

CHARTER ELECTION COMES IN OCTOBER

Committee Works on Final Draft and Proposes Special Ballot for Adoption.

"RED TAPE" IS ELIMINATED

Under Proposed Measure, Mayor Will Have Power to Shift Other Commissioners Around to Increase Efficiency.

Unless the plans of the special charter committee, authorized by the City Council and appointed by Mayor Rushlight, are unexpectedly blocked, the electors of this city will vote on a commission charter at a special election about October 1. The committee at a meeting last night completed its consideration of the original draft of a commission form of charter which was referred for revision and codification to a special subcommittee consisting of R. W. Montague, City Attorney Grant, P. L. Willis and Chief Deputy Auditor Grutz.

The members of this committee immediately will begin preparation of the final draft, and, if possible, will report the completed document back to the full committee in a fortnight. The committee then plans to have the proposed charter published in the daily newspapers and receive criticisms and suggestions for a period of 30 days. A re-revised draft of the instrument will then be compiled by the committee to be filed with the City Auditor not later than August 1.

July Last Date to File Draft.

Under the city charter, all proposed amendments to the charter must be so filed at least 60 days prior to the election at which they are to be submitted to the voters. If the special election is held the first week in October, as is planned by the committee, the final draft must be filed with the City Auditor not later than August 1.

In the discussion incident to determining the date for submitting the commission charter, it was suggested that it be submitted at the general election in November. This suggestion did not mesh with the endorsement of a majority of the committee members who argued that it was a subject of such importance that it should go before the electors at a special election early in the fall, and preceding the general election, so that the fullest possible expression on the part of the people here might be had. It was estimated that the special election decided upon will cost the city between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Last night's session of the committee was taken up mainly with consideration of the merits and demerits of former charters. It included the approval of a local improvement code by the city, and the approval of the commission charter as given full power to initiate street improvements subject only to the following conditions: Notice of each improvement and the assessments thereon must be published and served upon the property-owners for at least 30 days in one or more daily newspapers having a circulation of at least 15,000 before the ordinance authorizing the improvement can be enacted; secondly, a remonstrance signed by the owners of 51 per cent of the property covered by the improvement will be sufficient to defeat the proposed improvement.

Mayor Gets More Power.

Another section, considered at a former meeting, was amended so as to give the Mayor full power to shift the commissioners from one department to another at any time in his opinion the requirements of the public service demanded. In this way, the responsibility for the general administration of the affairs in every department of the city government could be definitely fixed.

Through the adoption of another section, all boards and commissions now existing, are to be abolished with the exception of the Civil Service Commission, the Board of Public Works, the Board of Health, and the Board of Police. At the same time, the commissioners are given authority to create such boards and commissions as may be required in the operation of the various departments of municipal business. City Attorney Grant was instructed to prepare an additional section validating the authorized names of the District Commission, the Water Board and other board-issuing bodies of the city. The same official will also draft a special section providing for the condemnation of private property for public improvements.

It was the unanimous decision of the members of the committee to insert in the proposed commission charter a provision requiring that all appeals from discharged municipal employees, subject to Civil Service Commission, be made direct to the Civil Service Board. Under the present system, the discharged employee first takes his case before the sub-committee of the executive Board or other committee under which he is directly employed. If his dismissal from the service is sustained as a result of that hearing, the dissatisfied employee then takes his case to the Civil Service Board, where the same proceeding is repeated.

VIOLIN RECITAL ENJOYED

Friends and Relatives of Students Hear Programme.

Parents, relatives and friends gathered last night in the Masonic Temple to attend a students' violin recital given under the direction of E. O. Spitzner, and the young people who took part in the programme displayed notable proficiency. Their work was cordially received and the whole recital was one of well-balanced merit. The students were assisted by Misses Jennie Lewis, Katherine Lewis and Genevieve Frazer, pianists; Ferdinand

BUNGALOW CRIME TAKES NEW PHASE

Los Angeles Police Think Victim of Murder Minnie Quinn, Domestic.

NEW CLEWS ARE STRONG

Man Partly Identifies Picture of Slain Girl as That of Former Employee—Physician Adds to Evidence.

CHICAGO, May 21.—Chicago and Los Angeles police are working tonight upon the theory that the murdered woman, whose body was found in a bungalow on the outskirts of the California city May 7, was Miss Minnie Quinn. She formerly was a domestic in the employment of Mrs. Harold F. McCormick, in Lake Forest, and of Douglas Smith, in Winnetka. Smith, partly identified a picture of the slain woman as that of his former employee.

Woman's Request Denied.

Dr. J. F. Fressnell, old detective that a young woman, giving the name of Minnie Quinn and her address as Winnetka, called on him last January and asked him to perform an operation for her. He refused, he said, and she went away and never returned.

With the clothing will be sent a ring taken from Dillon's finger after his death. He wore this ring on his trip to California and the police believe it may prove a valuable clue.

Traveling Bag Miss Quinn's.

Relatives of Miss Quinn told the police tonight that the traveling bag found in Dillon's home and which is thought to bear bloody finger prints, belongs to her. Identifiers of the girl say the tooth of Miss Quinn fit the description of those of the murdered girl.

Robbery May Be Motive

Open Safe Discovered in Ruins of Store Gives Rise to Belief That Incendiarism Was Resorted To for Concealing Crime.

LORIMER CASE NOT ENDED

Further Debates Will Be Heard on Case of Illinois Senator.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The second struggle over the retention of William Lorimer, of Illinois, in the United States Senate may be precipitated at any time before final adjournment. The issues were drawn today in the majority and minority reports of the special committee which was appointed by Senator Lea, for the minority, introduced a resolution declaring that corrupt practices were employed in Lorimer's election and that he should be expelled. This resolution will be called up later, when Senator Kern, of Indiana, probably will open the debate for the minority.

3 TIE FOR LEGISLATURE

W. F. Jackson Wins Two Nominations, but Must Renounce One.

SALERIE, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—Because each secured but two votes in the primary election as candidate for State Representative from the Twelfth and thirteenth districts, comprising the counties of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, the Secretary of State today requested W. W. Honer, of Washburn, J. Edward of Mayville, and W. B. Patter, of Spray, to be present in his office Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to draw lots to see who gets the nomination. The only other time when such a condition as this has arisen was in 1906, according to the Secretary of State.

BORAH INSISTS ON ACTION

No Adjournment Until Homestead Measure Passes, He Says.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 21.—There will be no adjournment of this session of Congress, if I can prevent it, until the three-year homestead bill finally is passed," was Senator Borah's answer today to leading Senators who were endeavoring to work out an agreement to adjourn by June 15th.

21,000 VOLTS FAIL TO KILL

Electrician Takes Death-Dealing Shock—Goes Back to Work.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—While working with a transformer at the Pacific Power & Light Company's Freewater station today, J. E. Martin, an electrician, accidentally touched a wire carrying 21,000 volts. He was knocked from the platform to the floor below, a fall of a few feet. He got up, and, finding his hand, went back to work. Later, however, he was forced to quit work and his condition now is reported as being such as will prohibit him from returning to work for several days.

Martin has had several such experiences, but, according to his own comment, he "never heard of any getting away with shocks thousands of volts before."

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FIRE RAZES BLOCK

Archer Station Blaze Results in \$29,000 Loss.

Fire starting about 11 o'clock Monday night wiped out an entire business block at Archer station, on the Mount Scott carline and damaged a number of dwellings. The loss approximately \$29,000. An open shop in the center of the ruins after the fire, point to incendiarism with robbery as the motive.

BILIOUS HEADACHE

Few diseases produce a more miserable feeling than bilious headache. Many who are subject to it are not aware that it is easily cured, and in most cases can be prevented.

SECRET SESSION IS HELD

Ministers Will Be Asked to Indorse B. Lee Paget.

The Prohibition League, at a secret session in the Behne-Walker building, Fourth and Yamhill streets, last night, voted to place the name of B. Lee Paget before the Portland General Ministerial Association for indorsement. Mr. Paget is running as a Pro-

BLOOD MEDICINE COSTLY

Vancouver Man Sleeps on Sidewalk Loses \$42 Check and Is Fined.

Vancouver, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—Taking a patent blood purifier in liberal quantities, William Bellis was overcome by it and dropped to sleep on the pavement in front of a local hotel where he was arrested.

Mrs. Agnes Edgerton Dead.

Mrs. Agnes Edgerton died at 10:20 last night at her residence, 594 Rodney



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