

RESOLUTION OF IMPORTANCE ADOPTED

COUNCILMEN DAVIS AND FINLEY, ALONE, VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION.

FOR COMMISSION FORM

Mayor to Appoint Committee of Eleven Voters and Tax Payers Within Ten Days—Amendment to Be Submitted to Vote of People at Special Election for Acceptance or Rejection.

By a vote of six to two the council last evening adopted a resolution to instruct the mayor to within ten days appoint a committee of eleven voters and tax payers of La Grande to draft an amendment to the city charter to provide for a change in the form of city government from its present form to that of the commission plan or any other plan which will have the tendency to centralize the responsibility and bring prosperity to the city.

After the reading of the resolution by the recorder the roll was called on its adoption. Six councilmen voted to adopt the resolution, Councilman Davis and Finley voting no.

The Resolution. Believing that the present form of city government, that is by councilmen elected by the voters from each ward and presided over by a mayor elected by the voters of the city at large, is both obsolete and inadequate for the proper conduct of the business affairs of the city, therefore be it resolved,

That the mayor within ten days from the adoption of this resolution appoint a committee consisting of 11 voters and tax payers of the city of La Grande, for the purpose of preparing an amendment to the present charter of the city.

The fundamental object of the amendment being to put the city under what is commonly known as the 'commission form of city government,' or some other plan which will have a tendency to centralize the work and responsibility of conducting the affairs of the city.

This committee so appointed, however, shall not be restricted in the work to this change alone, but shall have power to include any other changes they may deem expedient for the prosperity and welfare of the city.

Be it further resolved, That when this committee so appointed shall have completed the duty assigned to them, the mayor and common council take the steps necessary to properly put the proposed amendment before the legal voters of the city for their adoption or rejection of the same at a special election called for that purpose.

Dispute Over Cherries.

The case of Oglivie vs. Stackland in which Claude Oglivie seeks to recover the market value of some cherries picked by Carl Stackland from trees claimed by the plaintiff, has been in

COUNTY COURT RESTRAINED FROM RE-IMBURSING OFFICERS

Restraining orders were served this morning on the county clerk, county treasurer and county court by Sheriff Childers and on the court and Sheriff by County Coroner C. T. Bacon, restraining them from reimbursing County Treasurer Frawley and Sheriff Childers for the amounts lost by them through the failure of the Farmers and Traders bank at the instance of George Miller, plaintiff.

court all day. The settlement of a dispute over the boundary line between the land of the contentants is the principal point involved and on which rests the merits of the case.

Eight Hour Law in Action. Seattle, June 8.—Today all department stores in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and throughout the state opened at 9 o'clock instead of 8:30. It marked the start of the eight-hour day accomplished with the new law for women workers passed last legislature. Miss Blanche Mason, assistant state labor commissioner, says she believes the law may be enforced without any friction.

Cashier's Deficit \$25,000. Oylaton, Cal., June 8.—The shortage of Cashier J. Miller, who has disappeared, of the Sierra Contu bank, is believed to amount to \$25,000. President Nichols and other stockholders are in Reno. It is expected they will return to Oylaton Saturday and shoulder the loss and re-open the bank which is now closed.

LOGSDON SCORES PAVEMENT CO.

IRATE COUNCILMAN DECLARES FOUNDATION NOT RIGHT.

Committee of Property Owners to Investigate and Report Tonight.

Councilman Logsdon, near the close of the meeting of the city council, rose to his feet and extracted a dozen pieces of stone from his pockets, piled them on the table in front of him and then proceeded to score the Warren Construction company for, as he said, the faulty way in which that company is laying the pavement on Elm street.

Mr. Logsdon declared that a large per cent of the rock being laid for the foundation of Elm street is soft shale rock of improper size and otherwise unfit for street construction. "Don't let us have another Second street pipe line," cried the irate councilman. "Don't let us have any more bribing talk. It is a shame the way it is said that we are a bribed lot of men playing to the interests of the construction companies."

Mr. Sullivan, who has charge of the work of the Warren Construction company here, was present and declared that Mr. Logsdon is much mistaken in his opinion of the manner in which the pavement work is being done. He said that he would venture to make an affidavit that out of the 25,000 cubic yards of rock put on the streets of La Grande that all such rock as the samples displayed by the councilman could be hauled away in a wheelbarrow.

Mr. Logsdon replied to Mr. Sullivan with remarks more caustic than at first while were followed by the general applause of the citizens in the councilroom.

It was decided by the council that a committee consisting of as many property owners to be affected by the paving of Elm street as could do so should inspect the work as far as it has been completed and report to the council tonight at a special meeting called for the purpose of hearing the report of the investigators.

TOWNS TO RECONSTRUCT GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO

MADERO SAYS CHANGE IN SCHOOL SYSTEM MUST COME FIRST —DR. GOMEZ ASSIGNED.

DEATH LIST IS GROWING

Soldiers Are Engaged in Santa Maria Razing Tottering Ruins of Homes and Shops—Dead Being Found Under Debris—Municipal Authorities Burying Dead—Hospitals Full.

Mexico City, June 8.—Partial communication with southern districts has lately been restored. Reports say that hundreds were killed in Zempoala by the earthquake yesterday. There is great destruction in the cities of San Andrew and Tonila which are near Colima an extinct volcano. A minor quake felt this morning and relief trains are being rushed from Mexico City.

Mexico City, June 8.—There are 100 injured in the hospitals here today, as a result of the earthquake yesterday morning. It is believed that the death list will be increased as the ruins are cleared away as it is thought the falling walls and roofs buried many under them.

Soldiers Razing Buildings. The soldiers in Santa Maria district are today razing the tottering ruins of homes, shops and other buildings to prevent further loss of life by suddenly falling walls.

Madero at Work. While the city authorities were busily engaged in burying the dead and clearing the debris of yesterday's earthquake, Madero plunged into the work of making plans for a constructive government which he hopes to establish.

Schools Must Be First. In an exclusive interview Madero stated that the first thing which must be done is that of improving the public school system of Mexico. Dr. Gomez was assigned to the duty of reconstructing the public school system.

Will Not Campaign. Madero says that he will not campaign for the presidency of Mexico.

Among other policies announced by Madero he said foreign capital would always be welcome in Mexico. He also favors universal suffrage.

Revolution Cost \$300,000. The recent revolution is said to have cost Madero \$300,000. It is emphatically stated that not one single cent of American money was represented in this large amount.

Death Toll in South. The authorities are making every effort to reach the southern districts where it is reported the earthquake was the cause of a heavy death toll in the larger towns. No positive confirmation of this report is available as the wires all went down at the time of the quake.

The list of dead in Mexico City is probably 75.

MAGON SAYS NO PLOT.

Arrest of Four Men in El Paso Is Brought About by Madero. Los Angeles, June 8.—Ricardo Magon, head of the Mexican liberal junta here, emphatically denied today that there was any plot against Madero. He said the arrest of the four men at El Paso was probably brought about by Madero himself because Silva refused to recognize him as provisional president.

Farmers Return Tonight.

The special train bearing those who went to the picnic of the Farmers' union will return this evening. Without unlooked for delay the train will arrive here about 7 o'clock this evening. An extra coach will be put on both No. 5 and No. 18 this evening to take the farmers of Baker and Umatilla counties to their homes.

WILL NOT REPORT AMENDMENT TO BILL

TAFT AND OTHER BACKERS OF RECIPROcity OBJECT TO THE CHANGE.

WOULD BLOCK AGREEMENT

Root Amendment Provides That Pulp Paper and Print Paper Clauses Become Effective When all Canadian Provinces Agree to Free Exportation of These Products.

Washington, June 8.—The finance committee of the senate today agreed to report, Tuesday, the reciprocity agreement with Canada, without the recommendation of the Root amendment. This amendment is opposed by Taft and other backers of reciprocity.

Object to Paper Clause. The objectionable clauses in the Root amendment are those referring to pulp paper and print paper. It provides that pulp paper and print paper clauses in the reciprocity bill become effective when all Canadian provinces agree to the free exportation of these articles. The original agreement bill provides that reciprocity in this respect becomes effective with such provinces as are now permitting the free exportation of pulp paper and print paper.

Backers of reciprocity assert that the amendment would effectively block the agreement as far as these two products are concerned.

BAKER TO COME SATURDAY

EXHIBITION GAME WILL BE PLAYED AT BALL PARK

Local Bunch to Go to Baker For Three Games Next Week.

The Baker ball team has sent a request that they may come to La Grande and play an exhibition game of ball with the local team Saturday afternoon at the ball park. This game will not affect the percentage of either team but will be an excellent opportunity for the local fans to see a classy game of the national sport. Matthews La Grande's new twirler will pitch Saturday if all arrangements can be made for the game. Nothing is known of to prevent the game unless Jupiter Pluvius kicks up a rumpus.

The La Grande team is to go to Baker next week to play a series of three games with the Bakerites, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On those days a carnival company will be in full sway at Baker.

NO SECRET STEEL AGREEMENT.

W. L. Gary Believes Interchange of Ideas Thing Needed.

Washington, June 8.—W. L. Gary testified today that the United States steel corporation does 90 per cent of the American exportation business in iron and steel and that its factories turn out 50 per cent of the total output in these lines. Before he house investigating committee when discussing the international steel agreement, Gary said: "My idea is that an interchange of opinion might bring equilibrium to the world's trade. I don't want anyone to think we were going to have a secret agreement. There is no secret about it." He denied there was any agreement regarding steel falls.

Taft Reviews Children. New York, June 8.—Between 75-

000 and 80,000 children were reviewed today by President Taft as they marched in their annual parade of the Brooklyn Sunday School union. Every president since the time of President Grant reviews this parade. To day's parade broke the record.

Tonight Taft will be the guest of honor at a banquet given by the New York Produce exchange for the Cotton Seed Crushers' association of the south who are holding their convention here.

May Enjoin U. P.

Bakersfield, Cal., June 8.—The Southern Pacific, it was reported today, may be enjoined by the government from moving oils from the land, the title of which the government is attacking through the interior department agents who came here several weeks ago for the purpose of gathering data for the suit which the government contemplates against the railroad affecting the lands across Valles land in Kern county oil fields.

CAPTURES MAN IN HOME

FRANK BAKER BRINGS CAPTIVE TO MEETING OF COUNCIL

Says That Attempt was Made to Enter and Rob House Last Evening.

Among other bits of excitement which added spice of one kind and another to the meeting of the city council last evening was the advent up on the scene of Frank Baker with a would-be burglar tightly clutched in on hand.

Mr. Baker appeared to have been hastily aroused from his sleep. Half dressed he came into the council room with the captive and asked for a policeman. Chief Waiden was in the office and was summoned. He took the man to a cell.

Mr. Baker said he caught the man in the act of entering his home last evening. It is said that the man had removed his shoes before trying to gain entrance to the Baker home and was marched bare-footed to the jail.

TRIAL NEARING END.

Will Probably Go to the Jury This Evening.

Seattle, June 8.—Argument in the Charles Wappenstein trial began this forenoon, each side was given two and one-half hours to present their case. The jury will probably retire this evening. Yesterday afternoon Wappenstein showed a marked lapse of memory in recollecting when he loaned his brother-in-law, Ed. Beer, \$5,000. Beer testified that it was in 1907. Repayment of the loan began in 1910, which explains the sudden inflation of his bank account.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ASSURES BIG CELEBRATION

The general Fourth of July celebration committee met last night in the Commercial club rooms and aside from other matters pertaining to the pulling off of a successful celebration appointed the following committees: Sports of the Day—J. H. Peare with authority to appoint assistants. Advertising—Bruce Dennis and S. M. Slough. Speaker—Walter Pierce.

Entertainment—Dr. Richardson, F. L. Meyers, W. J. Church, Herman Siegrist, Tom Scroggin, F. S. Bramwell, J. G. McKennon, Charles Cawhorn, Judge Knowles, Joe Carr, Chas. Dunn, Bruce Dennis, Fred Goebel, H. R. Blackwell, L. J. French, apt Foley, W. H. Casey, Claud Toney, William Ash, B. M. Sherwood, Mr. George, Sam Bolton, Frank Lilly, Walter Rulter. Transportation—Joe Keeney and C. Dunn. It was the sense of the meet-

MAKES PROMISE OF STARTLING SENSATION

LILLIAN GRAHAM, ACTRESS, HELD IN JAIL WITHOUT BAIL, WITH OTHERS.

SAYS STOKES CHOKED HER

Shooting Said Not to Be Result of Failure of an Attempted Blackmail as Stokes Asserted in the Hospital.—Wanted Letters Which Were Returned and Trouble Followed—Will Be in Congressman Littleton for De-

York, June 8.—From her cell today Lillian Graham, the actress, aged 27 years, promised a sensation that will shake New York's white light set to its very bottom. She asserted that the shooting of W. E. Stokes, the millionaire proprietor of the hotel Anselma by her and her friend Ethel Conrad, 18 years old, an artist's model in their apartment in the Verona apartment house, was not the result of the failure of an attempted blackmail as Stokes in the Roosevelt hospital asserted.

Stokes Lived With Her. Stokes lived with Lillian Graham until recently when he married Helen Elwood, daughter of the late bar wire king of Denver.

Lillian Graham, with 65 other women is being held in jail without bail awaiting the outcome of Stokes' wounds. They all assert that Stokes wanted some letters which Miss Graham refused to give him. Upon her refusal, they say, he choked her and it was then that the shot was fired.

To Retain Littleton.

Lillian Graham says she intends to get Congressman Littleton, one of Harry K. Thaw's attorneys in the Stanford White case, to defend her. The case will come up for further hearing next Monday. Today those held in connection with the case were simply arraigned.

Grand Jury Reports Tonight.

The grand jury has about completed their work. Today was spent principally inspecting the various county officers. They expect to complete their work this afternoon and make their report this evening.

No. 17 in Two Sections.

The heavy movement of passengers to the west made it necessary to run No. 17 in two sections this morning. Both trains were crowded and were two hours late.

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ing that this committee arrange for excursion trains at least from Elgin and Cove and Union.

Parade—N. K. West, W. J. Church, W. S. Allison and Joe Carr.

Music—S. M. Slough and Dr. Price.

Seating and Ice Water—L. M. Hoyt, Robert Mack.

Arbour—C. D. Goddough and Arthur Walton.

Free Coffee—A. S. Geddes.

Marshal of the Day—G. M. Richie, he to select his aids.

Sunrise Salute—J. W. Oliver, G. W. Allen and J. W. Faulk.

Concession—Wm. Ash and Tom Fleming.

Decorating—Mac Woods and Ed Coolidge.

The general committee is F. Holmes Bruce Dennis, Mac Woods, J. H. Pearce and W. S. Allison.