

Two Platoon Means Less Fire Protection

The Double-Platoon System

Will increase the fire hazard, say the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and decrease the number of outlying fire stations.

Will increase taxes \$175,000.

Will decrease the number of firemen on duty at any given time.

Will make impossible the continuation of our present Fire Prevention Bureau.

Will take much of the control of the department out of the hands of the fire chiefs.

Protection of Our Homes Comes First

Our homes are better protected if all firemen sleep at the fire stations.

No man is required to be a fireman, but when he enlists he knows what is wanted of him.

Those who do not agree with this should follow more favorable callings.

Let's keep our Fire Department at its highest efficiency day and night.

VOTE 103 NO

Paid Advertisement by Fire Protection Committee, James J. Sayer, Sec'y, 715 Corbett Bldg.

BAKER'S RECORD A-1

Long List Important Achievements to Credit.

VOTERS SEE CLEAN SLATE

Administration Has Been Open and Above Board on Every Question and Confidence of Labor and Business Men Kept.

In a frantic effort to get something—anything—to use in a campaign against City Commissioner Baker in his race for Mayor, opponents have delved into the long ago and brought forth allegations which have been dropped up for the occasion and hurled into the campaign.

No effort has been made to campaign against Mr. Baker on anything he has done during the last two years he has been a City Commissioner because his slate is clean. His administration has been open and above board in every question that has confronted his department or the City Council.

For the information of the public there is presented herewith Mr. Baker's record during his two years as City Commissioner:

Union Wages Insisted Upon.

Has built Portland's Auditorium, pulling the work through all kinds of difficulties and devoting his personal attention day and night to the work.

Insisted on provisions in the Auditorium contract calling for established union wages and eight-hour day for all workmen. Prepared the rough drawings for the building which, when completed July 4, will be one of the finest structures of the kind in the United States.

Voted consistently in the Council for regulation of the jitneys in accordance with the vote of the people expressed overwhelmingly at the election in June, 1915.

Made his first official act the reinstatement of Russell Chamberlain, an aged Grand Army veteran who had been discharged from position of janitor at City Hall on charge of old age.

Fought for economy during the city budget sessions in 1915 and 1916. Personally had developed parks and playgrounds without increasing the tax levy.

Reorganized municipal employment bureau, injected new business punch into it and made it a big asset for working people calling for established unemployment problem in 1915 and 1916 and gave thousands of men work on permanent park improvements. Got dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent.

In January, 1916, personally took charge of Portland's snow blockade and in terrific drive by use of unemployed men, restored traffic in short order. Was asked to take up the work when another Commissioner fell down. Mr. Baker also about same time headed off a repetition of the street slush troubles by cleaning off streets.

much-needed playgrounds in Alberta district, North Portland, Arleta, Laurelhurst and other sections. Took up and won fight against establishment of tuberculosis sanitarium in Sellwood, where residents did not want it.

Investigated unhealthy conditions in South Portland and inaugurated plan for playground for children. Fought for appropriation in Fall of last year for the South Portland play-place in Marquam Gulch.

Formulated plans for reconstruction under sanitary conditions of Washington Park zoo. Established new community building at Sellwood at small cost.

Gymnasiums Opened in Schools. Established free community gymnasiums for working people in 18 schools and gave large number of people good training at small cost.

Was asked by shipbuilding employees to take hand in settling strike and a few days of work brought strike to satisfactory end.

Tax levy for parks in 1917, under Mr. Baker, is lowest in years, in spite of increased activities and increased cost of materials and supplies.

Has installed lighting system in Hollanday, Sellwood, Laurelhurst and Mount Tabor Parks. (Mount Tabor not yet completed.)

Inaugurated campaign that landed for Portland the designation of the official Rose City of the Northwest by the National Rose Society.

Developed baseball fields for amateur teams in various vacant tracts without rental or cost.

Has held confidence of bona fide laboring man and the business man.

FACTORY SITE IS SOUGHT

PATENTEE OF MACHINERY IN PORTLAND FROM TACOMA.

James M. Malacove Proposes to Manufacture Plowing-Planting Device and Tractor Cultivator.

James M. Malacove has received patents recently for a combined plowing and planting machine and a power tractor cultivator with which he hopes to revolutionize farming. Mr. Malacove is of Tacoma, Wash., but he is in Portland with the idea of looking over a proposition for a factory site.

Mr. Malacove explains that the plowing and planting machine is mounted on an ordinary motor truck chassis and can be detached with ease with the assistance of one attendant. A power generating machine not only supplies the energy for operation of the plow and planter, but also can be used to propel the truck.

The tractor cultivator consists of a small tractor provided with motor-driven plows and hoes mounted on the frame at the rear of the machine. The invention, it is declared, is very valuable in raising corn, potatoes, beans, berries, cotton and like crops.

"It is my intention to begin the manufacture of these new farming implements as soon as possible," said Mr. Malacove, "and it goes without saying that I will select a factory site on the Pacific Coast, particularly the Pacific Northwest. I have several other patents pending."

EARLY COUNT PROMISED

TITHE OF BOARDS TO COUNT STATE BALLOTS FIRST.

Matter of Double Pay on Account of Two Elections is Referred to State Supreme Court.

So that the public may know, through the newspapers, how the vote runs on both the city and state ballots as the counting of ballots progresses, City Auditor Barbur and County Clerk Beveridge have worked out a plan whereby the state ballot will be counted first in every tenth precinct in Portland and the city ballot will be counted first in the rest of the precincts.

Outside of Portland there is but one ballot, that with the state measures.

Concerning this arrangement and others of interest to election officials City Auditor Barbur yesterday issued the following statement:

Under an agreement between the county and the city the night election boards in every tenth precinct have been instructed to count the county ballots first in order that the public may know the general trend of the vote on the state measures. In all other precincts the city ballots are to be counted first.

To avoid interference with Government registration the night boards are expected to make a special effort to finish the count before 7 o'clock the following morning. In any case where the count is not finished at that time some arrangement should be made between the election board and registration board whereby the counting can be continued without interfering with the registration. It is not expected that the morning registration will be sufficiently heavy to require the attention of more than one or two registrars.

The matter of double pay for election officials on account of two elections being held on the same day has been referred by the District Attorney and the City Attorney to the Supreme Court for its interpretation of the law.

WEST ACTIVITY HELD FRAUD

Ex-Governor Charged With Responsibility for 14th-Hour Campaign.

PORTLAND, Or., June 2.—(To the Editor.)—What in effect is a gross fraud on the public has just been perpetrated by ex-Governor Oswald West, and I beg brief space in the Sunday Oregonian to assist in exposing same. In this letter I do not wish to impugn Mr. West's honesty of intention, as I believe him to be perfectly honest; yet by his erratic methods he has perpetrated one of those last-minute frauds to which the attention of voters should be directed so they will not be misled.

Mr. West has ordered billboard advertising placarded about the city for one day, the last day preceding the election. He has also taken paid advertising space in the last editions of evening newspapers to reach Portland voters before election. It is a physical impossibility to reply to his allegations in the medium which he has used for their exploitation.

All this advertising is being published in the name of and purports to be paid for by the Public Service League. Oswald West's name does not appear as the responsible signer of same, or as the person paying for same. Yet he is the person who ordered the advertising.

In the newspaper advertising, long lists of names are used in a manner to cause the hurried reader to believe that the people named endorse the contents of the advertisement. The facts are that the people named signed a petition to the Public Service Commission of the state a year ago last September. They are not the people who

are vouching for the contents of the advertisement. Careful reading of the advertisement shows this to be the case.

Probably the grossest fraud is that for which the billboards are being used. The boards state that Los Angeles enjoys a telephone interchange service. This statement is untrue. The two telephone systems in Los Angeles have been consolidated under one ownership and management, a procedure devoutly to be wished for Portland, but the opposite in conception and practice to telephone interchange between competing companies. The California Public Service Commission forbade the interchange and fostered the consolidation.

That Mr. West's prejudiced mind permits him to believe and state the opposite of the truth is no excuse for presenting these false statements to the public at a time when there is no

opportunity to refute them in the medium wherein they were presented.

That Mr. West has avoided opportunity to debate this question openly from time to time early in the campaign is also a fact. The Progressive Business Men's Club invited Mr. West to participate in a debate. He rejected the conditions as to time limit, and asked conditions which it was impossible for that luncheon organization to fulfill. He presented his side of the controversy to the City Club of Portland at a time when there was no opportunity to reply. He accepted an invitation to debate the question before the Jackson Club, an organization where he always feels at home, but failed to turn up because he was not feeling well, a genuine excuse, somewhat discounted by his active appearance on the streets shortly before the meeting and the next morning after.

Where did Mr. West get the money for this sudden campaign of last-minute advertising? Why does he not show the source of the big contribution which enabled him to pay these heavy bills contracted by him in the name of the Public Service League? The corrupt practices act makes it necessary to reveal the genuine sources of money contributions for election purposes. Is not an evasion of this character equal to a fraud, and is not the fraud so gross as to justify your granting this space for its exposure?

C. C. CHAPMAN.

The \$1,000,000 insurance fund didn't last long among Gotham's gold kings. It's the \$2,000,000 habit now. J. P. Morgan took out \$2,500,000 and H. P. Davidson, his partner, took out an extra million.

Trade Conspiracy Ordinance

WILL STOP PICKETING AND THE VIOLENCE DONE IN ITS NAME

Indorsed or recommended by:

- Portland Ad Club,
- Portland Realty Board,
- City Club of Portland,
- Portland Chamber of Commerce,
- Oregon State Motor Association,
- Employers' Association of Oregon,
- Progressive Business Men's Club,
- United Metal Trades Association,
- Oregon Master Bakers' Association,
- Portland Association of Credit Men.

VOTE X 110 YES

Paid Advertisement, A. C. Callan, 698 Northrup St., Portland, Or.

VOTE 306 X YES

Harmony Amendment Needs No Precedent

The claim that amendment 306 prohibiting repeal by implication has no precedent is a compliment rather than a criticism. It is designed to be progressive in character, to check a growing evil in our custom of legislation and does not rest on precedent.

A practice has grown up of enacting amendments to the constitution in conflict with other parts thereof, and without directly repealing the parts in conflict with the amendment, declare a blind repeal, leaving the annulled portions for the courts to discover and point out after an unfortunate citizen has been deceived by the nullified portion, and even then the court has no power to order such parts cut out.

The author of an amendment naturally is anxious that the amendment have full force and effect. This requirement will call on the author to investigate what part of the constitution his amendment will conflict with, and cause him to make the requirement of the constitution on that particular subject harmonious. It is due to every voter that the provisions of the constitution shall be so harmonized that each sentence may be understood. Otherwise the enactment of amendments must leave the elector in the dark as to what he is amending. If this amendment is a hardship to anyone, it will rest on those proposing changes, and that is where it ought to rest, for changes in the organic law should be intelligently made. The people trust the whole people for the wisdom of the constitution and it is unfair that any portion should deceive and mislead the electors.

Instead of "robbing a voter of his rights," this amendment is a necessity in order that the constitution may express the real will of the people.

T. J. FORDING,

(Paid adv. by Constitution Revision Assn.)