

PREFERENCE HELD EASILY EXPRESSED

Officials Anticipate No Confusion at Polls Under New Voting Plan.

RULES TO GUIDE VOTERS

Preferential System Explained on Ballots to Be Used in Portland's First Election Under Commission Charter.

Although the preferential voting system which was adopted in Portland with the commission charter on May 3 has never been tried out here, it is believed by officials at the City Hall that the voters will be able to grasp the plan quickly and to vote as they desire for first, second and third-choice candidates.

At first glance the system appears to be intricate and confusing, but a study of the rules, which are to be printed on the official ballots, makes it possible to ascertain readily just how the preference for the respective candidates is to be expressed by the voter. The fact that it is possible to vote for three different candidates for one office, expressing preference for one man with a first-choice vote, another with a second-choice vote and a third with a third-choice vote, is the part of the system which appears to be confusing.

Number Controls Vote. The charter provides that when the number of candidates is more than three times the number of offices to be filled, each voter shall have the right to vote for as many first-choice candidates as there are offices to be filled and also as many second and third-choice candidates as there are offices to be filled. When the number of candidates is more than twice the number of offices to be filled and not more than three times that number, the ballot shall give the first and second-choice columns only, and in that case the voter shall have no third choice. When the number of candidates is not more than twice the number of offices to be filled only one column for marking shall appear.

Take, for example, a ballot for Mayor on which there are four candidates. The vote in the election is say 10,000 and everybody votes for three choices for candidates. Smith receives 3000 first-choice votes, Brown 2500, Jones 1700 and Black 1800. Dividing the total vote of 10,000 and adding one by two gives the majority which any candidate to be elected must receive. The majority based on the vote is 5001. None of the four candidates, as stated above, having received as many as 5001 first-choice votes, the second-choice votes are counted. Smith got 4000 second-choice votes, Brown 3500, Jones 2000 and Black 1800. Smith, having received the highest number of first and second-choice votes above a majority, is elected. If there still is no majority in the second choice, the third choice is counted. If still no choice, the candidate receiving the highest number of first, second and third-choice votes is elected.

Count on Same Basis. Where there are three or fewer candidates where only one office is to be filled, the voter casts his ballot for only first and second-choice candidates and the count is made in the same way. When there are only twice the number of candidates there are offices to fill, only first-choice votes are taken.

Counting is Explained. Following is a sample ballot or tally sheet showing how the vote might divide an election for Mayor with four candidates in the field and 10,000 persons voting:

Table with 3 columns: Candidate, First Choice, Second Choice. Rows for Mayor, Commissioner, Auditor, and various other offices.

First Majority Not Given. The majority with 2500 persons voting would be 1251. On the result as shown no candidate received a majority or 1251 first-choice votes. Only one candidate, "Doe," received enough first and second-choice votes to make up the majority. "Doe" receiving the majority is elected. The vote on the remaining three candidates to be elected is continued on to third choice. Adding up the total votes and dividing by three gives the majority for each candidate. It is found that "Green" with 1700 votes is highest. He accordingly is elected second. Even though his total vote is less than that of "Doe," "Doe" is elected third, with 1650 votes, and "John" fourth, with 1600 votes.

Hillsboro Club Growing. HILLSBORO, Or., May 10.—(Special.) One hundred voters and professional men attended the smoker of the Commercial Club in the new quarters in the

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ROSEBURG, Or., May 10.—(Special.) Detective Pat Maloney of Portland, today identified Eugene Smith in jail here on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, as the fellow who recently secured a valuable gold watch from a Portland jeweler through means of a fictitious order supposed to have been signed by a Southern Pacific engineer named Field.

Maloney came to Roseburg with the full expectation of taking Smith back to Portland and was much disappointed when told that the prisoner probably will be surrendered to the California authorities. In the latter state he is alleged to have secured \$198 by forging the names of railroad employees to worthless checks.

Smith, alias Goodwin, was arrested in Roseburg several days ago and was held on request of Detective-Captain Baty, when it was found that he had on his person a watch obtained feloniously from A. and C. Feldenhelm, jeweler. He is alleged to have represented himself as a newly-employed oil man from an inspection trip through the Hoh River district, where the company's holdings lie, that actual construction work and drilling for oil will start. The company's changes are considered excellent by numerous experts who have been over the ground.



Dr. E. O. Mattern.

The Oregon State Board of Optometrists, Dr. E. O. Mattern, president; Dr. Herman W. Barr, secretary, and Dr. C. W. Lowe, advisory member, are holding their regular meeting and examinations at the Imperial Hotel.

The following are being examined in optometry: William A. Schilling, Alfred Letcher, H. H. Hooda, H. W. Snook, H. N. Carr, J. H. Griffith, and H. E. Martin.

Dr. E. O. Mattern will retire as an active member of the Board May 1, having been an active member since 1906.

Dr. Mattern and Dr. C. W. Lowe, of Portland, framed the bill to create a State Board of Optometrists which was passed by the 1905 Legislature, and Dr. Mattern has served on the board since it was organized by the Governor's appointment that year.

Pure-Bred Jerseys Secured. GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 10.—(Special.)—Andrew D. Olson, a recent arrival in the Kikokit Valley who is going in for diversified farming, has purchased seven head of pure-bred Jersey milk cows which he will keep on a 20-acre alfalfa tract just outside the city limits. He has just finished erecting a modern bungalow and thinks the prospects for the dairy industry here are excellent.

Cottage Grove Picnic Arranged. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 10.—(Special.)—Arrangements practically are complete for the picnic for farmers of the Cottage Grove country and their families, to be given by the Commercial Club and business men of Cottage Grove. The date of the affair proposed will be May 25 and a number of prominent speakers of the state will be present to deliver addresses.

Trial of Socialist Postponed. MARSHFIELD, Or., May 10.—(Special.)—The trial of Socialists who were arrested recently for violating an ordinance prohibiting street speaking was today postponed until Monday morning. Meanwhile the accused men are allowed their freedom on their own recognizance.



MEMBERS OF CAST OF "THE NAUTICAL KNOT."

Among the most interesting affairs given recently by Portland preparatory school students was the operetta, "The Nautical Knot," presented on May 2 and 3 by the Glee Clubs of the Jefferson High School. The music is bright and inspiring and the songs and choruses were cleverly interpreted by the gifted students. The costumes were appropriate and becoming and the acting of the young people testified to their ability and training. Hopkins' principles of drama and influence and the co-operation of teachers and pupils the various clubs, both social and educational, are doing excellent work.

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Prominent Business Man Files For Commissioner.

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CANDIDATES WHO FILED YESTERDAY. For Commissioner—T. M. Hurlburt, Robert Andrews, W. L. Brewster, E. A. Steinman, Frank E. Watkins, T. O. Daly.

For Auditor—John Y. Richardson. Candidates Who Filed Previously. For Mayor—Dan Kellner, A. G. Runkhight, H. R. Albee, C. I. McKenna.

For Auditor—A. L. Barbur, H. A. Mearns. For Commissioner—Ralph C. Clyde, J. H. Nolta, W. B. Hollingsworth, L. G. Carpenter, L. M. Lepper, W. C. Benbow, M. O. Collins, C. A. Bigelow, George L. Baker, T. J. Hammer, D. W. Ward, H. C. McAllister, H. D. Wagnon, Harry L. Day, A. E. Borthwick, W. Irving Spencer, John Bertocci, James Maguire, W. A. Munty, A. J. Crossman, A. J. Cassel, J. P. Marshall, L. Victoria Hampton, William Schmeer, Charles H. Beard, E. Versteeg, W. L. Cottel, M. L. T. Hiden, Ernest House, E. A. Ryan, George A. Long, Will H. Daly, A. N. Wilk, E. C. Messer.

Candidates Who Have Withdrawn From Race. For Commissioner—Tom Monks, W. C. Alderman, Milton Weidner.

Forty candidates for commissionerships, three for City Auditor and four for Mayor were on the official ballot list at the City Hall yesterday at noon when the office of City Auditor Barbur closed.

Of the number six for commissioner and one for Auditor were filed yesterday between 8 A. M. and noon. Three candidates who had filed previously withdrew their nominating petitions and got out of the race. Those who filed yesterday were: T. M. Hurlburt, Robert Andrews, W. L. Brewster, E. A. Steinman, Frank E. Watkins and T. O. Daly for commissioner and John Y. Richardson for City Auditor.

Tomorrow is expected to be the gala day of the open season for candidates. The period for filing petitions will close at 5 P. M. at which time Auditor Barbur will commence the work of preparing the official ballot. No nominating petitions will be permitted after 5 P. M. It will be possible for candidates to withdraw their names up to the end of the week, but not afterward. It will not be possible to file a name on the ballot unless his nominating petition has been officially received and O. K'd by Auditor Barbur before 5 o'clock tomorrow.

A rush of candidates is expected during the closing hour of the open period. There is a desire on the part of many of the candidates to see their names on the ballot, believing that the foot of the list gives an advantage similar to that of names at the head of the list, for names at the head will scramble a week ago when the polls were closed in the commission charter election. It is declared that there will be few late entries. Candidates enter the race tomorrow.

As the ballot stands at present, Councilman Ralph C. Clyde heads the list of candidates for commissioner. He will, with several others, circulate petitions before the polls in the election closed and filed at 7:01 P. M. May 3, just one minute after the polls had closed.

Under a ruling by City Attorney Grant these candidates are entitled to the first places on the ballot. It is not believed that any late entries will be taken to prevent the ballot being made up in this manner although there was talk of such action being taken.

Christopher J. Hayes, an attorney, who asserts he contracted to circulate the petitions of 75 candidates, reported yesterday that he has finished the petitions of 23 candidates and turned them over to the candidates for filing. He says it is up to the men themselves to file. Five of the number, he reports, have backed out and will not enter the race. The rest should have filed yesterday but did not. The report of Mr. Hayes that he has 23 petitions is questioned at the City Hall inasmuch as none of them have put in an appearance as yet. Mr. Hayes refuses to divulge any names of those he claims to represent.

RECALL ORDINANCE DUE. L. M. Lepper Would Remedy Defect in Commission Charter. Declaring that under the commission charter the recall of elective officials is not in force, L. M. Lepper yesterday filed with City Auditor Barbur a proposed ordinance to be before the City Council to enable the city to take advantage of the state recall law. Mr. Lepper declares that while there is a constitutional provision for the recall, it is necessary for the City Council to pass an ordinance to apply its provisions to the city. This, he says, has never been done and is not provided for under the terms of the new charter. The ordinance as introduced sets forth the provisions of a recall election.

RAILROAD HEARING IS SET. Commission Will Listen to North Bank Plea for River Crossing. Application of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad for an adjustment of rates that will permit that corporation to cross the new Harriman bridge across the Willamette River in Portland will be heard by the State Railroad Commission at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The injunction suit of the O. W. R. & N. company to restrain the Commission from hearing the application having been dismissed in Circuit Court, the case now will be heard on its merits. If the Commission grants the application the Spokane, Portland & Seattle and its associate lines will be given entrance to the shipping district of the East Side, where it already is making extensive improvements in anticipation that entrance will be afforded.

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Good Things in Market. CHINOOK salmon and shad divide the honors in the fish market at present, the former costing 15 to 20 cents a pound and the latter 10 to 20 cents each. Shad roe is available for various dainty dishes, and for "company" sandwiches, at 20 cents a pound. Razor clams seem quite plentiful at 10 to 12 1/2 cents a dozen, and there are good crabs at 10 to 20 cents each. The fish list also includes salmon trout at 25 cents, catfish and sturgeon at 17 1/2 cents, blueback salmon and shrimps at 15 cents, black cod, silver smelt and halibut, about 12 1/2 cents, red snapper, flounder and perch at 14 cents a pound. Chickens are to be had at 18 to 25 cents a pound, according to age and quality. Broilers and friers still cost 40 to 50 cents a pound. There are a few young ducks at 20 cents a pound and some good squabs at \$1 to \$1.25 a pair. In the vegetable market asparagus is the leader, and can be had in various shades of color and in different degrees of blanch and tenderness from 5 cents to 15 cents a bunch. Artichokes are lower in price than usual this week and can be had at about 8 cents each. Green peas, too, are gradually coming down in price and sell at 8 to 10 cents a pound. New potatoes are good at four pounds for a quarter, and Oregon Cauliflower at 10 to 20 cents a head. Hothouse cucumbers at 20 to 25 cents each "go" well with chinook salmon, as asparagus does with shad or shad roe. For "greens" there are several sorts of lettuce, good spinach and mustard, green onions and water cress. Radishes form a pleasing color feature in the vegetable displays. A few green peppers and hothouse tomatoes are to be seen also. Rhubarb is plentiful and good at 2 1/2 cents. Now is the time to can or preserve it. Oregon strawberries are making their debut, and cost at present about 25 cents a box. California berries can be had in fairly good quality at three boxes for 25 cents. Fine Dollar berries sell at 20 cents a large box for two boxes for 35 cents) and look most inviting. Cherries are now in the market at 20 cents a pound, but are the proverbial kind that you "can't" take two bites" at. Wait for the Bing and Lambert and you may find you can take three! Other fruits are about the same as last week as to price and variety.

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