

NEW REGIME FACES BIG TASKS AHEAD

Lane Administration Leaves Huge Uncompleted Projects for Successor.

WORK TOTALS MILLIONS

Bull Run Pipeline, Meter System, Park Plans, Docks, Fireboat, Sewer, Two Bridges Up to Next Mayor's Cabinet.

PROJECTS FOR MAYOR-ELECT.

- The new Mayor and his administration have the following projects, left by Mayor Lane and his lieutenants, to work out:
 - Construction of second pipeline to Bull Run River, for water supply, costing \$2,000,000.
 - Installation of meter system in Water Department.
 - Completion of extensive parks, boulevards and playgrounds system, including expenditure of millions.
 - Construction of public docks, steel float and installation of reinforcing main for the waterfront, involving the expenditure of \$275,000.
 - Construction of bridge across the Willamette River at Madison street, costing \$450,000.
 - Awarding of lighting contract.
 - Final acceptance of reinforced concrete bridge across Sullivan's Gulch, on East Twenty-eighth street.
 - Completion of East Side police station.
 - Construction of several houses for Fire Department stations.
 - Final acceptance of the big Brooklyn sewer.

There is work in plenty for the new Mayor and for all of the boards and officials of the administration, who will assume their duties July 1. Projects involving the expenditure of millions of dollars, authorized by the electorate two years ago, are still to be executed, and many will fall to the lot of those who are to complete the Lane administration's unfinished business. Combined with the tremendous volume of city business each year, it is a certainty that public officials will be kept busy.

Construction of the second pipe line to Bull Run River, augmenting the water supply of Portland, is the most expensive project ahead of the incoming administration. This project is just being put under way, the present authorities having employed R. H. Thompson, City Engineer of Seattle, to assist Chief Engineer D. D. Clarke, of the local Water Department. This work involves the expenditure of \$2,000,000, and is of the greatest importance to the municipality. It was ordered by the people two years ago, but the amendment authorizing it, like all of the other amendments, was tied up in the courts for a long time, and finally upheld by the State Supreme Court, after the unwinding of official red tape was completed. All is now in readiness to proceed.

Meter System a Task.

Installation of a meter system, by which water will be measured, is also a part of the work that will fall to the lot of the Mayor-elect and his assistants. This has to be done under the direction of the Water Board. Many thousands of meters will be needed, and the present Board has just ordered 5000, which will be here soon, ready for installation.

While the present administration has accomplished a great deal toward establishing a system of parks, boulevards and playgrounds, the work is far from done. This is just started. There remains \$500,000 of funds, voted two years ago, to be expended in the acquisition of property for this system. A similar sum has been expended in the purchase of tracts throughout the city, but the plan contemplated such an elaborate chain of parks and connections by boulevards that it will require a great deal of work to complete the job.

Face Span Trouble.

There is still trouble over the reinforced concrete bridge across Sullivan's Gulch, at East Twenty-eighth street, and it is believed the structure will not be taken over by the present administration. It was rejected by the Executive Board, it being alleged that it was faulty. The company which built it has offered to repair it and make it safe, but it is probable this will not be done in time for the work to be accepted by the Lane regime.

The East Twenty-eighth-street police station, to be located at Union avenue and Hancock street, will be under way in the near future, but it will not be completed by July 1, and it will be the incoming Executive Board to complete it.

Several Fire Department stations, in various sections of the city, have been authorized by the City Council, but no buildings are as yet under way, and it will be up to the new administration to take up this work and push it to completion.

The big sewer in the Brooklyn district, over which there is considerable concern just now, will not be finally accepted until the Lane administration. It is virtually completed, but has not been accepted by City Engineer Taylor, and it looks as if it will be waiting when the Mayor-elect assumes the duties of office. This will add to the large list of projects to be completed by the new administration.



MAYOR-ELECT OF PORTLAND.

HON. JOSEPH SIMON.

"NO MACHINE"; SIMON

MAYOR-ELECT PROMISES TO "MAKE GOOD."

Will Aim to Give City a Business Administration—He Thanks His Supporters.

"My sole and earnest effort as Mayor of Portland will be to make good—to give the city a business administration that will bring the best measure of improvement and prosperity with the least possible burden upon the taxpayers," said Mayor-elect Joseph Simon last night.

"There will be no machine politics in my administration. I shall have only one purpose, and that will be to do my best for the interests of the city.

"Beyond this general policy I have not as yet outlined a course of action. I shall devote all my time and all my energies to the service of the city. Personal business matters will not be permitted to interfere with my official duties, and I greatly appreciate the flattering vote that was given me in today's election. I have tried to conduct a dignified campaign. I have said nothing unkind about any of my opponents; in fact I have said nothing at all. I did not advertise my candidacy and used no cards.

"Had I been defeated, I should not have felt bad, except as I should not have felt personal pride, for I did not really win the office. I resisted accepting the nomination, as all know, and only did so upon repeated urgings by many of the best business and professional men of the city.

"Now that I have been elected to the office I do not propose to give the many who have shown such confidence in me cause to feel that it has been misplaced."

BURGLAR CAUGHT IN ACT

Holds Family at Revolver's Point While He Escapes.

While the family of J. O. Humphrey, 139 Twenty-second street North, was attending the Rose Festival parade last night, a lone burglar entered the house, secured jewelry valued at \$200 and was just in the act of leaving upon their return. At the point of a revolver he commanded Mr. Humphrey and his family to retreat from the yard while he made his exit in safety.

The robbery was reported at police headquarters at once and Officer Ed.

AMENDMENTS TO PORTLAND CHARTER ADOPTED IN YESTERDAY'S ELECTION

- Payment of cost of water mains from water fund.
- Holders of all franchises to file reports with City Auditor.
- Authorizing deposit of city funds in banks having a paid-up capital stock of \$50,000.
- Placing burden of proof on all discharged Civil Service employees.
- City Auditor to serve as clerk of street viewings.
- Auditor to withhold warrant for damages resulting to property from opening or widening a street until proof is submitted that there are no prior liens against such property.
- When streets or public places are vacated for the purposes of re-dedication, the petitioners shall first present assurances of re-dedication.
- City to acquire all earth above grade within lines of all street improvements.
- Requiring annual payment of principal and interest by property owners on all street and sewer improvement bonds.
- For issuance of bonds and payment therefor from water fund for all general distribution water mains ten inches in size and over.
- \$150,000 bond issue for garbage crematory.
- \$2,000,000 bond issue for high bridge at Broadway.
- Electrical Workers' ordinance for regulating electric wiring.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS DEFEATED IN YESTERDAY'S ELECTION

- Commission form of charter.
- Regulating city and official advertising.
- Council to regulate electric wiring; creating offices and defining duties of Electrical Inspector and Purchasing Agent.
- Permitting a woman's auxiliary to Police Department.
- With money in any idle fund and hold bonds as security for surplus city funds deposited with banks.
- Exempting Chief Deputy City Engineer, Building Inspector and Purchasing Agent from Civil Service Regulations.
- Deputy Clerk for Municipal Judge at \$100 per month.
- Increasing rate of interest on delinquent special assessments from 5 to 10 per cent.
- Acceptance by city of any local improvement to be conclusive evidence that work was properly performed.
- Consolidating Water, Park and Health Boards with Executive Board.
- Council to fix salary of City Engineer at not less than \$2400.
- Council to fix salary of City Treasurer at not less than \$2400.
- Transfer of Madison-street bridge fund and issuance of \$450,000 of additional bonds for bridge at Sherman street.
- \$1,500,000 bonds for high bridge at Sherman street.
- Prohibiting use of any patented article or process in improvement of streets.
- Giving Gothenburg Association exclusive privilege of retail liquor traffic for ten years.
- Creating Excise Board for regulation and control of liquor traffic.
- \$2,000,000 bond issue for municipal light and power plant.
- Vehicle tax ordinance imposing annual tax of from \$2 to \$10 on all vehicles not used exclusively for pleasure. (Ordinance referred to people under referendum.)

MUCH PATRONAGE IN MAYOR'S HANDS

Number of Important Offices to Be Filled by City's New Executive.

WILL NAME POLICE CHIEF

Executive Board, Board of Health, Council Committees, City Engineer and Private Secretary All in His Control.

The new Mayor will control sufficient patronage to attract the attention of those who covet public positions. Some places which are at the disposal of the Mayor are such as the police, but none of them has ever been known to go unfilled for the lack of applicants. The real, ever-sought-for jobs are City Health Officer, Chief of Police, City Engineer, Market Inspector, Milk Inspector, Assistant Health Officer and City Physician, superintendent of the garbage crematory and the Inspectorship in the health office. These pay good salaries.

Among the more important matters for the Mayor-elect to care for is the appointment of an Executive Board of ten members, and another task of equal weight is the designation of the City Council committees. The Executive Board really has charge of the various departments, insofar as the executive branch of the municipality is concerned, and the various committees have great responsibility. The board consists of committees on police, fire, bridges, streets, sewers, street-cleaning, light, City Hall and other important matters. Of these perhaps the more important are the police, fire, street, bridges and lights.

There will be a great change in the Council, and at the first session after July 1, President A. G. Rutlight will, of course, be succeeded by another Municipal Judge-elect Bennett in Council place will be vacant July 1. The Council will elect his successor. Frank Motter has been mentioned for this place. Of course, there will be other applicants, for the term is for two years. Councilman Wills, who has been re-elected as a member for four years, will drop out as he did not seek re-election. Councilman Heppner was selected to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Kellaher, who also relinquish his position of City Engineer, as he did not wish to serve a full term. The new members, elected yesterday, will assume their duties July 1, with the other municipal officials. The salary of a Councilman is \$25 a month.

MOTHER EDDY'S GREETING

Present in Spirit at Meeting of Directors of Church.

BOSTON, June 7.—The board of directors of the Mother Church of Christ, Science today elected William F. McKenzie president; Stephen A. Chase, of Fall River, treasurer, and John V. Dittmore, of New York, clerk, the latter succeeding William B. Johnson, resigned. The following letter was received from Mrs. Baker Eddy:

"Beloved Students: I thank you for your kind invitation to be present at the annual meeting of the Mother Church on June 7, 1909. I will attend the meeting, but not in propria persona. Watch and pray that God directs your meetings and your lives, and your leader will then be sure that they are blessed in their results.

Lovingly yours,
"MARY BAKER EDDY."

NEW TRIAL FOR PRISONER

Emma Ledoux, Under Sentence of Death, to Have Rehearing.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 7.—The Attorney-General filed a petition before the Supreme Court today for a re-trial in the case of Emma Ledoux, who was convicted and sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Albert McVicar, at Stockton, whose body was found in a trunk at the railway station in that city.

The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the jury, and ordered a new trial because the Sheriff who summoned one of the special venire of jurors, admitted on the witness stand that he was slightly biased against the defendant.

Seaside Residence Robbed.

ASTORIA, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—The residence of E. T. Stafford at Seaside was burglarized Sunday evening while the family was attending church. Entrance keys and the entire house was ransacked, about \$36 in money and a revolver being stolen.

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