

# RIGHT MARK ON BALLOT WILL IMPROVE CITY

### Portland's Beauty Will Be Foremost if Charter Amendment Is Adopted.

### BOND ISSUE IS MOST DESIRABLE FEATURE

### Voters Will Have Privilege of Expressing Their Progressiveness at June Election—Future of City Depends Upon Their Action.

At the coming June election the voters of Portland will have before them a question printed on the official ballot as follows:

"One million dollars of park and boulevard bonds to be authorized for purchasing parks and parcels of land for park purposes, and for establishing and improving system of boulevards and parkways by an amendment to section 118 of the city charter. Shall section 118 of the charter of the city of Portland be amended?"

"Yes." "No." The "X" above shown will not be printed in the space provided, but in other respects the words and spaces on the ballot will be identical. The progressive elements of Portland believe that voters should vote yes on this question, and to do so the voter must write the "X" into the ballot.

### To Improve City's Appearance.

The movement to improve the streets of Portland, develop the boulevard system and by degrees carry out the general idea of beautifying the city, has been a long time getting under way, but it is now making rapid progress and public sentiment is favoring the progressive policy. It is being realized by all classes of property owners and taxpayers that Portland can be made one of the most beautiful and desirable residence cities in the world if an intelligent, persistent policy of civic improvement be economically carried on. The ordinance that appears on the ballot this year is the result of this growing sentiment. It is proposed that in developing a city beautiful consideration shall be given the various sections of the city, and in expending funds to be raised by the proposed bond issue, the boulevard and parkway system shall be extended in such a way as will share the practical benefits with all quarters of the municipality.

### Fund for Various Purposes.

The proposed ordinance provides that the city council may issue and dispose of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, to be used for the purchase of parks and small parcels of ground for neighborhood parks, and to pay for the improvement thereof. The funds

may also be used for laying out, establishing and improving a system of boulevards and parkways, with necessary bridges over any gulches that must be crossed by such boulevards. It was originally intended by the movers that the funds should be available for constructing a wagon bridge over the Willamette river if that were deemed necessary. But in the drafting of the amendment this provision was modified, with the view that such a bridge over the river could be provided for later, when the time of necessity arrives.

### Fine Field for Boulevards.

Preliminary investigations made by the more enthusiastic advocates of civic improvement have shown that the landscape and formation of the site of Portland offer every opportunity for a beautiful system of boulevards, extending along the range of hills at the west side of the city and crossing to the east side and running along the table lands and over the brows of hills or mountains, so called, to the eastward, thence converging toward the peninsula and coming to another possible crossing of the Willamette river at or near St. Johns and Linnton.

No definite system has ever been considered in any formal manner, but in a general way this scheme has been talked of and advocated by those who have given much attention to the possibilities for beautifying the city. It is said that while the first proposed bond issue of \$1,000,000 to be voted on at the coming election would perhaps not be sufficient to carry out a large, complete plan to the stage of permanent improvement desired, it will be ample to inaugurate and develop the general plan to the point that will convince every progressive taxpayer of its entire practicability and desirability.

### Provide for District Paving.

Along with this movement the voters are considering the plan of district street improvement, under which eastern cities have secured paved hard-surface streets, doing away with the old troubles arising from opposition by a small minority of non-progressives in any given neighborhood. The district plan of street improvement would enable the property owners to lay pavements by districts, instead of by single street improvement as is now the law and custom.

Experience has shown that the progressive property owners who pave a single street not only enhance the value of their own property abutting thereon but they increase the desirability of residences in that entire section of the city, and the result is that the single street pavement is used by everyone passing to and from that section, thereby wearing out the pavement much sooner than it should or would be worn out if parallel and cross streets were paved likewise.

The question will appear on the ballot as "An amendment to section 375 of the city charter, providing for the improvement of streets by districts. Shall section 375 of the charter of the city of Portland be amended?"

# GRANT CONTRACT DESPITE THREAT

### Paving Will Go Forward Though Rival Company Serves Notice of Trouble.

### COUNCIL IS BACKED BY RIVAL CONTRACTORS

### Asphalt Will Be Laid on Sixth and Oak Streets—Warren People Say They Will Prosecute Any Infringement.

Regardless of threats of prosecution for infringements on patents by the Warren Construction company and an injunction granted R. R. Dunway, the executive board of the city of Portland yesterday awarded the contract for laying bituminous pavement on Sixth street from Morrison to Yamhill, and on Oak street from Second to Third, to the Barber Asphalt company, the former at a cost of \$2,237.25, and the latter at \$1,513.

### Was Out Injunction.

In view of this circumstance the board decided that in discretion it must turn down the Solon bid. When the board was ready to protect the contract, R. R. Dunway appeared in the case and sued out an injunction restraining the board from awarding the contract on the ground of having exceeded its authority. The fact that a portion of the proposed improvement is adjacent to the federal building made it possible for Dunway to be an intervenor.

A temporary injunction was granted by the circuit court. The controversy was taken through different court processes and an amended complaint was filed by Dunway after the court had sustained a demurrer to the original complaint. Saturday the amended complaint was denied and an appeal has been taken by Dunway.

### Warren Company Serves Notice.

In making the award the board was advised that the Barber company had agreed to execute a bond protecting the city in event of adverse opinion by the court and prosecution by the Warren Construction company. City Attorney McNary is confident that an order will be made vacating the restraining order.

### Insurance Board Ends.

The special committee appointed by the board to protect the city from insuring in companies which suffered in the San Francisco fire and which policy was questioned was dismissed yesterday on motion of R. L. Sabin, the companies having recovered from the drain on their treasuries.

Power was given the police committee to purchase a new harbor master, an appropriation for which was provided by the council Thursday.

Robert King and Robert Simpson were appointed temporary inspectors in the plumbing department. The board voted to adopt the recommendation of the fire committee made Thursday awarding a contract to supply 102,950 feet of underground cable costing \$29,700.

### 17th of May Has Been Celebrated in this City Every Year since the first handful of Norwegians arrived here, when Portland was a village, and mostly under the auspices of the singing society. A number of the original members have passed away or resigned, but the standard of the chorus remains unchanged and its numerical strength about the same as when the singers responded to the baton for the first time. The Norwegian Singing society is said to be the pioneer organization of its kind here now in existence.

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# RESIDENCE LOTS HAVE BIG SALE

### Transfers of Small Tracts Keep Realty Market Unusually Active.

Real estate transfers filed for record yesterday totaled \$55,611. Nearly all of the sales were small, none amounting to over \$7,000, while the average was about \$2,000.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Breymann has purchased from W. B. Wells the north half of the block fronting Jackson street, between Sixteenth and Lowndale; consideration, \$7,000.

The 66 by 100-foot lot on the northwest corner of Northrup and Twenty-first streets has been sold to Frank Griffith for \$5,000. A two-story cottage occupies the site.

The demand for property in the vicinity of McKenna Junction is greater than at any time in the history of that part of the city. The sale of the Walker tract a few weeks ago for \$4,000 per acre was the top price for Peninsula acreage. There is now little acreage left on the plateau, practically everything from Piedmont to St. Johns having been platted. The Turmell Townsite & Improvement company has sold a large number of lots within the past 30 days from \$400 to \$500 for a 25-foot lot. Francis I. McKenna has sold over \$125,000 worth of lots in University Park within the past 30 days. This sum does not include the acreage and lots sold to the O. R. & N. company the first of the year, which amounted to about the same amount.

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# TELL STORIES OF EARLY DAYS

### Program Arranged for Entertainment of Oregon Pioneers Who Will Gather Here.

The thirty-fifth annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer association will be held in this city on June 19, 1907. All persons are eligible to membership in the association who came to or were born in the original Oregon territory up to and including the year 1859, without regard to the part of the country where they now reside.

Pioneer headquarters are the rooms of the Oregon Historical society, on the top floor of the city hall, where badges may be secured, commencing Monday, June 17. The literary features of the day will be held at the Armory, Tenth and Couch streets, at 8 p. m. The following program has been arranged:

Music, patriotic prayer, Rev. I. D. Driver, D. D., 1849; chaplain; address of welcome, Hon. Henry Lane, mayor of Portland; response, Hon. M. C. George, 1851, president; short address, George H. Himes, secretary of the association since 1899; song; benediction, chaplain; music, "America," audience.

A social hour will follow the program until 8 p. m., when a banquet will be served under the management of the Pioneer Woman's auxiliary, Mrs. O. M. Cartwright, chairman, to all members of the association in good standing who have the proper badge for 1907.

Special invitations will be issued to the husbands or wives of pioneers who may not be pioneers themselves upon application to Mr. Himes. No children will be admitted to the banquet. The annual business meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m., to be followed by an experience meeting in charge of Robert A. Miller, 1854.

# NEW GREEK LABORERS FOR THE NORTH BANK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
The Dalles, Or., May 18.—The city has been besieged by a crowd of Greeks, over 100 having arrived to work on the north bank railroad. They cannot speak a word of English and they are headed like a gang of Chinese coolies by a boss and interpreter. Loaded down with blankets and grips, they form an unsightly throng as they pass through the streets to the ferry landing. When they get into camp on the north bank they will form a miniature Greek colony, but not like those their ancient ancestors planted.

# NORWAY'S DAY IS CELEBRATED

### Large Audience Listens to Norwegian Singing Society's Program in Arion Hall.

Fully 800 people gathered in Arion hall last night to celebrate "Den Stryllende Mai," Norway's natal day. A good program was presented. The Norwegian Singing society, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, furnished several well-rendered numbers. Rev. O. Hagges delivered the oration and Professor William Rasmus amused with a couple of recitations. Mrs. R. O. Eiland played "Anita's Dance," and Mr. O. M. Netter recited "The Death of Asa," from "Peer Gynt," to soft music from Grieg's suite. The program concluded with a series of tableaux. Then followed dancing.

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# Rose City Park Is Like a Great Garden

Wholesome employment keeps the little folks contented, happy and safe—and there is no employment more delightful to them, nothing better for them, than getting acquainted with Nature and Nature's ways. Rose City Park is like a great garden, with its wealth of natural growth—almost every shade of green is now to be seen there, so luxuriant are trees and shrubbery.

Soon this great garden will be transformed into a veritable bower, as well, for the homes have come to Rose City Park, and with these will come the pride of Portland—the roses. The home garden, with its choice contributions of flowers and fresh vegetables,

is the pride and joy of the suburban home-maker, and furnishes healthful employment and diversion not only for little folks, but for older ones, who are glad to have quiet, peaceful exercise in the pure air and sunshine of Rose City Park. Those who do not care for gardening will find delight in velvet lawns and terraces.

Here, too, the children learn to know the trees and wild flowers; learn to love the mellow notes of the meadow lark and dozens of other warblers that yearly "home" in this quiet, inviting home spot.

There is hardly anything to be desired in the way of ideal home environment that Rose City Park does not offer to the homeseeker.



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