

PORTLAND'S NEW CHARTER.

Section 53 of our proposed new charter reads thus: "Whenever there shall be presented to the council a petition signed by a number of voters equal to 15 per centum of the vote cast at the last preceding city election, asking that an ordinance be submitted to a vote of the electors of the city, the council must submit such proposed ordinance to the vote of the electors at the next city election."

Section 56 provides that "if a majority of the vote cast upon such ordinance be in favor of the adoption thereof, it shall 'upon proclamation thereof by the Mayor within thirty days from the time of such election,' have the same force and effect as an ordinance passed by the council and approved by the Mayor, and the same shall not be repealed by the council."

It will be noticed by glancing over the first section to which I have here called attention that the ordinance for whose submission the petition may be presented is described as "an ordinance to be set forth in such petition."

It is perfectly clear that any sort of an ordinance may be set out in such petition. In a general way, therefore, such petition may pray for the submission of ordinances ranging themselves within two classifications, as follows:

1. Ordinances covering new and original matter.

2. Ordinances modifying or repealing existing ordinances.

In defense of these provisions it may be urged:

First—That they would enable a majority of the people of the city to secure any new legislation they might desire in cases where, for some reason or other, or for none at all, councilmen might stand opposed thereto.

Second—They would enable a majority of the people to secure a modification or repeal of objectionable ordinances where councilmen in like manner might be indisposed to favor such modification or repeal.

Third—Their practical tendency would be toward inclining councilmen to pass ordinances demanded by the people and to restrain them from passing ordinances against their known wishes or protests.

Fourth—With the power in the hands of the people which these provisions give, councilmen would be less likely to be tempted with corrupt considerations in the exercise of their legislative functions.

Fifth—As a result, we could count upon fewer efforts so to corrupt them, and, therefore, upon more desirable and more satisfactory legislation at their hands.

Sixth—The provisions here under con-

sideration authorize a resort to what has come to be known as the initiative and referendum as a means for securing direct legislation upon important matters in respect to which the legislative branches of government refuse or neglect to take action.

The matter of direct legislation, I may here observe, has challenged the attention and commanded the advocacy of numerous thinkers along these lines.

Among the names of those who have expressed themselves as in favor of such legislation with more or less of qualification, I venture to mention the following: John Wanamaker, formerly a Cabinet officer; John P. St. John, for two terms Governor of Kansas; John G. Woolley, the great temperance orator; Richard F. Pettigrew, late United States Senator; H. S. Pinney, late Governor of Michigan; the Rev. B. Fay Mills, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Prof. R. T. Ely, Prof. E. W. Bemis, Frances E. Willard, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Lord Salisbury and Lord Rosebery, of England; T. V. Powderly, Eugene V. Debs and Samuel Gompers. I have given the foregoing names upon the authority of Prof. Frank Parsons, author of a valuable work on "The City for the People," who has devoted to the subject much thought and very extensive research.

But it is not individuals of prominence only who have declared themselves in favor of direct legislation. Numerous organizations of various kinds have put themselves upon record in the same direction. Upon the authority of Prof. Parsons, above alluded to, I make the further statements: Direct legislation has been demanded in Democratic, Republican, Populist, Prohibition and Socialist platforms. It has been indorsed in 38 state platforms and by more than 3000 newspapers and magazines. It has been indorsed by the Farmers' Alliance, by the Order of Railway Conductors, by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, by the Knights of Labor, by the American Federation of Labor, and many other organizations.

Seventh—Provisions for direct legislation through the use of the initiative and referendum and frequently through the referendum alone, have found place in the legislative procedure of our municipal and state governments, to a much greater extent than is generally supposed by those who have given no attention to the matter.

In support of this I quote the following from Prof. Parsons: "In three states the popular initiative and referendum have been given to cities, and in at least five states municipalities have been given the right to draft home-made charters." "Direct legislation is in use by all the states except

Delaware in making and amending their constitutions."

To a greater or less extent, direct legislation always has been and still is resorted to in many New England towns.

'Tis, therefore, in view of these facts and others of a similar nature that Prof. Parsons says: "Both the initiative and the referendum have been in constant use in America ever since the Mayflower crossed the seas." Here in our city only a few weeks ago the Republican party in state convention assembled inserted the following plank in its platform: "We favor the proposed amendment to our State Constitution, providing for the initiative and referendum, and recommend its adoption by the people of the state." And a little while later the Democratic party of our state put into its platform a plank of substantially the same kind.

Eighth—And finally, with a view to showing that the provisions of our proposed new charter here under consideration relate to matters of much importance to working men as such, I will conclude with the following thoughtful words from another: "The referendum will give labor its true weight. Labor's interest in the referendum is measurable; it is, par excellence, the working man's issue."

Among the reasons given for this statement are these: "The delegate system places labor at a tremendous disadvantage as compared with capital. Nearly all the delegates are wealthy or under the influence of the wealthy."

Upon the whole it will be seen that from several points of view the provisions in question are in the interest of all classes of people.

J. T. MORGAN.

(To be continued.)

NON-PARTISAN ASSOCIATION.
A meeting of the investigation committee of the Non-Partisan Advisory Association met last Sunday at Union Hall, after which the association was called to order and a partial report of the committee heard. A number of questions were discussed at length. Next Sunday there will be a meeting of the association at the same place and members are especially urged to be present, as a full report of the investigation committee will be made, and other matters of great importance will come up for discussion.

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Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butchers' Workmen, Local 132—Meets every Thursday at 8 P. M., in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill.
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Amalgamated Woodworkers' Union No. 66—Meets every second and fourth Thursday, at 230½ Yamhill street.
Beer Drivers' Union, Local No. 201, National Union of United Brewery Workmen, U. S. A.—Meets every first and third Saturday, corner Eleventh and Morrison streets.
Bricklayers' International Union No. 1—Meets every Wednesday at 228½ Yamhill street.
Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, Local No. 18—Meets every Thursday at A. O. U. W. building.
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Sunset Lodge No. 130—Meets every first and third Sunday, at 2 P. M., in Auditorium Hall.
Building Trades Council—Meets every Monday evening in rooms 214 and 215, Chamber of Commerce Building.
Cigarmakers' International Union of America, Local No. 202—Meets every first Tuesday at 228½ Yamhill street.
Expressmen's Union—Meets every Tuesday evening in room 214, Chamber of Commerce Building.
General Longshoremen's Union, No. 265—Meets every Thursday evening at Union Hall, Union Block.
Grain Handlers' Union, No. 83—Meets at Schrantz's Hall, corner Knott and Delay streets, every Tuesday evening.
I. L. A., No. 284—Meets every first and third Saturday, at Union Hall, Second and Stark streets.
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International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Local 90—Meets every third Tuesday evening of each month at 300 Alley Bldg., Third and Morrison streets.
Iron Molders' Union, No. 132—Meets every first and third Thursday at 228½ Yamhill street.
Journemen Barbers' Union, No. 75—Meets every Monday evening in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets.
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Journemen Plumbers' and Gassfitters' Association, Local No. 51—Meets every Monday evening at 228½ Yamhill street.
Journemen Tailors, Local No. 74—Meets every second and fourth Monday in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets.
Lumbermill Workers' Union of the Northwest No. 240—Meets every first and third Sunday, at 2 P. M., in Upchurch Hall, corner Seventeenth and Marshall streets.
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Multnomah Typographical Union No. 58—Meets every first Sunday of the month at 2 P. M., in Auditorium Hall.
Musicians' Mutual Association, Local 99—Meets every second Tuesday of the month in room 214, Chamber of Commerce.
National Association of Letter-Carriers, Branch No. 82—Meets every second Wednesday of the month in the Post-office building.
National Union of the United Brewery Workmen of the United States, Local No. 7—Meets every second Tuesday of the month at 228½ Yamhill street.
Plasterers' Union, No. 1—Meets every Friday evening in room 214, Chamber of Commerce Building.
Portland Laborers' Protective Union—Meets every second and fourth Sunday, at 2 P. M., at 228½ Yamhill street.
Portland Printing Pressmen's Union No. 45—Meets every second Tuesday of the month in McKay building, room 21.
Portland Bakers' and Confectioners' Association—Meets every first and third Saturday, at 6 P. M., at 228½ Yamhill street.
Portland Theatrical Stage Employees' Union—Meets every second Tuesday of the month at Corday's Theater.
Retail Clerks' Protective Association, Local No. 26—Meets every Wednesday evening, at Aiksky Hall, corner Third and Morrison.
Shipwrights, Caulkers' and Shipjoiners' Association of the Port of Portland—Meets every first and third Saturday at 230½ Yamhill street.
Stablemen's Union, No. 918—Meets every Monday evening in room 226, Aiksky Building. President, C. T. Davis; Secretary, V. Vinson, 411 Couch st.
Team Drivers' International Union, Local No. 162—Meets every Tuesday evening in Union Hall, Stark street, between First and Second.
The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, No. 125—Meets in Eagles' Hall, the first and third Tuesday of every month.
United Brotherhood of Leatherworkers on Horse Goods, Branch No. 56—Meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall, Union block.
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Branch No. 60—Meets every Wednesday night in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets.
United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, Division No. 4—Meets every second and fourth Saturday evenings at Aiksky Building, corner Third and Morrison.
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