

CHARTER BODIES IN HARMONY PACT

Pledge Made to Council Precludes January Vote on Commission Rule.

BOTH MAY PICK ONE PLAN

Lawframers to Confer on Amendments With Consolidation in View—Preparatory Work to Be Completed in Ten Days.

Assuming the role of mediators, George L. Baker and four other members of the City Council yesterday conferred with committees representing the two charter revision commissions and enacted an agreement that the two bodies would, if possible, harmonize their work to the end that only one commission charter should be submitted to the people. The conference between the two commissions that has been decided upon precludes the possibility of the special election next January, as was originally proposed, since the task of consolidating on one charter, if it can be done at all, cannot be concluded in time to submit the charter in January.

The plan of conference agreed to yesterday contemplates that each commission first shall complete the draft of the amendments it has under consideration. When this has been done the various subjects covered in the proposed amendments will be referred to the appropriate subcommittee of each body for consideration in an effort to agree on those amendments. When the various subcommittees have held their conferences and have finally decided on those points on which they are unable to agree, then the subjects on which they differ will be taken up and threshed over by the full membership of the two commissions. In this way, the friends of a commission government on both commissions hope to be able to succeed in embodying into one charter the substantial views of each body as to a commission government for the city.

Thorough Work Wanted.
"I fall to you, Mr. E. C. Brunaugh, chairman of the official commission, 'how the public welfare can be endangered through a failure on the part of the people to take part in a commission charter next January or on any other specific date. Thoroughness of the work in which these commissions are engaged is of the utmost importance since the mere question of the date when the proposed charter shall be submitted for the endorsement of the electors."

Speaking for the people's charter commission (East Side), A. E. Clark, chairman, said that although the two commissions had followed different plans in performing their work he did not apprehend there would be any great difficulty in reaching an agreement as to the charter features of the proposed conference. Mr. Clark announced that his committee had virtually completed its work which would soon go to the revision committee, which is composed entirely of lawyers. It was agreed by Messrs. Clark and Brunaugh, chairmen of the two commissions, that each commission would have its work completed in about ten days when the time would be appropriate for the conference to begin. George L. Baker and R. W. Montague argued that the work of considering the two charter drafts should be proceeded with deliberately and that no instrument, that had been considered ill-advisedly, should be permitted to go before the people. For that reason they counseled mature deliberation by the conference even if it became necessary to defer several weeks the special election for considering the document finally agreed upon.

Vote Awaits Conference.
"Whenever the two charter commissions have completed their work to the satisfaction of the members," declared Councilman Baker, "the Council stands ready to provide for a special election for submitting one of both charters to the people. There exists an impression that the Council is disposed to hold back the submission of a commission charter to the people, but that is not true. At the same time we do desire the commissions to hasten their work unduly. None of the officers now connected with the city government wishes to hold his office for a longer period than is actually required for the commissions to draft a charter and have it submitted to the people. For that reason, you may be assured the Council will provide for the special election just as soon as the commission charter has been completed."

Mr. Baker also informed Chairman Clark, representing the East Side Commission, that the City Council was ready officially to recognize that body if the commission would indicate a desire for that recognition.

Undoubtedly several weeks will be consumed in the conferences of the two commissions and it is by no means certain that the two bodies will finally agree on one commission charter. If that result is attained, each side will necessarily be obliged to make concessions. Already two subjects have appeared that promise to divide the two commissions. One is whether the Mayor shall be elected with the veto power. The other involves the election or appointment of the subordinate officers of the city. These officials now are elected. The recommendation of the official charter commission is that these same officers be elected under the proposed commission charter. On the other hand, the East Side Commission has voted that all these officials should be appointed by the commissions.

Changes Also Disputed.
There also appears to be a difference of opinion among the members of the two commissions as to the charter to which the present charter should be amended to adjust it to a commission government. If the two bodies can agree on this detail, a pure commission form of charter may be produced. Such a charter is favored by the official commission which would have all irrelevant questions, not directly involved in a commission government, submitted as independent measures.

At yesterday's conference E. C. Brunaugh and George L. Baker represented the official commission, A. E. Clark, Dr. C. H. Chapman and R. W. Montague appeared for the people's charter commission (East Side), while the Council was represented by Councilmen Baker, Joy, Schmeier, Jennings and Montague.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the kind friends for their sympathy and the beautiful flowers offered them in behalf of our dear wife, daughter and sister, Mrs. Cora M. Newton.

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In recognition of the long public service of Rev. Thomas Lamb Eliot, D. D., dean of ministers of Portland, first pastor of Unitarian Church, president of the board of trustees of Reed College and an authority on art and literature, his 70th birthday anniversary will be celebrated tonight with a reception at the Unitarian Church of Our Father, at Seventh and Yamhill streets. The reception will begin at 8 P. M.

Today marks Dr. Eliot's 70th year of life and his 44th year as a resident of Portland. The board of trustees of Reed College will present Dr. Eliot today with a written expression of regard and esteem for the work he has done for the good of the college.

Sight Fails in College.
Dr. Eliot was born in St. Louis October 13, 1841, the first son of Rev. William Greenleaf Eliot, D. D., LL. D., and Abigail Adams Eliot, a woman of great prominence in the early history of St. Louis. He received his preparatory and collegiate education at Washington University from which he was graduated in his first class in 1862 and from which he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1865. In his school career his sight failed and he took a trip around Cape Horn to China, but gained no relief. He returned to school and continued his course greatly hampered by poor sight. After graduating he was engaged for two years in the ministry-at-large in St. Louis in charge of the mission house connected with his father's church. At that time he did a great deal of work among the poor and also acted as tutor in Latin and Greek in Washington University. He was enlisted in the First Missouri Volunteers in the early part of this period but did not leave the state in the war.

He was discouraged in his intention of entering the ministry by his failing sight, but compelled finally to the request of his father and took a course in the Harvard Divinity School, where he finished a two-year course in one year.

Portland Call Accepted.
His first pastorate was in Louisville, Ky., where he took the pulpit of Rev. John H. Heywood for several weeks. He went from Louisville to St. Louis and was made associate pastor of his father's church. He was ordained there November 19, 1865.

He was married November 28, 1865 to Henrietta R. Mack and left shortly afterward for New Orleans where he took the pulpit in a Unitarian Church for a short time, still holding the associate pastorate of his father's church. In November, 1867, he resigned from his New Orleans and St. Louis connections to accept a call to the church then being organized in Portland. On the same day he received calls from churches of Portland, Or. and Portland, Me., accepting the former by return mail. Dr. Eliot with Mrs. Eliot and infant son left St. Louis in November, 1867, and arrived in Portland 40 days later, a trip being taken in the meantime through New York and Panama. On his arrival in Portland he was called the "Boy Preacher" because of his unusually youthful appearance.

Dr. Eliot was prominently connected with the campaign which resulted in the establishment of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, the first organization of the kind on the Pacific Coast. He has always been prominently identified with temperance movements and with Woman's Suffrage. In a political line he has held several positions among which was that of Superintendent of Schools in Multnomah County.

Controversy Is Distilled.
Dr. Eliot is a polished orator. He has little liking for religious controversy and confines his sermons largely to virtues of Christian character. He has preached many baccalaureate sermons in colleges under the control

of evangelical churches and has often preached in churches of other denominations.

Dr. Eliot's home has been blessed with eight children, seven of whom are living. The eldest is Rev. William G. Eliot, Jr., pastor of the Unitarian Church of Portland, where his father served for so many years. In his connection with the Unitarian Church in Portland Dr. Eliot won thousands of friends. He has carried the church through a hard fight to a point where it is one of the strongest churches in the city. Dr. Eliot resigned his pastorate in January, 1892. After his resignation he was elected pastor emeritus and frequently occupies the pulpit at the Sunday services.

In civic affairs probably no man in Portland has been more active than Dr. Eliot. He is a director in the Portland Library Association, vice-president of the Art Association and a member of practically all of the charitable institutions and philanthropic organizations of the city.

He was a member of the Park Board for a number of years and for ten years was president of the Oregon Humane Society. After the great fire of August 2, 1872, which left hundreds of Portland residents homeless he was one

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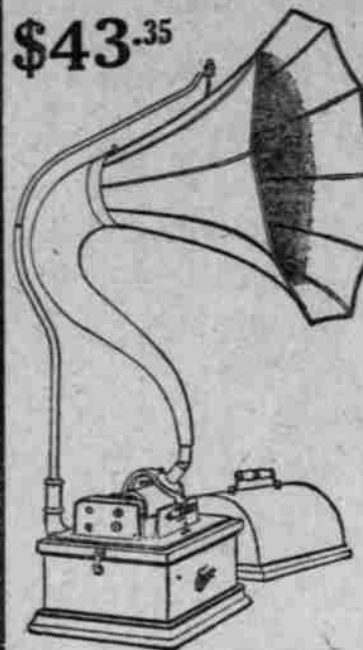
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