

# NEED CHANGE IN CHARTER

### City Engineer Taylor Points Out Urgent Necessity of Placing Portland on Footing With Other Modern, Up-to-Date Cities.

City Engineer Taylor stated today that a revision of the city charter is the greatest need of the city at the present time and that only a complete change from the narrow methods in force will make Portland develop into a city which her resources of population and wealth warrant. The development of park systems, boulevards and other civic improvements cannot be accomplished at present because of the charter, said Taylor this morning, despite the growing demand for such improvements.

City Engineer Taylor favors the enlargement of the city's rights to establish improvements and said that the high cost is almost entirely due to the methods which govern street and other improvements. In speaking on the subject he said:

**Delay is Hopeless.**  
"There is no doubt in my mind that the present prices charged by contractors are due to the delay which is possible under our present system of establishing improvements. When a contractor takes a contract for a street improvement he does not know whether he is going to get his money in a few months or in four or five years. According to the system we have at present it is possible for the smallest property owner on the street to hold up the payment for years. Because of this fact the contractors are forced to add a percentage to what would be a fair price were they sure they would get their money in a reasonable time. It is an unfair to blame the contractors for the extra charges as it would be for a man to go to a bank and ask for a loan without paying interest. It is simply a business proposition and

the people are held up because of the charter provisions regulating improvement work.

**Favors Assessment Plan.**  
"The district assessment plan is a good one and is the only way in which large work can be done. Seattle has a good system along this line, and I understand that the work proceeds to an end with very little legal trouble. In Portland we have nothing but law suits which hold up our work and for that reason alone changes are desired. If City Attorney Kavanaugh goes to Seattle for instance the right of eminent domain for securing park sites. That is something we need greatly. We often have cases where we would like to condemn small pieces of land for parking purposes but are unable to do it because we have not the right. By giving the city the right of eminent domain and establishing a method of providing funds Portland could soon have a splendid park and boulevard system. To attempt such a thing at the present time simply means to forecast a large number of law suits that would drag interminably.

"Take further in regard to the charter provisions. In my opinion the city is limited in securing assistants. The charter provides that they shall not be paid more than \$1,500 a year. To have the salary seems ridiculously low. Despite that fact the present force has been able to handle successfully all problems that have been presented by the council and board.

"If we are to have a large city with improvements in keeping we must have more liberal privileges to carry on the necessary work. The sooner the present charter is revised the better it will be for the city. Do not understand me, however, as wanting to hasten the work at the sacrifice of the city's interests, but I do want to say that the work should be taken up and accomplished as carefully and speedily as possible."

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# PEOPLE AS LAWMAKERS

### How They Voted on the Constitutional Amendments and on Measures Referred and Initiated — Official Figures.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., June 19.—The official tabulation of returns made by the state election authorities produces the yes and nay figures on the various measures submitted at the recent election, as follows:

**Amendments to Constitution.**  
For an amendment of section 28 (evidently intended to be section 29) of article IV of the constitution, changing the compensation of members of the legislature to \$400 for each regular session and \$10 per day for each extra session. (Section 28 provides the time when laws take effect, and the proposed amendment is, therefore, wrongly numbered.) Yes, 19,864; No, 68,892.

For an amendment of section 3 of article XIV of the constitution, to permit the location of state institutions elsewhere than at the seat of government by act of the legislature and vote of the people. Yes, 41,976; No, 40,868.

An amendment to article VII of the constitution by increasing the number of judges of the supreme court from three to five, until otherwise provided by law, and authorizing the legislative assembly to provide by appropriate legislation for the exercise by the circuit courts of the probate jurisdiction theretofore exercised by the county courts, and for the transaction of county business by and before some appropriate body or tribunal. Yes, 30,348; No, 50,591.

For amendment of section 14 of article II of the constitution, changing the time of holding the regular general biennial elections from the first Monday in June to the first Tuesday after the

first Monday in November. Yes, 65,778; No, 16,590.

**Measures by Popular Petition.**  
Providing that in all counties the sheriff shall have the custody of prisoners committed to or confined in the county jail, and such prisoners shall be worked at such places and for such time and in such manner as the county court may direct, and that in counties of over 100,000 inhabitants, the salaries of guards and jailors shall not exceed \$90 per month and the price of meals furnished prisoners shall be 12 1/2c each. Yes, 60,448; No, 39,892.

For an act requiring railroads and other common carriers to grant free transportation to state officers and county judges and sheriffs, as a condition precedent to acquiring land for corporate purposes by the exercise of eminent domain, and to prohibit the payment of mileage for such free transportation. Yes, 28,866; No, 59,406.

An act to appropriate \$2,000 annually for four years, to be used in purchasing grounds and building armories for the use of the Oregon national guard, the money to be expended under the supervision of the state military board at any time during the four years, the board not being required to use each appropriation the year it is appropriated. The Oregon national guard is required to pay to the state treasury such rental, for the use of said armories, as may be fixed by the state military board. Yes, 23,807; No, 54,848.

An act to amend section 3519 of Ballinger & Cotton's annotated codes and statutes of Oregon by increasing the annual appropriation for the support and maintenance of the University of Oregon. Yes, 44,115; No, 40,656.

**By Initiative Petition.**  
For equal suffrage constitutional amendment, permitting women to vote on equal terms with men. Yes, 16,855; No, 53,670.

For an act prohibiting fishing for salmon or sturgeon on Sunday from January 1 to October 1, also the Columbia river only from October 1 to December 31, also in the navigable channels of Columbia river 43 miles also at any time in Sandy river and in Columbia river west of west line of range 7 west, near Astoria, and east of west line of range 18 east, near Clifton, and limiting seines anywhere in the state to 180 fathoms long and four and one sixth fathoms deep, and providing penalties. Yes, 46,632; No, 40,720.

For constitutional amendment, giving additional and exclusive power to cities and towns, within their corporate limits, to license, regulate, control, and tax, or to suppress or prohibit theaters, race tracks, pool rooms, bowling alleys, billiard halls and the sale of liquors, subject to the provisions of the local law of the state of Oregon. Yes, 29,442; No, 52,446.

For constitutional amendment providing that all dwelling houses, barns, sheds, outhouses and all other appurtenances thereto, all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes and appurtenances thereto; all fences, farm machinery and appliances used as such; all fruit trees, vines, shrubs and all other improvements on farms; all livestock, all household furniture in use, and all tools owned by workmen and in use, shall be exempt from taxation in addition to exemptions now authorized by the constitution. Yes, 32,068; No, 60,871.

For an amendment to article II of the constitution, giving the voters power to call a special election at any time to discharge any public officer and elect his successor. Yes, 58,881; No, 36,002.

A bill for a law instructing members of the legislature to vote for and elect the candidates for United States senator who receive the highest number of votes at the general election. Yes, 68,668; No, 21,152.

For constitutional amendment giving the people power to make laws for election of public officers by majority vote instead of plurality; to provide that political parties and voters organizations shall be proportionately represented in all offices filled by election of two or more persons, and that a voter shall vote for only one person for any office, and may indicate his second, third, etc. choice, and to provide for a simple method of precinct residence and registration. Yes, 48,368; No, 34,128.

A bill for an act to limit the amount of money candidates and other persons may contribute to spend in election campaigns; declaring what shall constitute corrupting use of money and undue influence in elections and punishing the same; prohibiting attempts on election day to persuade any voter to vote for or against any candidate or candidates or any measure submitted to the people; to protect the purity of the ballot; furnishing information to voters concerning candidates and parties, partly at public expense, and providing for the manner of conducting election contests. Yes, 54,042; No, 31,361.

For an act prohibiting, after August 25, 1908, fishing for salmon or sturgeon at any time, by any means, except hook and line, in the Sandy river or any of its tributaries, or in the Columbia river, or any of its tributaries, at any place up stream from its confluence with the Sandy river, or with hook and line during the spawning season. Yes, 56,130; No, 30,580.

For constitutional amendment providing for the choosing of jurors and grand jurors and that no person can be charged in the circuit court with the commission of a crime or a misdemeanor except upon indictment found by a grand jury except when a court upon an indictment may file an amended indictment. Yes, 54,421; No, 24,421.

A bill for an act to create the county of Hood River out of the western portion of Wasco county; providing for its organization and fixing the salaries of the officers thereof. Yes, 43,948; No, 26,778.

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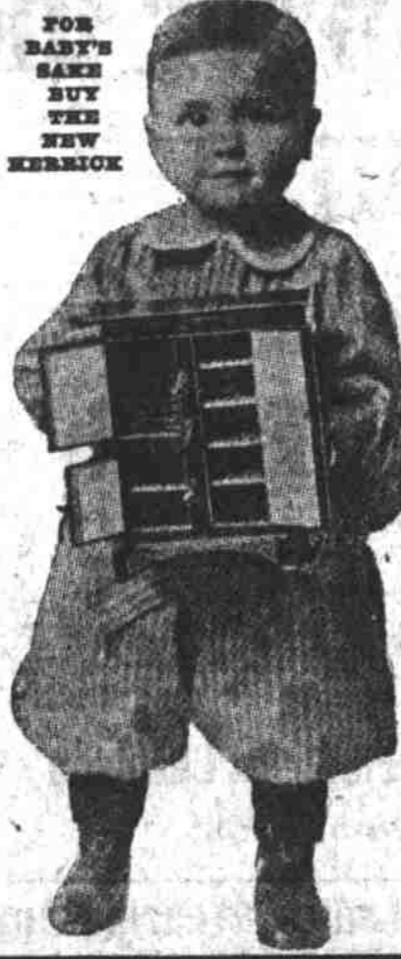
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Corvallis, Or., June 19.—Two little boys, one little rifle, several little cherry birds in a tree, and a physician called in haste to save a life, is the brief story of a shooting affair in northern Benton. The lads were Willie and Dannie Denny, residing with their widowed mother near Mountain View, five miles north of Corvallis. While the lads were shooting birds out of the cherry trees Wednesday evening the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering Dannie's jaw, passing through the jaw bone, knocking out several teeth, piercing the root of the tongue and burning the lad's eyes as it made its exit through his open mouth. A Corvallis physician reached the scene in time to stop the profuse hemorrhage that resulted, and it is thought the patient will recover.

The boy's father committed suicide about a year ago by hanging himself in his barn.

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