

PRECEDENTIAL VOTE SYSTEM EXPLAINED

City Attorney Grant Advises on First, Second and Third-Choice Rights.

CAREFUL MARKING URGED

Vote Each or All Choices for as Many Candidates Only as There Are Offices to Be Filled, or Effect Will Be Nil, He Warns.

BY FRANK S. GRANT, CITY ATTORNEY.

In the coming city election, the voters will exercise for the first time in this state, the preferential system of voting. The charter provides that an elector shall have the right of exercising a preference of candidates. That is, he may indicate his first, second and third choices. The voter is limited to one choice for any candidate. Should he vote more than one choice for any candidate, the vote highest in grade shall be counted and the others rejected.

The candidate receiving a majority of first-choice votes in an office shall be elected. If, however, the full number of candidates to be elected does not receive a majority of first-choice votes, then the second-choice votes are added to the first-choice votes and any candidate who, by reason of such addition, receives a majority vote shall be elected. If, however, by a count of their first choices in excess of one-half of the offices to be elected, the second-choice votes are added to the first and second and the third-choice votes are added to the first and second and the candidate receiving the majority will be declared elected.

If by the count of either first-choice votes or of first and second-choice votes, more candidates than there are offices to be filled, the majority of the candidates or candidates equal in number to the number of offices to be filled having the highest vote shall be declared elected.

The Favors First Choice. In case of a tie it is decided in favor of the candidate having the highest number of first-choice votes. If they should be equal in this respect, then the highest number of second-choice votes will determine the majority. If this should not be decisive, the choice shall be determined by lot.

The act defines by the word "majority" to mean the smallest number of votes of one-half of the offices to be filled, obtained by dividing the total number of first-choice votes for any office by the number of offices to be elected thereto. Each voter has a right to vote for as many first-choice candidates as there are offices to be filled, and has the further right to vote for as many second and third-choice candidates as there are offices to be filled, and in order that the voter should have the full participation in the election, he should exercise his first, second and third choices.

In the city of Spokane a total vote of 23,658 was cast. One candidate for Commissioner received a majority of the first-choice votes. The other four candidates were elected by adding first, second and third-choice votes. Such vote was as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Candidate Name, First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, Total. Lists candidates like Robert Fairley, W. J. Hindley, etc.

Under the Portland Charter, if any voter shall vote for more than one choice for any one candidate, the highest grade vote shall be counted and the others rejected. In other words, a voter must not make more than one choice for any one candidate. If he does not do so, the ballot will be counted and the others rejected. To illustrate, a voter makes a mark in the first, second and third choice columns for one candidate. In that case only the first choice vote will be counted.

If a ballot should contain either first, second or third choice votes in excess of the number of offices to be filled, no vote in the column showing such excess shall be counted. To illustrate: There are four Commissioners to be elected. A voter can only mark the first choice column for four Commissioners. If he should mark in such column five or six, then all of the candidates in that column would lose their votes. It is incumbent upon the voter to be very careful in marking his ballot in this respect.

The Spokane charter provides that a voter shall exercise his first choice vote for all of the offices to be filled and that if he does not do so, the ballot is void, but if he is not so careful, however, to vote the second or third choices.

Portland Charter Differs. The Portland Charter differs somewhat in this respect and provides that the voter shall exercise his right to vote for as many first choice candidates as there are offices to be filled, but does not seem to make it compulsory upon him to cast the first choice vote for four candidates for Commissioner.

The success of this system of voting depends entirely upon whether or not every person entitled to vote exercises that privilege. No government rises higher than its source, namely, the people, and if the commission form of government is to be a success in the city of Portland, it is the solemn duty of every legal voter to participate in the election, June 2. The success will not be wholly dependent upon the officers elected, but rather upon the voters in choosing men who are capable of administering the affairs of the city under the new form of government.

The following are the provisions of the new commission charter relative to the preferential system of voting:

Section 22a. Ballots, preparation and use. The Auditor shall prepare and issue to the voters a ballot for each office to be filled and the names of the candidates nominated therefor. 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 as many second-choice candidates as there are offices to be filled, and as many third-choice candidates as there are offices to be filled. The form of the ballot shall be substantially as follows:

GENERAL (OR SPECIAL) MUNICIPAL ELECTION, CITY OF PORTLAND. (Hearing date thereof.) Instructions: To vote for any person mark a cross (X) in a square to the right of the name. Vote first choice for (here insert number of offices to be filled). Vote second choice for (here insert number of offices to be filled). Vote third choice for (here insert number of offices to be filled).

MOUSE RUNS ELEPHANT TRAINER OUT OF TENT

Circus Man Relates Manner in Which Woman's Act Is Stopped by Playful Rodent.



MILIE LUCIA ZARA AND HER TRAINED ELEPHANT.

TAKE it that the newspapers—I mean, of course, the great metropolitan dailies—are the medium through which every item of importance should be given to the public, said the stranger affably as he pulled up a chair and leaned across the editor's desk. "Yes, sir, whenever an untoward happening occurs it is the duty of every good citizen to chase around the corner and tell the editor. Am I right?"

"Now, what do you know about a mouse chasing the bravest woman in the world out of a circus tent?" Well, sir, that's exactly what happened during a performance of our show at Sacramento the day before yesterday. Huh! I guess that item bears all the earmarks of human interest.

she noticed a mouse playin' around on the carpet. Did she leave that place? Well, brother, I have absolute authentic information to the effect that she went out of the tent faster than Dan Kelly ever did when he made that 100-yard record—ran right through and climbed to the top of the bandwagon, and they do say that she didn't come down until the horn blew for supper. What do you know about that?—and she billed as the bravest woman in the world. Wouldn't that wake the baby?"

"What show are you talking about?" "Why, Sella-Floto, of course, the most magnificent, independent attraction on the face of the globe—a dream of Oriental splendor and absolute control—was scared to death by a mouse and paddy nearly went into hysterics. You see 'twas this way: In one part of her act 'twas his duty while Mama, the biggest elephant in captivity, walks over her, and, as my information goes, at Sacramento the other day, just as she was about to give Mama her cue,

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BEAR AT HER DOCK BEFORE LUNCH HOUR

Bulldog of Fleet Wins Laurels but Fails to Wrest North-western Speed Record.

BEAVER OFFICER LOSES \$5

Rivalry Between Ships Keen and Wager Made Against Arrival Before 1 o'Clock Is Paid on Misunderstood Message.

Not since the Winter of 1892, when the steamer Stars of California established the old fleet's speed record of 47 hours and 50 minutes and reached Portland in the morning, has there had any of the San Francisco & Portland vessels reported here before noon until the steamer Bear, "Bulldog" of the fleet, plied the Portland Flouring Mills Company's dock at 11:32 o'clock yesterday morning and thereby a new mark was offered for her sister ship, the Beaver. The Bear left Meigs wharf, San Francisco, at 1:31 P. M. Thursday and crossed into the river yesterday so as to discharge 50 tons of cargo at Astoria and be on her way by 4 o'clock.

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OFFICERS OF STEAMER BEAR, WHICH LANDS PASSENGERS FROM CALIFORNIA IN PORT BEFORE LUNCH HOUR.



Capt. I. M. Nopander, First Officer of the Bear.



Chief Engineer Jackson.

There was a consignment of 50 green salted hides and another lot of 1500 bundles of hides for Tokohama; also a case of books and two lots of lumber. The remainder of the lumber, 56,892 feet, goes to Kobe; also 6500 pounds of rolled oats. There are 125 barrels of flour for Shanghai, 1875 barrels for Moji, 1000 barrels for Manila, and the rest of the breadstuff is consigned to Hongkong. At Seattle she will take on 500 tons of flour for Honolulu, 250,000 feet of lumber for Yokohama and 500 tons of potatoes for Manila.

Explosives Not to Be Sent. In connection with the taking of a fleet of 12 tramp steamers by the Federal Government to load coal at Norfolk for the Pacific Naval station, it is denied that the fleet will have to do with the transportation of explosives to the Hawaiian group, Mars Island and other points. The fleet, which is to be sent to the East coast to supply Pacific stations, should be enlarged so that there will be heavy shipments this season.

Government Charters Fleet for Transportation of Coal. The practice of using Atlantic coast coal in the event tests of Alaskan coal are up to standard. As the cruiser Maryland is to continue the use of Northwest fuel this year and will cruise again to Alaska, steps may be taken soon that will eliminate the engagement of colliers on the East coast to supply Pacific stations.

THODE FAGELUND IS IN PORT. Cape Finisterre Finishes Tomorrow at Tongue Point Plant. As a means of facilitating the dispatch of the Norwegian steamer Thode Fagelund, longshoremen will continue working here today at Inman-Poulsen's wharf. The vessel arrived yesterday morning, hailing from Tacoma, and is to take on a full cargo of lumber for the Orient. She is in the fleet of the China Import & Export Lumber Company.

Astoria Starts Work on Harrow. ASTORIA, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—The Astoria Iron Works has commenced work on the construction of the big disc harrow which is to be built for the Port of Astoria Commission, to investigate the project further. A committee of five members will be appointed by President Vincent to confer with Captain Chilcott and other organizations in the city in regard to the proposed line.

NEW DIVISION IS ON BOSTON. Naval Militia Increasing Strength in Advance of Maneuvers. Physical examinations given applicants for enlistment in a new division of the Oregon Naval Militia, that will be installed aboard the cruiser Boston, has resulted in 30 being accepted and as many more are expected to pass during the week, so that soon after June 1 a division of 75 will be mustered into the service. It has been arranged that an officer of the organization will be carried by the Harrow-American American between 18 and 30 days of age and eligible and it will be the last opportunity for new material to enter the militia in advance of the annual cruise, which is to be held in July. The present first and second divisions of the Boston are to be consolidated into the first division, and a few men will be assigned to the new second division. Work of retraining the Boston has begun and she will have a complete new dress when the Rose Festival is opened.

SITHONIA ON FIRST VOYAGE. Portland Liner Loads Cargo for Orient Valued at \$211,567. Portland's contribution to the first cargo from Pacific Coast ports to be carried by the Hamburg-American liner Sithonia represents a valuation of \$211,567. The vessel was cleared yesterday and at midnight left for her long voyage by way of Puget Sound to the Far East and Hamburg. She is to cross out to sea at 10 o'clock this morning and may leave Seattle Tuesday.

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VETERANS TO BE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ROUTE IS ANNOUNCED.

PROGRAMME IS AT ARMORY

National Guard Members and Spanish War Veterans Will Escort Grand Army Men on Line of March Through City.

The route of the parade on the afternoon of May 20, Memorial day, was tentatively decided on at a meeting of the G. A. R. Memorial day committee, composed of three representatives from each of the five Grand Army posts in the city, at the Courthouse yesterday afternoon.

Starting at the Courthouse, the route decided on will be: Fourth street to Burnside, east on Burnside to Grand avenue, south on Grand avenue to Morrison, west on Morrison to Broadway, north on Broadway to Washington, west on Washington to Tenth and north on Tenth to the Armory and disbandment.

The G. A. R. veterans will ride in automobiles and will have as their marching escort the Third Regiment Oregon National Guard, Battery A, the Coast Artillery and the Spanish-American war veterans. The parade will leave the Courthouse at 2 o'clock, and there will be a programme at the Armory on its conclusion. This programme has not been arranged fully yet, but Rev. Edward J. Conaty will be the principal speaker. Anyone wishing to volunteer automobiles for the parade should contact the committee to communicate with Major C. Nowell, 329 Third street, Telephone Main 367.

During the morning hours of Memorial day details from all the Grand Army posts in the city will be at the camp of the Spanish-American war veterans to visit the various cemeteries to decorate the graves of departed comrades. In the afternoon, the G. A. R. campfire under the auspices of Summer Post at the Woodmen's hall, East Sixth and Alder streets.

It has been arranged that the sixth and seventh church services at 10:30 next Sunday morning, May 25, at the Central Methodist Church, Vancouver avenue and Fargo street, where Rev. G. C. Backlund will preach, and the evening at the First Congregational Church, Park and Madison streets, where Rev. Luther R. Dyott will preach.

MORALITY REPORT MADE. WORK OF AUXILIARY TO POLICE DESCRIBED. Recommendation Made to Put Check on Motorcyclists Held Responsible for Numerous Crimes.

"The quarterly report of the Municipal Department of Public Safety for Young Women, which has been submitted to Chief Sawyer, chief of police, yesterday, 'The definite aim and purpose of this work is to prevent, through the intervention of crime against women. It would be well for parents to read this report thoughtfully, and to inquire what measures of responsibility rests upon them for the conditions set forth.

"During the last quarter 158 new girls were dealt with in this department. 170 special investigations were made and 724 interviews held with parents and others interested in the cases of girls; 315 letters sent out, 35 girls placed on the after-care list, and 47 sick girls were cared for. There were 143 meals provided and 74 night lodgings furnished to unemployed or needy girls.

"The report to the Chief says that immorality between girls and motorcycle riders has assumed alarming proportions. Within a week six motorcycle couples have been apprehended and the cases, which contain shocking details, have been taken into court. Something ought to be done. Automobiles and motorcycles are infinitely worse.

"Chief Glover is considering placing officers at the bridges and in other places to intercept motorcycle riders who carry young girls into the country at night. They will be questioned and required to give their names to the officers. The plan was followed with good success with automobiles and broke up much of the night riding.

"The Department of Public Safety feels that parents, especially, and all as the girls themselves, should be warned, as motorcycle riding is rapidly upon the increase. Three girls under 17 years of age have been placed on the after-care list, and it is high time that some action be taken."