

FIREMEN'S RELIEF PETITION IS FILED

Initiative Bill Providing Pension Fund Signed by More Than 23,000 Citizens.

OPPOSITION IS NOT SEEN

Measure Provides for Aged and Injured Members, Widows and Children—Heaviest Cost and Support Falls on Men.

With its popularity attested to by the fact that it carried more than 23,000 signatures, the initiative petition requesting the City Council to place on the ballot at the coming city election a bill to create a firemen's relief and pension fund was filed at the City Hall yesterday morning.

Battalion Chief John E. Young said last night that the members of the fire department probably will not begin their active campaign for the passage of the bill for about two weeks, but that after that time they will keep the measure incessantly before the public, urging the support of the voters for its passage.

"We do not, however, expect that there will be any material opposition to the measure," he said. "Practically everyone who was approached with the petitions expressed his hearty sympathy with it."

Twenty-three thousand signatures is a large number to set out to get on an initiative petition, no matter how popular it may be, but we experienced comparatively little difficulty in securing these signatures and could have, I believe, secured many more had it been necessary. Everyone who has worked the movement is well pleased with its success so far and heartily thankful to the citizens of Portland for the interest and assistance they have given."

Cost Falls on Firemen.

Practically the entire support of the proposed pension fund will be on the members of the department. The firemen have long desired to have such a fund created, as it will enable them without the assumption of too heavy a burden to provide largely through their own efforts for the support of their families or themselves in case they should be killed or incapacitated permanently.

In brief, the provisions of the measure are as follows:

The fund is created for the benefit of firemen who have served more than 20 years, for widows of firemen and children under the age of 16 years and for the relief and benefit of disabled firemen. It is to consist of all gifts, endowments and bequests, fees and fines paid in, or given in extraordinary service of any member of the department, except when the Executive Board specifically allows the fireman to retain the gift; a percentage of the salaries of the firemen and a tax levy not to exceed one-tenth of a mill annually upon the property of the city.

If on the first of December of any year the fund be found to have reached \$200,000, the Executive Board may recommend that the property tax be discontinued for the coming year.

Money to Be Invested.

If the bill becomes a law one-half of the fund now on hand in the fire and police relief fund will be placed to the credit of the fire department and the other half will go to a similar fund for the police department. The money is to be invested in safe, interest-bearing securities and it is expected that it will become very large after it has reached a total of \$300,000.

The firemen's relief and pension fund will be under the supervision of a board of trustees consisting of the Mayor, City Treasurer, who will act as treasurer of the fund, without compensation, the Chief Engineer of the department, the City Auditor, who shall act as secretary of the board, and a member of the Fire Department, who shall be elected to the board by members of the Fire Department every two years.

The first election under this measure, if it shall pass, will be held on the second Monday of next June. The Executive Board of the city is authorized to review the action of the board of trustees on appeal.

Widows to Receive Pensions.

A fireman who has served for 20 years or has been permanently disabled may be retired on half pay. If temporarily disabled, he will receive full pay for one year and half pay if disabled for a longer period. Should a fireman die in the service and leave a widow, she will receive a pension equal to one-half his salary, or if he has no wife, but leaves children under 16 years of age, they will receive collectively a pension of one-half his salary until they have reached the age of 16 years.

Cost of funeral for any active or retired member of the department upon his death is also provided in the fund. A temporary member of the department shall receive relief or pension in case of disability or death according to the discretion of the board, in consideration of his service.

The final clause of the measure provides, in view of the fact that the commission charter is to come to a vote at this election, that the provisions for the firemen's relief fund shall become a part of any new or altered charter, in case the existing charter is set aside by action of the voters.

BOY SCOUT TROOP STARTED

Albina Organization to Study Woodlore and Endurance.

A troop of Boy Scouts has been organized at the Albina Branch Library, under the leadership of Claude Asquith, scoutmaster, and Frank Douglas, assistant scoutmaster. The boys are enthusiastic about the work.

On Tuesday evenings the troop will drill in the auditorium of the library and every Saturday a "hike" will be taken into the surrounding country, to study woodland scoutcraft, endurance and general health.

Arrangements are under way for an entertainment to defray the expense of uniforms, the boys being anxious to have full equipment. Both Mr. Asquith and Mr. Douglas have been scoutmasters in other cities and are familiar with all parts of the work.

New Depot Is Completed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Washington-Oregon Corporation has completed an office and depot for the traffic department at Third and Columbia streets and has removed the traction department offices there. The water offices will remain at Ninth and Washington streets in the Banck building. A spur from the Orchard-Sifton electric line runs to this new depot, where there is a waiting-room provided for passengers.

POPULAR PORTLAND YOUNG WOMAN WHOSE ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED.



MISS IRENE FLYNN.

MISS FLYNN TO WED

Raymond McCarthy, Son of Pueblo's ex-Mayor, Fiance.

CATHEDRAL TO BE SCENE

News of Engagement of Noted Soprano Soloist Comes as Big Surprise to 200 or More Guests as They Attend Smart Tea.

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

- Events Planned for Today.
- Mrs. Walter Bowen, Jr., elaborate tea.
- Mrs. W. L. Morgan, Easter tea.
- Banfield-Schulderman wedding tonight at Trinity.
- For Tomorrow.
- Mrs. J. Wesley Lee's card party.
- Mrs. C. C. Smith and Miss Lucile Smith, tea.
- Miss Laura Korell, evening card party.

At a smart tea at the P. H. Flynn residence, in Northrup street, yesterday, the engagement of Miss Irene Flynn, one of the gifted and attractive daughters of the household, to Raymond McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. McCarthy, of Pueblo, Colo., was announced. The news came as a great surprise to the 200 or more guests who attended the brilliant function. On entering, each one was presented an engraved card bearing the names of the betrothed couple, the announcement being given by little Frances Prudhomme, a dainty miss in a French girle, who carried a candelabra cast fully decorated in palms and flowers. In the library, where the receiving party stood, masses of American Beauty roses were banked with the greens. The music-room was attractive with quantities of roses and palms. In the dining-room yellow was the predominating shade. The table was centered with a tall cut glass vase of yellow roses. Yellow shaded candelabra cast a soft glow over the room. Miss Irene Flynn wore a gray crepe meteor trimmed with silver lace. Miss Irene Flynn wore pink charmeuse and carried an arm bouquet of roses. Miss Henrietta Felling entertained yesterday at an elaborately appointed luncheon at which covers were laid for 20 guests. The affair was one of the smartest functions of Easter week.

Mrs. W. L. Morgan and Mrs. H. S. Morgan will be hostesses today at the W. L. Morgan residence, 722 Schuyler street, between the hours of 2 and 5, when they will entertain the women who are members of the White Temple. A number of matrons will assist in receiving. Music will be a feature of the day.

At the regular meeting of the Women's Political Science Club yesterday in the Medical building, the following officers were unanimously elected: President, Mrs. Sara Short; first vice-president, Mrs. Edith Rockwell; second vice-president, Mrs. Catherine Longren; recording secretary, Mrs. B.

uty in his father's office. The wedding will take place in July.

Mrs. P. S. Campbell was hostess on Monday evening at a theater party at the Empress. Six guests shared her hospitality and were entertained at a supper following the performance.

St. Andrew's Church of East Ninth and Alberta streets will give its annual Easter social and dance this evening. A large attendance is expected and a good time is assured for all. An orchestra will play during the entire evening.

The silver tea given at the Old People's Home on Monday was a pronounced success. The spacious halls, parlor and dining-room were attractively decorated with hyacinths, lilies, carnations and other flowers, the gifts of interested friends. The dining-room was in yellow, daffodils and jonquills prevailing. Mrs. C. E. S. Wood and Miss Etta Falling arranged this part of the day's entertainment. At the tea tables were noticed Mrs. H. W. Corbett, Mrs. William C. Alvord, Mrs. A. L. Maxwell and Mrs. J. N. Teal.

The candy table, in charge of Mrs. Morris Whitehouse, was unusually attractive. It was spread with a Japanese cloth embroidered in blue. At one end of the table was a pot of Dorothy Perkins roses and at the other, a silver vase of Japanese cherry blossoms.

The delicious wares were displayed in Japanese wicker baskets and the whole effect was most artistic. Mrs. Whitehouse was assisted by Miss Clara Wedder, Miss Isabelle Gaud and Mrs. Robert Wilson Forbes. The programme contained clever readings by Mrs. Herbert Garr Reed, solos by Mrs. Fred Olson, Aaron Currier and Will Graham. Miss Modesta Mortensen contributed violin numbers. The guests were received by the members of the board of directors. The officials expressed deep gratitude for the many generous donations and kindnesses of which the home had been the recipient.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—The first marriage ceremony to be performed in the new Asbury Methodist Church here, and a record early morning event for this city, was the wedding, yesterday morning, of Arlo Bradley and Miss Vivian Shrum. The marriage came as a surprise to the friends of the young couple, who came to attend the sunrise prayer meeting at the church. When the service was over Mr. Bradley and Miss Shrum and the bridegroom's father, Willis Bradley, remained behind and Rev. W. B. Young performed the ceremony. Mr. Bradley is engaged in the manufacture of cement drain tiles and building blocks in this city. His bride is a daughter of W. H. Shrum, a prominent orchardist.

Miss Marjorie Reed was hostess last night at a card party at which she entertained a score of the younger set. Spring blossoms were used in decorating the rooms. After the game of bridge an elaborate supper was served.

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If you are collecting Trading Stamps, etc., call today, Red Letter Day, at the S. & H. Premium Parlors, fourth floor, Olds, Wortman & King bldg., or at Piano Manufacturers' Trade Extension Bureau, third floor, Eilers building, Broadway, formerly Seventh Street, at Alder Street.



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EGLESTON, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Sayre; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Tutthill; auditor, Dr. L. Riker; custodian, Mrs. Marian Schneider. Mrs. M. Fortner, the retiring president and organizer of the club, was elected an honorary member. Preceding the business meeting, Mrs. Short read an ability written paper on the commission form of government and outlined its various phases. The club is non-partisan and meets for the study of subjects of civic interest.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. will meet in the parlors of the Association, East Fifteenth street and Spokane avenue. At 3 o'clock there will be a programme to which Miss Ursula Young will contribute vocal numbers; Mrs. G. W. Stokes will sing; Mrs. R. H. Tate, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, will speak on "Teaching Children Responsibility." Refreshments and a social hour will follow.

Mrs. C. J. Mathis entertained the members of the Rossmere Literary Club at her home on Monday. Interesting addresses were given by Mrs. R. E. Gehl, Mrs. A. M. Allspaugh, Mrs. John Shaw and Mrs. Mathis.

Chapter A, P. E. O., met this week with Mrs. G. A. Rodgers, of 812 Multnomah street. Mrs. W. A. Herman, state president of the society, and Mrs. C. W. Riddell were the guests of the day. Little Frances Warden played two piano solos and Mrs. George Peek read an interesting paper on "Women Dramatists and Composers." A dainty luncheon was served at the close of the programme.

The Portland Teachers' Club, of which Miss Emma Grubel is president, will give an elaborate reception in honor of Mrs. James B. Kerr at the Hotel Multnomah Friday night. Mrs. Kerr recently was elected a member of the Board of Education.

Denver is preparing drastic laws to deal with the smoke nuisance.

GUES ARE BURDENSOME

EMPRESS MANAGER KEPT ON JUMP IN "EAST LYNNE."

H. W. Pierong, as Joyce, Must Answer Beck and Call of All—Ticket Sale Grows by Leaps.

Seventy-five cues have to be watched and waited for in "East Lynne," by H. W. Pierong, manager of the Empress, who has the part of Joyce, the female family servant, in the burlesque to be presented by the theater managers at the Helig tomorrow night.

Did George Baker, the leading lady, ring for ice water? Poor Joyce has to be there with a hop, skip and a jump to wait upon the petticoated boss.

Every roar uttered by Frank Coffinberry, the villain, brings Joyce, all in a tremor, to see whether big George, whether he is Lady Isabel or Madame Vins, is in danger.

Does Archibald ("Bill" Pangle), the twice-married person, want a cigarette? Joyce grabs his skirts and runs to be of service.

Thus, from the time the first curtain is rung up until the last drops on a perfectly serene "East Lynne," Joyce is doing a marathon at the bidding of every Tom, Dick and Harry in the production.

Final touches have been put on the burlesque and everything is in readiness for the theater moguls to present a perfect production tomorrow night. The managers have bought, borrowed and outland articles of feminine apparel to complete their stage wardrobe. In dress rehearsal yesterday they were everything that could be desired in the burlesque line.

The sent sale has been great and is increasing daily. The greater portion of the lower floor of the Helig has been reserved and the balcony seats are going like the bromide hotcake.

The parade to be given by the managers tomorrow at high noon promises to be an exciting event. Fifty musicians will lead the pageant, a platoon of police will find room in line and a dozen parade features not announced will be sprung on an unsuspecting public. The line of march will be down town. That's the only detailed announcement made by the theater officials.

"Be on Broadway at noon and you can't miss the great parade."

That's the advice Milt Seaman, "Bill" Pangle and others are whispering to their friends' friends.

"East Lynne" will be only one-eleventh of the great show tomorrow night, as ten vaudeville acts have been engaged to keep the Helig throng amused while it is waiting to see George W. Baker and his merry colleagues in skirts and other make-up.

St. Louis strikers in 1912 killed 41 persons. There were 56 killed in 1911.

ROLE OF SERVANT IN "EAST LYNNE" MAKES EMPRESS MANAGER WAIT ON GEORGE L. BAKER.



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H. W. PIERONG AS JOYCE THE FAMILY SERVANT

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