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## MAY ADOPT NEW PLAN

Walla Walla is thinking seriously of adopting the commission method of government, as the charter which exists in that city is entirely inadequate to meet conditions. The commission form of government had its rise in Galveston, Texas, when that city was practically destroyed by a tidal wave, and the city realized that something must be done in the form of a new government that would enable them to rebuild their city, and at the same

time eliminate a heavy debt that would, under ordinary circumstances, take years to pay off. The government by commission was proposed and tried as an experiment, with the result that other cities throughout the United States have taken it up.

This form of government consists of a commission of either five or seven members. Each member of the commission is elected similar to a commission at large, the entire city voting on each man. This does away with wards, and the successful commissioner knows that he is the choice of all the people. These commissioners devote their entire attention to this work, meeting at least once a day, is then given a certain department of the city, and he is compelled to look after this department. He is responsible for everything that happens in that department, and if there are any

mistakes the people know just where to place the blame. A president, or mayor, is also elected, and this president acts as a sort of head to the whole city. The president is allowed a vote the same as the commissioners, but he is not allowed a veto power.

"It is readily seen that this form of government tends to have the city governed much the same as a large department store. When a commissioner knows that he is responsible to the people for a certain department of the city, he is pretty certain to do his best in making that department a success. These commissioners are all paid good salaries, and they do nothing but look after the welfare of the city."

### In Memoriam.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has called away our dearly loved sister, Mary Aldrich, who was a charter member of O. P. Morton Woman's Relief Corps No. 37, a National Special Aid, Oregon Department, and treasurer of our own corps for many years. In her death we have lost a true and devoted member, and to her grief-stricken daughters and sister, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and our earnest prayer goes up to "Him who doeth all things well," and whose gentle guiding hand we pray will always be with them, leading them safely through life's long journey. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, and the local papers be furnished a copy for publication.

ADA E. WALTERS,  
HENRIETTA TOMPSON,  
SUSAN E. BURNETTE,  
HENRIETTA THOMPSON,  
Committee.

### Going to Palestine.

Charles Kurdy of Walla Walla, a native of the city of Damascus, who has been a resident of the inland empire for the past 15 years, has gone to Palestine to pay a visit to the land of his birth. He was accompanied by his American wife and will be absent until about the first of the year. Kurdy formerly ran peddling wagons through the inland empire and is well known. He was born at Damascus and was educated at the Presbyterian college at Beirut, Syria, and will visit Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem, Mt. Lebanon and other places in Palestine before his return.

### CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Ore., May 6, 1908.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by W. Albert Burns, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 14954, made January 11, 1905, for the NE 1/4 NE 1/4, section 28, T. 2 S., R. 37, E. W. M., by Charles M. Perdue, contestee, in which it is alleged:

That said Charles M. Perdue has wholly abandoned the land described in said entry for more than six months last past and further, that he has never resided upon and improved and cultivated said land as required by law at any time or at all, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m., on June 16, 1908, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed May 4, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

F. C. BRAMWELL,  
J. T. WILLIAMSON, Register.  
Agent and Attorney for Contestant.

### CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 25th, 1905.

The United States of America, and Frances Harris, plaintiffs, vs. William H. Patten, defendant. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Frances Harris, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 19188, made May 18, 1901 (C. C. 8899), for the SE 1/4 Section 8, Township 3, N., Range 40, E. W. M., by William H. Patten, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said William H. Patten wholly failed to comply with the homestead law prior to proof; that he failed to maintain residence prior to proof, and has since wholly abandoned said entry, and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, and said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on June 3, 1908, before the register and receiver of the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed April 29th, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

F. C. BRAMWELL,  
R. H. LLOYD, Register.  
Attorney for Contestant.  
4-2-9-16-23-30

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