

ELECTION NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given, that on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1915, a general election will be held in the City of La Grande, in the County of Union and State of Oregon, for the purpose of electing one commissioner for the term of three years, and also submitting the following charter amendment to be voted on:

"An act to amend the charter of the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon," filed in the office of the City Recorder of said City on the 8th day of October, A. D. 1915, which was proposed by initiative petition signed by the requisite number of legal voters, and submitting the same to the electors of said City for their adoption or rejection, at the regular election to be held therein on December 13th A. D. 1915.

The polling places designated for said election and the judges and clerks appointed to conduct said election, are as follows:

FIRST WARD—Polling place at Court house. Judges—M. McMurry, L. H. Russell, Geo. J. Wagener. Clerks—Mrs. Wall Lane, Ray Williams.

SECOND WARD—Polling place at Commission Chamber. Judges—H. W. Stoner, C. W. Noyes, Mrs. Dora B. Schilke. Clerks—W. R. Jones Oscar Berger.

THIRD WARD—Polling place at W. D. Grandy's house on the west side of Second street, between Grandy avenue and Palmer avenue. Judges—Mrs. P. L. Thornton, J. M. Hiltz, W. D. Grandy. Clerks—Fred Currey, Howard Davis.

FOURTH WARD—Polling place at Little Brick school house on North Fir streets. Judges—John Ladd, E. S. Brasel, R. A. Masterton. Clerks—W. W. Randall, C. W. Van Fleet.

Said election will be held and conducted and the returns thereof filed as provided by law in the case of general city elections in said city.

The polls of said election will be opened at the hour of 8 o'clock a. m. and closed at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. on said election day.

All qualified electors of said City will be permitted to vote at said election.

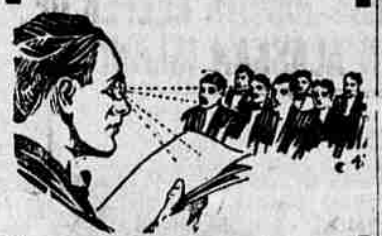
Dated at La Grande, Oregon, November 30, A. D. 1915.

By Order of the Commission of the City of La Grande.

LEE WARNICK,
City Recorder.

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The New Proposed Charter
and Why You Should
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La Grande, Ore., Dec. 6.—(To La Grande Voters)—It being evident that many, in fact, most voters, have not been able to satisfy themselves as to what the proposed new charter, (it is not an amendment,) really means, we, the undersigned committee, beg leave to call your attention to some of its most dangerous provisions.

In the first place, it proposes to make many sweeping changes, all granting the city, in the main, unlimited power to confiscate your property, in the name and upon the pretext, of making "street improvements." It removes all possibility of legal redress on the part of the property owner, and absolutely relieves city authorities and contractors of all responsibility for "omission, failure or neglect of any officer, body or person," "notwithstanding the proceedings of the commission, or any officer of the city, or contractor, or other person connected with such improvement, may have been irregular or defective, whether such irregularity or defect be jurisdictional or otherwise."

The above provision is in defiance of any decision of any court. In proof of all this, carefully read all of page 16 of the proposed new charter. Said page also discloses that if for any reason the city has exacted and wrung from the property owner, a greater sum than his portion of the costs of the "improvement?", the city appropriates this sum also. The language is this: "Should any surplus remain in any special fund herein provided for, after the payment of the cost of the improvement and the bonds issued therefor, including interest, then such surplus shall be diverted and placed in the general funds of the city." How do you like that? Common honesty would dictate that this surplus should be returned to the person it was wrongfully taken from. For such an act an individual would be criminally liable. Not so the city. It is carefully provided that if caught in the act of taking what does not belong to it, the property owner loses his money the same as if it had been taken legally. It could there be used for paying the salaries of city officials and other desirable purposes.

Personal Notice Not Required.

Under the present charter, if you are in the city, you are entitled to personal service upon you, of the notice that the city contemplates making you pay for what the entire public has the free use of, in the name of "street improvements." See page 14 of the present charter. In the proposed new charter, personal service of this and all other notices, is entirely dispensed with. This is the provision for service of the notice: "Such notice shall be served by publication of the same once each week for three weeks prior to the date for such hearing, in a newspaper published in La Grande." See page 12 of this chapter of abominations you are asked to vote for. This means, that to be assured of any notice at all, it is necessary for every property owner to take every newspaper published in the city, and read every legal advertisement it contains. And this is not all. It will be necessary for every property owner to know and keep in mind the exact description of his property. Here is the proof: "No re-assessment shall be held invalid for any mistake, omission or error in stating the name of the owner of the property so re-assessed, provided the property re-assessed is correctly described." See page 17 new charter. Under such provisions, if any court should ever hold them valid, a venal administration could hopelessly burden the property owners without actual notice, and in the future, as in the past, involve the city in useless, endless and fruitless lawsuits.

How About Your Sidewalks?

Under the proposed new charter, section 33a is included, making it possible, and giving the city power to order and build any kind of sidewalk in front of your property, deprive you of the right to build it yourself, and make all costs, "engineering," etc., a charge and lien upon your home. All this can be done by giving five days notice, and ordering the sidewalk by a resolution, and without an ordinance.

We cast no reflections upon those who wish, for reasons of their own, to surrender their property rights; but it might be interesting reading to see the minutes of the "citizens meeting" that inspired the submission of this so-called "amendment." Why submit a pamphlet, containing more than most people have the time or the ability to thoroughly read, compare and understand? Why is it every change sought to be made, adds to the present under of the city officials, and relieves them of all responsibility, and places all their acts above and beyond the law? Why under this charter, even the courts are rendered powerless to control the lawless acts of those in authority. All this is along the lines sought to be adopted at last election, seeking to limit the liability of the city for the negligent crippling of a citizen for life, or even taking his life to the insignificant sum of \$100.00. That measure was voted down by a three to one vote, and was no more pernicious than the provisions of the charter you are asked to approve. If it is claimed the city management is not back of this whole scheme, examine the city records, and you will find that you, the tax-payers, have paid for circulating the petitions, for printing them, and for printing this proposed charter, over \$200.00. Did you ever see this item in the manager's report? In all candor, let us ask if the city should pay for the expense of presenting to it, petitions circulated for submitting questions to be voted for. If such is within its duty or power, some enterprising individuals could make a good living by this infant industry.

This letter does not attempt to enter into or enlighten the voter, on the legal phases of the new charter. That is a question for the courts; and yet we do not admit that such an instrument would stand any legal test. If this charter is defeated, such test will not be required, and expensive litigation will be avoided. It seems to us the city has been afflicted with enough expensive and fruitless litigation, and we have an opportunity here to end it. Let us provide for future protection, and let the past take care of the past. Let us make a repetition of past litigation impossible.

We ask all who have not read the new charter, to avoid voting upon something they know nothing about, and vote no. We ask all who have property liable to be "improved?" without the powers that be being made responsible, to vote no. We ask all who wish to hand on to their successor and neighbor, the future builders of this city, a fair chance for protecting their homes, to vote no. We ask all who not only feel but know they have been held up in the past, their property confiscated in the name of "improvements?", to vote no. We ask all who believe in honest and lawful appropriation of private property for bona fide and needed public improvement to vote no. If this is done, this charter will be past history when the polls close, and litigation along these lines will be at an end, because the people have spoken. Lastly, we insist the authorities now have more power than is usually safe, when lodged, in its last analysis in but two men. We ask you to not fail to attend the polls, and assist in defeating this proposal to surrender to public officials your property rights, in the same manner, and do it as decisively as at last election, you refused to surrender to the city the right it asked to cripple, maim or kill you, for the agreed sum of \$100.00. When you have done this, you have protected from confiscation, the home of your family and that of your neighbor, and made La Grande a better city in which to live, and much more likely to induce others to adopt it as a "home town." We have done our duty, and confidently believe you will do yours.

Yours for the welfare of all,

L. P. DAY,
FRANK HARRIS,
JOHN LADD,
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