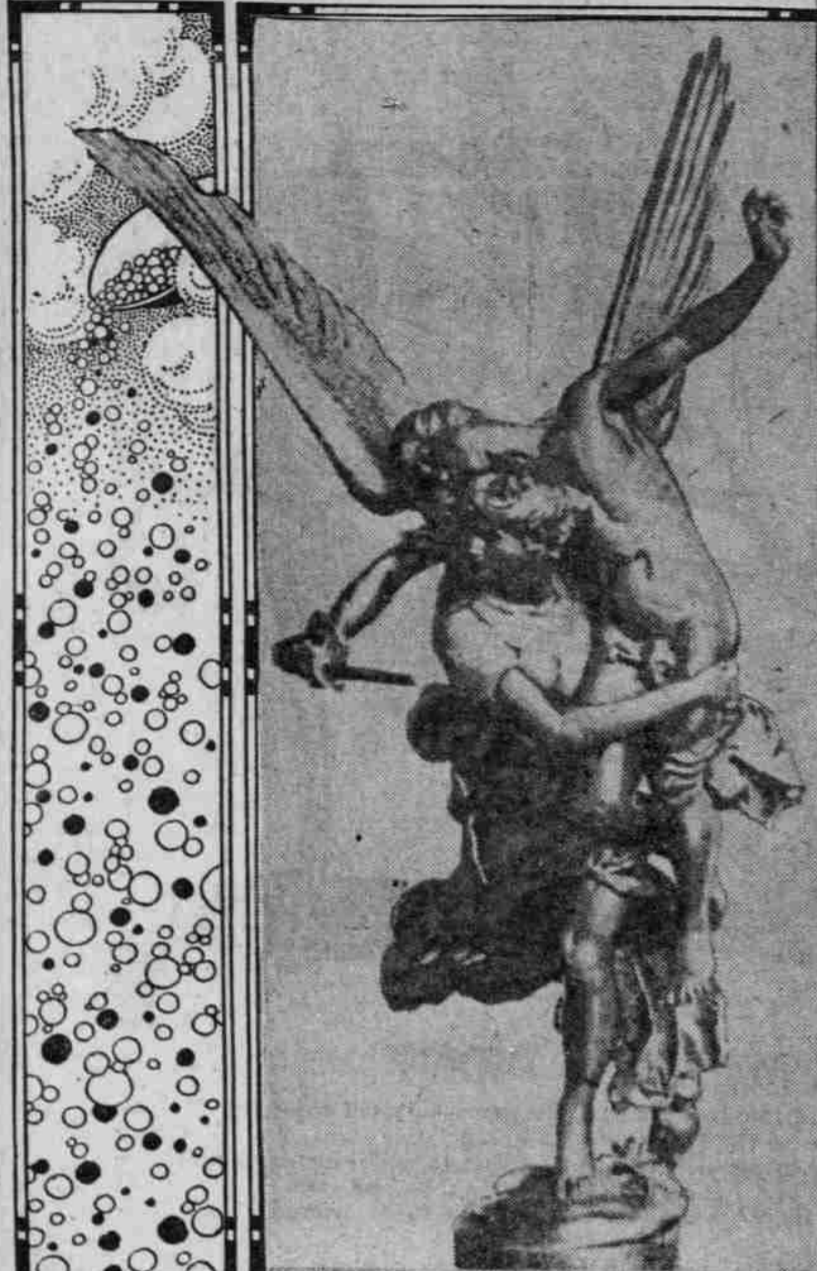


And fear not lest existence closing your Account and mine, shall know the like no more; The Eternal Saki from that Bowl has poured Millions of Bubbles like us, and will pour. -OMAR KHAYYAM.



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Portland's Proposed New Charter

BY GEORGE A. THACHER. THE proposed new charter for the city of Portland, which has been submitted by 14 members of the charter commission, raises a good many questions which in a broad sense can be included in one. Does the new charter involve a theory of reform to be imposed upon the citizens by a few men, or do these 14 men represent a large majority of citizens, who insist upon correcting certain evils in the present form of government?

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