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THE COMMISSION PLAN.

Commission government is not a cure-all for all the ills of modern municipal administration, but it is a progressive step toward the elimination of defects in our present cumbersome and unwieldy system, remarks a Pendleton newspaper in discussing the profound change in city government in that town.

Government by commission is no longer an experiment. Spokane, with its notorious Sprague avenue fill, its bridge and police scandals and its other shameful defects a year ago was a palpably misgoverned city.

Spokane adopted a new charter. Successful business men were readily induced to accept offices that yielded adequate salary returns. They applied the same methods to the conduct of the affairs of their respective departments that had made them successful in private endeavor.

Responsibility was centralized. The voter knew, and the man behind knew, exactly where his responsibility rested. It was not an intangible group known as "the council," which was made to answer for evils; it was one unstanding citizen who could not brave the force of public opinion if he handed.

Spokane's administration with high salaried public servants is more efficient; its expenses have been reduced; its people are happier and its commerce and trade have improved.

Delayed public improvements are going ahead with a rush and the financial leaks have been stopped. From Spokane, then, we learn that the commission plan means efficiency, economy and honesty.

It has hundreds of parallels in America. Wherever commission government has been accepted as an antidote for the poison of municipal disgovernment it has succeeded, except in those few cases where the wrong men have been placed in office.

And let this not be construed as a reflection on the men, as individuals, who hold office in Pendleton. There is little question that they have given, freely and without adequate return, of the best that is in them, so far as the present system will permit.

But ancient, time worn machinery with a superfluity of mechanism does not make for efficiency. Because Pendleton has been fortunate in its selection of the present parts of its municipal machine, we have no right to expect that it will always be so.

A new machine, modeled on up-to-date methods and with fewer parts and greater capacity is needed if Pendleton is to maintain its position among the progressive cities of the state.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1558—Queen Mary of England died. Born Feb. 8, 1516.
1732—Oglethorpe sailed from England to plant a colony in Georgia.
1823—Lord Erskine, the most noted pleader in the history of the English bar, died in poverty. Born in 1750.
1858—Robert Owen, known as the founder of socialism, died in England. Born in Wales, May 14, 1771.
1866—Archibald Lampman, Canadian poet, born. Died Feb. 11, 1889, Canada.
1869—Formal opening of the Suez canal.
1886—Chester A. Arthur, 21st president of the United States, died in New York city. Born in Fairfield, Vt., Oct. 5, 1830.
1910—The British house of lords adopted the reform resolutions of Lord Rosebery.

"THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY."

Bishop Harkins. Rt. Rev. Matthew Harkins, Roman Catholic bishop of Providence, R. I., was born in Boston, November 17, 1845. He studied at Holy Cross college, Worcester, for one year, and studied theology at the English college at Douay and at the seminary of St. Sulpice, Paris, for six years, and was ordained in 1869. After his ordination he visited Rome, where he spent some months, and upon his return to America he entered upon his duties in the priesthood as curate of a church in Boston. He remained in Boston only three years, when, upon the death of Bishop Hendricken, he was elected to the bishop, which he has held since.

"SEVEN."

A brief history of the figure seven, given by Jacob Spiber of La Grande: This number is frequently used in the writing of the Bible. On seventh day ended His work. In the seventh month Noah's ark

touched ground.

In seven days a dove was sent out. Abraham pleaded seven times with Sodom.

Jacob served seven years for Rachel and yet seven more.

Jacob mourned seven days for Joseph.

Jacob was pursued seven days by Caban.

A plenty of seven years and a famine of seven years were foretold in Pharaoh's dream by seven fat and seven lean cattle and seven ears of full and seven ears of blasted corn.

On the seventh day of the month the children of Israel fasted seven days and remained seven days in their tents.

Every seven years the land rested. Every seventh year the bondsmen were freed.

Every seventh year the law was read to the people.

In the destruction of Jerico seven priests bore seven trumpets seven days. On the seventh day they surrounded the walls seven times and at the seventh round the walls fell.

Solomon was seven years building the temple and feasted seven days at the dedication.

In the tabernacle were seven lamps.

A golden candlestick had seven branches.

A woman washed seven times in Jordan.

Job's friends sat with him seven days and seven nights and offered seven bullocks and seven rams as an atonement.

Our Saviour spoke seven times from the cross on which he hung seven hours and after His resurrection appeared seven times.

In the Lord's prayer are seven petitions containing seven times seven words.

In the book of revelations we read of seven churches, seven candlesticks, seven stars, seven trumpets, seven plagues, seven thunders, seven devils, seven angels, and a seven headed monster.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

(Continued from Thursday.)

- grand jury 7.20
C. W. Sharp, witness before grand jury 7.20
P. A. Foley, witness before grand jury 2.20
M. E. Brady, witness before grand jury 2.20
J. H. McLachen, witness before grand jury 2.20
Henry Dray, witness before grand jury 2.20
C. H. Clark, witness before grand jury 6.40
Gust Chatas, witness before grand jury 2.20
John Shores, witness before grand jury 8.80
Henry B. Shores, witness before grand jury 8.80
James Dalton, witness state vs. Spain, et al 14.60
J. T. York, witness state vs. Spain, et al 10.80
Roy Lund, witness state vs. Spain, et al 8.10
C. W. Lund, witness state vs. Spain, et al 14.00
Mrs. C. W. Lund, witness state vs. Spain, et al 14.00
M. J. Cunningham, witness state vs. Spain, et al 14.20
R. Buck, witness state vs. Spain, et al 86.00
Geo. Baird, witness state vs. Spain, et al 5.20
G. W. Benson, witness state vs. Spain, et al 5.20
Thos. Brasher, witness state vs. Spain, et al 5.20
Sam Benson, witness state vs. Spain, et al 7.20
G. F. Hall, witness state vs. Spain, et al 7.20
W. R. Hutchinson, witness state vs. Spain, et al 7.20
Nels Hutehinson, witness state vs. Spain, et al 7.20
John P. Welch, witness state vs. Spain, et al 7.20
W. S. Tobin, witness state vs. Spain, et al 7.20
Lincoln Haynes, witness state vs. Spain, et al 9.20
Chas. Simmons, witness state vs. Spain, et al 9.20
W. A. Maxwell, witness state vs. Spain, et al 9.20
Hedley Stewart, witness state vs. Spain, et al 9.20
Alfred Hoag, witness state vs. Spain, et al 16.40
W. H. Hutchinson, witness state vs. Spain, et al 9.60
John McGrath, witness state vs. Spain, et al 11.20
John Groesbeck, witness state vs. Spain, et al 9.20
Harvey Hoffman, witness state vs. Spain, et al 11.20
Frank Hoag, witness state vs. Spain, et al 9.20
F. D. Gaskill, witness state vs.

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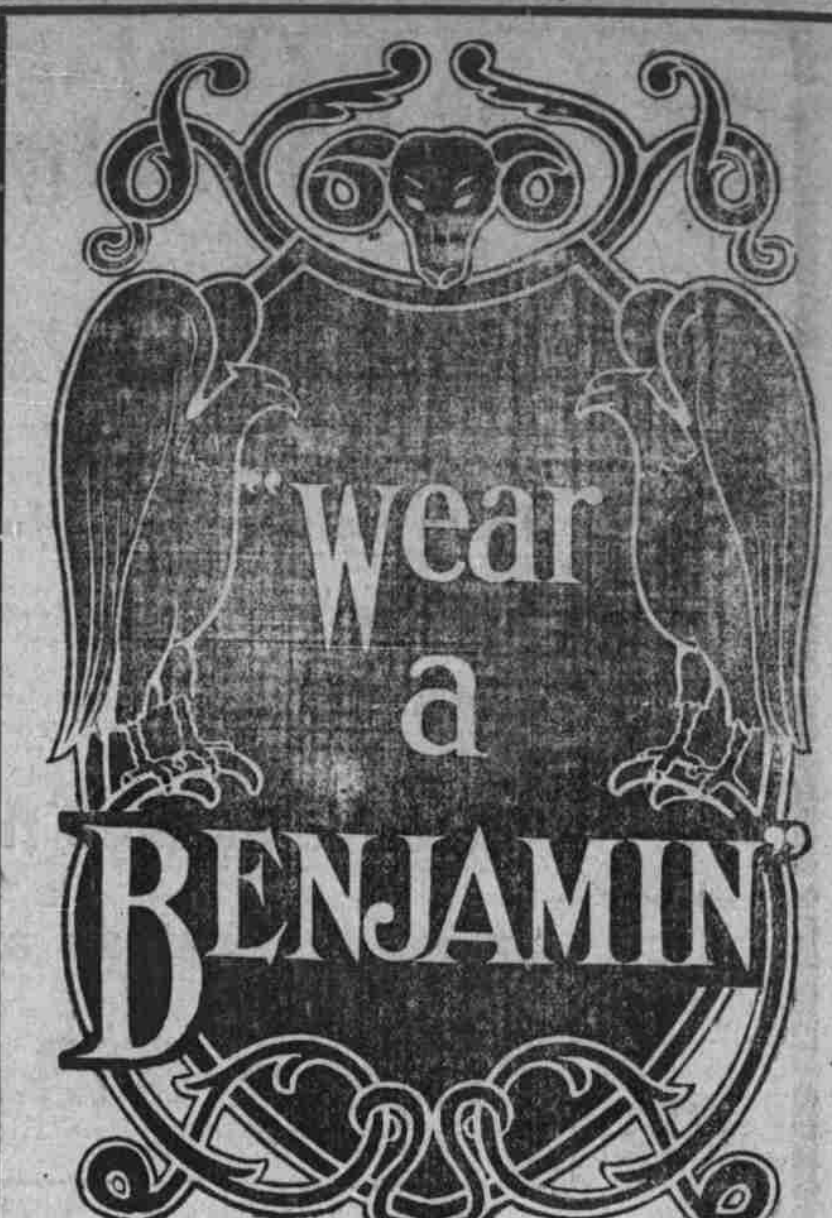
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