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Committee Representing Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Trades Council and Taxpayers' League Carefully Review Proposed City Laws and Advise Marking of Ballots.

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A digest of the various ordinances and amendments to the city charter to be submitted to the voters of the city on June 3 has been prepared for the information of the voters by a committee of citizens representing the chamber of commerce, the board of trade, the Federated Trades and the Taxpayers' league. The digest was prepared in order to overcome the defect in the charter, which makes no provision for the publication of amendments, and was arranged and printed for distribution. The membership of the committee doing the work is as follows:

Thomas N. Strong, general chairman; W. H. MacMaster, S. G. Gruber, Philip Buchner, representing the chamber of commerce; George W. Allen, T. S. Townsend, representing the board of trade; Harry Gurr, William Mackenzie, W. E. Fitzhugh, representing the Federated Trades and the Taxpayers' league; F. W. Mulker, Leo Friede, Isaac White, representing Taxpayers' league.

The report of the committee goes impartially into the different measures, outlines their provisions and their effect, should they be adopted, and suggests the vote which in its opinion should be cast upon each. It shows that the present bonded indebtedness of the city is about \$1,725,000, of which sum \$2,900,000 is of water bonds which carry themselves. The proposed bond issue, submitted at the coming election amount to about \$5,225,000, making a total, if all carry, of about \$8,087,500. The expense of this is to be borne by general taxation. The taxable property of the city will be approximately \$300,000,000. The proposed bond issue will be within safe limits.

A summary of the digest prepared by the committee is printed below. It gives the outline of the amendments and ordinances and the suggestion of the committee as to what attitude the people should take regarding each:

Water Pipe Line. Three million dollars worth of water to be authorized for building an additional pipe line from Bull Run, to purchase land for reservoirs, to install a water meter system and providing the manner of assessing property for water mains and payment therefor, by an amendment to section 27 of the city charter. This proposed amendment provides to "issue and dispose of bonds of the city of Portland to an amount not exceeding \$3,000,000 of the denominations of \$500 or \$1,000, payable 'at the expiration of 25 years,' interest 'at the rate of 4 per cent per annum payable semi-annually' to be sold to the highest responsible bidder," but bids may be rejected. The bonds and interest are to be paid from taxes to be assessed upon all real and personal property in the city of Portland not exempt from taxation. The city of Portland shall pay into the city treasury the sum of \$50,000 per annum in full compensation for all water consumed by or furnished to the city after the year 1907. After the taking effect of this act all water mains laid or constructed in the city of Portland shall be laid, constructed and maintained in the same manner as provided by Article VI of chapter VI of the charter, excepting that proceedings for the construction and laying of water mains shall be commenced by the council only when first recommended by the water board and the duties devolving upon the executive board under section 293 of the charter will devolve upon the water board.

There are such serious defects in this proposed amendment that the committee reluctantly recommends that it should not be passed, but that a new bill for enlarging the water plant should be drafted and presented to the people. Fortunately there is ample time for this before the present water plant shall become insufficient.

These defects may be summarized as follows: 1. The bonds and interest are to be paid out of the general taxes, and not out of the earnings of the water plant. This will probably diminish the market value of the bonds, to the loss of the city. There should also be a distinction made between the main trunk lines, which perhaps might be fairly paid for out of the general tax fund, and other

parts of the system, which should be paid for out of the earnings of the system, or otherwise as might be just. 2. The city is to pay only \$50,000 for the water it uses. This is not a fair division between the city and the other water users. The city should pay the regular rates of large water users. 3. The taxing of adjoining property to pay for trunk mains of over six inches diameter supplying distant portions of the city would be very unjust, and might in many cases amount to the confiscation of small properties to meet the needs of large manufacturing and business centers that need large fire protection.

Parks. 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 a system of boulevards and parkways by an amendment to section 118 of the city charter. This act authorizes the city to issue bonds not exceeding \$1,000,000, Term 25 years, interest 4 per cent. The fund derived from the sale of these bonds shall be expended by the council when first recommended by the park board for the purposes above enumerated, and in either the direct purchase or in condemning land, etc. The right to assess land in any district for benefits conferred by boulevards is provided for.

Public Dock. Five hundred thousand dollars of dock bonds to be authorized for the purchase of land for docks and construction and improvement of public docks to be owned by the city of Portland, by an amendment to section 118 of the city charter. This act authorizes the council to issue and dispose of bonds to an amount not exceeding \$500,000, Term 30 years; interest 4 per cent, payable semi-annually. The fund derived to be expended by the council for the purchase of land and docks as recommended by the executive board, or in pursuance of condemnation proceedings, and in the construction and improvements of docks by the executive board. This board has also the control of such docks with right to fix charges and employ employees subject to civil service provisions of the charter. The committee advises voters to vote Yes.

Madison Street Bridge. Four hundred and fifty thousand dollars of bridge bonds to be authorized for constructing a new bridge over the Willamette river, from Madison street, on the west side, to Hawthorne avenue, on the east side, by an amendment to section 118 of the city charter. This act authorizes the council to issue and dispose of bonds of the city of Portland to an amount not exceeding \$450,000, Term, 35 years; interest, 4 per cent, payable half-yearly. The executive board is authorized to sell materials of old bridge and add returns from same to the fund. "The approaches to the new bridge shall conform to the grades of streets as now established on Hawthorne avenue and Madison street, on the west side of said river." The board is authorized to condemn all necessary property. The board is authorized to enter into new contracts with car companies for right to operate cars over the new bridge for a term not exceeding 25 years, rental to be paid 5 cents per car for all cars 35 feet or less in length, with additional charge for longer cars. "Said rental in no case to be less than \$15,000 per year," no exclusive rights to be given any company. After bridge is constructed it is to be turned over to county court for its control and management, as the other bridges now are. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

New Fire Boat. Two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars general bonds of the city, to be authorized for providing an additional fire boat, and to lay water mains for a distance of six blocks on both sides of the Willamette river for fire protection, by an amendment to section 118 of the charter. The bonds to be issued to be for 25 years; interest 4 per cent, payable half-yearly. New fire boat to be built and fire mains laid by the executive board. This act provides fire protection to a very large part of the city entirely independent of the present water system. The protection given by the new fire boat and mains will naturally extend to every part of the city, as the present fire apparatus would then be more free to look after the more distant parts of the city. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

District Assessment. Amendment to section 275 of the city charter, providing for the improvement of streets by districts. This act amends section 275 of the present city charter by taking out from it the words, "The improvement of each

street or part thereof shall be made under a separate proceeding." This is a proper and necessary amendment. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

Remonstrance. Amendment to section 377 of the city charter, providing for a remonstrance of four fifths of the property affected by a street improvement to defeat the improvement. This amendment makes it necessary for four fifths of the property owners to remonstrate against the improvement of a street to stop it, instead of two thirds as it is at present. It also requires the authority of agents signing such remonstrance for their principals to have such authority in writing, and to file it with the city auditor within the time provided for filing remonstrance. This is a necessary correction of the present charter, and voters are advised to vote Yes.

Sales Property. Amendment to section 412 of the city charter, requiring property sold by city treasurer for local assessments to be sold for a sum equal to but not exceeding the unpaid assessment, interest and costs. This is a necessary correction of the city charter, enabling sales to be made for the least amount of penalty and interest necessary to pay assessment. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

Pay City Engineer. Amendment to section 305 of the city charter, increasing the salary of city engineer from \$2,400 per annum to \$3,600 per annum, and fixing salaries of deputies at not more than \$2,400 per annum. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

Pay City Attorney. Amendment to section 340 of the city charter, increasing the salary of the city attorney from \$2,400 per annum to \$3,600 per annum. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

Pay City Treasurer. Amendment to section 288 of the city charter, increasing the salary of the city treasurer from \$2,400 per annum to \$3,000 per annum. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

Pay Municipal Judge. Amendment to section 330 of the city charter, increasing the salary of municipal judge from \$1,800 per annum to \$2,400 per annum. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

Pay Councilman. Amendment to section 44 of the city charter, increasing salary of members of the city council to \$100 per month. This amendment fixes the pay of councilmen at \$100 per month, and only requires regular attendance or leave of absence. It amounts practically to a flat salary. It is not intended, in fixing the compensation of councilmen, to give them a regular official salary, and the proposed pay of \$100 would not attract any higher grade of men to that office than would the present pay. Voters are advised to vote No.

Police Sergeants. Amendment to sections 180 and 182 of the city charter, creating the office of sergeant of police, and fixing the bond therefor. This amendment properly supplies an omission of the original charter, and therefore voters are advised to vote Yes.

Free Employment Agency. Amendment to Article IV, Chapter 2, of the city charter by delegating power to the council to establish a free employment bureau. This only gives power to the council to establish a free employment bureau, leaving the council the final decision. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

Annexation to City. Amendment to section 12 of the city charter by the annexation of additional territory in sections 20 and 30, township 1 north, range 2 east, W. M. This amendment includes within the city Belle Crest and Rossmere, lying near Montavilla. Voters are advised to vote Yes.

An act to create a board of engineer examiners, and fixing their compensation and to provide qualifications of and for licensing of steam engineers. This act looks very much like a scheme to provide certain peculiarly qualified engineers with a comfortable position at the expense of builders and owners of the engines of stationary engines of the city, over whom this board would have almost absolute power. The common council, under subdivision 25 of section 23, of the charter has no power to regulate such engineers at any time and there is no reason whatever for such an act as this, and it is a misuse of the initiative to attempt to so pass it. Voters are advised to vote No.

Electrical Wiring. An act regulating the installation, operation and maintenance of electrical wiring by telegraph, telephone and other companies, corporations or individuals, inside and outside of buildings and structures, and for the appointment of an electrical inspector with a salary of \$50 per month, and deputies with salaries of \$10 per month. This act will provide comfortable places for an inspector and an unlimited number of deputies, for it would require a very large number. It also contains the suggestion that this power so liberally granted to an apparently unpaid inspector (for the pay, considering the responsibility and technical skill required, is ridiculously low) might be very much more profitable than appears on the surface. The proposed act is useless for any good purpose, for so far as outside electrical work is concerned, city ordinance No. 16,092, now in force, fully covers the ground, and all inside electrical work is now carefully inspected by the national board of fire underwriters, who have a direct pecuniary interest in careful inspection, and who are very careful and stringent in their examinations and requirements. Ordinance No. 16,092 now in force provides that crossarms carrying wires conducting heavily electrified wires shall have the word "Danger" painted on them, and this is abundant warning to linemen and to the general public. The proposed act would delay work, would be a heavy burden on the builder and owner, and is an unnecessary tax on the public. Voters advised to vote No.

Gas Franchise. An act granting to the Economy Gas company, its successors and assigns, a franchise for 25 years to construct, maintain and operate a plant or plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas. This is a franchise to the Economy Gas company, apparently for 25 years, but as the provisions of the act show practically for an indefinite time. The construction "shall begin within six months from the acceptance of the franchise, unless delayed by judicial action." The plant, "when wholly finished and completed," to cost approximately \$1,500,000, and \$5,000 per annum to be spent on its maintenance. Charge for gas shall not be more than 3 cents per thousand cubic feet. One per cent of gross earnings to be paid to city, but in case of failure to pay no forfeiture is worked. The plant does not become the property of the city at the end of the term, but the city has only the right to purchase "at a fair valuation." If not purchased, the Economy Gas company "shall have the first and preferential right to take and receive" new franchise. This franchise is a willful misuse of the initiative to compass selfish ends, and if adopted will go far to discredit the initiative in the eyes of all lovers of good city government. The proposed franchise is so framed that it asks much and gives little. It also puts effectual obstacles in the way of the city ever owning or even in any effectual way controlling the gas plants that supply its people. The provision for maintenance, \$5,000 per year, is absurd. The paper bond of \$5,000 is ridiculously small, while the provisions for delay, strikes, inclement weather, litigation, injunction, judicial interference, etc., could be used to extend the period of this franchise indefinitely. There are many clauses of this proposed franchise that conflict

with the letter and spirit of the charter. There is hardly anywhere to be found a better example of corporate skill and greed in dealing with a city than this attempt to misuse the initiative for the purposes indicated. Voters are advised to vote No.

Retail Liquor License. An act increasing the license fees of retail liquor dealers to \$500 per annum and prohibiting new saloon licenses from being issued until the number of licenses shall be less than one for every 500 population of the city of Portland, and thereafter limiting the number of saloon licenses to one for every 500 population of said city. It is difficult to see the purpose of this act, as there is already an ordinance of the city in force practically to the same effect, and the only purpose suggested seems to be the using of the hands of the council, a most unworthy use of the initiative. Voters are advised to vote No.

Wholesale Liquor License. An act prescribing the license fees to be paid by wholesale liquor dealers, wholesale liquor dealers who are rectifiers, grocers, restaurants and druggists. As this matter is under the control of the council and has been already provided for, subject to such future changes as may be necessary or expedient, this committee does not consider it a matter of such importance as justifies action by the people as a whole. The right to raise license even above these figures should remain with the council. Voters advised to vote No.

COMING CIRCUS RESULT OF 20 YEARS' EFFORT

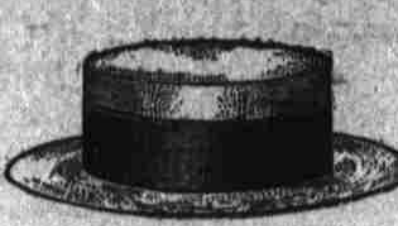
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		Mutton Steaks, per pound	6¢