

BOARD MAY FAVOR SWEEPING CHANGE

Members Consider Charter Revision to Give Government by Commission.

TALK OF PROPOSED PLAN

So Far as Known, All Those Named for Important Duty, With One Exception, Will Serve.

Sentiment in favor of a commission form of city government is so strong among members of the newly appointed charter commission that it does not appear at all unlikely that some such plan will be recommended for Portland by the new charter board.

At this time it looks as though the most sweeping change that will be made by the charter commission is in the system of the city government. And it seems altogether probable that the recommendation will take something of the form of a commission plan, such as governs in Des Moines, Ia., or Galveston, Tex.

Several members of the charter commission, which was named by Mayor Lane and Councilmen Baker and Cellars Wednesday afternoon, yesterday expressed themselves as favoring a change to the commission system. The opinions expressed clearly indicate a strong sentiment against continuing with a city council, an executive board and all the various boards and committees, with their detailed work and cumbersome machinery.

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So far as could be learned yesterday, Robert Livingstone is the only one appointed to the charter board who cannot serve.

Following are the expressions of the various members of the charter commission: Frederick V. Holman will accept the appointment, and will serve on the commission, but the matter is too important to discuss without careful investigation.

C. M. Ryerson—I favor a change in the form of city government, either the Des Moines plan or the Galveston plan; there may be some modifications that would be well to incorporate into it. At any rate, it looks as though there must be some change from the present system, as it is unsatisfactory.

F. E. Beach—So far as I have been able to learn, the Des Moines plan is a commission form of government, and is satisfactory. All the information I have been able to secure tends to show the commission plan to be a good one. It appears that way, of course, it is a matter yet to be fully investigated.

As Business Corporation. H. H. Newhall—I am not at all a politician, and do not believe in so many office-holders as we have. I have long believed that a first-class superintendent could be selected for the city departments; if the municipal government could be run as a business corporation, with some plan of directors, it would be vastly superior to our present form. If it is shown to me that the Des Moines plan is a good one, then I will serve on the charter government, then I am very strongly in favor of it. I think the charter has a number of defects; that it is in need of considerable alteration, and that it is not ready to say anything about that point.

City Attorney Kavanaugh—I have not examined into the merits of the Des Moines plan of city government, and am not prepared to say, at this time, whether or not I favor it.

Mr. Selling Will Serve. Senator-elect Ben Selling—I had no idea whatever I was to be named as one of the charter commission. The first I knew of it was when I read of it in The Oregonian this morning. I cannot see why I was appointed. I will serve, if I regard it as a duty. However, not being familiar with municipal government affairs, I must decline at this time to make any statement as to the proposed new form of city government or alleged defects in the present city charter.

Dr. C. H. Chapman—While I do not wish at this time to make the positive statement that I will advocate a change from the present system of government to the Des Moines plan, I will say that I see much merit in the commission system. I am a great believer in the direct control of public matters by the people, and if the commission form of administration would work, if we could get a council to carry out

the will of the people, I would prefer that plan. But every city in the country has failed to get good results from the council plan. On the other hand, wherever the commission plan has been adopted, it has worked very well and there is no complaint. It looks very much to me at this time that we are practically driven to a change in our form of government, and that the commission plan might well be adopted. I consider the two worst features of the present charter its contradictory sections and the fact that it holds no one responsible. Nearly every department of the city, when attempting to accomplish anything under its provisions, has been involved in litigation.

Sigel Grutze—I have had very little practical information as to the workings of the Des Moines plan of municipal government. While I think our own system is rather unworkable and needs alterations to bring about better results, I hardly favor, at this time, a too sweeping change. There is such a thing as jumping from one extreme to another, and thus making mat-

ters worse. What may work well in one city, may fail in another. It seems that there is a need for some changes, and these changes when the commission gets together and the information necessary to careful action is at hand.

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ATTACK CARR WILL

Daughters Say Mother Was of Unsound Mind.

WANT SHARE IN REALTY

Mrs. Elizabeth McIntyre and Mrs. Ellen E. Parker Bring Contest That Will Be Decided Monday by Judge Webster.

Judge Webster, of the County Court, is to decide next Monday morning whether the will of Mrs. Bridget Carr, made 12 years before she died in December, 1902, is valid. Elizabeth McIntyre and Ellen E. Parker, sisters and heirs, brought the case into court, after the will had been admitted to probate, contending that their mother was not of sound mind when it was made. It is further alleged that Rose A. Marshall and James V. Carr, two of the defendant heirs, unlawfully and fraudulently overreached the mother, dictating the terms of the will in favor of themselves. Catherine Ellington also appears as one of the defendant heirs.

On the morning Mrs. McIntyre said that six or eight years before her mother died the latter was in the habit of taking articles of clothing from one neighbor's closet, and claiming them as her own, and that she had to be watched to keep her from wandering away from home. She said that the defendant heirs, at that time attending High School, said that at times Mrs. Carr treated her children, who visited her, with consideration, and at other times drove them away. She said the aged woman was very susceptible to kindness. At the time of her death Mrs. Carr was 68 years old.

The will, which was admitted to probate, gave Mrs. Carr, the son, and Mrs. Rose Marshall, one of the daughters, half each of the estate, which consists of the lot at the southeast corner of Fifteenth and Everett streets. The two contestants received only \$5 each, as did Mrs. Ellington. Mrs. Ellington, however, refused to attack the will.

The will is declared to be invalid, the contestants ask that Mrs. Elizabeth McIntyre be appointed administratrix.

Three Wives Seek Divorce. Cruelty, Failure to Support and Desertion the Various Charges.

Because Carl B. Newcomb swore at his wife in the lobby to the Lyric Theater, in the presence of hundreds of people, when she was visiting him about a week ago, she has brought suit for divorce in the Circuit Court. She says that he began a course of systematic abuse two weeks after his wedding. She said she has been greatly abused and that her husband insulted her daughter. The marriage took place at Kalama, Wash., March 9, 1908. Mrs. Newcomb resumed her former name, Lucy A. Little.

Margaret Yeats is suing in the Circuit Court for divorce from George Yeats. She says that he has failed to support her and the four children and that he is now reported to be in Scotland. They were married at Aberdeen, Scotland, January 27, 1888.

Minnie Henkle has filed a divorce suit against Clarence K. Henkle, charging him with having deserted her August 1, last, and with having lived in Spokane, Wash., April 23, 1906.

Suit to Foreclose Mortgage. Suit to foreclose a \$12,000 mortgage on a lot and portion of lot on the southwest corner of Alder and Union avenues has been filed in the Circuit Court.

DR. C. A. DUNIWAY GOES TO HEAD STATE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Native of Oregon, Well Known Throughout State, Is Chosen for Important Position in Field of Education.

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. A N OREGONIAN proved himself to the great satisfaction of his many friends in Portland and throughout the state is Dr. C. A. Duniway, president of the Montana State University, who is spending a few days here visiting his mother, Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, and other relatives. Dr. Duniway has for the past 11 years held an important professorship at Stanford, and was recently chosen to head the new university of Montana. Although his experience has been large he is still a young man of the clean-cut, forceful type who are so rare in our educational standard of scholarship and usefulness in our institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Duniway was born in Albany, in this state, but came to Portland when a child. He attended the Portland High School, graduating in 1885. During the term of 1886-7 he was a freshman at Eugene and the following summer went to Idaho where he spent almost two years. He then returned to Portland, where he was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1891. He received his doctor's degree at Harvard in 1897 and shortly afterward accepted a chair at the University of Montana. He has since that time been in the service of the state, and has been a member of the faculty of the University of Montana since 1902. He is a man of high character and high ability, and his appointment to the head of the new university is a great honor to the state.

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the Circuit Court by M. G. Thorsen against F. O. Burdick and H. W. Lemcke. The tract of land against which the mortgage rests is described as lot 8 and the north 4 1/2 feet of lot 7, block 84, East Portland. Besides the \$12,300, Thorsen demands \$500 attorney's fees. It is charged that Charles E. Smith loaned the defendants \$12,000 on March 14, 1907. In lieu therefor the commencement of the suit the claim was transferred to Thorsen.

Exporters See Southern Pacific. Alleging that the Southern Pacific Company was guilty of a breach of contract in furnishing cars for the transportation of grain in 1906, Kerr, Gifford & Co. have brought suit in the Circuit Court to recover \$80,000. The plaintiffs allege that the railway had agreed to have cars on hand by May 24 for the transportation of 1,672,074 pounds of grain to El Paso, Tex., and to Ciudad Juarez on the Mexican Central Railroad. The grain reached Juarez, it is alleged, too late to fulfill contracts which the local shippers had with dealers in Mexico.

Cooke Goes East in Custody. Henry E. G. Cooke, alleged land speculator, who has been held at the Multnomah County Jail for several weeks, under an indictment of a New York grand jury, started for New York yesterday in the custody of Deputy United States Marshal Nicholson. Cooke's arrest was made in Baker County, where it is alleged that he was colonizing timber lands, with the understanding that they were to give him title to the lands as soon as they had proved up on their claims.

Final Account in Catlin Estate. The final account in the estate of Adam Catlin shows the receipts to have been \$34,275. Mrs. Catlin, administratrix, filed the report in the County Court yesterday. The disbursements have amounted to \$29,530. Judge Webster will hear the case for final hearing September 8. The four heirs have waived objections to the final account. They will receive \$34,275. The heirs are: Charles H. Catlin, Jr., Mary L. and Ernest B. Catlin.

Allowance for Widow's Support. Dora Fraser, widow of the late Judge Arthur L. Fraser, was allowed \$100 a month from his estate for the support of herself and child by the Grand Jury Court yesterday. The petition for the allowance shows the estate to be worth \$6000, this being the value of the Lane County property. The widow has paid out in funeral expenses and claims \$1257.71, and all other claims against the estate do not amount to more than \$2500.

Spiritualist Case Dismissed. The petition brought by Green C. Love, attorney against Lou Ellen Cornell, ex-secretary of the State Spiritualist Association, to compel her to turn over the books of the association to the court clerk, was dismissed yesterday by Judge Cleland. Sophia Selp was the chief defendant in this case.

Teachers Meet This Year at Gold Beach. The annual Teachers' Institute will be held here for three days beginning Monday, August 10. An interesting program has been arranged by the new County School Superintendent W. S. Guerin for both daytime and evening sessions. During the former, topics of interest to teachers will be discussed, and the latter will consist of recitations, addresses and musical numbers. The institute was a joint one held for both Coos and Curry counties, at Bandon in Coos County.

Apple Shipment Condemned. A shipment of apples which arrived here on the last steamer from San Francisco was seized and destroyed today by Fruit Inspector Dow, as the fruit was infected with codlin moth.

MAZAMAS ON SIDE TRIPS. TRAINING FOR ASCENT OF ST. HELENS, SATURDAY. Members of Party Enjoy Camp Life Near Spirit Lake—Boating in Moonlight.

BY ELEANOR M. GARDNER. CAMP CHIPMUNK, Near Mount St. Helens, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The Mazamas are enjoying quiet camp life on the border of Spirit Lake. The tents are pitched in a beautiful grove, and the camp is in the center. Japanese lamps are strung from one point of the crescent to the other. The effect is beautiful.

Monday a small party visited the Norway and Sweden mine, five miles east, over a mountain trail. Tuesday a party of 25 made the same trip, also visiting the mine. The party was under the guidance of Dr. D. A. Waters. These side trips are to be made each day to take the endurance of the party preparatory to the climb, which will probably take place about Saturday of this week.

Today a party composed of Messrs. Benefield, Whitteley, Anderson, Olson and Harney, and Misses G. A. and M. J. Helens, intending to make the climb if possible. They anticipate no difficulty, as several have made the ascent this year and pronounce it a very easy one.

Monday night a bonfire was made and under the direction of Dr. Claude Adams a programme was rendered, which would have been a credit to the participants had it been given weeks of preparation. Miss McCorkle's recitations, Frank Helley's anecdotes, told in his own inimitable style, called forth much applause, as did the rendition of a solo or two by Dr. W. A. Cumming. Several fine singers are in camp and their hearty co-operation makes the general song service a delight.

This social evening around the bonfire will be made a feature of camp life, though many prefer boating on the lake and viewing the mountain by moonlight. The only objection to the beautiful camping ground and the exquisite beauty of the surroundings is that no view of the mountain is possible from camp. By crossing the lake, however, we view it in all its grandeur and get the wonderful reflection in the water. Ideal weather, comfortable camp arrangements, a good chef and a remarkably complete menu are making the outing one of the most successful in the history of the Mazama Club, and much commendation is heard of the conscientious work and foresight of the chairman, E. F. Sheldon.

Dr. Barck and daughter, Miss Edna, reached camp today by special conveyance having come from St. Louis especially for the climb of the mountain. The general health of the party is excellent, only one or two instances of temporary indisposition having occurred. Tomorrow, Wednesday, the trout will be placed, this being a trip to Oatbedal Cove, a hard trip, but one all who wish to climb must take. There is much planning and oiling of boots and adjusting of goggles, as all are enthusiastic and eager to make the trial.

A large number of the ladies are wearing bloomers and high top boots and enjoying the freedom from entangling skirts. One venturesome little matron has appeared clad in boys' overalls and a sweater, and pronounces it "perfect comfort." A few of the more conservative still stick to skirts, though they will be doffed for the climb. Comfort rest and enjoyment are the main objects in life in Chipmunk Camp, and all are striving to accomplish this end.

What the Press Says. Tonight at the Oaks. "The Merry Matrons" will continue on their merry way at the Oaks tonight and you can't find as much fun and entertainment anywhere else. The Allen Curtis Company is making the big hit of the season in its new piece, Saturday afternoon the Don Carlos dog, monkey and pony show will open a free open-air engagement.

The Pastage Theater. George W. Day, the funny black-face comedian who has billed as the Jester in rock, on the programme, is making the biggest kind of a hit at the Pastage Theater. By the way, Miss Daisy Richmond, now appearing at the Pastage with the Currier Company, will be the first time in Portland, at all three performances Friday, in a new repertoire, now popular in the East.

Manual Romayne, Headliner. Minstrelsy has few singers better known than Manual Romayne, who comes to the Grand at the headliner next week with the Foley brothers. The Foley boys were instigated by George Primrose and featured by him for years. They will be assisted by the Palmer sisters and many others.

Sironje's Marvelous Feats. Portland has never displayed more interest in hand-to-hand athletic contests than it has at the Grand this week. The little woman escapes from the most difficult handcuffs and

ing the loyal co-operation of the State Board of Education and a capable faculty I hope to accomplish much in the way of extending its scope. There is need of a larger development and the field offers wonderful opportunities for constructive educational work. The people of Montana are giving the institution splendid support and it is significant of the interest they feel in it that Montana, as does also California, pays the president of its state university 10 per cent more than it does its Governor.

Montana has become a great agricultural state through irrigation, irrigating and dry farming. Formerly the state depended almost entirely on its mining and stock-raising interests. It still has them and with the added wealth that agriculture is now bringing to it, is in a position to do much for the cause of higher education.

There are a great many things which I hope and believe I shall be able to accomplish as head of the university and if I fail it will not be because of lack of effort. I am going to take the position free from political entanglements and other handicaps which often operate against the best interests of institutions of the kind. The legend one frequently sees on business offices: "Enter without knocking" appeals to me and I am going into my new position in that way.

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