

NEW BALLOT FORM IS LENGTHY AFFAIR

Printed Portion Equals Four Columns of Newspaper Nearly Three Feet Long.

INSTRUCTION HELD FAULTY

In Addition to Names of 90 Candidates Are 14 Initiative Petitions, Including That of Franchise for G. F. Heusser.

Contrary to the promises made during the campaign for the commission charter that elections held under its provision would call for only a short ballot, an advance proof of the ballot on which the people of Portland will choose a Mayor, an Auditor and four Commissioners from a mass of 90 names June 2, shows that it will be two feet ten inches in length.

The printed portion of the ballot is slightly wider than four newspaper columns, and is divided into two columns. In the right-hand column are 14 measures, four of which are proposed by initiative petition, the remaining ten being submitted by the City Council.

In the left-hand column are the 90 candidates' names, followed by their campaign slogans and the three columns in which the voter may express his first, second and third choices.

Instructions Declared Confusing.

It is believed by many who have seen the advance proof of the ballot that, if it is printed officially in its present form, many voters will find themselves confused by the instructions which appear at the top, and are as follows:

- "Vote first choice for six."
- "Vote second choice for six."
- "Vote third choice for six."
- "Vote your first choices in the first column."
- "Vote your second choices in the second column."
- "Vote your third choices in the third column."
- "Do not vote for more than one choice for any one candidate."
- "All distinguishing marks make the ballot void."
- "If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another from the election officers."
- "Officers to be elected: Mayor, four Commissioners and Auditor."
- "If any voter shall vote more than one choice for any one candidate the vote highest in grade shall be counted, and others rejected."

Few Have Slogans.

Only 27 of the 90 candidates have availed themselves of the privilege of placing a 12-word slogan after their names on the ballot. As it will be printed, A. L. Barber for Auditor, and Ralph C. Cole, George L. Baker, Alfred B. Davis, J. Leroy Smith and George B. Collins for Commissioners are the only candidates who have full squares opposite their names, because their slogans occupy three lines.

The six Socialists have all taken the same slogan, "Social ownership of public utilities."

Of the 14 measures which appear on the ballot, ten relate to the amendment of the city charter. One of these proposes to create a relief fund for members of the Fire Department, their widows and dependent children. Two of the measures are for the repeal of ordinances.

The second measure in the order that they appear on the ballot is for the granting of a franchise to George F. Heusser for a street railway system connecting the Peninsula district with the business section by way of the Broadway bridge.

REPUBLICAN CLUB PICKS 12

Voters Asked to Favor All for First, Second or Third Choice.

The executive board of the Republican Club has indorsed a ticket of 12 men for commissioners with the recommendation to voters to name four for first choice, four for second and four for third choice: W. L. Brewster, W. L. Cottrell, E. Vansteeg, A. E. Borthwick, E. C. Meara, W. H. McMonie, H. C. Thompson, L. D. Mahone, M. L. T. Hiden, Frank E. Watkins, George B. Van Waters, L. P. W. Galtby.

W. L. Brewster announced last night that he had not solicited and declined the indorsement of the Republican Club.

COUNCIL NOT RECOGNIZED

Gas and Power Strike in San Francisco Still in Progress.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—(Special.)—Conferees of labor officials with officers of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company were without result today and the strike is still in progress.

The strike is being directed by the Light and Power Council, representing the various crafts employed by the company. Recognition of this body by the company, it is said, is the single issue, as the strikers and the company both have agreed to arbitrate the question of wage increase and other demands made upon the company.

The company in a statement tonight, says the council's request for a conference "cannot be entertained."

VIOLINIST WEDS SECRETLY

Elsie Nell, of Portland, Becomes Bride of Cartoonist.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—(Special.)—Phil Rader, the cartoonist, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, and Miss Elsie Nell, of Portland, surprised their friends by secretly marrying last night at San Rafael.

Miss Nell, who is a violinist and musician, gave her age as 20; Rader said he was 22. Rader returned to San Francisco immediately after the ceremony.

The couple will leave in a few days for a honeymoon trip through Southern California and Mexico.

HILLSBORO PRISONER GONE

E. L. Davenport, Brought From Tacoma, Abuses Hotel Privilege.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—E. L. Davenport, charged with passing a spurious \$50 check at Row & Co.'s furniture store, Forest Grove, a few months ago, made a clever getaway from Hillsboro last night. Davenport was arrested at Tacoma the other day and was brought here by Constable McQuillan on a warrant issued out of Justice Court. Davenport consulted an attorney upon arrival and as he has two moving-picture shows over in Tacoma, impressed the Constable with his sincerity when he appealed not to be placed in jail. He was allowed to go to the Hotel Tuslita, presumably for the night.

McQuillan became uneasy at 2 o'clock this morning and went to see if Davenport was at the hotel. He found the room vacant and the bed had not been slept in. It was at first thought that Davenport had gone to Portland to get undamned and would return today. When he did not show up, the Burns agency, which caused his arrest the other day, again started on his trail. It is thought that he bought a ticket out of Portland late last night for Sacramento going into the city on the last car out of Hillsboro which reaches Portland about 11 o'clock. Davenport's wife is in Tacoma and is seriously ill. The officials hope to intercept him today near the California line.

Sheriff Reeves refused to accept Davenport last night and allowed him to remain outside the jail, and the escape is giving Constable McQuillan a great deal of anxiety.

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3 PORTLANDERS ON CREW

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BRIDGE OPENING SATURDAY

Vancouver to Send Delegation to Dedication at Woodland.

KELLAHER WOULD DEBATE

Mayorality Aspirant Challenges Rivals at Bungalow Theater.

When Dan Kellaheer, candidate for Mayor, rose at the meeting of the Women's Good Government Club at the Bungalow Theater last night and asked if he could ask a question, the chairman Mrs. Alice E. Nugent, granted him permission, and Mr. Kellaheer issued a challenge to the other candidates to debate the issues of the campaign.

Judge Gates was the principal speaker of the evening. His subject was the social evil, and he discussed it frankly, as in previous addresses delivered by him.

He was followed by Abigail Scott Dunaway, who commended his remarks in the main, but took issue with him in general terms from boys and girls should be separated and sent to different schools. She declared that God created boys and girls in the same family, and that they should get along all right.

Oddfellows to Confer Degrees.

The first event of its kind to be held in the city, for which the Oddfellows have been making preparations for the past few weeks, is to take place tonight in the Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, when at a joint session of lodges, Oddfellow degrees will be conferred on a large class. The hall will be opened at 7 o'clock. Lodges are expected to be seated together as far as practicable, but up to the time of the opening exercises the affair will partake of the nature of a fraternal reunion. The motive in originating the proposition is that of a get-together movement. At 8 o'clock the work of conferring the degrees will begin. Woodlawn Lodge team will put on the first degree and after a brief intermission Hassalo Lodge team will follow with the second degree. Both of these teams are adepts in the work. The class will be large one.

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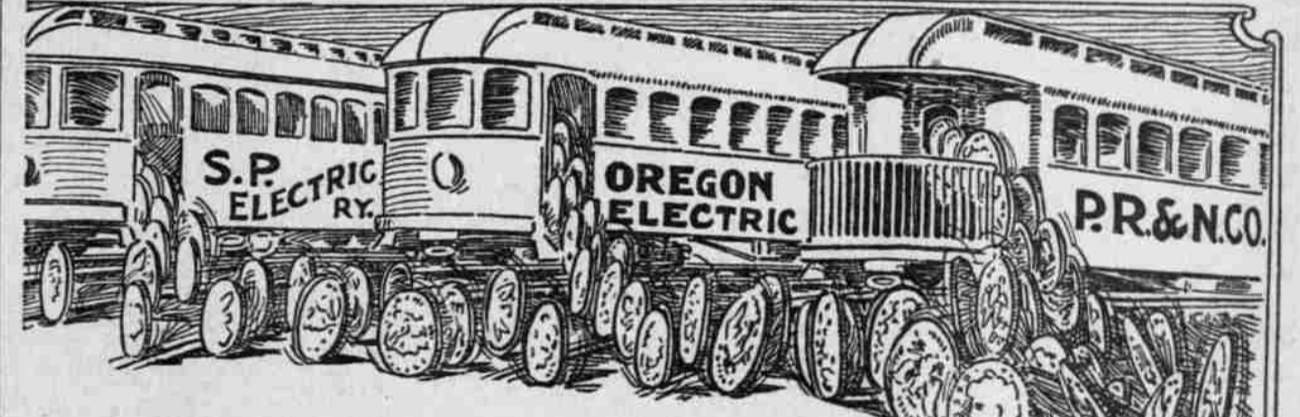
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