

VOTERS SCORN PETITION OF FULTON

People Indignantly Refuse to Sign Anti-Statement No. 1 Paper—Lone Solicitor Invited to Leave Many Offices and Tires of Job.

Anti-Statement No. 1 petitions, formulated by the advisers of the Fulton opposition, promulgated by the Sellwood and the Union Republican clubs and taken up by "those gentlemen who have been entrusted with the campaign," are having a wearing time of it in their journey. They have traveled far, found few signatures and the names that have become attached to them are not, generally speaking, of the sort that would influence legislators, or any one else, to violate a pledge or break a promise.

For some time there has been a great deal of speculation as to what had become of the petitions which, it was widely heralded, would sweep over the state and gather up a large majority of the people's signatures commensurate of the plan to break down the State-ment No. 1 majority and advising members of the assembly to violate their pledges given to the people last April and ratified at the general election in June. When the petitions were started it was prophesied by the starters that the great demand of the people had called them forth and that it would be but a few days until they would be returned laden down with signatures.

Few Signatures Obtained.

The petitions went out, and apparently vanished. Nothing was heard of them for some time and then it was announced that the petitions had not been abandoned, but work on them had been suspended. This work would be taken up later in an organized manner, it was promised, and quick dispatch would be made of the whole business.

The fact of the matter is that the people of the state will not sign the petitions. Outside of a few old line politicians, and those beholden to them for favors past, voters do not want to go on record as advising any man to break his word of honor, solemnly and voluntarily given. Only those who are like Secretary Max Cohen of the Union club and Jimmy Kertchen, his running mate, that they are "party men," have shown any enthusiasm in the matter, and as a result the petitions are having slow sledding wherever they have appeared.

Up in Marion county the cause has been recognized as hopeless. Senator J. N. Smith, the Fulton manager for that iron bound copper riveted partisan county, is reported to be complaining that "the people do not show any enthusiasm." In other parts of the state the same condition prevails.

Here in Portland, Frank Middleton, who needs no introduction, politically speaking, is about the sole survivor of the petition circulating class. He is not having an easy time. In fact, his experience to date is making him cautious about picking out the men to whom he offers his petition for signature. He has grown cautious because he has been invited to leave offices and business houses by irate professional and business men, has been lectured and in some instances has been compelled to listen to epithets not at all complimentary to him, his petition and his cause. From the lips of men who considered it not at all a nice thing to be asked to join in an effort to induce perjury and fraud, Frank is somewhat disheartened. So are the men who are back of him and who are discouraged because the wild fire spread of their handwork did not come up to expectations.

The petition business is a failure. The sort of men wanted on those petitions cannot be had. A few of the old ring men are willing to boost the game, but even the higher-ups in that class, those who have professed more or less earnest repentance in the recent past, do not

The Journal Chimes Ring Out the Hours in Sweetest Tones



Journal Chimes Just Installed at Fifth and Yamhill Streets.

The Journal's new Westminster chimes suspended from the corner of its building at Fifth and Yamhill, are shown in the accompanying cut. This novel and intricate piece of mechanism was manufactured by the McClintock-Loomis company of Minneapolis and was installed by W. E. Hushaw, an expert in such work, who is going to a number of other Pacific coast cities where chimes are to be put up. The chimes are operated by an electric clock in the basement of The Journal building.

Under the contract which The Journal has with the McClintock-Loomis company, no other chimes manufactured by this concern can be installed in Portland, the policy of the manufacturers being to sell but one in each city.

San Francisco, Los Angeles and Oakland each have one of these sweet toned chimes, while the fortunate cities in Washington are Seattle, Spokane and Everett. These, together with the one just put up for The Journal make but seven on the entire Pacific coast.

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SUES ELECTRIC ROAD FOR NIGHT IN SHED

That she was made to get off an Oregon Electric car by an officious conductor and then had to walk two miles in the dark, finally spending the night in an old shed, is the charge contained in a complaint filed in the circuit court by Mary E. O'Brien. The only reason for this treatment, she says, is that she was, last September, a hoppicker. She says she boarded the car at Chemska the night of September 17, and that when she tendered her check the conductor in a loud tone of voice announced that he would not carry a hoppicker. Although the fare was then tendered

want to go on paper. They contend that they can have more influence by working quietly and personally than by getting onto any petition. The anti-pledge petition business is on the bum.

TAKE UP FRANCHISE CHARTER SECTION

The charter commission will meet tonight in special session to consider the public utilities and franchises section of the new charter. The importance of the subject makes it desirable that a full attendance be present and Chairman McClain hopes that no member of the commission will be absent.

In cash, it is alleged, the conductor forced her to leave the car, again declaring in a loud voice, so that all the so passengers could hear, that he would not carry any hoppickers. She then walked back to Chemska, two miles away, and spent the night in an old shed. For the fright, exposure and humiliation she suffered she asks damages of \$5000.

FIFTH STREET BUYERS' NAMES ANNOUNCED

Final papers in the transfer of the lot on Fifth street between Pine and Ankeny, which was sold two weeks ago by Russell & Blyth to a syndicate of wealthy lumbermen were signed today and the deal closed.

The property was purchased by Jacob H. Cook, F. E. Wheeler and the Dant-Russell company, all of whom are large holders of timber lands in the northwest, for \$75,000. It was purchased five years ago by Russell & Blyth for \$15,000.

The lot is across Fifth street from the Crawford building, under construction, and is opposite the Neustadter building on Ankeny street. It is reported that the purchasers are having plans prepared for a handsome office building of eight stories, which will be erected on the site.

The first free-for-all race for airships, irrespective of class or method of propulsion or elevation, will be held over a five-mile course at New York on the afternoon of election day.

RECOMMENDS GRILL LICENSES

Liquor License Committee Also Rescinds Resolution Revoking Licenses.

Recommendation that the applications of seven restaurants, including the leading grills of the city, for a renewal of their liquor licenses be granted, was the result of a special meeting of the liquor license committee of the council with City Attorney Kavanaugh yesterday afternoon. The committee voted as well to rescind its resolution that all saloons moved that all the licenses now held by restaurants be revoked. His motion was defeated. The action of the committee may not have much effect on the council as a whole which at the last council meeting had a majority of votes against

the granting of the licenses asked for. Councilman Rushlight takes the stand he does because he thinks every restaurant in the city, no matter how small, should be allowed the same privileges as the large grills and dining rooms. Rushlight is supported by those councilmen who fought the Cellars ordinance.

Paul Weesinger, representing the Weinhard brewery interests, was given the privilege of the floor to tell why he thinks the council should grant the restaurant licenses. "There is one point," he said, "on which nobody has yet touched. That is the convenience of the public. Sale of liquor in grills is a necessary evil. Why do we do it? Simply because the public demands drink with its meals."

"I think the city of Portland has a singular distinction in respect to the grills would make it necessary for a woman to swallow a hot meal in order to cool her throat on a hot day by sipping a little claret."

"The brewers are not posing as reformers, but we think that the most important question with regard to liquor selling saloons and restaurants is not what people eat or drink, but how the places are conducted. We are opposed to dives and we will do all we can to make the saloons clean, but we do think that the council should give us all a square deal."

Get a free box of candy by paying for a want ad for next Sunday's Journal.

CONTRACTORS TOLD TO HURRY

The street committee of the city executive board held the customary tedious session yesterday afternoon. Of the usual list of petitions for extensions of time only a comparatively few were granted. It is apparently the determination of the committee to discourage any inclination on the part of contractors to be slow with their work.

Several fines were levied for failure to complete streets within the time limit. C. E. Potage gave as his reason for being behind time on a contract that the city engineer's assistant had caught him putting in poor rock and had made him get the kind demanded in the specifications. Potage said that the same kind of rock was accepted by another inspector in a different part of the city. Isaac Swett looked interested at this statement but he did not remark upon it. If the statement made by Potage is correct the inference is that one of the two inspectors is incompetent or discriminatory or that the other passed material that was not up to specifications.



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