

PLAN REACTIONARY SAYS MR. MEARS

Port of Portland Commission Chairman Talks of Proposed Measure.

CHECK IS ON EVERYTHING

"No Incentive for Stage Play," Says Head of Organization in Speaking of Scheme to Elect Three Salaried Board Members.

"Services of members of the Port of Portland Commission are rendered principally on the ground of patriotism and as taxpayers they wish to see that affairs of the organization are properly managed, always bearing in mind the object of the institution—to keep the channel open between Portland and the sea and to improve it annually so that entrance to the port will be as easy and reasonable as elsewhere on the Coast," said S. M. Mears, chairman of the Commission, in speaking of the proposed measure that will be voted on next month to have three members of the Board elected and on salary to replace seven members now working gratuitously.

"I was gratified to read the editorial in The Oregonian today bearing on the plan that will be voted on under the initiative and the criticism expressed in it is in line with my own opinion—that it is reactionary," continued Mr. Mears.

"In the first place every member of the Commission is a taxpayer and as there is a large representation of men there who are personally interested in commerce and river matters they naturally work for two ends, to subserve the interest of taxpayers and to make the port attractive for all classes of vessels.

"The entire organization works under a system. It certainly is not a waste financially and there is little opportunity for improper handling of its business. There is a check on everything. All stores and supplies are purchased on bids and business men who have had wide experience in purchasing look after the details. I believe that elective officers would strive to do something to make a public showing, while our whole incentive is to accomplish what the Commission was created for, regardless of public criticism. In other words, we have no incentive for making stage play.

"Who is to pass on the qualifications of these men they propose to elect as Commissioners? Will it be the public? What do the people know of the requirements of such positions? The present board of seven members is made up of two steamboatmen, one handling deep-sea vessels as well as another who pilots them up and down the river, a mill operator interested in domestic and foreign shipping and business men who look after the social and administrative features of the Board, all without a cent of cost as salary.

"In selecting a general manager a year ago, which was an innovation in Port of Portland affairs, the Commission only gave consideration to his fitness for the position, and whether he was a citizen or taxpayer. We wanted results and have gotten them.

"We had the entire Pacific Coast to pick from and his qualifications were passed on by those intimately acquainted with the work and who were better able to judge of his fitness than an uninformed public. The salary paid, \$5000 a year, certainly commands the services of a higher grade man than that proposed under the new measure.

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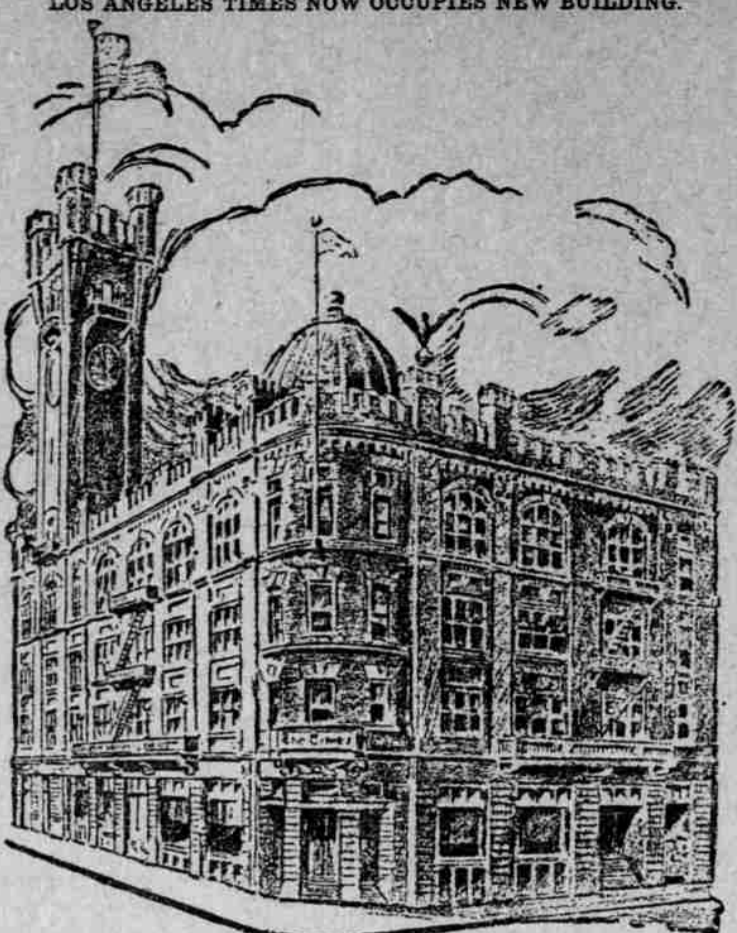
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LOS ANGELES TIMES NOW OCCUPIES NEW BUILDING.



Exactly two years from the date that the original "Castle" of the Los Angeles Times was destroyed by dynamite and fire, the modern, rebuilt structure, erected on the same spot, was opened and occupied. It was on the morning of October 1, 1910, that the old Times building was wrecked and ruined, and it was October 1, 1912, that the new building, wider, deeper and higher than the other, was thrown open for use. It consists of four stories, basement, sub-basement and a tower, and is used exclusively by the Times and its employees. It stands at the corner of First and Broadway, Los Angeles, which corner has become familiarly known as the Times corner, and the substantiality of the new structure indicates that as such it will continue to be known for many years to come.

cargo and another is that she would be dispatched to Port Said for orders. The officers who were sent from San Francisco say that she will head from Puget Sound for Japan, proceed thence to Java, then through the Suez Canal to Amsterdam and Rotterdam and finally to Liverpool, returning by way of the Straits of Magellan to San Francisco. The Alcoa loaded here several years ago and yet holds the record for the largest flour cargo. She is commanded by Captain Lockett, who was on her when here, but later was master of the steamer Persia and has been returned to the Alcoa for the forthcoming voyage.

AUGER HOLE CAUSE OF LEAK
Second Inspection of Rochelle Will Be Made Today.

Three auger holes, each one inch in diameter, located under the guard of the steamer Rochelle, at the stern, are said to have caused the leaks which developed at sea and caused her to return to the river a few hours after starting on her maiden voyage to San Francisco. The vessel has shifted from Rainier to Supple's yards, where the repairs are under way.

Marine Notes.
Notice has been given by Henry L. Beck, inspector of the 17th Lighthouse District, that the steamer Bay Buoy, "wb," ps, first-class can, reported missing October 4, will be replaced shortly.

OVERTIME TO LONGSHOREMEN
Legal Holiday Falls in Memory of Country's Discoverer.

Regardless of controversies whether Columbus was a Jew or Spaniard there are many on the waterfront today who are observing the observance of Discovery day or Columbus day, for while some

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE

Name	From	Date
Rose City	San Pedro	Oct. 12
Alliance	Bureka	Oct. 12
Rose City	San Diego	Oct. 12
Breakwater	Coos Bay	Oct. 12
Rose City	San Pedro	Oct. 12
Beaver	San Pedro	Oct. 14
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Geo. W. Elder	San Diego	Oct. 23
Nevadah	Salina Cruz	Oct. 28
Lyra	Salina Cruz	Nov. 6

supposed the measure, as passed by the last Legislature, did not designate the occasion as a legal holiday, it has been held by authorities as such.

HARBOR LAUNCH TAKES PRIZE
Supercargo of Alcohol and Ignorance of Navigation Charged.

Two men in a launch did stunts yesterday that made the story of three men in a boat seem tame, and as a result they were hauled aboard and sent for lack of seamanship, regulations and for lack of seamanship.

Officers Join the Alcoa
Big Tramp Said to Have Long Voyage in Prospect.

A. E. Moncaster, of San Francisco, assistant superintendent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and Chief Engineer Huntley, of the big British steamer Alcoa, now completing cargo at Seattle, passed through Portland yesterday on their way north. The destination of the Alcoa as given out at San Francisco was that she would proceed to Naples with her grain

report, he first assumed from the odor

VOTERS TO DECIDE MAIN QUESTIONS

City Ballot at Special Election, November 2, Will Contain 23 Measures for Settlement.

WOOD CHARTER DIFFERENT

Fourteen Amendments and Six Bond Issues Are Proposed, While Referendum on New Electric Franchise Is Desired.

Two proposed charters in their entirety are to be voted on November 2 at a special election called by the City Council. These are in addition to 14 other proposed amendments of more or less importance and six bond issues.

Originally, the Council submitted what is commonly called the official commission charter, the Mayor and members of that body believing that but one instrument of this nature should be sent to the electorate for action, in order to ascertain whether they favor the commission form. Later Circuit Judge Morrow ordered the so-called short charter placed on the ballot.

Wood Charter Provides Manager.
The Wood, or short, charter provides for a business manager, who shall be named by the Mayor and who shall be known as business manager of the City of Portland at a salary not to exceed \$10,000 a year, unless a higher sum be first approved by vote of the people. He becomes the most important official in the city, as he provides for a Mayor and seven commissioners, the Mayor to draw \$3000 and the commissioners \$2400 each annually. One proposed amendment is calculated to make it possible for the city to vacate streets for its own use, if necessary, a previous act passed by the people under the initiative having made this impossible.

Under another proposed amendment provision is made for the payment of sewer assessments by the property owner and provides for the details of handling these affairs by the various officials under whom the work must be done.

City Prosecutor Desired.
A proposed amendment which detaches the handling of criminal cases in the Municipal Court from the office of the City Attorney is also to be voted on. A city prosecutor is sought to be created, whose duty it shall be to take care of all cases in Municipal Court, and the City Attorney's office is not henceforth to be compelled to do this work. This measure is on the ballot largely through the efforts of City Attorney Grant, who declares that it should not be a part of the City Attorney's business to attend to criminal cases as he believes the civil cases, involving great issues, are sufficient to tax the ability of any City Attorney.

Another amendment proposes to make possible the application of a bonding act to street extension assessments. Through the efforts of Mayor Rushlight an amendment was submitted by the Council, submitting to the voters the question of retaining the provisions of the civil service in the police department. The Mayor says his experience has shown him that police work can be done to better advantage if the authorities were not hampered by the provisions now in force, so that a member could be dismissed for the good of the service without going to so much trouble. None of the other departments are sought to be disturbed in this relation.

Water Bond Change Asked.
Water bonds are to be made a direct obligation of the city, if an amendment submitted upon motion of the Water Board is adopted. It is said that bond buyers might offer better proposals for these bonds in case this carries. At present this power is not a direct obligation of the city in the strict legal sense, although no serious question has ever been raised.

The method of viewing street extensions is proposed to be changed in another amendment. If this is adopted the City Engineer will survey and view all street openings and extensions. The object of the Council naming three viewers for each street. The object aimed at is said to be the making of expert reports on these proceedings, doing away with an antiquated system that has proved unsatisfactory.

Whether Portland shall have a public service commission is also to be decided, as the Council submitted a proposed amendment on this question at the request of Councilman Daly, who originated a bill for the purpose. This provides for three commissioners, who shall be paid \$5000 a year each, and who shall have power to regulate rates and service of all public utility companies within the city. Mr. Daly's argument is that a local commission would be able to devote exclusive attention to Portland affairs and that he believes this would be better than a state-wide commission.

Operation of all bridges and ferries by the county, in so far as the city is able to so declare, is another subject proposed by the Council. The object is to eventually secure, in connection with the amendment, if it is adopted, legislative enactment to give control of these ferries and bridges to the county.

An amendment submitted by the Council at the request of the Greater Light & Power Company submitted a direct that the Council, in placing public buildings, conform to the plans of E. H. Bennett for a city beautiful. A referendum measure that will be on the ballot is that of the franchise for the Northwestern Electric Company. This franchise was granted by the Council. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company sent out petitions for a referendum on it, but the Council, at a special meeting, submitted it. If the people uphold this franchise it will give the Northwestern Electric Company the right to conduct



THE BOOK THAT SHOWS UNCLE SAM AT WORK

See Coupon Elsewhere in this Issue

A light and power business in Portland in competition with other companies.
Newspapermen to Be Guests.
VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 11.—(Special.)

night, October 14, in St. Luke's parish hall. The dinner was to have been held Monday upon request by the newspaper men in Clark County have been invited to be guests of the Clark County Fair Association at a dinner to be given next Monday on Saturday, but was postponed until Monday upon request by the newspaper men themselves, who find this a more suitable time.
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