterday by a letter from the president of the California Wool Growers' association, urging joint action to stop the proposed sale. Sheep raisers assert that if the manufacturers are allowed to carry through their program it will force the majority of local sheep men into bankruptcy.

ROAD BIDS TO BE OPENED NOV. 4TH

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 23.—The state highway commission will open bids at its meeting in Portland, November 4, for 157 miles of road improvement in Baker Creek, Deschutes, Klamath, Malheur and Umatilla counties. No paving bids are included.

In Klamath county the work includes the Klamath Falls-Dairy section, 15 miles of grading and graveling; Klamath-California line section, 13 miles of grading and surfacing; Al-goma section, 9 miles of grading and surfacing.

EXPERTS FIND PINE BEETLES ARE PLENTIFUL

Conference in Resolution Asks State Agricultural College to Build Up Department to Give Trained Assistance in eradication

Plenty of pine beetles were found by timber experts of various forest protective agencies in a trip through the timber area yesterday, the closing day of the two days' conference of forest officials and entomologists with member of the Klamath-Lake Counties Fire Protective association.

"The gravity of the situation has not been exaggerated," said Professor W. J. Chamberlain, Oregon Agricultural entomologist, on his return last night. "Two exceptionally long dry seasons in succession have given the beetles a fine opportunity for breeding, and they are here in serious numbers."

Got Three Hun Flyers

Professor Chamberlain, during seven months' service as a flyer on the German front, distinguished himself by bringing down three German planes. He was not in the business of getting Germans, being assigned to photographic and observation duty, fighting only to save himself when the enemy attacked. He took part in all the American offensives and managed to get through with seven air fights, seven of which terminated in Boche funerals.

Professor Chamberlain finds the western pine bark beetle a harder prey. The technical name of the bug is *Dendroctonus Brevicornis*, and he lives right up to that reputation. Insignificant in size, he's hard-boiled in action and is credited with the annual destruction of pine timber in this territory ten times as great as fire.

Sanitation Needed

The beetle thrives in dead and semi-dead timber, which offers an ideal breeding place. In favorable seasons two broods are produced. The only remedy so far known is the removal of all dry or sickly standing timber from the healthy forest and burning it. Burning all such timber and stumps and slashings at the proper season, which is when the beetles are in the egg of larval size, will keep them in check, although it is a slow remedy.

Professor Chamberlain is working on a bacteria, also a fungus, with which he hopes to inoculate the beetle colonies with disease, but has met with only partial success so far. The wasp family are sworn enemies of the beetle and kill some but not enough to count much, for the beetles multiply rapidly under favorable conditions.

If funds are available the Oregon Agricultural college will probably put a trained entomologist at work in this territory to study the beetle under local conditions and direct the campaign against it.

Adopt Resolutions

Before adjourning the conference adopted a set of resolutions on forest needs, as follows:


"In view of the importance of the forest industry in the State of Oregon, and the large percentage of the taxes of the state paid by said industry, and since insect depredations in the timber are in certain localities a decided menace, we feel that greater attention should be given to forest entomology in the state. We, therefore, urge the Oregon Agricultural college to build up a strong department of forest entomology and through such department lend assistance to owners of timber in the state in control of insect depredations."

Fire Loss Serious

"In view of the serious fires which occurred in Oregon the past season and the expense involved in fighting said fires, it is apparent that the appropriation for protection of Oregon and California grant lands will not be sufficient to pay the pro rata share of cost of protection of said

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ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL FUND



To the Roosevelt Memorial Association,
C. W. Eberlein, County Chairman,
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

I herewith subscribe the sum of _____
to the ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL FUND.

Name _____
Address _____
The above amount is inclosed herewith.

According to the plans of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, the Roosevelt Memorial Fund of \$5,000,000.00 is to be utilized to erect a National Monument in Washington, D. C.; to acquire and maintain a public park at Oyster Bay, N. Y., and ultimately to include Sagamore Hill, the Roosevelt home, therein, to be preserved like Mount Vernon and Lincoln's home at Springfield; and to endow a National Society to perpetuate the principles and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt.

Each contributor to the fund will receive a certificate of membership in the Roosevelt Memorial Association. A certificate will also be presented to every school contributing to the fund.

The name of every contributor will be placed on the list of names deposited in the National Monument to be erected at Washington, D. C.