

PORT OF PORTLAND BILL IS EXPLAINED

Chamber of Commerce Files Argument for Measure With the Secretary of State.

GIVES VOTERS POINTERS

Sets Forth That Proposed Amendments Would Confer on Corporation Power to Greatly Improve City's Shipping Facilities.

The committee on rivers, harbors and navigation, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, has filed with the Secretary of State an argument in favor of the Port of Portland initiative bill. This bill amends the charter of the Port of Portland by giving the Port of Portland Commission power to establish a towage and pilotage service upon the Columbia River bar and Columbia and Willamette rivers. It gives the Port of Portland Commission power to issue \$500,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of providing towboats, etc.

The bill will be voted on in June by the voters of the Port of Portland district, which embraces all of Multnomah County lying west of the east boundary line of range 2, east of the Willamette meridian. The argument in favor of the bill follows:

Text of the Argument.

Argument in support of amendments to the charter of the Port of Portland, proposed by initiative petition, and to amend the voters within the corporate limits of the Port of Portland to elect a commission to be held on Monday, June 1, 1908.

Ballot title: "To amend the charter of the Port of Portland by authorizing it to establish and maintain a towage and pilotage service upon the Columbia River bar and on the Willamette and Columbia rivers between the southern limits of said port and the sea; with authority for the purposes aforesaid, to issue and dispose of its bonds in amount not exceeding \$500,000, bearing not exceeding 6 per cent annual interest; to levy and collect annual taxes upon property within the limits subject to taxation not exceeding \$100,000, and to impose taxes now authorized."

The ballot number is in favor of the amendments will be No. 306P and will read "No. 306P—Yes."

The Port of Portland embraces all that portion of Multnomah County lying west of the east boundary line of range 2, east of the Willamette meridian. It was originally incorporated by act of the Legislature passed at the regular session of 1852, and has since been increased by successive acts.

Legislature Is Powerless.

Owing to the amendment of the constitution of Oregon giving to municipalities the right of home rule and taking away from the Legislature the power to amend or repeal charters of municipalities, changes in the charter of the Port of Portland can only be made under the initiative process conferred under the constitution, and it therefore becomes necessary to refer to the voters of the district embracing the Port of Portland the desired amendments.

Through the instrumentality of the Port of Portland the river has been deepened between Portland and Astoria to a depth sufficient to permit the largest vessel which can cross the bar to come to Portland at the lowest stage of the water without delay. The Port of Portland also owns and operates the drydock at Astoria, giving adequate facilities for lifting the largest vessels entering the river.

The amendments proposed would confer upon the Port of Portland the power to establish, maintain and operate a towage and pilotage service, both upon the Columbia River bar and upon the rivers between Portland and Astoria.

Portland and that part of Multnomah County embraced within the limits of the Port of Portland can now only through commerce. The river grade down the Columbia River, now utilized on the north side by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, owned jointly by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, and on the south side of the river by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, will bring into Portland the immense commerce of the Inland Empire.

Portland Must Act.

The products of the Northwest will be shipped from Portland if Portland provides adequate facilities for commerce by furnishing, through the medium of the Port of Portland, prompt, efficient and adequate service to Portland for vessels entering the river. It is expected that the service will be in a short time self-sustaining; but it will be necessary to pay for the service both for the river and the bar, and for that purpose bonds must be issued. The proceeds of which will go to pay for the service. The act provides that the bonds are to be retired in annual installments, to wit: one-fifth of the amount, to wit: \$100,000, in 1910, and the balance in five equal annual payments thereafter.

That ship-owners and masters have made and are making complaint concerning the inadequacy of the service, is known to most of our people. To induce them to send their vessels to our port our towage and pilotage rates must not only be as low as at competing ports, but also a sufficient number of towboats should be provided that there be no delay.

Make Port Attractive.

We must make our port attractive to ship-owners. The Port of Portland, which was organized, not for profit, can do this work.

The circulating of the petition by the committee on rivers, harbors and navigation of the Portland Chamber of Commerce met with gratifying results. Over 2000 of our people signed, with strong approval, the petition presented; only one person refused to sign. We urge every voter in making up his ballot to mark "yes" as to No. 306P on the official ballot, which number is in favor of granting to the Port of Portland the increased powers above specified.

WOMAN HAS TWO HUSBANDS

Mrs. Lucy Jory Weds Again Before Divorce Is Granted.

Mrs. Lucy Jory was arrested Friday by the police on complaint of J. W. Jory, her husband, who accuses her of having married T. E. Edmondson without awaiting settlement of a divorce suit which was pending at Forest Grove. The suit was filed by the woman a month ago and no decision has been given. Accordingly the woman is still the wife of Jory. Edmondson, the new husband, was also arrested on a statutory charge. Jory is a Civil War veteran, past 60. The woman is but 26. She married Edmondson at Hillsboro, March 21, it is said.

Edmondson, an employee of the Pacific Hardware & Steel Company, says he did not know there were any obstacles to the marriage when he took Mrs. Jory to be his wife. The case will be heard in the Municipal Court.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAFT

Suggestion for Action by Republican State Convention.

PORTLAND, May 2.—(To the Editor.)—The writer takes no exception to the Roosevelt Administration, does not dispute the question as to results, were he the Republican nominee for 1908. Regardless of what might be, there seems no good reason why a true friend of the President should dispute his sincerity in saying he will not again be a candidate. No President has ever done more arduous and persistent work for his country, and filled his full measure of duty better than Roosevelt. When the election of 1904 occurred, Roosevelt had been as thoroughly tested as an executive, and

his work was as emphatically endorsed as ever was done by a second election of a President.

Mr. Roosevelt recognized these facts on the night of his election; said that he would not again run, and there is no excuse now for saying that his declining to run is timidity or a fear of defeat.

Mr. Bryan has for months been attacking Secretary Taft, and showing by every act that he (Taft) is the foe that he must defeat. Many of the men now trying to belittle Taft by extolling Roosevelt are men who are Mr. Bryan's supporters, and would bitterly oppose Roosevelt were he nominated. The one man who has made his reputation such as it is, by crying for "a second-elective term," is trying to defeat Mr. Taft, and if the Oregon delegation is instructed to vote for Secretary Taft as long there is a reasonable show of his nomination, it will be more of a compliment to the honor and sincerity of the President, as a real friend of Mr. Taft, than to join in with the one man, who by his conduct, says that the President is so pliable that he would be the instrument of defeating a friend who before his strength had been tested in convention. No state in the Union would so belittle the sincerity of the President, by opposing Mr. Taft, as Oregon to endorse the man who questions Roosevelt's sincerity.

T. J. FORDING.

WILL MEET IN PORTLAND

EPISCOPAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE THIS MONTH.

Arrangements Being Made by Local Clergy for the Reception of Delegates.

Arrangements are being made by the local Episcopal clergy for the reception of delegates to the primary council, eighth missionary department of the Episcopal Church, to be held in Portland May 20-22. The missionary work of this denomination in the United States is carried on in departments. The eighth missionary department includes the dioceses of Oregon, California, Los Angeles and missionary districts of Eastern Oregon, Olympia, Spokane, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Sacramento, Arizona, Alaska, Honolulu and the Philippine Islands.

This meeting will bring to Portland the bishops and clerical and lay delegates from the above districts. Church people in Portland desiring to entertain delegates are requested to notify Rev. W. A. M. Breck, 209 Caruthers street, at once.

The following delegates have signified their intention to be present and have been placed on the hospitality list of the different parishes as indicated: Eastern Oregon: Bishop Spalding; Padlock, Eastern Oregon; Bishop Spalding, Utah; Rev. W. S. Short, Rev. John Warren, Bishop Wells, Spokane; Rev. B. W. Galloway, California; Rev. Mason, California; Rev. L. C. Sanford, California; Rev. J. H. Forsythe, Oregon; Rev. A. Lockwood, Spokane; H. E. Collins, Spokane; Rev. E. A. Curtis, Rev. A. Chamberlain, Idaho; Rev. J. P. D. Lloyd, Olympia; Rev. U. H. Gibbs, Eastern Oregon; Rev. Canon Bealands, Rev. A. G. Hall, Victoria.

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SPRING POET IN ACTION

A Bad Attack Has Developed Around Gresham, Or.

GRESHAM, Or., April 28.—(To the Editor.)—The editorial in yesterday's Oregonian on "Spring Poets" was rather premature. The Oregonian didn't wait to hear from us—we've Spring poets—before it tried to shut us out.

Now, I had just caught the infection and was congratulating myself that my doctor to face was opened just a little bit. When I read the editorial referred to, I believed that an attempt was being made to blast our prospects—that is, all of us who write Spring poetry; and to make amends, I am in hopes that my verse will not be consigned to literary oblivion my effort of yesterday, which was born of the perfect day of Spring. Kindly pass my verse around the editorial sanctum and hold a post-mortem, if necessary, and, if needs be, let it go on the floor. But don't imagine that the Spring poets have all disappeared. I am still alive and this is what I wrote:

Ode to Spring.

Once more the buckwheat flour
Makes flapjacks blue,
And the housewife spans the boy
With her old blue bow.
The blackbirds have their bills,
The collectors, too.

Opens a door out back,
And in a mass
A Jacobs-ladder rail
Of water, hot, alas!
And 'er the garden walls
Cats, howling, pass.

Behind them comes a shower
Of tin cans, too,
And bricks and rocks, galore,
More than snow.
Their fun is from them tore,
In a streak or two.

The dude by living aims—
How freshly combed,
Light part, from where the hairs
Spread all around,
Is making his morning mash
By noon-time's sound.

Oh fellow, giddy maid
This foppish lure!
Oh heart, look not afraid
But catch him sure!
Soft are the words he said
But hard the cure.

The future, present, past,
Are left to fate,
The Springtime cannot last,
It bound to get away;
But the love goes out to rest
To memory of its sway.

Till at a chuckled note,
The rooster toots his horn,
The hen goes out to rest,
From night till morn;
And the little chickadee
Are left to cry.

For then the gray soot,
The flapjacks blue,
And all our laboring toils
With something new,
The Springtime brings out bells,
The buckwheat, too.

ELIZABETH L. THORPE.

POSTAL CARD CONTEST

Miers Piano House wishes to announce that on account of the tremendous response to their "postal card contest" which closed Monday, April 27, there will be some delay in awarding the prizes—probably eight or ten days.

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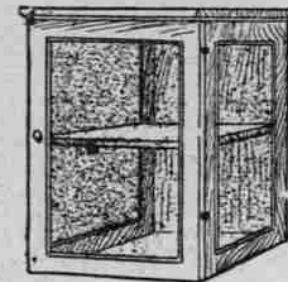
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WILL KILL LANDLORDISM

Arguments for State Armories for Oregon National Guard.

THE DALLES, Or., May 1.—(To the Editor.)—As a member of the Oregon National Guard, I wish to say to the electors that the erection of armories by the state is one worthy of their concurrence at the forthcoming election.

Members of the Oregon National Guard feel justified in putting forth their best efforts in the matter, for they are of the opinion that they are entitled to a home in the different centers where companies are stationed. The proposition has met with a great deal of undue and hostile comment from a misunderstanding that has arisen. And to that section whence this hostility sprang I direct this reply. The financial part of the question seems to be the bone of contention, with a number of people opposed to the proposed measure. But extravagance is not desired, as will be seen by the amount it is proposed to spend—\$25,000 the cost of each building erected. Those interested in the matter have no fear of submitting their case from a financial point of view.

At present, in some of the towns, the National Guard pays as high as \$400 per annum for rent, in return for which, in almost every case, it gets very meager accommodation, with no prospective benefit in ever becoming the owner of the property. But under the provisions of the proposed measure, there lies a remedy for this unprofitable system of landlordism. This \$400 could be devoted to the payment of the outlay, and in a few years the state would have a building in return. Whereas, under the existing conditions, it might continue to pay rent forever without getting in return anything more than very poor accommodation for the money. The investment is a sound one, because it must be remembered that money invested in the Pacific Northwest is money well spent.

It has also been argued by another section of the community that the National Guard is not an absolute necessity; that it is only an organization created for the furtherance of the ulterior motives of moral lawbreakers; that it is a menace to the internal peace of a state; that it is created not to fight the battles of a nation, but to coerce men into submission when the dispute lies between capital and labor. Or, to be plainer—to shoot and kill at the beck and call of some arrogant employer. Our opponents forget that most of us in the National

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