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DAYTON UNIQUE CHARTER.

Deciding by a vote of two to one, on August 12, in favor of what has been described as "the most advanced charter ever adopted by an American city," the citizens of Dayton are said to set an example that will be watched with interest by her sister cities in Ohio and in other states, says the Literary Digest in the current issue. Taking effect January 1, 1914, the charter, according to press accounts, provides for the short non-partisan ballot, a legislative commission, and a city manager, and the claim is made for it that it combines "the best features of the old commission plan" with the improvement of the manager idea. The commission, whose presiding officer has the title of mayor, consists of five members, and its functions are purely legislative. One of these is to employ "a trained city

manager," to whom is entrusted the administration of the city's business, with the exception of the courts and schools. Thus there is no diffusion of responsibility, we are advised, has seen in the straight commission plan, where each commissioner is in active charge of a department." To complete the balance of power, the people are given the right of the initiative, referendum, protest, and recall. That a city of the size and importance of Dayton should be willing to adopt the city manager plan of government strikes the Chicago Record-Herald as "an interesting and significant development." It mentions Sumter, N. C., with 10,000 population and one or two smaller places as being the only towns trying this system and says of Dayton's new move:

"It illustrates the spread of the gospel of efficiency and local non-partisanship. Our cities are evidently prepared to do things which Germany alone has been credited with by students of municipal efficiency."

Similarly enthusiastic is a Columbus editor who, seeing other cities of his state, "bound for better things," says: "Dayton has adopted the commission plan of government with the managerial appendage, and Sandusky is to have the managerial, both rigid departures from the old federal plan. Now, watch them go by, which they will if the old gang doesn't resort to sabotage to destroy the delicate processes of civic reform. How we wish Columbus could have joined the golden opportunity and marched with her sister cities to the goal of an efficient and unselfish city government."

What the New York Evening Post calls, "the noteworthy thing" about Dayton's new charter is "its break with commission government as it has been understood hitherto," and it states the case thus:

"Dayton, while declaring by a vote of two to one in favor of a commission, declares at the same time for that separation of legislative and executive functions which has been decry by advocates of commission government as a relic of an outworn system. Dayton's commission will do

what any city council does, pass ordinances. Its mayor will have the honor of being the 'political head' of the city, and of presiding at commission meetings. But the man who will loom large in the city government will be the 'city manager.' Appointed by the so-called mayor, dependent for his salary upon the commission, he will exercise control, through appointments and removals and subject to civil service regulations, of the entire administration, exclusive of the courts and the schools. In other words, commission government has swung around to the point of restoring the office of mayor, but with the difference that he is appointed by the Council instead of elected by the voters. This is cabinet government in little. It may be a wise development. At any rate, the evolution thus recorded is a warning to reformers not to be sure that old ideas of government have suddenly become archaic, and that by the simple process of discarding them we can have the millennium merely by voting for it."

POST OFFICE
JOB ASSIGNED

MRS BREEDLOVE SUCCEEDS MR. SCHEURER AT N. P.

Two-Story Building, Going Up at North Powder—Other News.

North Powder, Sept. 6.—(Special)—Mrs. Margaret Breedlove has been appointed postmistress to succeed G. C. Scheurer, who resigned some time ago. Mrs. Breedlove will probably take charge of the office about the first of October.

L. McGregor has everything in readiness to begin work on the new two-story building that he will put up on his corner lot. The building will cover the entire lot and is to be of concrete blocks. On the first floor will be three store rooms and the second story will be office rooms. This building will be a decided improvement to the town as well as an addition to the best corner in the city. E. A. Harney will furnish and lay the blocks, and S. L. Agnew, of La Grande, will have charge of the carpenter work.

Messrs. Dobbins and Dougherty, who went from here to Kennewick, Wash., last fall, have remembered some of their friends with fine Alberta peaches. The fruit is immense in size, beautiful to look at, and delicious to taste.

Andrew Trent, who was hurt in a hay baler on Monday, is reported to be improving rapidly.

A. E. Lambert was a visitor to La Grande last Saturday.

Miss Gladys Scott spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother in La Grande. She left Tuesday for Medical Springs, where she will teach during the winter.

A part of the Knauts family of Colver creek, moved to their new home in La Grande the past week.

Wallie Brown went to Portland on Thursday morning and will go from there to his home in Neenah, Wis.

Chas. Bertram was a passenger for La Grande.

P. L. Smith returned Thursday morning from his trip in the east.

M. R. Shourds went to La Grande Wednesday and drove home Dr. Irvine's car, which has been given a thorough overhauling.

FADS AND FASHIONS.

By MARGARET MASON.

(Written for the United Press.) New York, Sept. 6.—A frill and a flounce with a sash in between are the three fashion fads that are bound to be seen on the smartest fall models for 1913.

The best frocks are fashioned of soft crepe de chine, of linen or chiffon that's plain to be seen—through—and quite the most modish of colors is green in a soft shade of Bakset, if you know what I mean.

Really and truly a dress simply could not be made these days without a flounce, a frill and a sash. By flounce is meant anything from a peplum to a tunic or an overskirt. This is responsible for the new silhouette which shows width at the hips and narrowness at the heels.

Plaid as a trimming is a charming adjunct to many smart little fall frocks of blue serge or taffeta. If you are a canny lass with a Mac to your name you will choose your own personal clan plaid for your apparel garnishment and thereby fill with envy those unfortunates who cannot thus turn their family crests to sartorial account.

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Contractors have about finished for the cafeteria and delicatessen one of the largest bake ovens in eastern Oregon. The structure is of brick for the most part and is situated in the rear of the Lewis building on Depot street, in which Mr. Ledman is operating his cafeteria. The oven will have a capacity of 1500 loaves daily, and has been found to be necessary to meet the demands for this part of his trade. Mr. V. B. Ledman has secured as his baker Mr. Ed. Walker, who for over a year past, has been connected with a local bakery.

Mr. Ledman, who has secured sole control of the business, hails from Boise, Idaho, where for a number of years he has been in business. All of his assistants are experienced in the cafeteria business. Mr. and Mrs. Ledman are much pleased with La Grande and its people and have every confidence in its future growth.

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