

CHANCE ELECTION DAY FOR PEOPLE TO CONTROL DOCKS

Measure Before Voters Nov. 8 Provides for \$2,500,000 Bond Issue to Build Public Wharves for Greater City.

The public docks issue will be submitted to the voters of Portland at a special city election November 8. The measure proposes the issuance of bonds up to \$2,500,000 to be used in acquiring and constructing public docks. Its chief purpose is to wrest control of the waterfront from the hands of the railroads and corporate interests, before the Panama canal shall have been completed and put into operation.

The measure is supported by all the commercial organizations and working men. The opposition has not come into the open and is difficult of definition. The people are urged to vote for public docks to insure the greatness of Greater Portland's commercial future.

The outstanding features of the public docks measure, as formulated by a joint committee from the Chamber of Commerce, the Taxpayers' League and the Federal Trades may be briefly listed for popular information.

Nature of the Measure.
A "Department of Public Docks" is created by enactment into law of the bill which the people vote upon November 8. It provides for the appointment of a commission of five members who shall be appointed by the mayor, the appointments to be made within 10 days after the adoption of the measure. The members of the commission serve without recompense and determine by lot, among themselves, the length of their terms, two, three, four, and five years, respectively.

This commission shall be active in procuring suitable sites for public docks, also the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the reconstruction of the harbor front of the city, making provision for the needs of commerce, the improvement and providing for the reconstruction of such docks, piers, slips, wharves, basins, cranes and dock apparatus as they may deem necessary for the convenient and economical accommodation and handling of water craft of all kinds and of goods and passengers; and they may modify such plan from time to time as the requirements of commerce and shipping and the advance of knowledge and information on the subject may suggest.

Commission's Power.
All the dock property and waterfront belonging to the city shall be administered by the commission. This includes repairs, building, rebuilding, operation and maintenance. But in addition, the commission is also vested with exclusive government and control of all wharf property, wharves, piers, bulkheads and structures thereon, and waters adjacent thereto and all the basins, slips and docks, with the land under water, which are not owned by the city as a corporation.

In other words, the commission will administer the docks of the city whether of public or private ownership and shall provide ultimately for the uniform docking system, the lack of which causes Portland's waterfront today to be inadequate and unsightly. Provision is also made that the public docks commission may use the street ends now unused except by certain private interests.

No Chance for Graft.
The only effective argument made by opponents of public docks is that there would be graft in their administration as there has been with other public institutions, including city governments and departments. The public docks measure expressly provides for the elimination of the graft which has been the bane of the commission since its organization. Their every deed must be made public.

Employees are subject to the city's civil service rules. Each year the commission must report its doings for that year, including an itemized account of its receipts and expenditures and of its estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year. The books may be audited at any time by order of the mayor or the city auditor.

Effect on Freight Rates.

With the carrying agencies today largely in control and ownership of certain interests whose chief purpose is to assess the largest tolls possible, Portland's commerce is largely at the mercy of these interests. It has been determined that public ownership of docks will constitute a perpetual invitation to all steamship lines to enter the Port of Portland. Commerce will be free and open. No boat will fall of a berth at the docks. Public docks will be constructed on both sides of the river. The railroads' bottling-up policy will be ended. Rates will be decreased, based upon actual cost of transportation.

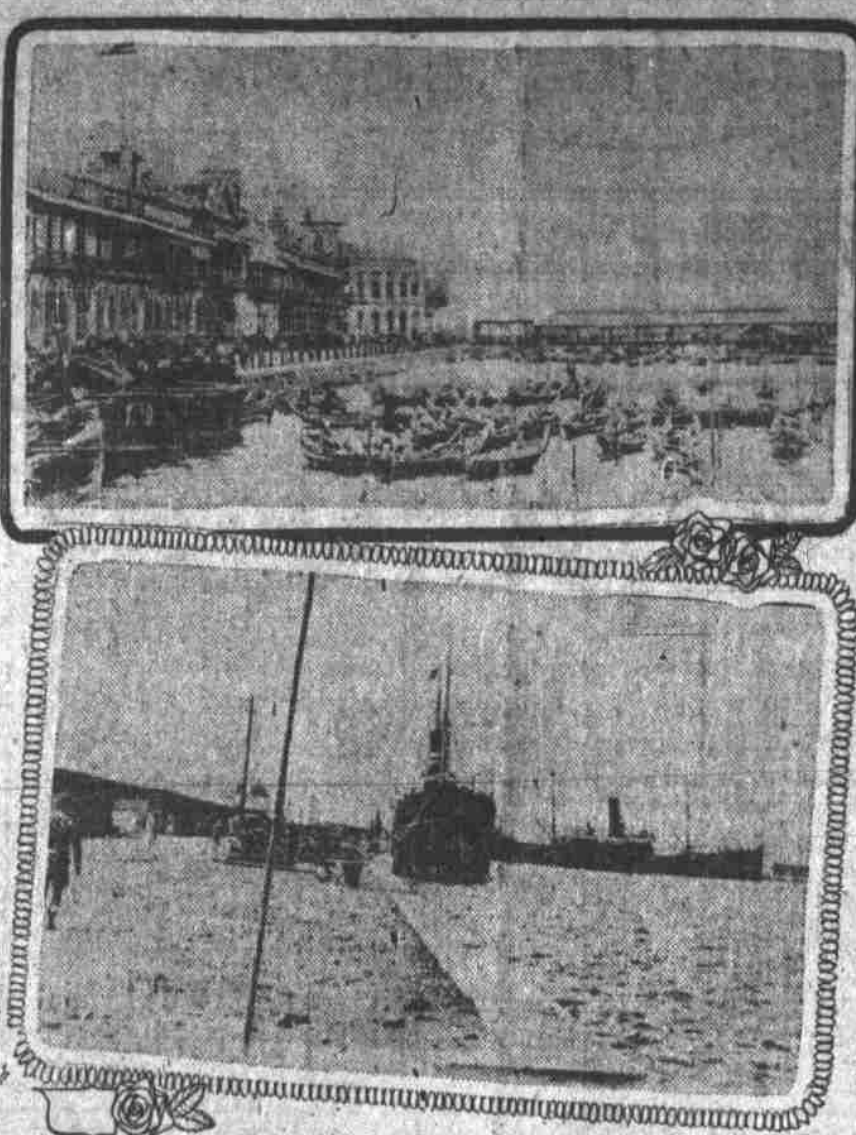
Business will be made greater. The railroads will lose their power to regulate freight rates. The rates themselves, consequently, will be lowered at least 10 per cent. This means a cheapened cost of living to the people of Portland since the "people pay the bills" with high rates, or reap the benefits under low rates.

CROP CONDITIONS ARE BETTER THAN YEAR AGO

Washington, October 22.—The department of agriculture reports that the month of September was favorable for crops in general, taking the United States as a whole, an improvement during the month of about 1.0 per cent being shown, whereas, there usually is an average decline in September of 0.8 per cent. Aggregate crop conditions in the United States on October 1, were about 1.8 per cent higher than on the corresponding date a year ago and 0.4 per cent lower than the average condition of October 1 of the past 10 years. The area under cultivation is 3.2 per cent more than last year.



GOOD DOCKS IN ORIENTAL PORTS



The Upper Picture Shows Johnston's Pier at Singapore and the Lower Shows Where Steamers Land at Tientsin.

GRILL LICENSES MAY BE REVOKED

At Least Certain Proprietors Must Show Why Action Shouldn't Be Taken.

Proprietors of the White Corner grill at Second and Taylor streets have been cited to appear Monday afternoon before the liquor license committee of the city council and show cause why their license should not be revoked. Councilman Collins asked the city auditor yesterday afternoon to notify the owners of this grill to appear. Violating the city ordinance, and violating the laws of decency are the two chief causes why this action was taken. Councilman Collins has waged a bitter war upon cafe proprietors who have disregarded laws. Recently he brought the proprietors of the Quille before the committee, which body recommended to the council that the cafe license be revoked. The liquor interests mustered sufficient strength in the council, however, to overthrow the action of the committee, and the license was retained. Information has been secured by members of the liquor license committee to the effect that the White Corner has been running in a very questionable manner the past few weeks. They have been caught, but this had no effect. The police have made several arrests from this place, and the proprietors were recently fined \$100 in the municipal court for violating the license. This fine was paid after a plea of guilty was entered. The charge was selling liquor without a license. Chief of Police Cox has been asked to have the proper officers before the liquor license committee, and it is expected also that Chief Cox will appear before the committee and ask that the license be revoked. He has frequently stated that upon conviction in the municipal court he would ask for the revocation of a license.

DEFENDANT GIVEN TIME TO GET LAWYER

Harry Simpson was arraigned before Circuit Judge Cleland yesterday afternoon to answer to a charge of larceny in a store. The judge gave Simpson until next Tuesday to secure an attorney and make his plea. He is accused of having entered N. M. Ungar's store and taken therefrom ermine skins to the value of more than \$300 October 12. J. E. McDonald, charged also with larceny in a store, pleaded guilty to the charge. He will be sentenced next Tuesday.

NEW TRACT TO BE PUT ON MARKET

The Cooperative Realty company has sold to a syndicate of local and eastern capitalists 28 acres in and adjoining Kenton. The tract is to be platted immediately and put on the market. Improvements will be made, including grading streets and constructing sidewalks. A wide boulevard will be built from the factory sites extending through the tract. A \$1500 building restriction will be incorporated in the deeds of transfer.

Amateur Comic Opera at Pendleton.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Oct. 22.—Under the auspices of the Ladies' Civic club, Martin C. Anderson will shortly present an amateur comic opera in this city. "H. M. S. Pinafore" one of the most popular of the Gilbert & Sullivan operas, has been selected, and most of the musical talent in the city has already been enlisted. The entertainment will be given for the benefit of the free public library and the rest room.

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CORPORATION TAX LAW MADE JOKE BY BIG BUSINESS

Wall Street Experts Compare Federal Income With Known Earnings and Say U. S. Has Been Defrauded Hugely.

(United Press Local Wire.)
New York, Oct. 22.—A nation-wide scandal may result from the manner in which the corporation tax law has worked out. With the official announcement by the treasury department at Washington that the total amount paid in as the result of the tax is only a trifle more than \$27,000,000, Wall street financiers are convinced that an extremely clever job in hiding profits has been carried out by somebody.

This federal tax is one per cent of the net yearly incomes of all corporations from all sources, over and above \$5000, exclusive of all amounts received as dividends on the stock of other corporations subject to the tax.

The two biggest concerns in the country, the Standard Oil company and the United States Steel corporation, have paid into the government more than \$2,000,000, or about one-thirtieth of the entire tax.

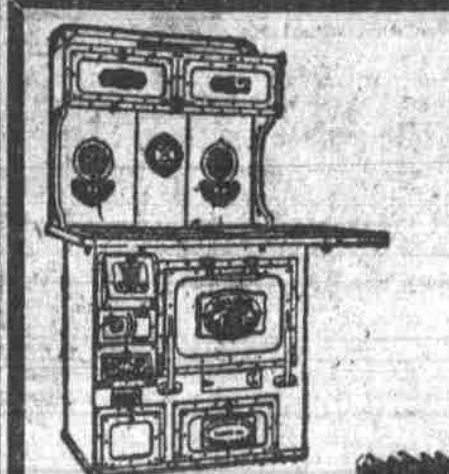
The big railroads alone should have paid in as much as the total tax requirements amounted to, in the opinion of financial experts, and there is wonderment as to why the receipts from this source should be so small. The general belief is that the "big fry" corporations have so formulated their earnings as to show an apparent deficit for tax purposes.

If the figures of the treasury department are correct, and those who were hit by the tax law met its requirements honestly, Wall street points out, then the total earnings of all the corporations in the United States for the year of 1909 were only \$2,700,000,000. This the financiers say is preposterous, inasmuch as many of the big companies have admitted a total earning of 7 per cent or better on their capitalization in their reports to their stockholders.

The prediction was made in financial circles today that as the result of the apparent evasion of the tax law, the law will be strengthened by congress in the near future so that the treasury department may readily detect those who fail to meet the requirements.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES AT LEBANON, OR.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Lebanon, Or., Oct. 22.—E. Green, a veteran of the Civil War and a resident of Lebanon since 1900, died at this city October 21 of valvular heart trouble. Mr. Green enlisted in the army at Northfield, Vt., in the First Regular Seventh Vermont volunteers May 9, 1861. He was appointed third sergeant of Company K, Seventh regiment of Infantry, October 1, 1862, and



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MODERN SYSTEM ON WASHINGTON ROAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., Oct. 22.—What experts say is the most modern system of safety appliances in America has just been installed on the Washington Water Power company's electric lines between Spokane and Cheney and Medical Lake, Wash., 37 miles. The features are the electric clock signals, the first on any street railway in the Northwest, and the automatic stop device, applied for the first time on any surface line. The system is designed to obviate the possibility of collision. The incoming and outgoing trains are dispatched by telephone. The system is operated

COLLIER HAS 708 VOTERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Colfax, Wash., Oct. 22.—The registration books show 708 registered voters in Colfax. This is the largest registration in the history of the town.

A Marvelous Sale Event Of Stylish Millinery at This Exclusive 5th St. Store

A sale that will claim the attention of every thrifty woman, presenting an opportunity to obtain a modish millinery creation at one third to one half the usual price. Every model offered in this announcement is strictly new and up to the minute in every style detail, while the amazingly low prices are away less than even our always small figures. Every Portlander should see these hats at the Millinery World.

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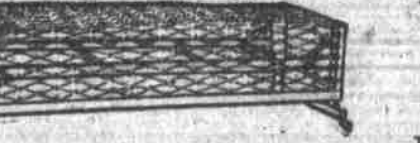
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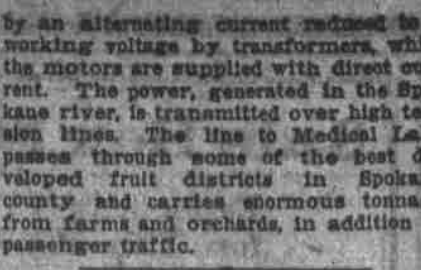
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