

SIMON PETITION QUICKLY SIGNED

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WARM INDOREMENT GIVEN

Citizens' Committee Opens Headquarters and Is Overwhelmed by Voluntary Offers of Aid in Efforts.

WHERE TO SIGN PETITIONS. Headquarters of the Citizens' Committee, having charge of the details of the campaign for Joseph Simon as the independent candidate for Mayor are on the ground floor of the Railway Exchange building, 268 Stark street.

More than enough signatures to place the name of Mayor Simon on the ballot for the June election as an independent candidate were secured by the circulators of petitions, operating under the direction of Henry E. Reed, campaign manager of the citizens' committee, yesterday.

Response Is Immediate. Having ordered petitions from the printer early in the day, Mr. Reed assembled his force of circulators at 1 o'clock and sent them out. The result was gratifying, he declared. From all sides there is a ready and willing response. Voters of all classes signed.

Registered Voters May Sign. Any registered voter of any political affiliation or of no such affiliation may sign the petitions for an independent candidate. None but registered voters are permitted by the law to sign, however.

Law Requires Only \$65. City Auditor Barber yesterday instructed his deputy, C. F. Wiegand, to ascertain the exact number of names necessary on each petition to insure its place on the ballot. The law requires, in this instance, \$65. It is probable several thousand will be secured with comparative ease, judging from the results of yesterday.

Many Call in Person. Many called him by telephone to offer their services as circulators. While numerous others wanted to sign the petitions and to show their good will and sympathy, during the day a large number called upon Mayor Simon personally and tendered him their aid and told him they felt him to be the man of the hour.

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New York Public Library. In the New York Public Library, to be opened this week, the problem of dust removal is acute. Not because there will be more dust than in any building of similar size; but because there are more places for the dust to hide. The problem is not alone to take care of the dirt that is tracked in daily by thousands of pairs of feet—not alone to clean the floors, furniture and walls.

The Biggest Buildings in the World are RICHMOND Vacuum Cleaned

Such buildings as the 41-story Singer tower, the U. S. Custom House in New York, the Cook County Court House in Chicago, the Pennsylvania State Capitol, the U. S. Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco and the White House itself. Such hotels as the Knickerbocker, Plaza, Ritz-Carlton, St. Regis of New York; La Salle, Auditorium Annex, Chicago; Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, and 200 others of the best known hotels in America.

THE McCORM-HOWELL CO. Largest Manufacturers of Vacuum Cleaning Systems in the World. Ask for a Demonstration at Portland Show-Room, 626 Board of Trade Bldg.

WOMAN SUES WALLA WALLA. Florence V. Brown Seeks \$25,000 Damages for Injuries.

THOMAS SAYS HE WILL WIN. Democratic Nominee Does Not Fear Independent Candidate.

CHEHALIS OPENS PAVING BIDS. CHEHALIS, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—The Chehalis City Council has opened the bids for paving a part of Chehalis avenue, Center street, North street, Front street, East Market street, two new bids, one by the C. L. Morris Construction Company of Seattle, the other by the Warren Construction Company of Portland. The bids varied on the different jobs, but on the totals the

first named company's bid, which was for an asphalt pavement, was \$58,200, while the latter, which was for bituminous and Warranted, totaled \$57,740. The Council took the bids under advisement and will likely let a contract at its next meeting.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Asking for \$25,000 damages for injuries received in an accident on the streets of this city nearly two years ago, Florence V. Brown today filed suit against the City of Walla Walla. She enumerates her injuries, which she states have crippled her for life. The accident occurred July 7, 1910. Miss Brown, with another young woman, was riding with A. L. Owsley, of Pomeroy. Second street had just been paved. But the street railway tracks in the center had not been paved. No danger sign was up, according to the complaint, and Owsley drove along the track to the turn on Egan avenue, where he found himself pocketed by the track, which was 14 inches above the roadbed. In trying to turn around the horse became frightened. Owsley was thrown out and killed. Miss Brown badly injured and the other young woman slightly bruised.

ROTTAGE GROVE TO LIMIT CYCLISTS. EUGENE, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of the City Council of Cottage Grove, the City Attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance covering the use of bicycles on sidewalks. The law contemplated requires a license fee for the privilege of riding a bicycle on the sidewalks of the city. Under the new ordinance, doctors and newboys, by the payment of an annual fee of \$3.50, will be permitted to use the sidewalks all the year. Other wheel riders who wish to use the walks will be charged a fee of \$2, but will be permitted to ride on them only between October 15 and June 15. The ordinance will come up for passage next Monday. An ordinance was also passed forbidding baseball games on Memorial Day.

PASCO PLANT VALUED AT \$15,000. PASCO, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—E. Tappan Tennant, hydraulic engineer, of Spokane, who was employed recently by the city to report on the value of the city water works system, owned by the Pacific Power & Light Company, estimates the value of the plant to the city at about \$15,000, in view of the many changes which will be necessary on account of paving of streets and enlarging of water mains. He condemns the use of wooden mains in the principal streets of the city. The report was referred to the City Council.

Stores and Concessions May Now Be Secured in the New "Multnomah Hotel" Covering Entire Block Embraced by Pine, Ash Third and Fourth Sts. Applications will be received in behalf of the Multnomah Hotel Company for the above stores and concessions by MATHEW GEVURTZ, with I. Gevurtz & Sons, corner Second and Yamhill streets