

BALLOT MEASURES HIGHLY IMPORTANT

Water Meter Proposal Paramount Issue Before Electors, Garbage Second.

GREAT EXPENSE ENTAILED

Jitney Regulation Also of Wide-spread Interest, While Majority of Other Questions Are of Relative Insignificance.

In but few previous city elections have the voters been called upon to settle such a number of important issues involving large expenditures and such a number of measures involving important municipal policies, as were decided by the election yesterday.

The paramount issue was the question of water meters, which measure appeared on the ballot under the referendum. This involved the question of metering every service in the City of Portland at an expense of several hundred thousand dollars.

Garbage Measure Important.

The second measure in importance was the question of establishing a garbage incinerator in Portland to be operated at the expense of the taxpayers instead of on the fee basis as at present.

This measure attracted attention because of the fact that it involved an expenditure of \$75,000 for establishing the system and \$200,000 for the erection of an incinerator to take care of the added garbage which naturally would come from a free collection system.

Jitneys Attract Wide Interest.

Undoubtedly the third measure in importance was that involving the question of regulating jitneys. A lively campaign conducted for and against the measure created considerable interest in it which naturally brought out a strong vote.

At present the jitney is unregulated except for the regulation which applies to all other vehicles. The measure as it appeared on the ballot had as its prime feature the subject of the jitneys to definite schedules of service to inspection to determine their safety and to license for the purpose of paying a small part of the cost of their maintenance.

This measure was declared to be the mildest jitney measure enacted in any city where the jitney has had to be dealt with in a regulative way.

Of the other measures on the ballot, all were of comparatively minor importance from the standpoint of the voters, although they involved decidedly important questions of policy. These measures may be explained briefly as follows:

Decision Affects Employees.

Civil service amendment—A charter amendment submitted to the voters by the City Council to change the system of reappointing civil service employees who are laid off. The measure as it appeared on the ballot provided a change in the method of reappointing so that in case of two employees being reinstated in the service after having been laid off, the first to go back to work should be the one who had been longest in the service, rather than the one laid off first.

Grade-crossing Elimination Measure.

A charter amendment submitted to the voters by the City Council to facilitate the handling of grade-crossing elimination projects by enabling the Council to put through a series of crossings as one project, thus doing away with much engineering detail work and other red tape necessary to handle each crossing as a separate project.

Dog-pound Measure.

A charter amendment submitted to the voters by the Council to give the Council power to turn over to the Oregon Humane Society upon terms to be fixed by the Council, the operation of the dog pound. More humane management of the pound was the principal plea in behalf of the measure.

Economy Aim of Change.

Bancroft bonding act amendment—A charter amendment submitted to the voters by the Council to change the system of handling street and sewer assessments. The principal change called to the attention of the voters was the collection by the city of installments and interest on bonded assessments semi-annually instead of annually. This was a measure in the interest of economy.

Firemen's Pension Act Amendment.

A charter amendment submitted to the voters by the Council to provide small pensions to W. H. Whitcomb and C. D. Shane, firemen who have been deprived of pensions from the firemen's relief and pension fund by reason of technical flaws in the pension fund law.

Fire-stops Measure.

A charter amendment submitted to the voters by the Council to give the Council power to construct on the assessment plan such concrete walls or fire stops on the waterfront as might be necessary to prevent the spread of waterfront fires.

FREEDMAN LEFT \$200,000

Son Files Petition for Letters of Administration.

The estate of Samuel Freedman, who died May 9, was worth \$210,000, according to the petition for letters of administration, which was filed in County Clerk Coffey's office yesterday.

THEATRICAL MAN, EX-COUNCILMAN, APPARENTLY ELECTED TO CITY COMMISSION.



GEORGE L. BAKER.

Harney and Malheur Counties and in California.

A son, H. E. Freedman, asks to be appointed administrator. The other heirs are Rachel Holcberg and Anna Harris, daughters, in Chicago; and Lena and Gertrude Brody, daughters, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Suffragists to Be in Parade.

Great interest is being taken in the Rose Festival entry of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. Six

automobiles have already been lent.

These automobiles, gaily decorated in the Congressional Union colors, will carry groups of enthusiastic suffragists to the fields and woods to bring back flowers. So hearty is the response of members that the entire work will be done by volunteer help.

Mrs. Lee Davenport, who has been noted in the East for her beautiful entries, having taken the prize four times in New York, will direct the work.

ELECTION-DAY SIDELIGHTS

"HELLO, Hello! Say do you know where I can bet \$2500 that Baker or Bigelow will be elected?" said a decisive voice over the Oregonian telephone, about noon yesterday.

Not being able to get the desired information or money from the Oregonian, the decisive voice obligingly left his telephone number with the request: "If you find anyone who wants to bet \$2500 on it, have 'em call me up will you?" whereupon he hung up.

Less than ten minutes later another telephone call interrupted the city editor: "Did someone just call you up and try to place a \$2500 bet on Baker or Bigelow?"

"Yes," replied the city editor. "Well, will you please disregard the request. That call came from one of our patients. This is the sanitarium on Mount Tabor."

If anyone tried to pull any rough stuff at precinct 43, across from the Cornelia Hotel yesterday, he would have required more nerve than a crow. The election judges and clerks of the day and night boards contributed to a pool, rented a dressmaker's model, face and all, and fixed up a dyed-in-the-wool scarecrow. Across the coat Mrs. Dev. Johnson, chairman of the night board hung a placard "Watcher." No distress or disturbance was reported from the precinct.

Ed Jasper, clerk of the day board at precinct 79, Twelfth and Market streets, had a little fun yesterday when voting was painfully light just before noon. Although there are 455 registered in the precinct, only eight had voted when an elderly workman came piddling into the basement booth, which is a little dark and a fine place for a little election shenanigan. If things were like

they were in the days of old when politicians were bold, etc.

"How's the vote?" asked the elderly one. "Pretty light, we're sellin' votes three for a quarter today—guess we won't use up all these ballots at that."

The elderly workman surveyed the 400 and more unclaimed ballots on the table, glanced furtively around the basement, saw it empty, and much to the surprise of the election board, sidled off with a beckening shrug to Mr. Jasper. When Mr. Jasper recovered he realized that the elderly man actually had begun to dig down into his pocket for—apparently—a piece of money, when the joke manifested itself, and he did a flip-flop.

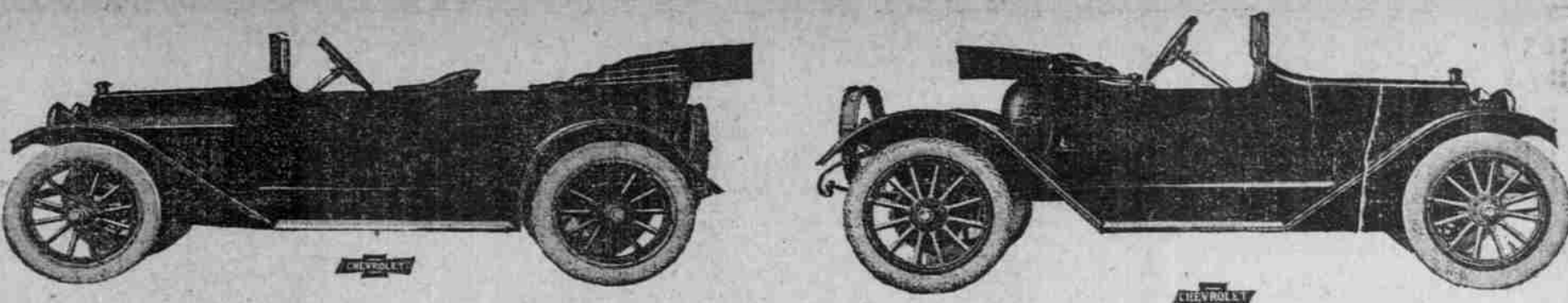
"I guess I couldn't let them fellows pull anything on me," chuckled the old fellow as he left the booth.

And now Ed Jasper is trying to convince Phil Harris, and Mrs. Caroline Hatfield, and Charles Sawyer and Miss Grace Roach and Miss A. S. Gibbs, members of the election board, that the joke was not on him at all, at all.

Inasmuch as election in Portland might fall in June again, future prospective brides and bridegrooms might profitably bear in mind that every election judge is vested with all the rights and prerogatives of a Regula Justice of the Peace. In fact, he is vested with the same considerable authority. Paul Harris and Charles A. Sawyer, of Precinct 79, delved into the fact yesterday morning.

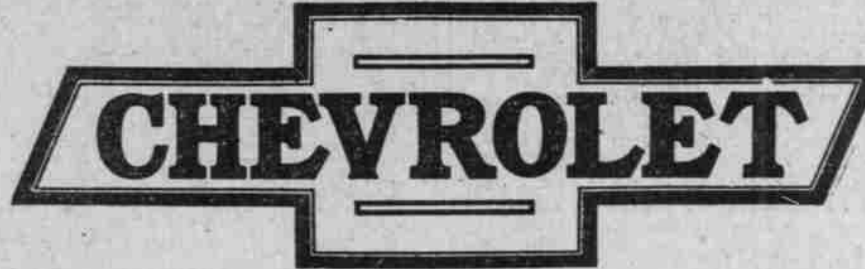
The point is this: We can marry couples without a question of a doubt, said Mr. Harris as a work-worn and worried-looking individual lugged his way into the booth, with a fluffy, be-hop-skirted "thing of beauty and a joy forever" hanging on his arm.

"Yes, we can marry 'em and we won't charge anything," winked Mr. Sawyer, who is an ex-newspaper man. The young fellow grinned and blushed and finally executed his ballot. When



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Not an Announcement, But a Statement of Facts

Yes! We have Doubled and Re-Doubled and are again Re-Doubling our manufacturing facilities and our production.
Yes! This greatly increased production enables us to purchase materials at very low prices.
Yes! Factory organization, special machinery, large capital and intelligent direction all contribute to low cost.
But! The above is not alone sufficient for radical price reduction for 1916.

What Then Is the Real Reason?

Listen—For years we have devoted our time, our energies and our best thought to the manufacture and refinement of "FOURS." We know "FOURS." We believe in "FOURS." We are prepared to build "FOURS"—the safe, simple, cheap to operate, thoroughly tried and proven CHEVROLET (VALVE-IN-THE-HEAD) "FOURS." In the interest of the consumer, we recognize the fact that the retail dealer must work on a narrower margin, the distributor must work on a much narrower margin, and the manufacturer must work on

a very much narrower margin, enabling the consumer to secure for himself an honest and serviceable car at so near 100 per cent value (figured dollar for dollar) that he may no longer be submitted to the violent shrinkage in value of his car when the "announcement period" arrives, which so unfortunately comes in the very middle of the natural driving and riding season. The above frank statement and the effort to meet the conditions are the most real reasons for our 1916 prices—and note, the cars have not been cut a single hairline in quality.

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H-4 "BABY GRAND" Touring \$750
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had finished, he picked up the book, opened to the election laws and read in section 3321 all about the authority of election judges.

"We have been hoping we might find some young couple that wanted to get married," said Mr. Sawyer later in the day, "but no luck yet. Inasmuch as some of the booths are in church basements, being married by an election judge wouldn't be so much off-color, would it?"

"I will be glad when this election is over," said Frank, the barber, yesterday. "For a week now I have been reading nothing but water meters. I wake up in the middle of the night and see water meters spinning around."

When Oliver Patton, a Judge in Precinct 55, appeared at the polls yesterday morning in an alleged bibulous condition, Mrs. Harry Holden, who also was a member of the board, refused to work with him. Patton declined to go home. City Auditor Barbur was called by telephone and instructed the chairman to appoint a substitute. Deputy Sheriff Christoffersen was summoned and Patton was taken to his home.

It took all the speed and power of the big red fire machine driven by Battalion Chief Holden of the fire bureau, to get one of the precincts in the outer Mount Scott district open on time. At the last meeting it was discovered at the Auditor's office that the ballot box and supplies had not been sent to this polling place. It was 15 minutes before time for the polls to open. Battalion Chief Holden volunteered to make the ride. He opened up his siren and turned loose. And 15 minutes later the polling place opened as though the ballot boxes had been on hand for a week.

A new field for the jitney was seen yesterday in connection with the election. City Auditor Barbur had planned to send the ballot boxes to the polling places with policemen, but at the last minute it was found that there were more boxes than policemen. Auditor Barbur dashed into the street and commandeered a flock of jitneys and sent them speeding out to deliver the boxes.

Over in precinct 80 there was considerable of a fuss about how many representatives could be cast for the two Commissionerships. The board stood

five to one in favor of allowing only one first choice vote. The lone official contended that inasmuch as there were two Commissioners to be elected there should be two first choices allowed. The question, after much fuss, was referred to the Auditor and the lone man won. This shows that at times even the majority may be wrong.

JOHN T. LUND IS TO WED
Portland Businessman Takes Out License at Los Angeles.

John T. Lund, secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Lead & Machinery Company of Portland, took out a license yesterday at Los Angeles to marry Miss Anna W. K. Kles, also of Portland.

W. F. Althoff, president of the concern, professed great surprise last night when asked about Mr. Lund's matrimonial intentions. "It is all news to me," he said. "Mr. Lund went south on a business trip last week and expected to go to Los Angeles. I didn't even know he contemplated getting married."

Mr. Lund has been connected with the Portland concern for the past year.

TO PEOPLE WHO ARE LOSING WEIGHT
Any unnatural loss of flesh and weight, even though gradual, should be regarded with alarm. Unless the result of actual illness it is a certain indication that the flesh and strength giving elements in your food are passing out of your body as waste instead of going to the blood where they belong. You can expect this condition and win back from ten to thirty pounds of healthy stay there fat by eating a little Sargol with your meals.

SARGOL THE FLESH BUILDER
sold by all leading druggists everywhere on a positive guarantee of weight increase or money back. Contains no alcohol or dangerous drugs.

and has made his home at the Mallory Hotel.

Creamery Law in Effect.
LA GRANDE, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—Beginning today and lasting through tomorrow, every creamery or shipping station that buys milk or cream on a butterfat basis must have a representative in La Grande at a test for

butterfat and must comply with the new creamery law now in effect. Claude C. Cate, county farm expert, is conducting the tests. In Western Oregon examinations are given at Oregon Agricultural College, but in this region all Eastern Oregon creameries must take the test in La Grande.

Drastic Measures to Save Prominent Local Firm

I can take my choice between going out of business to meet retiring stockholders' demands or cutting and slashing prices to try and raise the money.

On the one hand I will have nothing left. On the other, I will still retain the good will and the friendship which I have built up through years of honest dealing. This is an actual asset which I cannot afford to sacrifice.

I can get more pianos to stock up with after these are gone. And I can sell them, too, at the regular prices, because the people of Portland and Oregon have found that here is one piano house which is just as strong and reliable as the best bank in Portland.

Now then, to get right down to brass tacks and pay off these stockholders that want their money, I have a fine but old Steinway that I will sell for only \$100, and a fine NEW Knabe that you can have for only \$325. This piano would ordinarily cost you several hundred dollars more. I am really selling pianos at unheard-of prices. This is not a sale of the sensation order, with bombastic claims which cannot be lived up to.

But if you want a brand-new, latest and fully guaranteed player piano, let me show you what I will sell you for only \$250. Or if you want to save over \$100 on a fine, new upright, let me show you the regular \$275 piano that you can have now for only \$145.

If you know what a good piano is and want one at an enormous bargain, you are the man or woman to whom I want to show my assortment.

If you are inexperienced in the selection of pianos, bring a friend who understands. All I ask is full investigation. If you ever intend to buy a piano, you will buy one of these after you have examined these and realize the unusual opportunity.

Should you want something of higher quality, I can save you \$275 on fine new grands. I have several regular \$900 instruments that I will be glad to get \$625 for.

I must raise \$40,000 and do it right away. There is only one way to get quick action and that is to make the price so low that you will buy. It is money I need—regardless of what I put into these instruments. All I ask is for you to come and inspect. The stock is big and complete. There are many fine Sohmers, both pianos and players, many famous Behnings, players and player grands, likewise cut many hundreds of dollars. Here is an unusual opportunity. What must I say to get you to inspect? It seems to me that the strongest thing I can say is that I am satisfied to abide by your decision if you will visit every place in Portland, judge most carefully and then buy where you see you can get the best piano for the least money. The many people who have purchased during the past week and assured me of the careful selection they had made before buying convince me that all I need is your unbiased examination and comparison.

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Northwestern Bank Bldg., Portland.

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C. A. BIGELOW.