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THE CITY WITH A MANAGER

Next month Sumter, S. C., celebrates the first anniversary of its adoption of the "city manager" plan of municipal government. This system differs from the commission form of government in that the commissioners, instead of giving all their time to the city, keep on with their private business and delegate their authority to a hired manager. This manager need not be a resident of the city. When Sumter advertised for a man to fill the job 145 answers were received. The applicants hailed from all over the country. A young railroad engineer, Malsom McLean Worthington, a native of Maryland, was selected. His salary is \$2,500 a year. The mayor of the city, who is one of the three commissioners, receives the merely nominal sum of \$300 a year, while the other two get \$200. Under the commission plan as it is authorized by the South Carolina legislature mayor was to receive \$1,200 a year and the other two \$1,000 each. Under the alternative adopted the total expenses for salaries amounts to the same sum, \$3,200 a year. The advantages of the city manager plan is held to be the complete unification of the administrative establishment. It makes it possible to secure a permanent professional administrator. German cities, it will be recalled have professional mayors. A man starts in running a small city and, if he makes good, he is soon called to a larger municipality. Thus a class trained to this particular work is built up. The advantages are reflected in the greater results secured for less money in the German cities. Another point about the city manager plan is that it leaves the people free to choose candidates simply as representatives, unlimited by any implied requirement as to executive experience or capacity to earn a large salary. It abandons what has been called the unscientific plan of attempting to select executive experts by popular elections. The expert usually is not a vote getter. Under this system he only has to prove his ability to the three men

hiring him. They are held responsible by the people for the result of his labors. Naturally they maintain complete control over him. The new method is interesting as a municipal experiment. When it has been in vogue longer more can be said as to its merits.

Members of the Chinese national assembly threw books at one another at the opening session. This is the first intimation received here that Carnegie had given the new republic a library.

The manager of the St. Louis American baseball team has been suspended for spitting on an umpire. The enormity of the offense, we imagine, would depend on whether he chews fine or cut plug.

High heeled shoes are causing women to develop a new heel where their toes ought to be. As Hamlet so beautifully expresses it: "We should worry."

St. Louis judge has decided that tipping a porter is a voluntary act. The judge evidently has not had much experience with porters.

The dynamite trust certainly owes a deep debt of gratitude to the English suffragettes who promise to tide it over an otherwise dull season.

A man's ability as a gardener is now determined by whether he is able to tell right off the bat whether radishes or turnips are coming up.

If the prince of Wales ever does get to New York the prospect of being a king in his own country will lose its glamour.

Mr. La Follette believes that he will be the next president. That man is always thinking up original ideas.

The duty will be removed from castor oil, but it will always be considerable of a duty to take it.

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at Starkey rounding up the stock and finishing seeding. He expects to move on the farm during the summer and will prove himself to be a worthy successor of Mr. Alden.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden are preparing to take immediate possession of their new property and are now packing their household goods for shipment. Mr. Alden has been connected with stock business for many years and his many friends hope he will succeed as well in his new enterprise as he has in the past. It is understood the consideration was in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

Cadets Again Winners. The Cadets defeated the "Old Town Bears" last Saturday with a score of 24 to 5. The Cadets playing in junior circles have won four games and lost one. The Cadets played a good game and although the Bears hit often, could not get in more than 5 runs.

Saturday Game Excellent. Walla Walla, May 26.—Big James was all to the good Saturday and despite an ninth inning rally by the Bears, La Grande won a snappy game.

It was a close game clear through but Greene was hit hard in the fourth and Jamison, pitching in his usual form, was too much for the old-timer. Jamison had things much his own way, and kept his hits scattered, only five men dying on bases for Walla Walla, while La Grande had twice that many on. Jamison walked but one man—Kelly, in the ninth—and that looked like a deliberate piece of head work on the part of Carl King.

LA GRANDE. AB. R. H. PO. A. E. Corbin, 3b 5 0 2 0 1 6 Naughton, 2b ... 3 0 2 1 3 0 Drubot, lf 5 0 2 1 4 0 Nadeau, cf 4 0 0 3 0 0 King, c 5 0 2 8 0 1 Peterson, rf 2 1 0 0 1 0 Miller, ss 3 1 0 1 5 1 Walters, 1b 3 1 1 13 1 1 Jamison, p 4 1 1 0 1 0

WALLA WALLA. AB. R. H. PO. A. E. Harmon, cf 4 2 3 3 0 1 Childers, 3b 4 0 0 1 2 0 Lundstrum, ss .. 4 0 0 5 3 0 Davis, 2b 4 0 1 1 4 0 Brown, c 4 1 1 5 1 0 Martini, lf 3 0 1 1 0 0 Sheely, 1b 4 0 0 7 2 2 Johnson, rf 3 0 1 2 1 0 Greene, p 4 0 0 2 2 1 Kelly 0 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 34 4 10 27 12 3

SCORE BY INNINGS. R. H. E. La Grande ... 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 4 Walla Walla . 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 3

SUMMARY. Sacrifice hits—Naughton, Peterson, Miller, Childers. Stolen bases—Peterson, Miller Walters. Left on bases—La Grande, 10; Walla Walla 5. Three base hit—Harmon. Two-base hit—Martini, Corbin. Struck out—By Jamison, 8; by Greene, 3. Bases on balls—Off Greene 3, off Jamison 1. Wild pitch—Jamison. Double plays—Lundstrum to Davis to Sheely, Walters unassisted, Johnson to Brown. Hit by pitcher—Martini. Time of game, 1 hour 45 minutes. Umpire—Burnside. Attendance—1000.

Harmon did the stellar work with the bat. In four times up he got three hits, one a three-bagger. But he made a poor peg to Sheely in the ninth, letting Naughton to second after he had singled.

Naughton hit harder yesterday than ever before on the local grounds. He got two hits in three times up and walked the other trip he made to the plate.

Walters made an unassisted double in the fifth. Johnson beat out a slow grounder, and was ready to beat it for second; in fact, he was just getting under way for Greene's low liner looked like a hit. Walters went up after it however, and brought it down. He tried to tag Johnson, then thought a little baseball and beat it back to the bag, and the side was out.

It was a mighty close decision Burnside pulled off in calling Jamison out in the third retiring the side. Jamison hit to Sheely, who fumbled and fell, but tossed to Greene as the latter ran to the bag. It looked like the La Grande twirler was safe, but

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Burnside called him out.

And the crowd howled. So did Mountain, on the coaching line for the Spuds. He carried it further, he argued and would not stop. Burnside ordered him and had to get the police to enforce his order.

Burnside looked off on several decisions, mostly favoring the home team. But in the main his work was good, although the players are inclined to argue with him at times.

Baker Takes Last Game.

Baker, May 26.—When Ford, the first man at bat for the Braves, found Coleman for a three bagger, and Fuller followed with a single, scoring Ford, it looked like an off day for the Baker lad. He apparently settled down and allowed the visitors only two more runs in the fifth.

Baker's infield presented a change in front Saturday. Roben was brought from right field to second, Rock going to short stop in place of Gleason, who is mighty unpopular with the fans here, Krouse worked in the right garden. Engle switched his batting order, but it did not appear as effective as the old form.

The score: R. H. E. Baker 5 13 1 Yakima 3 10 0 Batteries—Coleman and Post; Kane, Jensen and Stanley.

Ten Innings at Baker.

Baker, May 26.—In a stinging match that took 19 innings to decide, when Saturday Yakima won from Baker by the score of 12 to 10. The score: R. H. E. Baker 10 15 6 Yakima 12 15 2 Batteries—Woods, Krause and Post; Engle, Gordon and Stanley.

ATTENTION PUBLIC

In order for us to have a clean city every person must assist the Street department by cleaning up their premises, and keeping same clean. The ordinance providing for the cleaning of alleys and preventing the depositing of any rubbish of any kind in the streets or alleys will be strictly enforced. C. G. Stacy, Street Supt.

Bids Wanted.

Bids will be received at the office of the secretary of the Union County Fair association until Wednesday, May 28th, at 6 o'clock p. m. for the re-roofing and repairing of the grand stand at the fair grounds. Plans and specifications may be had at the office of Block & Bunting, architects, 3rd floor New Foley building.

C. SECOR, Secretary Ass'n. d-5-24-26.

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Dean Smith who has been attending school in St. Louis for the past year, returned home this morning.

Notice to My Friends.

The report that I am going to quit in the automobile contest is incorrect and without foundation. I am in to stay to the finish and with the assistance of my friends, I hope to be successful. JOSEPH C. KEITY.

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