CHARTER AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS.

Notice is hereby given that at the general City election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 1917, the following proposed charter amendment will be submitted to the voters of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, for their approval or rejection, which said proposed charter amendment is contained in a resolution duly passed by the Council of said City on the 5th day of March, 1917, which proposed resolution is in words and figures following, to-wit;

RESOLUTION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, that there be and hereby is proposed for submission to the legal voters of the City of St. Helens, at the regular municipal election to be held in said City on the 2nd day of April, 1917, for their adoption or rejection the following proposed amendment to the charter of the City of St. Helens, to be known as Section 81½ of said charter, authorizing the issue and sale of bonds in the sum of $28,000.00 for the purpose of refunding existing indebtedness of the City of St. Helens consisting of outstanding Sewerage District Warrants heretofore issued.

CHARTER AMENDMENT SUBMITTEN TO THE VOTERS BY THE COUNCIL.

AN ACT

To amend Chapter VIII of the charter of the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, Oregon, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon, filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25, 1889; and as amended by an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County and State of Oregon, filed in the office of the Secretary of State CFebruary 25, 1889, filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25, 1889, filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 10, 1893; and as amended by an act entitled an act to provide a definite plan for the construction and maintenance of sidewalks and sewers in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, at cost of interested property owners, and providing for the subjection of property benefited to the payment thereof, filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 11, 1905; and also amended by that certain proposed charter amendment submitted to the legal voters of the City of St. Helens at a special election held therein on August 2, 1909, and approved by said voters at said election same being entitled an act to amend the charter of the City of St. Helens, under the provisions of Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and to provide a system of water works for said City, to provide for the formation of a Board of Water Commissioners to construct, acquire and manage said system of water works, and to provide funds by issuing bonds and otherwise to pay for the same, to manage and control the receipts and disbursements of money necessary in creating and operating said system; to delegate to said Board of Water Commissioners all the powers now vested by the charter of the City of St. Helens in the Common Council of the said City of St. Helens, State of Oregon, necessary to give said Commissioners power to fix rates for the use of water to collect the same and to provide penalties for failure to pay water rates, and for the waste of water by users; to do and provide for all matters necessary for the construction and operation of a complete system of water works including the purchase of any existing systems, the acquisition of needed land, rights of way- reservoir, sites, springs and streams, and water rights, to provide funds for paying for the same, "submitted to and approved by the legal voters of said City at the regular election held in said City on the 4th day of April, 1910; and as also amended by that certain proposed charter amendment submitted to the legal voters of the City of St. Helens at a regular City election held therein on April 7, 1913, approved by said voters at said election the same being entitled An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter IX of the charter of the City of St. Helens, under the provisions of Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, relating to the Water Commission, providing that said Water Commission shall at all times have a President, who shall be selected from their own number, and the City Recorder shall be ex-officio the secretary of said commission, and in the absence of one or both of said officers the vacancy may be temporarily filled by the members of the Board then present; also that said Board shall adopt a seal; and also that a majority of said Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, submitted to and approved by the legal voters of said City at the regular election held in said City on the 7th day of April, 1913; and also as amended by that certain proposed charter amendment submitted to the legal voters of the City of St. Helens at a regular City election held therein on April 7, 1913, approved by said voters at said election, the same being entitled An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter IX of the charter of the City of St. Helens, under the provisions of Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, relating to the Water Commission, providing that said Commission shall apply all income from said system of water works first to paying the operating expenses extensions and betterments of said system, second toward providing for a sinking fund for paying off the said water bonds and the interest thereon, and any money so being in such sinking fund shall by direction of said Water Commissions, be invested in improvement warrants or bonds of the City of St. Helens, or other warrants or bonds of said City, at par; also providing that should the income from the water rates not be sufficient to pay the interest on the said bonds and provide for a sinking fund the Commissioners shall certify that fact to the Common Council and shall also certify to the said interest and to provide for said sinking fund the said Council shall levy and collect a tax or cause to be levied and collected a tax on all the taxable property within the City as assessed by the assessor, sufficient to raise money for such purposes; providing that all money arising from such tax shall be credited to and become a part of the water fund; providing that, taxes levied under and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act shall be levied and collected the same as other taxes are levied and collected, but not oftener than once in each year, and the amount so collected shall not exceed one per cent of all the property assessed within the corporate limits of said City, submitted to and approved by the legal voters of said City at the regular election held in said City on the 7th day of April, 1913," enacted and approved by the legal voters of said City at a special election held in said City on July 23, 1915, by inserting a section in said Chapter VIII, after Section 81 and before Section 82 thereof, which shall be designated in the charter as Section 81½, providing for and authorizing the issue and sale of bonds in the sum of $28,000.00 for the purpose of refunding existing indebtedness of the City of St. Helens, consisting of outstanding Sewerage District Warrants, heretofore issued.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS:

That Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of St. Helens, entitled "An Act entitled an act entitled an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon, filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25, 1889; and as amended by an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon, filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 25, 1889, filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 10th, 1893; and as also amended by an act entitled an act to provide a definite plan for the construction and maintenance of sidewalks and sewers in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, at cost of interested property owners, and providing for the subjection of property benefited to the payment thereof, filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 11, 1905; and also amended by that certain proposed Charter amendment submitted to the legal voters of the City of St. Helens, at a special election held therein on August 2, 1909, approved by said voters at said election same being entitled An Act to amend the Charter of the City of St. Helens, under the provisions of Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and to provide a system of water works for sais City; to provide for the formation of a Board of water Commissioners to construct, acquire and manage said system of water works, and to provide funds by issuing bonds and otherwise to pay for the same, and to manage and control the receipts and disbursements of money necessary in creating and operating said system; to delegate to said Board of water commissioners all the powers now vested by the Charter of the City of St. Helens, in the Common Council of said City of St. Helens, State of Oregon necessary to give said Commissioners power to fix rates for the use of water, to collect the same, and to provide penalties for failure to pay water rates, and for the waste of water by users; to do and provide for all matters necessary for the construction and operation of a complete system of water works, including the purchase of any existing system, the acquisition of needed land, rights of way, reservoir sites, springs and streams, an water rights, to provide funds for paying for the same, submitted to and approved by the legal voters of said City at the regular election held in said City on the 4th day of April, 1910," enacted and adopted by the legal voters of the City of St. Helens, at a special election held in said City on July 23, 1915, be amended by inserting in said Chapter VIII, a new Section after Section 81 and before Section 82 to be designated in the Charter as Section 81½, which Section 81½ shall read as follows:

CHAPTER VIII.

Sec. 81½. For the purpose of refunding existing indebtedness of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, consisting of the following described outstanding Sewerage District Warrants heretofore issued, to-wit: Sewerage District Warrants on Sewerage District No. 2, of said City, numbered from 45 to 116, both inclusive, all for $100.00 each, except Warrant No. 116 which is for $108.00, all bearing interest from August 14, 1916, until paid at the rate of 6 per cent per annum; and Sewerage District Warrants on Sewerage District No. 3, of said City, numbered from 143 to 273, both inclusive, all for $100.00 each, except Warrant No. 273 which is for the sum of $47.60, all bearing interest from the 7th day of August, 1916, until paid, at the rate of six per cent per annum; and also Sewerage District Warrants on Sewerage District No. 7, of said City, numbered from 285 to 341, both inclusive for $100.00 each, except Warrant No. 339 which is for the sum of $61.35, all bearing interest from August 18, 1914, until paid, at the rate of six per cent per annum, all of which are hereby validated, the Common Council is hereby authorized to issue and dispose of Bonds of the City in denomination of $500.00 or $1000.00 each, duly signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Recorder under the Corporate Seal of the City, having interest coupons attached thereto, bearing the fac simile engraved signatures of said officials, whereby the City shall be held in substance and effect to undertake and promise, in consideration of the premises, to pay the bearer of each of said bonds at maturity thereof the sum named therein in Gold Coin of the United States of America, with interest thereon in like Gold Coin at such rate as may be determined by the Common Council but in no event exceeding six per centum per annum, payable semi annually; provided that the aggregate amount of said Bonds issued by the Common Council under the provision of this Section shall not exceed the sum of $28000.00 par value. Said Bonds shall be dated at a convenient period; shall be due in twenty (20) years from date thereof, optional on and after ten (10) years from said date of issue; principal and interest thereon shall be payable at the office of the City Treasurer, St. Helens, Oregon, or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon, in the City and State of New York, at the option of the purchaser and shall be sold by the Common Council at not less than par value. The Common Council shall each year at the time of making the annual tax levy for City purposes include in such levy a sum sufficient to pay interest due on the outstanding Bonds of this issue and at the beginnnig of the tenth year from the date of the Bonds shall annually include in each tax levy a sum sufficient to pay one-tenth of the total amount of the par value of bonds issued hereunder.

Resolved further, that this resolution for a proposed Charter Amendment to be submitted to the voters by the Council be filed with the Recorder of the City of St. Helens, upon its approval by the Mayor, for submission to the legal voters of said City of St. Helens, for their rejection or approval to be voted upon at the General Election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 1917, as by law required.

Resolved further, that said Recorder be and he hereby is, instructed and required to publish this Resolution together with the ballot title provided by the City Attorney at least once in the official newspaper of the City of St. Helens, within ten days immediately preceding said election.

Passed by the Common Council this 5th day of March, 1917.

Yeas 4; Nays none.

Submitted to the Mayor the 5th day of March, 1917.

Approved by the Mayor the 5th day of March, 1917.

S. C. MORTON,
Mayor.

Filed March 5, 1917.
E. E. QUICK,
Recorder.

The ballot title and number of said proposed amendment will be as follows, to-wit:

An Act to amend Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of St. Helens by inserting therein Section 81½ authorizing a bond issue of $28000.00 for refunding existing indebtedness of the City of St. Helens, consistnig of outstanding Sewerage District Warrants heretofore issued.

Shall said proposed Amendment be adopted?

102 Yes.
103 No.

$1,716,018.62 DUE COUNTIES ON TAXES

Interest on Land Grants Accumulating Rapidly.

There is due counties in Oregon and one in Washington today $1,716,018.62 for taxes, penalties, interest and costs on the Oregon and California grant lands for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915. The interest charge is accumulating on these claims at the rate of $15,000 a month.

The amount due the several counties, as tabulated by Oswald West, shows that Douglas county has coming to it $342,442.78, which is the largest claim of any of the counties. Jackson county comes next with $263,322.78. The only county in Washington having a claim is Clarke, and the amount is $1,242.73.

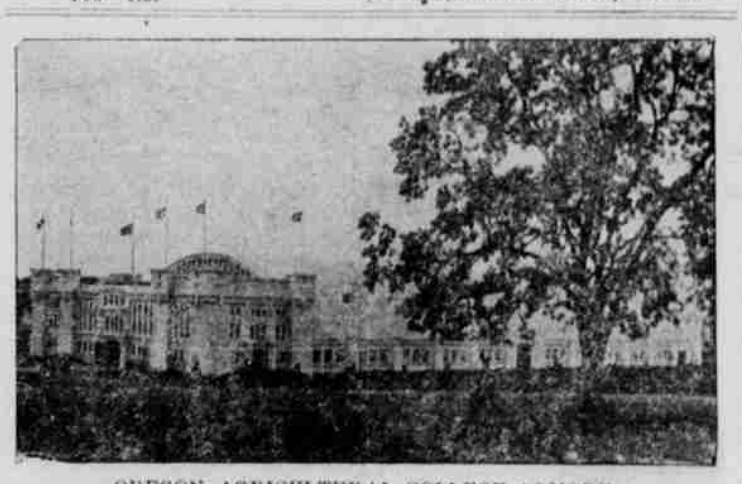
As tabulated by Mr. West, the claims follow:

Benton	$ 79,175.05
Clackamas	117,845.78
Columbia	54,342.97
Coos	163,218.57
Curry	8,563.16
Douglas	342,442.78
Jackson	263,322.13
Josephine	141,232.31
Klamath	42,040.43
Lane	300,531.38
Lincoln	8,452.50
Linn	47,464.49
Marion	31,120.85
Multnomah	11,568.05
Polk	56,979.19
Tillamook	11,928.64
Washington	17,171.32
Yamhill	17,374.33
Clarke (Wash.)	1,242.73
Total	$1,716,018.62

Lane county has an additional amount due on several small tracts omitted from its claim first filed.

U. P. R. R. PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

A San Francisco dispatch of February 19 says: An investigation of the problem how the Union Pacific railroad may best serve the government in case of hostilities with Germany is being made by B. F. Winchell, director of traffic of that system, who is in this city today. It is declared that Winchell has worked out a plan whereby 10,000 cavalry or infantry, and complete equipment, can be handled every 24 hours. It is understood that other railroads are working out the same problems.



OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ARMORY
Scene of the Horse Show and Military Tournament

SPRAYING PRUNES FOR BROWN ROT CONTROL

Loss in Oregon $150,000 Annually—Demonstrations by O. A. C.

Faced by an annually loss of about $150,000 from brown rot of prunes, growers in different parts of Oregon have planned demonstration spraying under the auspices of the Agricultural College Extension Service. A series of these demonstrations was conducted in the Roseburg district last year with very favorable results, and will be repeated this year in the Dallas district.

The first spray of the series will be applied as the young buds are pushing out and turning white, probably about March 31. N. S. Guy has promised to lend an outfit for the work, and sprays will be applied to the orchard of R. L. Chapman as necessary throughout the season.

Growers of prunes and other stone fruits subject to brown rot are working hard for the success of these demonstrations. W. S. Brown, who is in charge, conducted the demonstrations last year, and is devoting much time to the study of this disease, which is growing worse and calls for careful attention.

Gold production of the Rand mines in 1916 amounted to 9,295,538 ounces, as compared with 9,063,671 ounces produced in the previous year and 8,373,138 ounces in 1914.

New Yorkers eat 900,000,000 5-cent loaves of bread yearly, or nearly 2,500,000 daily, and spread their bread with about 140,000,000 pounds of butter.

Oil of the soy bean is a palatable food widely eaten by the Chinese. This vegetable oil also is used in making paints, varnishes, soaps, rubber substitutes, linoleum, waterproof goods, lubricants and printing ink.

LAND BANKS AID RAILROADS

Farmers are by no means the only ones expected to benefit as a result of the operation of the farm loan banks. The railroad companies also see much good in the measure. For instance Judge R. S. Lovett, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific, who was interviewed in Austin, Texas, last week, said: "Railroads over the country are making fair returns on their investment, especially last year. However, that was an abnormal year. Everybody wanting to ship at once and the absence of ocean shipping have created a little discomfort over the country on account of a car shortage. On my own line I am looking for better business from now on because of the federal farm loan law. The establishment of these banks and the use of the money by farmers are going to result in a great development of idle lands, and agriculture always goes good with railroad business."

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT

A summary of the March crop report for the state of Oregon and for the United States, as compiled by the bureau of crop estimates (and transmitted through the weather bureau), United States department of agriculture, is as follows:

Wheat on Farms—State: Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 2,740,000 bushels, compared with 3,064,000 bushels a year ago and 1,826,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, $1.50 per bushel, compared with 93 cents a year ago and $1.28 two years ago.

United States: Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 101,000,000 bushels, compared with 244,448,000 bushels a year ago and 152,903,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, $1.64 per bushel, compared with $1.03 a year ago and $1.34 two years ago.

Corn on Farms—State: Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 134,000 bushels, compared with 116,000 bushels a year ago and 59,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 95 cents per bushel, compared with 92 cents a year ago, and $1 two years ago.

United States: Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 789,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,116,559,000 a year ago and 910,894,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, $1.01 per bushel, compared with 68.2 cents a year ago and 75.1 cents two years ago.

Corn of Merchantable Quality—State: The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 69 per cent, compared with 80 per cent of the 1915 crop and 75 per cent of the 1914 crop.

United States: The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 84 per cent, compared with 71.1 per cent of the 1915 crop and 84.5 per cent of the 1914 crop.

Oats on Farms—State: Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 4,670,000 bushels, compared with 4,336,000 bushels a year ago and 2,930,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 48 cents per bushel, compared with 50 cents per bushel a year ago and 50 cents per bushel two years ago.

United States: Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 394,000,000 bushels, compared with 591,148,000 bushels a year ago and 319,369,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 56.9 cents per bushel, compared with 42.7 cents per bushel a year ago and 52.1 cents per bushel two years ago.

Barley on Farms—State: Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 1,078,000 bushels, compared with 936,000 bushels a year ago and 549,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 88 cents per bushel, compared with 68 cents per bushel a year ago and 76 cents per bushel two years ago.

United States: Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 32,898,000 bushels, compared with 58,391,000 bushels a year ago and 42,889,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 96.9 cents per bushel, compared with 59.6 cents per bushel a year ago and 67.7 cents per bushel two years ago.

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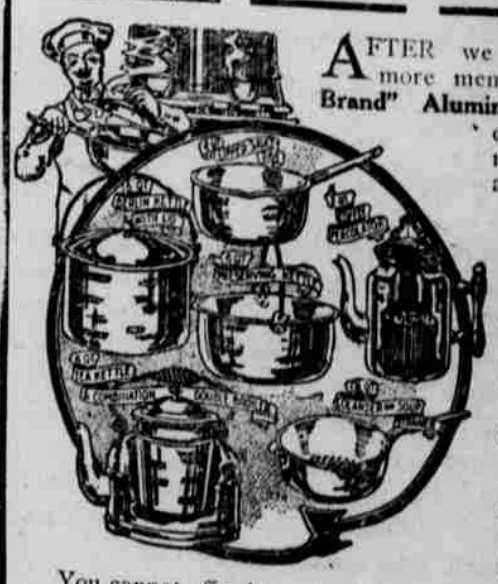

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