

MUNICIPAL PROBE DIGS INTO BOSTON

Finance Commission's Report
May Revolutionize Mu-
nicipality.

MAYOR BUSY EXPLAINING

If Inquiry Reveals Rottenness, Com-
mission System May Be Adopted.

If Not, Mayor Gets the
Campaign Thunder.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Following the example set by numerous large cities, Boston is now involved in a stocktaking of its shortcomings in municipal government. Its investigators are not avowed grinders, and they have consequently bagged no big game. Its municipal probe is deep and of greater scope than mere persons. What is under fire in Boston appears to be the whole system of municipal administration.

If the finance commission "makes good" there will be argument for the sweeping away of the entire system of ward politics and the inauguration of some such government by commission as is effective in Galveston and is proposed for Des Moines. If the commission effectively finds the political administration guilty, the statement of President Elliot, of Harvard College, will be corroborated—that Boston needs a municipal commission.

May Help Administration.

If the finance commission does not collect a convincing array of municipal rottenness, its investigation is likely to result merely in campaign arguments for Mayor John F. Fitzgerald. The Mayor proposed the investigation and forced the legislative enactment which gave it being and power to investigate.

Illustrative of the municipal system, the finance commission has brought out several features that are local scandal. A coal agent who sold coal to the city has been indicted and set for trial on charges of larceny. The superintendent of supplies has been forced to resign, and various city departments have been condemned as wasteful and inefficient. The commission has also recommended certain methods of saving money for the city and has shown up undesirable features of administration methods.

None of this so far has been very embarrassing to the administration. As rapidly as the commission issues reports or recommendations the Mayor or his lieutenants have been issuing statements explanatory of conditions from the administration standpoint.

Debt Grows Alarmingly.

The basic origin of the finance commission is Boston's debt, which has steadily increased until at the last monthly report of the City Auditor it had reached the largest figures in the history of the city. The gross debt on August 31 last amounted to \$194,212,656 and the net debt to \$70,353,445.42. At the beginning of the year the city of Boston had a right to borrow \$3,000,000, and the last report had exhausted this to \$88,157.17. These figures are illustrative of conditions which have increased during recent years. Various business organizations, irrespective of any political reasons, believed such condition to be alarming.

REFORM SCHOOL HEAD
Mrs. Trumbull Attacks System of
Appointing Superintendent.

PORTLAND, Oct. 5.—(To the Editor.)—In Tuesday's Oregonian appears an article announcing the change in superintendents at the State Asylum for the Insane. The closing paragraph refers to a change of superintendents of the Reform School. The Secretary of State is quoted as saying that this position does not require a man with technical knowledge.

I can scarcely believe that this remark could have been uttered by the man whom the people of Oregon have chosen as their Secretary of State. No position in the state requires knowledge of such high technical grade as that of superintendent of the Reform School. These boys, with whom home, school, juvenile court and church have failed, pass into the hands of a man of whom nothing in the way of expert training is required.

I am sure that Mr. Benson could not have meant that. Almost every other state in the Union recognizes that special training is required for such positions, and have recognized it to the extent of taking the positions out of politics. Can we not do that in Oregon? We women cannot vote, but we are the unhappy victims of our political spoils system? Take the history of our Reform School during the past seven years. In 1903 Mr. Benson was let out and Mr. Looney, the present superintendent and a new policy installed. In 1907, for no reason known to the public, Mr. Looney's salary—he is marked for discharge. Why? Is he incompetent? Have there been any charges against him? This public is interested and surely has a right to know.

I am making no plea for any of the candidates in the system as it exists today. There is no room for anything but reform. Why should our successful candidates for any office have the right to remove another official of the state for any cause but incompetency? Is it not time the good people of Oregon put a stop to the fact?

The system is in disrepute in almost every other state, as I have said before. Why do we permit it to live here? Do we care so little for our boys that we can sit idly by without a protest? We women cannot vote—are there no men to help us in this work?

MILLIE H. TRUMBULL.

DOWIE'S SIMPLE EPITAPH

Words "John Alexander" All That
Tell of Fallen Leader.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—John Alexander, 1847-1907. On a simple tombstone of gray granite this inscription will be placed as an epitaph to John Alexander Dowie. The stone will be placed at the grave of the fallen ecclesiastical leader at Glen City next week. Such a modest reminder of his former existence is not as the founder of the religious colony planned it. He wanted a magnificent mausoleum as the resting place of himself and family, but Gladstone Dowie, his son, has ordered a stone that will tell to coming generations of the remarkable man who held captive the levity of thousands the world over. It will cost only \$100 and will not even have the name "Dowie" upon it.

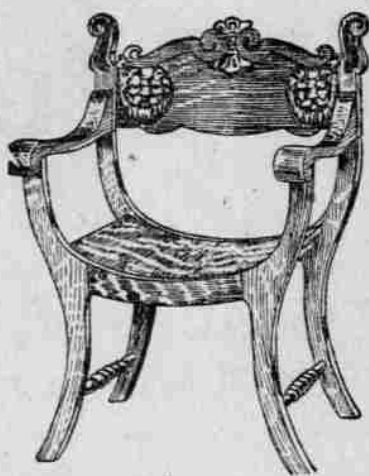
Types fitted to glasses, H. at Metzger's.

Only One More Week Powers' Forced Sale Forced Out of Our Warehouse

ONLY SIX DAYS LEFT in which to take advantage of our immense stock-reducing prices. This sale ends Saturday night and we intend to make this week the best week of "our sale." A glance at the prices below cannot but convince you that they're way down

Buffets and Sideboards

\$35.00 Buffet in quarter-sawn weathered oak; oval French bevel mirror; Forced Sale price. \$22.50
\$37.50 Buffet, leaded-glass front, shaped mirror back, weathered finish; Forced Sale price. \$21.00
\$36.50 quarter-sawn weathered oak Buffet, bent-glass front; Forced Sale price. \$23.50
\$42.50 golden oak Sideboard, swell front, canopy top; Forced Sale price. \$29.75
\$42.00 Buffet, quarter-sawn golden oak, oval French bevel mirror top; Forced Sale price. \$26.00
\$38.00 quarter-sawn golden oak Buffet, full glass front; mirror back; Forced Sale price. \$24.00



Chairs and Rockers

\$2.50 Arm Chair, wood seat, mahogany finish; Forced Sale price. \$1.00
\$3.50 Rocker, solid oak, cobbler seat, finished golden; Forced Sale price. \$2.10
\$9.00 Arm Chair in quarter-sawn golden oak; Forced Sale price. \$5.75
\$14 Arm Rocker in quarter-sawn golden oak, upholstered seat and back in chaise leather; Forced Sale price. \$8.75
\$7.00 oak Hall Chair, upholstered in genuine Spanish leather, weathered finish; Forced Sale price. \$4.25
\$13.50 weathered oak Rocker, spring seat, upholstered in genuine Spanish leather; Forced Sale price. \$9.25
\$13.00 Arm Chair or Rocker, carved back, saddle seat; Forced Sale price. \$8.50

Mission Pieces

\$12.00 Ladies' Writing Desk, with book shelf below; Forced Sale price. \$7.00
\$19.00 Ladies' Writing Desk, mission design, copper-trimmed; Forced Sale price. \$11.50
\$12.00 Combination Hall Table and Chair, weathered finish; Forced Sale price. \$7.50
\$32.50 Cellarette and Card Table combined, copper-trim'd; Forced Sale price. \$16.50
\$12.50 Smokers' Table, with pipe racks, weathered finish; Forced Sale price. \$7.50
\$23.00 Mission Hall Seat and Umbrella rack, finished weathered; Forced Sale price. \$13.75
\$25 Hall Seat in quarter-sawn oak, finished weathered; Forced Sale price. \$14.00

Terms on Specials Are Strictly Cash

Dressers—Chiffoniers



\$82.50 Dresser in quartered golden oak, birdseye maple and genuine mahogany, extra large base and mirror; Forced Sale price. \$54.00
\$68.50 Dresser in quarter-sawn golden oak and genuine mahogany; Forced Sale price. \$43.50
\$70.00 mahogany Chiffonier, full swell front, French bevel mirror; Forced Sale price. \$41.00

Beds Iron, Brass Wood

\$3.50 Iron Bed, scroll pattern, full size and three-quarter; Forced Sale price. \$1.85
\$4.50 Iron Bed, angle-iron head and foot; Forced Sale price. \$3.25
\$14.00 Iron Bed, continuous post; Forced Sale price. \$8.50
\$12.00 Iron Bed, finished in green and white enamel; Forced Sale price. \$7.50
\$42.50 Brass Bed, bow foot, polish or satin finish; Forced Sale price. \$27.50
\$76.00 Brass Bed, 2-inch continuous post, polet finish; Forced Sale price. \$49.00
\$52.00 Brass Bed, polish or satin finish; Forced Sale price. \$34.00

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\$14.00 Extension Tables in golden oak, 6-foot extension; Forced Sale price. \$9.75
\$29.00 8-foot Extension Table, quarter-sawn golden oak; Forced Sale price. \$18.50
\$45.00 8-foot golden oak Extension Table, round top, pedestal base; Forced Sale price. \$29.50
\$35.00 6-foot Extension Table, square top, French legs, golden oak; Forced Sale price. \$23.50
\$20 6-foot Pedestal Extension Table, weathered oak, square top; Forced Sale price. \$13.50
\$51.50 8-foot Pedestal Extension Tables, pedestal base, claw feet; Forced Sale price. \$35.00

Jewel Ranges

\$1 Down
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China Cabinets

\$55.00 Mission China Cabinet, leaded-glass doors, early English finish; Forced Sale price. \$34.00
\$35.00 China Cabinet, mission design, leaded-glass door; Forced Sale price. \$21.75
\$21.50 China Cabinet, bent-glass ends, golden finish; Forced Sale price. \$15.25
\$50.00 golden quarter-sawn oak China Cabinet, leaded-glass front and ends; Forced Sale price. \$32.50
\$92.00 Combination China Cabinet and Buffet, leaded-glass canopy top; Forced Sale price. \$59.00
\$59.00 Combination China Cabinet and Buffet, bent-glass ends, finished weathered oak; Forced Sale price. \$41.00

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ROOSEVELT REACHES CAMP

WELCOMED BY LOUISIANIANS AT
RAILROAD STATION.

Will Hunt Ten Miles From Railroad
in Canabrakes Where Ax
Was Never Heard.

LAKE PROVIDENCE, La., Oct. 5.—After a safe trip from Memphis to Lake Providence, where he this morning addressed several thousand residents of East Carroll Parish, President Roosevelt continued on his journey to Stamboul, 15 miles below Lake Providence, where his special train was sidetracked. The last seen of the President here was as his train disappeared down the track. Mr. Roosevelt was standing on the rear platform waving a large white handkerchief to the crowd, which was still standing in a dizzling rain.

Advices from Stamboul later today announced that the President and his party had reached their camp on the Tensas River, about 12 miles from Stamboul. In spite of a steady rain, all Northeast Louisiana was out to welcome President Roosevelt when his special train arrived here on schedule time today. Several thousand people were in the crowd and the President was tendered an ovation, which lasted several minutes.

In acknowledgment of the reception the President delivered a brief speech. He intended speaking from the rear platform of the train, but a large platform had been erected for him by the local committee, and the President was asked to address the assemblage from this stand. He remarked to the good people of Lake Providence from the stand which they have been kind enough to build for me, and taking the arm of Representative Ramsdell, he ascended the steps to the platform.

The camp is on the bank of the Tensas River, in East Carroll Parish, and is all in readiness. Every provision has been made for the comfort of the party, and yesterday and early this morning men were at work building drains and arranging tents. Eleven tents have been pitched within a stone's throw of the Tensas River, and the location is a good one. Five of the tents will be occupied by the white men of the party, while two will be turned over to the negroes, the remaining tents being a kitchen, a din-

ing-tent and a canvass spread for the horses.

Squirrels are numerous about the camp, and plenty of trout can be caught in the river. The servants left at the camp will hunt for small game during the day, and will aid in providing for the larger of the President's party. The party will not be disturbed by visitors, as the camp is situated ten miles from a railroad station and in a section of the country that has never heard a woodman's ax before this camp was made.

STORMS BUFFET LINERS

Umbria and St. Paul Delayed, but
Reported by Wireless.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Neither the American Line steamer St. Paul, due to arrive at Plymouth from New York this morning, nor the Cunard liner Umbria, which should have reached Queenstown late last night, had been sighted up to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, indicating that they had experienced rough weather.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—When the steamship Cedric arrived here yesterday, a report was circulated that while in passage she had received a wireless dispatch from the Umbria, saying that the latter had met with heavy seas, causing injury to several persons and some damage to her upper works. This was denied by the officials of the line and the ship's officers.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The St. Paul was sighted 220 miles west of the Lizard this afternoon.

The Cunard steamer Umbria was reported by wireless at 11:25 P. M. 30 miles west of Fastnet.

GRAFT ON SEWER-BUILDING

Topeka Sues Ex-City Engineer Who
Was Dismissed.

TOPEKA, Kas., Oct. 5.—The city today brought suit against James F. McCabe, ex-city engineer, for \$15,531.46, charging him with grafting in connection with sewer construction work. Shortly after McCabe's last appointment as engineer he was accused of crooked work, suspended and finally dismissed.

Death of Lady Nakayama Confirmed

TOKIO, Oct. 5.—The report of the death yesterday morning of the real mother of the Emperor of Japan, Lady Nakayama, was confirmed today.

SUSPENDED SIX MONTHS

CLARENCE NICHOLS, OF STEAM-
ER HARTWEG, LOSES LICENSE.

President Asks He Be Suspended
Three Months, but Captain Waitz
Increases the Sentence.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 5.—Evidence was heard here today in the case of Clarence Nichols, of Cairo, Ill., pilot of the steamer Fred Hartweg, whose suspension was ordered by President Roosevelt yesterday. The hearing was behind closed doors and the nature of the testimony was not given out.

George W. Tice, vice-president of the Monongahela Consolidated Coal & Coke Co., which owns the steamer Hartweg, made a statement regarding the reported collision between that boat and the President's boat, the Mississippi, in which he said:

"So far as the Pittsburgh delegation knew or were able to ascertain, there had been no official orders in regard to the order in which the boats were to proceed. If there was such an order, the Pittsburgh delegation were wholly ignorant thereof, and from every appearance the boats did not recognize any particular rule, running to a large extent at random. I myself was a passenger on the Hartweg and at no time during my observation did the Hartweg approach the President's boat so close that an accident or collision was even probable."

Tonight Captain Waitz suspended the license of Pilot Nichols for six months. The president had requested that the license be suspended for only three months.

NEGRO KICKED TO DEATH
Man Who Killed Policeman Taken
From Jail by Mob.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 5.—William Burns, a negro desperado, who on Thursday night shot Policeman August Burns, inflicting a wound from which the officer died yesterday, was taken from jail by a mob early this morning and shot and kicked to death.

BUNCO IN REAL ESTATE
San Rafael Valley Development
Company Tries to Get Rich Quick.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 5.—Officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company are on the lookout for agents of the so-called San Rafael Valley Development Company, which recently had offices in

West Forty-second street, New York, and which is said to have been offering to sell tracts of land supposed to be located in Lower California.

As a special inducement to purchasers, free transportation is said to have been offered over the Southern Pacific lines, slips of paper purporting to entitle the holder to transportation being furnished with each sale of \$100 worth of land. The transportation slips were valueless.

Martin Elected Director.
NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 5.—The board of

directors of the Jamestown Exposition elected Abiah H. Martin vice-president to be director-general to succeed J. M. Barr, resigned.

Cook's Pay Per Hour.
Puck.
Suburban (hiring a cook)—How much a month do you want?
Norah Grogan (indignantly)—What do ye take me for—a far-rm-hand? Me kitchen time, wid double pay for holidays an' whin ye have compny.

These Depositors Make
Make Sure of Their Funds

LIBERAL OFFER OF EILERS PIANO HOUSE APPEALS TO MANY
WHO HAVE MONEY TIED UP IN THE OREGON
TRUST & SAVINGS BANK

Full Credit for Every Dollar on Deposit, Up to Half the Value of Any New Instrument Purchased—Offer May Be Withdrawn at Any Time, Making It Important That Those Intending to Take Advantage of Same Should Do So Without Delay.

The time is getting short, and the suspense is becoming acute as to the fate of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank reorganization plan. Hardly more than a week remains for the depositors to come in who have as yet failed to give the reorganization plan their approval. It would certainly be a pity if the plan falls through, for the loss to the depositors in that case will be very large.

There is one way, however, through which any depositor may make sure of obtaining dollar-for-dollar full value on their savings, and this is by accepting the generous offer made by Eilers Piano House.

This big, strong and liberal firm have offered to accept from any depositor his or her savings account toward the purchase of any new instrument in their stock. This includes, not only Pianos, Organs, and Pianos, but also Talking Machines and Records; yes, and even Music Cabinets, up to one-half the price of the instrument or article purchased.

If there is any music lover in Portland who does not possess at least one of the instruments mentioned, who has funds tied up in the unfortunate bank, certainly no more attractive proposition could be offered. By accepting this liberal offer, any depositor may make sure of receiving full value for

every cent of either a substantial portion, or all of their funds, and in addition place themselves in a position for much enjoyment in the musical

But it is necessary that any intending purchaser who contemplates taking advantage of this liberal proposition should do so at once. If the reorganization plan fails, naturally Eilers Piano House will at once withdraw their offer. By accepting this proposition now, one can not only obtain an immediate credit for their tied-up funds, but make sure that there will be no shrinkage at all.

More than this, those who accept this offer will secure the benefit of Eilers modern methods of piano buying and selling, which will save them from \$50.00 to \$150.00 on every piano purchased, as well as having a decidedly superior line from which to choose. Just think of it, more than thirty of the world's finest makes of pianos and organs, including the incomparable Pianos and Pianola Players.

But the time is short. This offer may be withdrawn at any time; take no chances, but make sure of getting full value for all your hard-earned money by responding at once. Eilers Piano House—the House of Highest Quality, Biggest, Busiest, Best, 333 Washington Street, corner Park.

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