

WILL ADVERTISE CITY OF SEATTLE

For the purpose of raising funds to advertise Portland at the A-Y-P exposition, Seattle, on Traveling Men's day, June 12, a vaudeville entertainment will be held by local travelers at the Exposition building Wednesday, June 9. It is also planned to have traveling men participate in the Rose Festival festivities on that date.

Tickets for the vaudeville performance, which drummers assure the public will be one of the most entertaining of its kind ever pulled off in Portland, are now being sold for \$1. On the program are boxing and fast wrestling events, high class musical numbers and unique vaudeville acts. Actors, Seattle and Portland athletic clubs will have representatives in the athletic events.

C. V. Whitmore is chairman of the committee in charge of the performance. Fred Tonsing, Clyde Evans, Nyo Kern and Tom Word are members. Each has tickets for sale.

Local members of the traveling fraternity are planning a big excursion to the fair on May 13. The local crowd will probably take a special train and a band may accompany them. The railroads have given a round trip rate of \$14.50, including sleepers Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The excursionists plan to leave Portland Friday night and return Monday morning. All desirable tickets for the excursion should be arranged with H. C. McAllister, 417 Oregonian building.

Saturday night the United Commercial Travelers of Portland will hold a big meeting to consider plans for participation in the Rose Festival fests.

ACCEPTS OFFER OF PLACE ON BALLOT

Portland, Or., May 27.—Messrs. George B. Van Waters, Andrew C. Smith, Horace Ramey, S. M. Mears, J. N. Teal, Charles K. Henry and other taxpayers of school district No. 1, Multnomah county, Oregon, Gentlemen—Your request that I become a candidate for school director at the next election is accepted and if elected I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office.

Thanking you for the honor implied in your request, I am, yours truly,
R. R. SAHIN.

New Notaries.

(By Men's Lensed Salem Wire.)
Salem, Or., May 23.—Notarial commissions have been issued to Edward T. Hathaway, Dryden, Murray Barrett, Holley, Jesse G. Wells, Eugene, Richard Sosselman, Vernonia, and W. S. Slough, Klamath Falls.

Germany has become the greatest producer of cocoa butter in the world, turning out about 7600 tons a year.

THE CARE OF THE TEA KETTLE.

Some people think that because the tea-kettle never contains anything but clean water it need seldom be washed.

Every housewife who lives where water is hard, however, knows how the lime and other "scale" form a coating on the inside. This may be largely prevented, and the outside of the tea-kettle kept free from "rust" and grease, by washing, inside and outside, each morning, with hot water and Gold Dust.

The hard lime and other scale are dissolved by the Gold Dust and the inside of kettle will be kept smooth much longer, if thus cared for. Be sure to rinse thoroughly with hot or warm water to remove all soapy water, then re-fill with cold water for heating.

MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE COMING CITY ELECTION

STREET IMPROVEMENT CHANGES PROPOSED

Important amendments to the law relating to the improvement of streets are contained in the new charter plan to be voted on by the people of Portland on June 7. These are worthy of careful study, and for this reason are presented to the reader apart from other subjects, with a brief comparison of changes proposed by amendments of the committee of seven.

The new charter plan provides that no contract for hard surface pavement shall be let without a guarantee on the part of the contractor to maintain the street in first repair for three years from the date of its acceptance. After that the city is to maintain the street.

Under the present charter the city must maintain the street from the first, but only for three-year maintenance. It is contended that if any radical defect in the street exists it will develop within three years, and the contractor can be obliged to make it good.

Restriction of the power of the patent paving monopolies is expected to be accomplished by an amendment to section 373. It is provided that plans awarded for hard surface pavement requiring the use of any article or process controlled wholly by one person or corporation without first advertising for bids for this patented article in competition with other articles or processes will answer the same general purpose.

It will be observed that this plan is less sweeping than the Kallisher anti-patent paving amendment, which would absolutely prohibit the council from awarding contracts for patent paving. The new charter plan would make it necessary to secure bids at the same time for other articles or processes, and it would then be the duty of the council to choose between the bidders, considering both the amount of the bid and the kind of material offered.

Different Kinds of Improvements.

An amendment along the same line requires the city engineer to prepare plans and specifications for "any one or more kinds of appropriate improvements and estimates of the work to be done." The present charter requires the engineer to prepare plans for "an appropriate improvement."

Another section of the new charter provides that the council shall not have authority to order a street improved at the sole expense of the property benefited where the cost will exceed 50 per cent of the assessed valuation of the abutting property unless a petition is filed by three-fourths of the property owners asking for it. In that event three-fourths of the property owners may specify how high they are willing to go, but will not be permitted to go beyond the total assessed valuation. It is further provided in the same section that if improvements are ordered on a street where hard surface pavement has once been laid, the entire cost shall fall on the street repair fund and not upon the property owners.

This is in the theory that street improvement expense should be borne by general taxation after the original improvement made.

The provision of the present charter, as amended in 1907, providing for a four-fifths remonstrance of property owners to stop an improvement project, is retained in the new charter without change.

The city is required to keep in repair any street improved with other than a hard surface pavement for the full term of years stated in the ordinance providing for improvement.

Important benefit is expected from a new section requiring that all service pipes for sewers, water and gas mains and conduits shall be laid to the curb of every lot, or at such intervals as the city engineer shall direct, before the street is paved with hard surface pavement. Property owners

may lay these pipes by private permit, but if they do not elect to do so, the city must lay them or cause the contractor to perform the work, adding the cost to the assessment. Much inconvenience and additional expense has been occasioned, particularly in new districts, by the frequent tearing up of streets to lay pipes and mains soon after the street is paved. Under this section is intended to remedy this condition.

Means Prompt Payment.

The new charter also cures a defect of the present charter relating to the collection of money on bonded assessments for street extension. Under the Hancock bonding act property owners may be compelled to pay for the improvements, but under the present charter there is no machinery to compel payment of installments as they fall due. Property owners taking advantage of the act are thus able to postpone payment until the expiration of the 10 year term, the city meantime being compelled to advance the money as the installments become due.

The new charter provides for the sale of property for unpaid installments, which are made to fall due semi-annually. If the owners refuse to collect to pay, the city may proceed to collect in 20 days thereafter in the same manner and with the same penalties as delinquent taxes or sewer assessments are collected, that is, by sale of the property to satisfy the lien.

An amendment to the same effect is offered to the voters by the committee of seven, which has proposed in all 19 amendments to the old charter to be voted on separately. Comparison of the amendment relating to the collection of bonded street assessments with the new charter plan shows that it provides for 10 annual installments instead of 20 semi annual payments and gives 90 days' grace to the delinquent instead of 30 days. Another difference is that the committee of seven amendment allows only 10 days for property owners to apply for payment under the bonding act after the assessment has been made, while the new charter allows 30 days.

Another distinction is that the committee of seven amendment also applies the bonding act specifically to the laying of sewer pipe. This appears to be an important difference on its face, but is not really so, as the new charter provides that section 378 of the present charter must be laid before a street is paved, and the cost is included in the assessment unless the work is done by permit. All of this work may then come under the bonding act. Another change in the new charter raises the interest that the city may draw on any delinquencies in local assessments from 7 per cent to 10 per cent. The same change is proposed in an amendment to section 407 of the present charter proposed by the committee of seven.

City to Own Surplus Earth.

Two other amendments relating to streets proposed by the committee of seven should be noted before closing the discussion of this subject.

One of these amends section 378 of the present charter by declaring that the city shall be deemed to have appropriated and acquired ownership of all earth above grade and within the lines of any streets that are being improved. Disputes over ownership of earth between contractors, property owners and the city have arisen frequently, and the object of this amendment is to establish the right of the city to sell or use this earth as it pleases.

The other amendment referred to is offered in section 421, and makes the acceptance by the city of street or sewer work conclusive evidence that the work was performed according to specifications. Contractors and all other holders of warrants are directed to look for payment to the fund ac-

cruing from the property benefited, unless the assessment is declared invalid or the city shall cease for a period of six months in its efforts to collect. Such warrants and special assessments are exempted from the statute of limitations, and it is provided that the payment of warrants by the city shall not affect the assessment liens.

The effect of this would be to make it the duty of the city to forever seek to collect warrants, and if it relaxed its diligence for six months it would become liable to the contractor, no difference how many years later it might be. The wisdom of this and of the provision that payment of warrants by the city shall not affect the validity of liens is seriously questioned by many who regard it as giving contractors and warrant holders an undue "clinch" on the city where the city is unable to collect.

The features above presented complete the discussion of the new charter plan, compared with amendments proposed by the committee of seven. The reader who has followed The Journal series of articles from last Monday has before him a full review of important changes proposed by the new charter, and also of all amendments proposed by the committee of seven.

PLAN PRESENT FOR QUEEN OF HOLLAND

At the suggestion of the Netherland colony at New York and with the cooperation of the Dutch legation at Washington, D. C., funds are being collected among the Hollanders in the United States for a present to her majesty the queen on the so particularly happy event of the birth of an heir to the throne.

Those who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity to show their loyalty and devotion to Queen Wilhelmina and to the house of Orange, may send their contributions to J. W. Matthes, vice consul of the Netherlands, 222 Falling building, Portland, Or.

An album containing the names of all subscribers will accompany the present.

Love Feast for Dr. Angell.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 23.—The love and esteem in which Dr. James B. Angell who has just retired from the active presidency of the University of Michigan, is held by the students of that institution will be given expression at a dinner arranged in his honor to be held in Waterman gymnasium tonight. It is to be entirely an undergraduate affair and very informal. The event of the evening will be the presentation to Dr. Angell of a handsome silver loving cup.

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