

COUNCIL CUTS BUDGET TO MEET CITY TAX LEVY

Stormy Session in Which Planning Board Is Put on the Irons But Pulls Through.

City council, after a stormy session yesterday afternoon, finally squeezed the appropriations for funding the city government in 1919 down to the amount estimated to be available from the tax levy, to wit, \$2,000,000.

The tax levy is \$1,850,000 but not all that is levied is collected and the commissioners in making their preliminary cuts didn't take cognizance of this fact.

A violent argument over the city planning commission was a feature of the final hour yesterday.

"I'll vote to drop the whole city planning commission," said Commissioner Butler. "It isn't giving any results."

Money for City Planning. Other commissioners, however, thought the commission is doing work which will show up in years to come.

From the city library's appropriation of \$55,000 the sum of \$5,000 was taken, giving it \$50,000 for the year instead of \$45,000 that it had last year.

Budget is Fixed. From the miscellaneous fund \$7,000 was taken. The judgment fund was reduced by \$5,000.

Accounts and finance department, \$74,180. Police, sanitation and public health, \$434,490.

Fire protection and water supply, \$640,800. Street cleaning and maintenance, \$176,125.

Parks and public property, \$112,800. Public improvements, \$139,500.

The newly created miscellaneous fund has \$76,390 and the municipal garage fund, \$40,000.

The budget will be passed by resolution at the meeting of city council this morning.

Revoked Soft Drink License. An amendment to the soft drink ordinance was passed after an argument. The amendment makes the possession or sale of intoxicating liquor by a soft drink parlor sufficient reason for the revoking of the dealer's permit.

Gas Bills Too High. A committee of women from the Bemis park district presented their grievances against the gas company for greatly increased bills.

Protests Repair Shop. Clarke Powell appeared before the city council to protest against the location of the municipal garage and repair shop in the basement of the Auditorium.

McAdoo Will Not Assist in Settlement of Peace Treaty. Washington, Jan. 6.—The advisability of calling William G. McAdoo to assist in consideration of financial arrangements of the peace settlement was discussed here.

Former Omaha Girl in Red Cross Work in Paris Called by Death



MAUDE MAE BUTLER

A cablegram received Monday announced the death on Thursday of Maude Mae Butler, head stenographer in the bureau of construction of the American Red Cross in Paris.

Miss Butler left Omaha October 18, for New York, sailing within a few days for Paris. She was born in Omaha and was a graduate of Brownell Hall.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. R. B. Carter of Ogden, Utah, and two brothers, George D. Butler and Charles W. Butler of Omaha.

ONLY ONE BID MADE ON BONDS FOR NEW SCHOOL

Delay in Advertising Issue Given as Cause by Members; Warfield Re-Elected Vice-President.

One solitary bid was all that the Board of Education received for the \$1,000,000 worth of bonds for a new High School of Commerce building.

Great disappointment was expressed at the board meeting last night when the "bids" were opened.

It is estimated that the city lost at least \$47,000 because the bonds were advertised a month too late.

City council directed Commissioner Ringer to continue with the work of the detention hospital, but declined to vote him the \$24,000 which he asked for the work.

The hospital will be moved within a few days from Twenty-second and St. Marys avenue to the old county jail, Eleventh and Dodge street.

W. E. Reed was re-elected president of the board unanimously. On the first ballot he received 10 votes and C. V. Warfield two.

Mr. Warfield was elected vice-president. On the first ballot he received 11 votes and A. R. Wells received one.

Committee to Investigate. A special committee, consisting of President Reed and Members Wells, Talmage, Clark and Eldredge, was appointed to investigate the bond issue.

Slav Minister Resigns. Basel, Jan. 6.—Dr. Benes, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, has resigned, according to a Budapest dispatch received here.

To Cure A Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It tops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 20c.

DENIES RIGHT TO HOLD WOMEN IN HOSPITALS

Says It is Not According to Constitution; Should Go to Jail if Violating the Law.

Mayor Smith yesterday quoted the federal constitution in support of his stand against the confining of alleged prostitutes in the detention hospital unless they first have been convicted of a crime.

"The constitution says," declared the mayor, "that no person shall be thrown into prison unless he is first convicted in a court."

"I object to this hospital also because in it you are trying to cure prostitutes instead of trying to cure prostitution. If a woman has violated the laws let her be thrown into jail and treated while there if she has a disease. If she has not violated the laws she must be allowed to go free."

Major Leader of the United States public health service addressed the council, outlining the program of the government in fighting social disease.

"That is a conservative statement," declared Major Leader. "When the draft law was first put into operation the government decided to accept no men suffering from social diseases. But it was found that so large a number had these diseases that, to exclude them, would very seriously interfere with building an army."

The major stated that 90 per cent of prostitutes are suffering from social disease.

Girls a Menace. "There is also a grave menace from girls and women of loose morals," he said. "These women may work at regular work or live at home. When infected they go to a doctor or resort to some other means of being treated, but there is little chance of their being covered through public channels."

Dr. John Baptist, himself an Armenian, spoke of the massacre of all of his immediate family by the Turks. He advocated a free and independent Armenia.

Miss Harris early developed a talent for dramatics and appeared in several school production here in Cheyenne and in Council Bluffs, and when later the family moved to California she started as an "extra" at Universal City, rapidly rising to the position of a star.

In person she is small, with a clear profile and a mobile face that registers emotions well. She has a "twinkle" in the eyes of the parts of a girl of the people rather than strong dramatic traits.

Ernest Truax, who has made such a pronounced hit in "Come On In" and in "Good Bye, Bill," in which he co-starred with Shirley Mason, is now hard at work on the next Emerson-Louis production, "When the Boys Come Home."

Into the movie discard: Puff ties. Wrong-front beards. Shiny Prince Alberts. Trumpet-flower Vests. Celluloid collars.

Catherine Calvert and Ruby de Remer are working in the big Salvation Army film which is being made at Los Angeles.

The girl with the flaming hair, accompanied by her aunt, was an interested spectator. The man with the magophone was calling his orders to the motley group of motion picture actors and "extras" who were rehearsing a western scene.

Fire at Smelter Does Small Damage to Ice House. Sparks from a switch engine set fire to the room of the main ice house at the American Smelting and Refining company on the river front near the Douglas street bridge Monday night.

AT THE THEATERS

AFTER the matinee Wednesday afternoon at the Orpheum, the mystic for the LeMar will welcome the general public at reception to be held on the stage. Those present may ask her what questions they desire. Thursday will be "sealed letter" day.

With rarely an exception, every audience to have witnessed "The Sporting Widows" at the Gayety this week reward the clever two score of entertainers by a generous round of applause after the final curtain has fallen.

"The Unkissed Bride" is making a lot of friends for the company at the Boyd this week. The individual roles stand out strongly, while the background of comedy is full of meat for laughter.

Keno, Keyes and Melrose, sing their way through the company at the Matinee. Mattie Choate and company have a comedy sketch entitled "Public Service," that keeps the audience roaring with laughter.

Local Workers Seek to Raise Money for Relief in Near East. To determine the best methods of raising the \$53,000, the Douglas county quota pledged by the Selling and Advertising league to the American committee for relief in the Near East, was the purpose of a meeting held by the league at the Fontenelle hotel last night.

William J. Shallcross, in charge of the drive in six states, spoke to the members of the league on the importance of making good their pledges. He described the horrible suffering of these oppressed races.

Dr. John Baptist, himself an Armenian, spoke of the massacre of all of his immediate family by the Turks. He advocated a free and independent Armenia.

Miss Harris early developed a talent for dramatics and appeared in several school production here in Cheyenne and in Council Bluffs, and when later the family moved to California she started as an "extra" at Universal City, rapidly rising to the position of a star.

In person she is small, with a clear profile and a mobile face that registers emotions well. She has a "twinkle" in the eyes of the parts of a girl of the people rather than strong dramatic traits.

Ernest Truax, who has made such a pronounced hit in "Come On In" and in "Good Bye, Bill," in which he co-starred with Shirley Mason, is now hard at work on the next Emerson-Louis production, "When the Boys Come Home."

Into the movie discard: Puff ties. Wrong-front beards. Shiny Prince Alberts. Trumpet-flower Vests. Celluloid collars.

Catherine Calvert and Ruby de Remer are working in the big Salvation Army film which is being made at Los Angeles.

The girl with the flaming hair, accompanied by her aunt, was an interested spectator. The man with the magophone was calling his orders to the motley group of motion picture actors and "extras" who were rehearsing a western scene.

Fire at Smelter Does Small Damage to Ice House. Sparks from a switch engine set fire to the room of the main ice house at the American Smelting and Refining company on the river front near the Douglas street bridge Monday night.

South Side IOWA LAW MAY BE MODIFIED, SAYS PRES. J. H. BULLA

Thinks There Is Chance That Quarantine Regulations on Cattle May Be Changed.

If the head veterinarian of the Iowa Board of Sanitation finds that Sioux City authorities are unable to enforce Iowa's stringent stock inspection laws, there is a chance that the law may be modified, according to J. H. Bulla, president of the Nebraska Board of Sanitation.

The Iowa veterinarian went to Sioux City yesterday to investigate reports that Sioux City was not enforcing the law.

Many Returning Soldiers Employed in Packing Plants. More than 200 returning soldiers obtained employment in the Omaha packing houses during December through the federal employment bureau, according to the statement issued this morning by P. J. Dorn, manager of the South Side bureau.

Of this number practically 140 previously had been employed in the packing houses before they were inducted into army service. Approximately 60 of the 200 were new men, and 270 were employed as common laborers. Thirty were given back their positions as clerks in the offices.

John F. Behm, 71 years old, died Sunday in his home. Funeral services will be conducted in the Cole & McKay parlors this morning at 10 o'clock by St. Johns Masonic lodge.

Mrs. Nella Doedys Burdinn, wife of Albert Burdinn, died in her home at 812 West 24th street, Sunday, Jan. 6, 1919. Funeral services will be held in the Haynes chapel today. Interment will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

John W. B. Wilkins, the wife of Walter B. Wilkins, Jr., died of pneumonia at Berkeley, Cal., Saturday, Jan. 4, 1919. Mr. Wilkins was born and brought up in Omaha, moving to California some years ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilkins of this city.

FLASHES from FILMLAND PHOTO-PLAY OFFERINGS FOR TODAY

On the Screen Today. BIALTO-WILLIAM HART in "THE BROTHERS KERRIGAN".

BRANDEN-MRS. CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "BORROWED CLOTHES". STRAND-DONALD FAIRBANKS in "ARIZONA".

MUSE-MAE MARSH in "THE RACING TEAM". EMPRESS-TOM MIX in "TREAT 'EM ROUGH".

SUBBIRN-24th and Ames-MARY MINTER in "ROSEMARY CLIMBS THE HEIGHTS". GRAY-10th and Biway-GLADYS BROCKWELL in "THE STRANGE WOMAN".

BOULEVARD-32d and Leavenworth-ANTONIO MORENO in "NAU-TALHA". HAMILTON-10th and Hamilton-NORMA TALADGE in "LUXE ANNIE".

LOTHROP-24th and 8th-CLARA MIRABALI YOUNG in "THE ROAD THROUGH THE DARK". OREGON-Side 24th and 8th-TOM MOORE in "JUST FOR TONIGHT".

A young actor was watching Josie Sedgwick at work. He remarked to the heavy that she looked such a nice, quiet sweet girl. The heavy said she was. The young actor then asked how the heavy came by his cut and several bruises. "Josie Sedgwick gave me those and a few you can't see in the scrap we staged yesterday." And now the young actor has his doubts.

Priscilla Dean's new production tentatively entitled "Raggy Ann," is now under way with Tod Browning directing. The story was written by Charles W. Tyler and scenarized by Harvey Gates.

Thirteen Students to Take Degrees at South High; All Are Girls

Thirteen students, all girls, will graduate from the South High school January 24. Graduating exercises, in which students from all Omaha High schools will participate, will be held in the First Methodist church.

A play is being rehearsed by the South Side students, which will be given at the South High school auditorium some day during commencement week. Tickets at 35 cents will be on sale for the play, and its exact date will be announced shortly.

A baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on the evening of January 19, by the Rev. C. M. Wilson of the South Side Methodist church.

Students graduating on the South Side are: Adella Mastowsky, Mildred Minard, Zita Mullaly, Anna Murphy, Irene Neff, Fannie Sachs, Mildred Waack.

Wanted-Teams to haul coal. A. L. Bergquist & Son, Phone South 62. Officers of the Live Stock Exchange will be elected today. The polls will close at 4 o'clock.

Funeral services for Mrs. D. M. Cox, mother of Sherman Cox who died in Los Angeles, will be held in Omaha Tuesday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid society of St. Luke's Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. A. Anderson, 1711 Missouri avenue, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The annual installation of officers of Nebraska lodge No. 27, Ancient Order of United Workmen will be held in the A. O. U. W. temple, Twenty-fifth and M streets, Thursday evening, January 8.

It is saving weekly is something new to you, come in and let us explain our Economy Savings Club. You will find the club to your advantage. The Live Stock National Bank, 24th and N Sts.

A delegation of 15 from the Union Stock Yards, will leave for the West and Sheep Raising convention in Lander, Wyo., today. A. P. Stricker, secretary of the exchange will be one of the party.

C. J. Southard, attorney, formerly of South Omaha, is now associated in the law practice in Omaha with C. Sheppard, under the firm name of Sheppard & Southard, 477-481 Brandeis Bldg., Omaha.

Mrs. Fred Scott of Norfolk, Neb., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gignier, who until the time of her death lived in Thirty-sixth and E streets, died in her home at Norfolk. The body will be brought to Omaha for burial.

New courses of study at the South High school will be started this week. Their distribution will be made as soon as possible, that all the parents of prospective students may appreciate the advantages offered.

Three men were found guilty of being drunk in the following: Monday, M. Sargent, 2201 N. Street, was fined \$10 and costs and his brother, James Sargent, living in the same address, was sentenced to 30 days in jail. N. M. Gray, 3319 South Twentieth street, was fined \$10 and costs.

Will Ask Limit on Hogs Be Raised to 1,500 Cars. Regulations placing a 1,200 car limit on the number of hogs shipped to the Omaha market each week did not go into effect until 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and as a consequence more than that number were on the market today. Hogs totaled 15,500 head.

An endeavor will be made to raise the limit to 1,500 cars of hogs each week. It is contended that Omaha should be allowed to receive as many cars of hogs as can be disposed of and not limited to the capacity of the kill.

Will Wood Elected Head of Stock Yards Exchange. The annual election of officers at the Union Stock Yards exchange resulted as follows: President, Will H. Wood. Vice President, A. E. Rogers. Directors: Charles Burkes, C. F. Cox, C. L. Peterson.

Appeals Committee: F. F. A. Williams, W. F. Bavinger, George McDonald, Edward Nolan, B. B. Blanchard.

WILSON TO MAKE TWO TRIPS OVER TO PEACE TABLE

Wilson Will Attend Closing Sessions of Congress and Return to Peace Conference.

Paris, Jan. 6.—President Wilson will return to the United States to attend the closing sessions of the present congress, according to present plans, and will come back to France for the later sittings of the peace congress. The president will make several addresses to congress, and after March 4, it is expected, will return to France.

Paris, Jan. 6.—President Wilson is due back in Paris at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. There will be no formalities over his arrival and he will proceed to the Murat residence for a series of conferences which will begin to give concrete form to the work of the peace congress.

Lord Robert Cecil, the British authority on a league of nations, will be one of the early arrivals in Paris after the president. Premier Lloyd George, if the British cabinet situation permits, is expected toward the end of the week, and Foreign Secretary Balfour is ready to come from Cannes whenever he is needed.

Lord Robert Cecil, it is understood, is ready to present a quite definite plan, giving the British viewpoint on a society of nations. Leon Bourgeois also is prepared to outline the French plan, while the American delegates have been engaged actively in putting their views in definite shape. The president is expected to take a lively interest in this subject.

Others likely to see the president are Senator Owen of Oklahoma, Premier Venizelos of Greece and a Zionist delegation for discussion of questions concerning Palestine, Syria and Armenia. Parts of the Polish, Czechoslovak and Serbian delegations have arrived and are seeking interviews with the president, who doubtless will confer with all of them.

The outlook is for a busy week preparatory to the assembling of the inter-ally conference next week.

President of Retailers Sees No Drop in Shoe Prices

St. Louis, Jan. 6.—Because of the big demand for shoes, especially those of American make, the price is not likely to drop for a long while, John O'Connor, president of the National Shoe Retailers' association, said today in addressing the national convention of that organization.

Speaking on reconstruction, he said he thought it would be far simpler than many suppose, but if the retailer tries to cut wages and return to pre-war basis it will inevitably bring about discontent and disturbances.

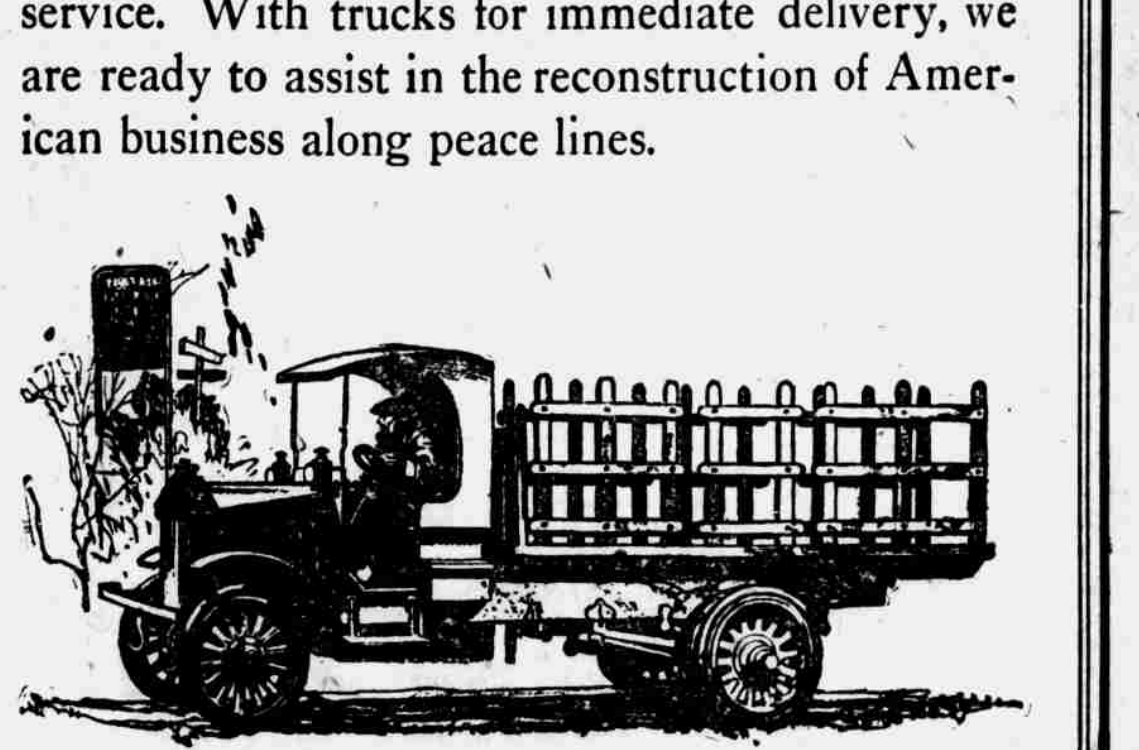
More than 2,000 retailers are attending.

Pierce-Arrows Ready Now for Peace Needs

THE needs of war required no change in the design of Pierce-Arrow trucks. The same models that solved transportation problems in 148 different lines of business before the war solved also the more difficult problems of war transportation.

This uninterrupted succession of Pierce-Arrow Trucks is available now to continue your high speed production and carry your product to waiting markets.

Our experience and the records of Pierce-Arrow performance, complete and convincing, are at your service. With trucks for immediate delivery, we are ready to assist in the reconstruction of American business along peace lines.



Pierce-Arrow

Delivers more work in a given time; Loses less time on the job and off the job; Costs less to operate and less to maintain; Lasts longer, depreciates less and commands a higher resale price at all times.

J. T. STEWART MOTOR CO. Distributors 448-50-52 Farnam Street Omaha, Neb.