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ANOTHER LETTER FROM MAYOR J. B. STODDARD

In conformity with the proposition to take up and discuss questions pertaining to the public welfare, as published a few days ago, I deem it advisable to review our present charter and ordinances and advocate the adoption of a new charter under the initiative law passed at the election in June, this year, and to have the ordinances of the city revised and codified and together with the newly adopted charter, published in book form.

This question is taken up first because these laws are the basis of all the other matters relating to the city's business, and the securing of an efficient service, and capable administration of municipal affairs depends upon the powers granted, the kind of ordinances enacted, and the manner of selecting and handling, the officers and employees of the city.

The present charter was first enacted in the year 1885 and part of the ordinances have been handed down from the "Old Town" of La Grande and some of them are of such peculiar form and substance that they would make fair curiosities in a museum.

The charter of 1885 was amended in 1891 and again in the year 1905. These amendments instead of eliminating the objectionable features tend only to confuse and cause conflicting sections and phrases.

It cannot be expected that all the conflicting and objectionable parts may be pointed out but a few of them may, enough to prove my contention for the necessity of a new charter.

I have been legally advised not to monkey with the law because it is more dangerous than monkeying with a "buzz saw," that I am familiar with, but I have decided to take a chance at it with the people as the judges.

You are supposed to vote on this question when the time comes and it is very important that every voter takes it under advisement and renders a decision according to the law and the evidence.

In the amendment of 1891, when trying to patch matters up for that time and place in the manner of providing representation for the wards, the terms of councilmen, the time of election and of drawing lots for the long and the short term this section 6 winds up with the phrase, "and thereafter the council shall have but six members." We have eight now, no matter what the charter says.

In section 8 the majority to elect an officer is a majority of the whole council but in section 34 it is provided that if an election is deferred till the next regular meeting after its introduction a majority of a quorum is sufficient to elect.

In section 8 the officers of the city as defined includes the mayor and members of the council and it is stated that any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the whole council, while in section 31 it says that a councilman may be removed by a two third vote of the council no special provision is made for removal of mayor only as other officers on a majority vote.

In section 22 it is provided that an officer elected by the council must qualify the day after his election, while sec 27 says an officer must qualify within 5 days or he is deemed to have declined.

In section 35 the council is given power to levy an annual tax of 20 mills on the dollar and sec 150 limits the power of taxation to 15 mills. The county now has the power to levy a special tax against city property for road and street improvement within the city which conflicts with the power granted the council to levy a special road tax.

A wage of \$20.00 was made as to what the charter said regarding the term of office. The winner proved his contention by charter but the loser could not find the section to prove what he claimed but it is there.

Besides the direct conflicts in sections and paragraphs enumerated there are repetition of the same word, phrases and sentences and expressions of the same meaning in different words. There is section after section that are superfluous and many that are obsolete or outlawed by reasons of new systems of taxation in the state. Omissions are numerous and important matters have been left out entirely in the drafting of the charter and amendments.

The mayor's term of office is repeated in exactly the same words in section 7 and 8.

The right of the mayor to cast the deciding vote is stated in three places sections 8 and 32 and in rule 3. The term of all officers both elective and appointive could be stated in one connection in a single paragraph or section but in this charter of the city of La Grande the term of mayor is in section 7 and 8, those of councilmen in section 6, the term of the regularly elected officers in sec 22, appointing officers in 8 and 22. In sec 22 it states the term as ending when successors are elected qualified and in sec. 8 for one year unless removed by council.

The commencement of term is named in sections 22, 33, and 130.

The parts of charter outlawed or obsolete are subdivision 2 sec. 35 as the power given council in this subdivision is now exercised by county court, section 56 makes recorder assessor and section 57 makes marshal collector while section 61 makes treasurer tax collector for the city. Sections from 107 to 132 inclusive pertain to collection of taxes all of which duties have been turned over to county officials except taxes on abutting property for the improvement of streets.

Among the omissions in the charter that are important we find that there is no provision regarding contested elections other than mayor and council, that it does not state as to the residence of councilman except at the time of his election section 9.

There are no provisions for impeachment, compelling attendance of witnesses or administering oaths by the council, nor any system of checking accounts between Recorder and Treasurer. There is no limit fixed for the indebtedness of the city and the power of the council is too restricted in buying and selling real estate for the city, only section 88 appears between section 67 and 100.

CONFLICT OF CHARTER AND RULES

Sec. 28 charter says mayor must call special meetings, rule 3 says mayor or any four councilmen.

Charter says mayor protem has all the powers of the mayor except vetoing an ordinance, the rule says he votes only as a member of the council and not on a tie vote.

Rule 28 conflicts with charter, sec. 128 and 138 on the letting and signing of contracts and a councilman being interested in a contract, the expenses of which are to be paid out of the city treasury.

The ordinances conflict with the charter in many places too numerous to mention, one special instance is in contracting for street work. The charter provides for the mayor and recorder to sign contracts and the ordinance delegates to street committee not only the right to let and sign all contracts but the sole authority to advertise for bids and pass upon the same without referring to council.

There are all manners of conflicts as to the duties of the mayor and committees and of different officers of the city. It will take too long to go into details as a matter of proof but enough has been said to justify the proposition we started out with that the city needs a new charter and a revision and codification of ordinances.

Dillon's Municipal Corporations Vol. 1 Sec. 13 says as follows, as to the authority of the executive: "Experience with us has demonstrated the necessity of more power and responsibility in the executive head of our municipal institutions.

Too often omit the duties of the mayor or executive officer are only nominal, and to these he gives but little attention, a natural result of his want of importance and of his ability to control the administration of municipal affairs. If the officers were clothed with dignity, and real authority, if the mayor had sole right to appoint and unrestricted power to suspend or remove subordinate officials or heads of departments, then the citizens could justly demand of that he should be individually responsible for the proper conduct of the concerns of the municipality, and if grievances exist, they would to him apply for remedy, or upon whom to fix the blame."

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