

COUNCIL WIELDS PRUNING KNIFE ON DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES FOR THIS YEAR

City Commissioners, Sitting as Budget Board, Hold Stormy Clinic Over 1918 General Fund of \$1,750,000; Wails Heard When Cuts Totalling \$200,000 are Made.

City council, sitting as a budget board, held a clinic over the 1918 general fund of \$1,750,000, which was apportioned to the various departments after a spirited session.

FACE-BIG TASK.
The board had \$220,000 more than the 1917 general fund, but the total of the departmental estimates was \$425,000 more than the 1917 appropriations. Cutting more than \$200,000 from the estimates was the big task which was accomplished after considerable cross-fire.

Withnell's Estimate Cut.
The fire department led off with an allowance of \$420,000, which was \$73,000 more than was available for 1917. The amount allowed for this year was \$10,000 less than Superintendent Withnell contended he needed. The increase is for salary raises of \$10 per month per fireman.

Superintendent Kugel of the police asked for \$278,000 and finally accepted \$268,000. Last year his department received \$249,000. Of the \$10,000 which was cut from the estimate \$5,000 was to have been expended for a new patrol wagon. Mayor Dahlman and Commissioner Parks took the position that the police and fire departments should stand for cuts the same as other departments and take chances at the end of the year.

Like Spoiled Child.
"Superintendent Withnell is like a spoiled child with his fire department. He has one of the largest departments in the country," said Mr. Parks. "Why not let me do something for the people, too?" he asked. "If the police or fire departments run low in funds toward the end of the year they should let some of their men off, the same as other departments have to do," remarked the mayor.

"I cannot cut my force. If this war continues the police department will have to be increased," pleaded Superintendent Kugel, who added that the day shift of police now has only 35 men.

Could Close Department.
"The public improvements department or the park department could be closed for three months and it would not make the same difference as if the police or fire departments should be stopped for even three days," added Mr. Kugel.

Commissioner Butler moved that the clerical force of the City Planning commission be dispensed with at a saving of \$20,000 for the year. The mayor opposed this proposition, but agreed to the compromise of reducing the commission's allowance of \$10,000 for 1917 to \$7,500 for this year. The mayor originally asked for \$20,000 for this year's city planning work.

Has Narrow Escape.
The Board of Public Welfare had a narrow escape from being cut from \$11,000 in 1917 to \$6,000 for this year. After the mayor stood up on both hind feet in defense of this board an allowance of \$10,000 was agreed.

The public library was allowed \$45,000, the same as the 1917 appropriation. An estimate of \$60,000 for this year had been submitted. The park department was allowed \$96,000, an increase of \$6,000 over 1917, and the Board of Public Recreation was allowed \$20,000, as against \$18,000 last year. Superintendent Mummel asked for \$110,000 for the park fund and \$35,000 for the public recreation fund.

Parks Wins Fight.
Superintendent Parks made a hard fight for \$84,000 for street cleaning and was allowed \$75,000, an increase of \$6,000 over last year. He received small increases for his street repair, grade and curb, gutter and paving funds.

The budget board opened the session with an agreement that no city employe receiving \$125 or more per month at this time should be granted an increase in determining the budget allowances. That action meant cutting out numerous items from the estimates. Various salary increases were allowed to clerks receiving from \$75 to \$100 per month, nearly all of these increases being \$5 per month.

Inspector Gets Raise.
A. E. Blaufuss, slaughter house inspector, was granted an increase from \$1,325 to \$1,500 a year upon explanation by Superintendent Kugel

Packing House Men Will Arbitrate Their Demands

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 5.—Neither strikes or lockout will occur at any of the plants of the big packers during the period of the war under the terms of an agreement. Difference involving wages, hours and condition of employment will be left for settlement to John E. Williams, who has been selected for federal arbiter. The taking of testimony on all points in dispute will begin Monday.

The five packing companies included in the agreement are Armour & Co., the Cudahy Packing company, Morris & Co., Swift & Co., and Wilson & Co. It covers not only the employes in Chicago but those at Kansas City, St. Joseph, East St.

Senator Smoot Seeks to Amend Income Tax Law

Washington, Jan. 5.—Declaring the present war tax law not only is unworkable, but impossible, and discriminatory taxes, Senator Smoot, republican, of the finance committee, today introduced amendments establishing a new system of income taxes. The senator contends his proposals would not affect the revenue obtained under the existing law, but would simplify the method of collecting. They include repeal of the zone system and increased postal rates on second class mail.

Chicago Board of Trade Will Change Its Trading Plan

Chicago, Jan. 5.—President Griffin, holding that the present rules governing trade in corn are anomalous, today called a special meeting of the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade. There is a maximum price of \$1.28 fixed by the board for corn futures. As ordinary grades of spot corn are selling about 40 cents higher than that, trading in futures has been almost eliminated. President Griffin announced that he would suggest a plan better fitted to present conditions. Farmers, he said, are bitterly opposed to present practices.

Dawson County Pioneer Killed in Fall From Wagon

Lexington, Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—William Devore, aged 70 years, was thrown from a wagon yesterday, breaking his neck, causing instant death. Mr. Devore was a pioneer in this vicinity.

J. R. O'Connor Nominated To Be U. S. Attorney

Washington, Jan. 5.—John Robert O'Connor of Los Angeles was nominated today by President Wilson to be United States attorney for the southern district of California.

Omaha Elks Plan Ladies' Night for Next Wednesday

Omaha Elks will give the first ladies' night of the year next Wednesday at the Elks' club rooms. The entertainment will be in the form of a concert, consisting of vocal and instrumental musical numbers and vaudeville, to be followed by an informal dance. Among those who will be on the program are Carl Sibbert, tenor; Miss Ruth Gordon, contralto, with Miss Allegra Fuller at the piano; Barney McArdle, with Irish stories; and the Elite trio, including Mrs. Ernest Reese, violin, Miss Ruth Flynn, piano, and Mrs. Mabel Donlon, cello. The concert will start promptly at 8:15 o'clock and the dancing at 9:30 o'clock.

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| Sweaters that will sell for \$9.50, now at..... \$7.50 | Underwear that will sell for \$4.25, now at..... \$3.00 | Men's Shirts that will sell for \$3.75, now at..... \$3.00 |
| Sweaters that will sell for \$11.50, now at..... \$8.00 | Underwear that will sell for \$5.00, now at..... \$3.50 | Men's Shirts that will sell for \$6.00, now at..... \$5.00 |
| Underwear that will sell for \$6.00, now at..... \$4.50 | Underwear that will sell for \$7.50, now at..... \$6.00 | Underwear that will sell for \$9.00, now at..... \$7.50 |
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