

# ALL-POWERFUL TRIO PROPOSED

### Amendment Creating Public Service Commission Is Promised in June.

## VAST AUTHORITY WANTED

### Ben Riesland Is Prime Mover in Scheme to Place Civic Utilities Under Strict Supervision. Governor to Appoint.

Portland is to have an opportunity at the coming June election of voting on the amendment to the city charter which will provide one of the most stringent Public Service Commissions ever devised.

The proposed amendment has been drafted after months of investigation and labor by local improvement associations, the prime mover in the plan being Ben Riesland. Circulation of initiative petitions will be undertaken at an early date in order that enough names of voters may be obtained to give the amendment a place on the ballot.

The new law is intended to apply to all corporations dealing in public utilities. Its purpose is to adjust differences arising between the public and these corporations on an equitable basis. The assumption is put forth that the corporations are fundamentally intended to serve the public. Profitmaking is deemed as an important but not exclusive function of these concerns.

### Triumvirate is Proposed.

Establishment of a Commission of three members is provided for and they are given the widest possible powers. Each member is to receive a salary of \$500 per year and must devote all of his time to the work. The positions are made elective, the terms being for six years, one Commissioner to be elected every two years.

All aspirants may enter in the primary election, the two receiving the highest vote to compete in the general election. The ballots are required to be printed separate from the regular ballots. Party affiliations are not to be indicated in the contest for Commission seats.

Provision is made that the Commission exercise the strictest surveillance over the affairs and operations of the various dealers in public utilities, such as street car companies, utility power gas and telephone companies. In the regulation of rates the concerns must be allowed margin for a fair income.

### All Complaints to Be Heeded.

Another duty will be to see that the concerns maintain a full degree of efficiency and maintain modern equipment. All reasonable complaints from the public must be heard and investigated. It is provided that the Commission's offices must be kept open from 6 o'clock in the morning until midnight for the taking of complaints.

Watering of stock is another evil the Commission is designed to remedy. Manipulation of all sort and device of public convenience are two evils in view.

Power is given the Commission to compel concerns to produce and furnish such information as may be desired. Experts may be employed at will in the making of investigations.

### Power of Court Desired.

In the examination of witnesses the same power is delegated to the Commission as is held by the courts. All hearings must be public, on orders of the Commission affecting all corporations and concerns are to stand, the burden of proof resting upon the company affected by the order in the event appeal is taken. Dissatisfied concerns may bring suit with the Circuit Court having an order set aside, such suit taking precedence in the courts over all civil suits.

Enforcement of equal treatment to all is another duty prescribed in the draft. Refusals are not to be allowed in any circumstances.

### All Public Service Included.

With reference to the relations of the Commission to public service corporations, paragraph 42 of the draft indicates the scope given the Commission:

"The commission shall have power, and it shall be its duty: (a) To investigate and ascertain from time to time, and as often as the public service, health or welfare shall require, the quality of gas manufactured, sold, distributed, offered for sale, or supplied to the city of Portland, the City of Portland, examine the methods employed in manufacturing, selling, or applying such gas, and for transmitting, or distributing the same, and to order such changes, improvements, extensions, additional facilities, appliances, or equipment as may be necessary, or desirable to promote the safety, convenience, or welfare, and to protect those using such gas, or those employed in the manufacture, sale or distribution thereof, or in the mining, or operation of the works, lines, conduits, plant, equipment, or system in connection therewith; and to fix the standard of the manufacturing, or of manufacturing, selling and distributing such gas, and the delivery and measurement thereof as shall best promote the public interest."

Similar paragraphs cover streetcar companies, electric light and power companies, telephone, water companies and all concerns or individuals engaged in public service of any sort.

The power of appointing the original commission is delegated to the Governor, to be exercised within 30 days after the amendment goes into effect. The first election, it is provided, must occur in 1912, commissioners being elected for two, four and six-year terms.

## FESTIVAL PLANS FORMING

### Peninsula to Repeat Booth at Depot and Rose Shower.

The Peninsula Rose Festival Association is planning an early meeting this month, at some central point on the Peninsula, to reorganize and formulate plans for the present year. Informally the leaders of the past Peninsula have had in the past Festivals, which has been important, have discussed what is best to do this year, and they have decided to recommend that the rose booth at the Union Depot be retained and be made a more elaborate feature than ever before.

W. J. Peddick, Charles Patton, H. A. Ruble, J. H. Nolte and others who were instrumental in establishing this booth, believe it can be made more important

than in past years. The rose shower of last year will also be repeated on a larger scale.

"We shall hold a meeting this month and reorganize," said President Peddick yesterday. "Those who have been in the lead and borne the burdens of the past for the Peninsula desire to step aside and allow new men to take hold this year. The Peninsula, however, will do its part as it has in the past. The district has largely benefited from the Festival. We feel that the distribution of roses at the Union Depot belongs to the Peninsula, having originated and carried out the idea, but we believe it can be done better than ever by having a more artistic booth erected. The rose shower, too, is a Peninsula feature which proved attractive last year. We shall try to make the rose shower more elaborate at the next Festival."

The East Side Business Men's Club, which has furnished the important feature for one day of the Rose Festival, has already set in motion the preliminary plans to repeat the feature on a more elaborate scale this year. At the meeting of the club next Thursday night the matter will be taken up.

## WOOD BLOCKS WANTED

### KEARNEY STREET RESIDENTS OPPOSE COUNCIL'S ACTION.

### Property Owners Preparing Protest Against Laying of Bitulithic Pavement.

In order to determine whether the City Council has power arbitrarily to overthrow the wishes of property owners as to the kind of pavement to be laid on streets, the residents along Kearney, between Fifteenth and Twenty-fifth streets, are going to carry the case again to the Council in an effort to secure reconsideration. They are determined to get wood blocks, instead of bitulithic, and to that end have extensively signed a remonstrance against the Council's action in refusing to grant the petition for blocks and trying to force the bitulithic onto the street.

"I can see no reason whatever why members of the Council, elected by the people to do the people's will, should arbitrarily take action contrary to the wishes of the people," said George Good, who lives on Kearney street and who signed the wood block petition. "I understand Councilman Annand led the fight against wood blocks and in favor of bitulithic. Why should he take such an active interest in opposition to the expressed wishes of a majority of the people on this street? I signed for wood blocks because I prefer them to any other hard-surface pavement. They are noiseless, good for horses' feet and are very serviceable. I would be willing to pay more for them than for any other pavement, if necessary to get them."

"In my travels through Europe," continued Mr. Good, "I found that wood blocks are being laid on numerous principal thoroughfares. They are giving excellent service everywhere, just as they have in Portland. Having followed the history of wood blocks very closely, I am prepared to say that they are excellent for residence districts especially and that they will also stand wear and tear."

Mayor Simon's influence is on the side of the Kearney-street property owners who petitioned for the wood blocks, because they are in the majority on the two petitions. He declares he favors rule by the majority as to the character of pavement to be laid on a street. Aside from this, he wants the competition that will result from the entrance into this field of the wood block company, he says.

### Pioneer Recalls Coos Bay's Early Days.

Once It Took 32 Days to Reach San Francisco by Boat.

BANDON, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Duncan Urquhart, a Coos County pioneer, who calls any part of Southwestern Oregon home, was in this city recently, recited conditions as they existed in the year 1868, when he first came here from Nova Scotia by way of Imbarco and the windjammer Argo to North Bend, on Coos Bay.

"In those days there were no roads of any kind," said Urquhart, "and the nearest approach to a highway being the portage, or trail, leading from the head of Isthmus Slough, on Coos Bay side, to the head of Beaver Slough, on the Coquille River side. This portage was four miles long, and all of the pioneers having business or trading in the nearby watersheds of the same, and to order such changes, improvements, extensions, additional facilities, appliances, or equipment as may be necessary, or desirable to promote the safety, convenience, or welfare, and to protect those using such gas, or those employed in the manufacture, sale or distribution thereof, or in the mining, or operation of the works, lines, conduits, plant, equipment, or system in connection therewith; and to fix the standard of the manufacturing, or of manufacturing, selling and distributing such gas, and the delivery and measurement thereof as shall best promote the public interest."

"All there was at Bandon in those days was a small ferry, operated by the only white man on the lower river, C. Y. Lowe, Sr., still living here, remembers this time, but is one of the few men yet alive who do. His children, C. Y. Lowe, Jr., the Bandon druggist, and Mrs. Rose, were among the first white children born in Coos County, and have never lived anywhere else. The old pioneers are fast thinning out, and no longer do I see many familiar faces of the early days. I am now 74 years of age, and am good for quite a few years yet. A Nova Scotian by birth, I think there is no place on earth quite as good as Coos County, and it's a toss-up which is the best, the Coquille River Valley or Coos Bay. I like them both; they are home to me."

Pioneer Urquhart said further that on one trip up from San Francisco it took him 32 days to reach Coos Bay. Today the voyage is made by a fleet of half a dozen steam schooners in from 48 to 54 hours.

### Public Auction Ordered for Suit.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A public auction to dispose of a suit of clothes is to be held this month by Sheriff Seppington. It will be one of his last judicial acts. The suit was in the Columbia Hotel by G. E. Pettit, and to pay for his room rent, Mrs. Brethna Phelps, filed an inn-keeper's lien.

# International Pure Food Show

## At The Greater Olds, Wortman & King Store

### During the Month of February

For the month of February Olds, Wortman & King announce their first International Pure Food Show—a congress of the leading pure food manufacturers of the world. It will be held on the fourth floor and will include the large auditorium, grocery and toy departments—over 30,000 sq. feet of floor space, and it is being planned upon a scale never before attempted by any mercantile establishment and in keeping with the standard established by our high-class grocery dept. One hundred exhibitors can be comfortably cared for. Thirty-nine have already signified their intention of participating. Full details will be furnished later by the management.

## Applications for Space Will Be Received From Reputable Concerns-- Apply to Executive Offices--4th Flr. The Olds, Wortman & King Store

P. S.—For the general information we will state that prior to last year there has not been a Food Fair held in any Portland retail store for the past seven years

## GIRL ON LONG RIDE

### Wyoming Lass Crossing Continent on Ponyback.

### WAY NOT ALWAYS SMOOTH

### Arduous Journey Is Outgrowth of Wager Between Uncle and Neighbor, and She Will Gain Fortune by Winning.

Astride of "Bud," her little sprightly cowpony, and escorted by the capricious "Mickie," who looks upon himself as the guardian of his mistress, Miss Alberta Claire, of Buffalo, Wyo., arrived in Portland Saturday on a horseback trip to San Francisco and New York to settle a wager between two old ranchers, her uncle and a neighbor.

## TO SETTLE WAGER, GIRL IS RIDING FROM WYOMING TO NEW YORK, BY WAY OF PACIFIC COAST.



MISS ALBERTA CLAIRE, OF BUFFALO, WYO., ON "BUD" WITH "MICKIE" IN THE FOREGROUND.

If the lucky wind-browed, hardy girl from the plains of Wyoming accomplishes the task she set out to she will be richer by \$1000 in gold and a big cattle ranch, the prize having been put up by one of her admirers.

One of the stipulations, not to say hardships of the long trans-continental trip on horseback, is that the girl must earn her own way en route, leaving Wyoming with only \$5. Going into vaudeville, and demonstrating her dexterity with the rifle and pistol has helped her. She has earned enough money in this way to get from Wyoming to Portland. At times, however, her way was not at all easy. Sometimes she was compelled to work on cattle ranches and farms to win her way farther along the route. Although hardship has overtaken her many times since she left home, several months ago, she has not, and says she will not, part from "Bud" and "Mickie."

Among her other paraphernalia carried along in her saddle bag tied back from the saddle is a sixshooter of big caliber. Also "Bud" has a rifle case strapped to his side in which is Miss Claire's rifle, which she has used frequently to kill game.

By the terms of the wager, she must have completed the trip to New York by way of Portland and San Francisco by the summer of 1912. She arrived at The Dalles Friday and being informed there was no road over the mountains to Portland came into Portland by boat. Miss Claire estimates that she has ridden 2500 miles since she left home. She is optimistic and does not doubt that she will win.

## OPEN VISION URGED

### New Year Thoughts Suggested by Portland Ministers.

### PAST BLUNDERS ARE GONE

### Duty for Future Is to Profit by Mistakes, With Unrepressed Ardor for Better Things to Come, Says Pastor.

### NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS BY PASTORS OF PORTLAND CHURCHES.

"Let no light be dimmed, no ardor be repressed, in 1911, because of a failure in 1910."—Rev. W. B. Hinson.

"Do something to make the world better; heed the call of duty; take an inventory of your life."—Rev. Benjamin Young.

Jesus organized his church not to develop the preacher, but the prayer."—Rev. George E. Paddock.

Forward steps in morals were urged upon all who attended church last night. Special New Year sermons were preached at the White Temple and the First Presbyterian, the First Methodist, Grace Methodist Episcopal and Congregational Churches, as well as at the churches on the East side and in the suburbs.

"We should begin the new year," said Rev. George E. Paddock at the First Congregational Church, his subject being "The Power of Agreement," "with the open vision which Christ had of the things about us. We should learn the secret of life as he revealed it."

"Jesus Christ was dealing with spiritual forces that compare strikingly with what we know of the so-called psychic powers of the present hour. In teaching men and women to do the things he did, he was simply dealing with the forces we are talking about today in our so-called psychology."

### Place of Prayer is Proved.

"The power and place of prayer have been proved today by what we know of that unseen force that we call psychic. Jesus organized his church not to develop the preacher but the prayer."

Luther R. Drott, of the First Congregational Church, did not occupy his own pulpit last night because he was called on to assist in the dedication of an addition to the Laurelhurst Congregational Church.

At the White Temple, Rev. W. B. Hinson took for his text the words of Christ quoted in Matthew 26, "Sleep on. . . Rise, let us be going." He said: "Severed from their connection, these words apply to the two years, 1910 and 1911. The past year is gone. Let its mistakes, blunders, failures all sleep on. Bring nothing from the past except such as will invigorate, inspire, warn or bless. Let no ardor be repressed, no light be dimmed in 1911, because of a failure in 1910."

Rev. William Hiram Faulkes, of the First Presbyterian Church, delivered his New Year sermon yesterday morning, and gave a stereoscopic lecture on the Oberammergau Passion Play last night.

Rev. Benjamin Young delivered a

New Year's sermon at the First Methodist Episcopal Church last night.

### Hobbies Ridden to Death.

"We have been taking in from everywhere not only immigrants, but theories and fads of every description," he said. "We have been taking these in faster than our powers of assimilation. You know what that means in a physical organism. It means sleeplessness and unrest. I think we are coming to the time soon when we, as a Nation, will have to take a cathartic, so to speak."

"We ride hobbies to death. The get-rich-quick spirit is in the air. The spirit of sensationalism is rampant. We can find it in the public press. The appetite is satisfied, but it must be spurred and driven, and that is being done at a tremendous cost."

"You may forget the ten commandments, but they are written in the constitution of man and nature. Be sure your sin will find you out."

"Standing upon the brink of the new year, we are impressed with the rapidity of the flight of time. It seems to me, should be dominated with a great purpose. Do something to make the world better. Get out and visit the sick; listen to the cry of the poor; heed the call of duty. Take an inventory of your life."

Rev. John H. Cudlipp, at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church last night, spoke on "The Young Woman in the Home and in Society."

### ACT OVER, ARREST COMES

### Thespiant at "Benefit" Performs Part, Knowing Warrant Waits.

With ashen cheek beneath his paint, and with an aching heart under his gaudy trappings, L. Nussbaum grimaced and pirouetted before an ecstatic audience, bravely doing his part, though he knew that Deputy Constable Crowley lurked in the wings to hale him to the County Jail when his act was finished. Panding from the tragic climax of a modernized Othello, Nussbaum drew into the wings amid a storm of applause and, with histrionic grace, said, "Officer, do your duty."

It was the last act of the Wagner administration. A Goldstein, the "anger" of Nussbaum's company, complained of the loss of \$64, and told the Constable that last night the alleged ballet was to star in an entertainment for the benefit of "a poor family," at Swiss Hall, 285 Third street, where he might be apprehended. Ill-natured persons insinuated that Nussbaum himself was the "poor family," but all agreed that he earned the shekels of the meager crowd. The actor was held under \$250 and will have a hearing tomorrow.

### SOLDIER BESTS COMRADES

### Car From Portland Scene of Battle Which Is Short.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Exciting was the experience of a dozen women and a score of men, who saw one soldier, with his rifle, knock down two of his comrades, when they tried to fight in a stretcher coming to Vancouver from Portland at an early hour this morning.

It seems that two of the soldiers were quarrelling, caused by too freely imbibing in Portland. Over some slight dispute one of the soldiers slapped the other, starting the fight. Then a sober soldier, who knew the men, jumped into the fracas and in less than a minute saw one of the soldiers being thrown down, giving one a picturesque black eye. The conductor and several passengers finally succeeded in stopping the fight.

When the soldier, who had knocked the two men down, settled down in his seat, he said, "It is just such fellows

as that who give the Army a bad name. That is the best way to handle them."

## Make the Liver Do its Duty

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We lend our indorsement to Rexall "93" Hair Tonic and sell it on this guarantee, because we believe it is the best hair tonic ever discovered. It comes in two sizes, prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain it only at The Owl Drug Co., Inc., Cor. 7th and Washington Sts.

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