

SIX MEASURES ON BALLOT; FOUR PENDING

Bonding Changes, Water Meters and Garbage System Big Issues of June Vote.

TWO FIRE PENSIONS ARE UP

Closing of Grocery Stores on Sunday Also Among Questions to Be Decided by Voters—Jitney Regulation Likely to Be Up.

SUMMARY OF MEASURES TO BE ON BALLOT AT JUNE ELECTION.

Measures Submitted.

Referendum ordinance providing for meters on all water services in Portland.

Referendum ordinance providing for the Sunday closing of grocery stores.

Initiative measure by Council amending Bancroft bonding act to make street and sewer assessments payable by property owners semi-annually.

Initiative measure by Council granting pensions to C. D. Shane and W. H. Whitcomb, disabled firemen.

Initiative measure by Council amending charter changing manner of reappointing city employees.

Initiative measure by Council providing for municipal garbage collection system to operate at expense of taxpayers.

Measures Pending.

Initiative measure by Council changing charter to give Council power to turn dog pound over to Oregon Humane Society.

Measure providing for annexation of St. Johns to Portland.

Measure providing for pension system for police.

Referendum involving regulation of jitney buses and automobiles.

Six important measures already have been placed upon the ballot at the city election June 7, and as many more probably will be added before May 22, when time for presenting such measures by the Council expires.

Important issues regarding future municipal policies and important charter amendments, along with the election of officers, promise to make the election a lively one.

Probably of first importance is the measure regarding the installation of water meters on all services in the city. This measure will appear on the ballot under the referendum, the City Council having passed an ordinance for the purchase of meters a year ago and persons opposed to the universal-meter plan having invoked the referendum, thus leaving the decision in the matter to the voters.

Need for Meters Disputed. Should the measure be passed, it will involve an expenditure of \$200,000 for the purchase and installation of water meters. The money will be raised by sale of bonds, for which the city will pay 4 per cent interest each year and, in addition, will have to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds when they become due.

Need for meters is disputed. Commissioner Daly says they are necessary to eliminate the water-shortage problem during the summer months. Others, including officials of the water bureau, declare that the question of shortage already has been solved by the adoption of the alternate sprinkling-date system during the summer and the addition of a large supply main to the northeastern part of the city where the only shortage was reported last year.

Of next importance on the ballot probably will be the measure to close grocery stores on Sundays. An ordinance closing the stores was passed by the Council a year ago. The referendum was invoked on this by small grocers, who contend that they cannot exist without the Sunday business. They also contend that the measure is unfair because it does not close butcher shops, bakeries and delicatessen establishments, cigar stores and other places of business.

Bonding-Act Changes Provided. Property owners will be much interested in the measure to be submitted by the Council providing for changes in the Bancroft bonding act, under the provisions of which property owners are able to finance their street and sewer improvements. The Council has prepared changes so that the installments and interest on bonded liens of property owners must be paid semi-annually. At present the payments are made annually.

The city takes liens on property and on the strength of these liens bonds to secure money to pay street and sewer contractors. The amendments as proposed open the way for the payment of interest in any rate the Council may propose up to 5 per cent. The act now allows bonds only at the 6 per cent.

An important measure is that proposed by Commissioner Daly for the establishment of a municipal garbage-collection system. The voters authorized the issuance of \$75,000 in bonds for such a system several years ago. The bonds as authorized never have been issued. They provided only for the initial establishment of the plant. Operation expenses were to be met by a fee for garbage collection.

Commissioner Daly proposes to change the measure so that the bonds may be used for the establishment of the system, and the operation will be paid for by general taxation. This means that if the measure carries the taxpayers will have an item of about \$150,000 in the budget each year for garbage collection.

Found Change Proposal Pends. There is pending before the Council now a proposal for a charter, making it possible for the City Council to contract with the Oregon Humane Society for the handling of the municipal dog pound. The question of a ballot measure annexing St. Johns to Portland also is pending before the Council. There is a possibility also of a measure being submitted to provide for a pension system for the police bureau similar to that now in operation in the fire bureau.


The Council already has submitted a proposed amendment to the firemen's pension act providing for the granting of pensions to C. D. Shane and W. H. Whitcomb, firemen, who became permanently disabled in the fire service before the pension act was adopted. An amendment is proposed also to the civil service provisions of the charter providing for the reappointment of employees in the service in the order of their seniority in service instead of in the order of their dismissal, as at present. Under the present system old employees oftentimes lose out in the

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service in favor of men who have served only a short time.

An important issue will be that of regulating jitneys, provided the jitney interests are successful in getting the required number of signatures to referendum petitions now being circulated. If the referendum is filed it will hold up the enforcement of the jitney ordinance, as passed recently by the Council, for two years. The Council proposes, however, to repeal the ordinance as passed and pass another measure and submit it to the voters at the June election under the initiative, if the referendum is invoked.

A curious law point as to aeroplanes has been raised in France. A landowner brought suit to compel a manufacturer of aeroplanes not to pass over his land at a height of less than 600 feet, alleging that the aeroplanes frighten away his crops, were likely by landing to injure his crops, and might endanger workers in the field.

"FIRST FOR THIRST" WINS

Prize Awards Made in Celro-Kola Contest, Naming New Drink.

In face of competition from several Eastern financial houses the Lumbermen's Trust Company of Portland has just purchased \$431,000 of three-year 5 per cent short-term notes issued by the City of New Westminster, B. C. The notes are redeemable at the office of the Bank of Montreal in New York City, Toronto and New Westminster. This is the first issue of New Westminster securities to be sold in the American market. Previously the city had sold its municipal paper in London.

British marines interned in Holland are receiving 10 cents and non-commissioned officers 25 cents a day as pocket money.

EARLY SETTLER IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary A. Brown, 46 Years in State, Passes at Age of 71.

Mrs. Mary A. Brown, a resident of Oregon for the past 46 years, died Friday at her home, 724 Vanderbilt street, on the Peninsula, at the age of 71 years and 10 months. Mrs. Brown came to Oregon in 1869, first settling at Butteville, where she resided until eight years ago, when the family moved to Portland. Mrs. Brown is survived by her widower, E. M. Brown, and the following children: F. Brown, of Castle Rock, Wash.; Mrs. C. F. Yergen, Newberg, Or.; Miss Nettie Brown, Mrs. A. M. Conn, and Mrs. A. F. Tabor, Portland. Mrs. W. Tier, of Portland, is a sister, and Clark Stephens, of Portland, and Addison Stephens, of Courdersville, Pa., are brothers.

CLUB DANCE IS TUESDAY

Irish American Fellowship Programme Is Arranged.

The Irish-American Fellowship Club will give an entertainment in the new building, 340 Russell street, Tuesday night. A musical and literary programme has been arranged. George S. McBride will speak on "America's Debt to Ireland." Vocal solos will be given by Miss Frances McCarthy, Miss Genevieve Clancy and E. D. Hennessy, and there will be a violin solo by Carl Senn.

The Emmert children, well-known improvisators, will enliven the entertainment. The Baker Stock company and the Lyric Theater will lend several numbers. Dancing will be the diversion after the entertainment.

The committee having the affair in charge is composed of M. E. Lilly, Francis Mallon, Tim Holland, D. W. Lane, and W. B. Lillis.

A New Mexican scientist has advanced the theory that nature's "ringers" are electrical phenomena, produced by the radiation of luminous particles from the pipet, which constantly renews them.