

SIMON HAS RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

City Has Shown Wonderful Progress in His Administration.

BIG SAVING IS EFFECTED

Mayor Causes Price of Paving to Be Reduced, Establishes Children's Playgrounds, and Buys Big Park Area.

Mayor Simon's first term, just drawing to a close, has been by far the most prosperous and remarkable two years in the history of Portland. All records for achievement along municipal lines have been broken and the city today is regarded as the safest place for investments of any on the Pacific Coast. A business administration of the affairs by one who has made of his own life a great success has resulted in wide-spread satisfaction to the people.

Taxpayers Are Saved.

It is difficult to say which of several important achievements of Mayor Simon's administration is the most important. It depends upon the viewpoint. Saving to the taxpayers vast sums by reducing the cost of paving, breaking the monopoly held for years by the terra cotta sewer firms and the sand companies is a feature regarded by many as perhaps the leading one of his regime.

Establishing children's playgrounds throughout the city where but a small one existed before and purchasing of large park area and the starting of actual work on a great boulevard system is thought by others to be still more significant.

There have been many "big" accomplishments during Mayor Simon's term. Notwithstanding the great handicap of working under the present charter, which is very cumbersome and tedious to one accustomed to "doing things," there are actual results to record.

Take the hard-surface policy, for example. Mayor Simon saw when he took office nearly two years ago that Portland had to have good pavements and plenty of them if the city was to take first rank with the cities of the Pacific Coast. He acted quickly, but he did not forget the people, who must pay for these improvements. He called in the heads of the paving companies and told them what rate he would allow for their pavements. Whereas the bitulithic and asphalt companies had been getting \$1.40 a square yard, he announced that he would not let contractors as a rate to exceed \$1.35 a yard. Millions of dollars' worth of this kind of work have been done and it will easily be seen how great has been the saving to the people.

Much Pavement Laid.

Portland today is acknowledged by experts to have as good streets and as many of them as any city on the Pacific Coast, and the most of this work has been put through by the aggressive action of Mayor Simon. He has cut down the price with an iron hand. The city has been put on a metropolitan basis in this respect, as well as many others and it is only a matter of time before Portland can now be reached by way of hard surface.

Parks, playgrounds and boulevards have received from Mayor Simon's administration a great deal of attention. While the Mayor refused to purchase as much land for parks as some desired him to never has Portland had a large number of excellent park sites and much development work is under way. When Mayor Simon took office, City Park was the only large one that had been developed. Now there are playgrounds with fully equipped apparatus at City Park, Sellwood Park, Peninsula Park, Columbia Park and in the North Park Way.

Mayor Simon became very enthusiastic over playgrounds, and in this he had the hearty co-operation of the Park Board, consisting of L. Lane, Joe Lewis, G. G. Clarke and Dr. J. R. Wetherbee. These men have labored earnestly to the end that Portland might have enough beautiful parks and playgrounds to enable her people to enjoy themselves. The first swimming tank in the city, installed under direction of the municipal government, was located at Sellwood, and was dedicated to the boys and girls of the city by Mayor Simon's administration.

Boulevard Is Graded.

The first mile of boulevard in the great system that is mapped out to link the parks and playgrounds together is now being graded and put rapidly into condition under orders of Mayor Simon and the members of the Park Board. It was located by the Terwilliger heirs, and runs through South Portland.

Portland is soon to have its new pipe line to Bull Run River, the source of the city's water supply. This is being built, together with a series of giant reservoirs at Mount Tabor, to augment the supply. It will be completed this summer at an approximate cost of \$2,000,000. Double that amount was authorized, but it will be saved for other purposes, and can now be used as the Water Board directs, under a law passed by the people at the earnest recommendation of the Board, as well as public-spirited citizens.

The Water Board, composed of Thomas B. Wilson, J. C. Alsworth and W. B. Mackay, has done more toward furnishing an adequate supply of Bull Run water to the suburbs than can be told in a few words. While the corporate limits have been extended a great deal, the Board has by dint of hard work and application to business, managed to keep well ahead of the growth. It was but recently that the Board purchased a private plant in the Mount Scott district, in order that the people there might have city water at city rates, and that they might have plenty of it for all purposes. It is the aim of the Mayor and members of this Board to give to the outlying sections a full supply of water, and they have accomplished much in that direction.

City Is Now Cleaner.

Mayor Simon has also, with the co-operation of the Board of Health, accomplished much in the line of making Portland a clean city. Drs. George B. Storey, R. J. Chipman and Alan Welch Smith, comprising this Board, have done a great deal in a quiet way to better

conditions. Something that was needed for a long time was a crematory, and this administration has caused to be built one of the best of the kind in the Northwest. It will be put into first-class running condition by July. It is believed, and will enable the city to burn its garbage much more cheaply and satisfactorily than at present.

The Board of Health, backed by the Mayor, secured pure milk legislation, which has done much along that line. It also recommended a municipal garbage collection system for which the people are asked to vote \$75,000 bonds this coming election. The city has been very free of diseases of the contagious variety.

Mayor Simon recognized the harbor as the chief asset of the city, and upon recommendations of Harbormaster Speller, ordered all scows from the river removed early in his term. For the first time in the history of the city the river within the city limits has been free of scows and scow-dwellers. A modern and fully equipped harbor police system was formed, and a first-class patrol boat provided during the first year of the Mayor's term.

These are some of the larger accomplishments of the Simon administration. All departments have been enlarged to cope with the growth of the city. Several new fire engine houses have been purchased and put into commission, and the first automobile apparatus ever installed has been bought and will be in service in two weeks.

Efforts are now being directed toward the building of a first-class steel fireboat for use on the river. It is probable a contract for this will be let before the end of the present term. It will cost \$25,000 for which a bond issue is proposed.

Many things that go to make up a great city have been done, such as installing a "water-sprayer" squad on the streets to keep the pavement clean; introducing flushing of hard-surface streets and the cilling of macadam streets, instead of using the old water sprinkling system.

LABOR TIES MAY HELP MOST SOCIALIST CANDIDATES ALLIED WITH UNIONS.

Nominees Express Certainty That Many Workingmen Sympathizers Will Support Them at Polls.

"We fully expect that the Socialist nominees, from the candidate for Mayor down, will poll between 5000 and 7000 votes on municipal election day," said D. W. Robinson, chairman of the party for the City of Portland, yesterday.

"Our rule is no compromise and our ticket will be voted straight down the line. Do not be surprised if some of our men are elected. Two years ago we had 200 dues-paying members in the party. Today there are over 1000. This by no means indicates our full strength. There are thousands of laboring men in sympathy with our movement although they are not dues-paying members, and they will register their votes for our candidates on election day."

"The Socialist party is not a political party in the same sense as the Democratic and Republican parties. Rather it is a fraternal and educational institution, and only those are regarded as members who join the organization and pay the dues of 50 cents a month. So when I refer to the Socialist party having a strength of 1000 in the city I do not include our thousands of sympathizers among all classes of people."

A fact which is expected to lend strength to the Socialist ticket in the present campaign is that the majority of the candidates running under the party's banner have labor union affiliations. Charles H. Otten, the Socialist Mayorality aspirant, is secretary of the Socialist organizations of the State of Oregon, but previous to the time he withdrew to devote his full time to the party, he was a member of organized labor.

Two ex-Labor Officials.

D. W. Robinson, candidate on the Socialist ticket for Councilman-at-Large, is secretary of the Central Labor Council and also foreman for his father, W. N. Robinson, painter and decorator. Mr. Robinson polled 5000 votes when he ran for State Senator last Fall, and his strength is great. It is expected that Mr. Robinson, although he declares there is no connection between his labor union and Socialist affiliations, may be able to carry a great deal of his strength to Mr. Otten, the Mayorality candidate, for whom a special effort is being made to elect. Joe Foley, also a candidate for Councilman-at-Large, is a plasterer and only recently resigned the position of business agent of his union.

"The only way the Socialists and their sympathizers can ever hope to gain anything is by ignoring the candidates of the old line parties and voting for their own men," declared Robinson. "We may not win, of course, but just look at the way our vote has been growing in recent years. Discouragement is a backward step. That is the reason the Socialists have established the ironclad rule to vote for their own nominees only, no matter how small their apparent strength."

Captured Meeting Pleases.

"Each of our candidates has signed a power of attorney in the interest of the party and has also signed his resignation in blank. Should any of our men be elected and then fail to stand firm for the principles which we have elected them to carry, they will have to do so in the resignation and file it with the City Auditor. Another blank agreement which we signed, also in company with the power of attorney, gave the party the right to withdraw our names before May 20, the last day on which withdrawals were possible, if any reason considered by a majority of our members sufficient had arisen."

Socialists were exultant yesterday over the news that Floyd C. Ramp, the party's candidate for Municipal Judge, captured an open-air meeting being conducted in the interest of George H. Thomas, Democratic candidate for Mayor, at the corner of Fourth and Alder streets, Friday night. Mr. Ramp listened to the addresses of Mr. Thomas, E. S. J. McAllister, W. W. Campbell and other Democratic orators and then asked permission to address the audience from the Thomas automobile. It was given and he spoke for the Socialist ticket from top to bottom, carrying with him the audience of several hundred people, most of whom were workingmen.

D. W. Robinson, the Socialist chairman, sees in the large registration of the last few days signs of war for his party, contending that the majority of the workingmen who registered did so to fill the unexpired terms of the Socialist ticket.

Fifteen in Field.

The Socialist candidates for the various municipal offices are: Mayor, Charles H. Otten; City Auditor, Henry Hinck; City Attorney, Ira M. Payne; City Treasurer, G. A. Hines; Municipal Judge, Floyd C. Ramp; Councilmen-at-Large, Allen McDonald, Joe Foley, D. W. Robinson, Otto Geestrich and J. M. Hoykas, the latter two to fill the unexpired terms of Gay Lombard and Thomas C. Devlin; Councilman First Ward, Jack Burke; Councilman Sixth Ward, George Patrick; Councilman Seventh Ward, Eugene D. Kautz; Councilman Eighth Ward, Francis J. McHenry.

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SMALL PARKS ARE FAVORED

Corvallis Tract Receives Indorsement of Mayor Simon.

A petition, bearing several hundred signatures, has been presented to Mayor Simon, asking him to purchase for park purposes 40 acres of ground in the extreme southeastern portion of the city. It is known as the Corvallis tract, because it is owned by people living in Corvallis. It is said it can now be purchased for \$2000 an acre.

Lang & Co. Start Cannery.

Lang & Co., wholesale and manufacturing grocers, operating branches at Seattle, Bellingham, Medford, Baker City and Lewiston, Idaho, have leased the three-story building on the southwest corner of Burnside and Front streets, adjoining their premises, and are now installing a sanitary canning plant. It is understood that the California canning trust has succeeded in getting control of the canning industry and has boosted prices. This move will bring about competition for the raw products, and result in higher prices to the growers.

Candidate Not on Ballot.

Bruce Wolverson, who thought himself a candidate for the office of Council-

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FRUIT TOPIC TUESDAY

Mass Meeting at Brownsville to Discuss Industry.

At Brownsville next Tuesday night under the auspices of the Brownsville Commercial Club, a mass meeting of farmers and fruitgrowers will be held to discuss ways and means of producing better fruit and more of it. The question of marketing will also be given attention.

Telegraph Co. Wants Right of Way.

A suit in which the Transcontinental Telegraph Company, formerly the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, is seeking to condemn a right of way along the line of the Northern Pacific from Portland to the boundary between Multnomah and Columbia counties, was transferred Friday from the Multnomah Circuit Court to the Federal Court by an order signed by Judge Kavanaugh May 18. The telegraph company recites that the railway company is

man-at-large to succeed Gay Lombard, is not on the ballot, it developed yesterday. He was nominated by the Prohibition Party at its convention, but was not present at the time and, it seems, did not formally accept the nomination. Mr. Wolverson called at the City Hall yesterday and discovered that his name does not appear on the ballot. He had caused cards to be printed and was getting ready to make a campaign in his own behalf.

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