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## GALVESTON'S GOVERNMENT

Texas Editor Discusses City's Plan of Municipal Administration.

### CENTRALIZATION OF POWER

Officials Chosen By Qualifications for Work.

### RULE BY COMMISSIONERS

Says System Has Proved Very Successful in Southern Municipality.

San Francisco, July 27.—C. Lombardi, editor of the Dallas News, which is under the same management as the Galveston News, is visiting friends in Berkeley. He is an earnest advocate of the Galveston idea in municipal government, and it was largely through the advocacy of the latter journal that the scheme was tried, and with much success, in Galveston after the disaster that city.

In the following interview he outlines his views on this subject:

#### SIMPLY BUSINESS METHOD.

"The Galveston idea in city government, at first suggested by the Galveston News, immediately after the great catastrophe that nearly destroyed that city and drowned one-fourth of its inhabitants, differs from the old spoils system so familiar to all of us exactly as the methods by which average Americans carry on their private or corporate business differs from those employed by some Americans to carry on their political business. In other words, it is simply the application of ordinary common sense business methods to the administration of city affairs.

"One commissioner was elected at large for each department of the city government, and one in addition to act as chairman, corresponding to the general manager in a large commercial or industrial establishment. Fewer men were elected, but each was chosen with regard to his special qualification for the work he was expected to do, just as in a factory or department store. Thus, in the case of the man who was expected to take care of the streets and look after the public service corporations, special qualifications for that work were demanded.

#### KNOCKS POLITICAL MACHINES.

"Not only that, but a special sense of responsibility for successful results in each department was insisted upon. Under the old system, responsibility was so scattered that the business of the city might go to the dogs and yet no single official could be held responsible, and this, by the way, is the chief defect of all our political institutions. To some extent the success of the new method depends largely on the character of the men elected, undoubtedly; but the new method itself calls for a different class of men, and suggests to the voters that they are confronted with a different proposition than the spoils system. The experience has probably not gone far enough to be decisive, but so far as it has gone in Texas, the more businesslike method seems to have brought about a new point of view, both among the voters and the candidates. In Galveston, at a recent city election, the old political machine tried to get in under the new dispensation, but the old Commissioners were re-elected by a good majority.

#### CITY INDEBTEDNESS PAID.

"In Houston, Tex., where the new method was adopted a little over two years ago, the new Commission government was composed largely of the individual members of the old administration, including the mayor. Yet these same men, under the new dispensation, and urged by a keener sense of individual responsibility, did wonders in remedying old abuses and in introducing wholesome re-

## OREGON TAKES FIRST PRIZE

Prominent Ohioan "Booster" Thinks this State Is a Wonder.

### RESOURCES AMAZE HIM

Says It Ought to Have 10,000,000 People in the Next Five Years.

Judge John C. Hutchins, of Cleveland, O., formerly postmaster of Forest City, and one of the foremost public-spirited men of the Buckeye State, is in the city with his younger son, C. C. Hutchins, on a tour of the coast, says the Oregonian.

Though he has been in the city less than a day, Portland and Oregon have secured in him one of the staunchest "boosters" imaginable, and because of his prominence in public affairs in a city and state which have sent thousands of home-seekers to this State, his visit will probably do this section as much good in the way of exploitation as a ton of literature.

Judge Hutchins left Cleveland July 4, and has been making the trip across the country leisurely, first visiting California points of interest. While Los Angeles and the South impressed him, he says he soon got weary of gazing at the naked mountains shimmering in the merciless heat and seeing nothing but vast reaches of barren hills and arid plains. The contrast between the conditions in that section of the Pacific Slope and the Pacific Northwest was the most impressive feature of his trip, he says.

In addition to having a daylight trip through the great rolling, fertile valleys of Oregon, where the fields are ripening for the harvest, where the immense orchards and fruit ranches stretch out as far as the eye can reach on either side, Judge Hutchins had a real Oregon booster at his side. McKinley Mitchell, a Portland commission man, has been spending some time in California and was on the train with him, and before Mitchell got through talking Portland and Oregon to him, the Easterner was almost ready to sell out everything he had and buy a few hundred acres of Oregon land.

forms. During the first two years they paid off a floating indebtedness of over \$400,000 and put the city finances on a cash-paying basis. The entire administration was re-elected last April.

Port Worth and Dallas have recently joined the ranks of the new idea, having obtained a modified charter from the last legislature, but their experience is too new to have made any record. In the case of Dallas, the new charter provides for a recall and re-election, in case any member of the city administration appears to be derelict in his duty, or does not come up to the voters' expectations.

#### OVERTHROWS SOME PRINCIPLES

"I do not know whether this overthrows the fundamental principles of our democratic institutions, or whether it runs counter to the sentiments of the fathers of the Republic. But what if it does? Do not the steel roller mills of our modern milling plants, propelled by electricity, go counter to the 'mills of the fathers,' with their lazy water-wheels slowly revolving heavy and clumsy stone grinders. Yet no American would go back to the 'mills of the fathers,' if efficiency and not sentiment is what is wanted. It seems to me about time that we should govern our cities and govern ourselves according to methods suggested by common sense and common experience, the actual conditions before us, just as we do in all other businesses of life, and not continue to be ruled by mere words, or by the dead hand of the past, with the results that we all know. It is about time that we do some thinking ourselves along political lines, and not let Thomas Jefferson or Alexander Hamilton do all the thinking for us."

## WOMEN AND CHILDREN PERISH WHILE MEN EMERGE UNSCATHED FROM BURNING VESSEL ON LAKE CAYUGA.

Auburn, N. Y., July 27.—The steamboat Frontenac was burned and beached at Lake Cayuga today and nine lives were lost. The victims were all women and children and all were drowned. Several passengers were severely burned before the boat could be beached. The steamer was an old side-wheeler with a double-deck. It left Ithaca this afternoon for Cayuga carrying fifty passengers and a crew of twelve. The crew worked bravely to save the passengers, but in spite of their efforts nine perished. Many men among the passengers showed cowardice and there was a general panic. The fire broke out in midlake. It is reported that more are missing.

## FIGHT FOR A BIG ESTATE HAWSE CLEARS HANSEN

U. S. COMMISSIONER WARNER WANTS \$2,000,000 ESTATE.

Makes Charge Against Stepmother That She Had Negro Blood in Her Veins.

Clinton, Ill., July 23.—Commissioner of Pensioners Vespasian Warner, one of the prominent members of President Roosevelt's official family, and a leading politician of Illinois for thirty years, has gone into court in this city and sworn that his stepmother, Mrs. Isabella Robinson Warner, is of negro blood. The climax in the Warner will case, which the Commissioner of Pensioners is vitally interested in, as an heir of the late John Warner, came today with the filing by the respondents of an amended answer making the startling charge.

The estate of John Warner, who was Commissioner Warner's father, is valued at nearly \$2,000,000, and the widow is fighting for her dower rights. Vespasian Warner, who is the executor, alleges, however, that an ante-nuptial agreement made by Isabella Robinson, later Mrs. John Warner, and his father, stands in the way of the widow's claims, and that, furthermore, his stepmother deceived his father by concealing from him the fact that she was part negro.

## GREAT WORK COMPLETED

RAILROAD RECLAIMS 350,000 ACRES OF U. S. LAND.

Company Spends \$1,500,000 in Checking and Placing Under Control the Colorado River.

Imperial, July 27.—Last night marked the completion of the work which E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad, undertook to perform to control the Colorado river at the request of President Roosevelt. During the period of operations the Southern Pacific has furnished nearly \$1,500,000 capital for the work. Official announcement is made that the work of control is completed and that affairs at the river have been turned back to the hands of the California Development Company. Until there is an agreement between the governments of the United States and Mexico and the private corporations as to interests, the work of control will rest.

General Manager Cory yesterday mailed to Epes Randolph, president of the company, a preliminary report on the conditions in the valley and the needs of the future as regards irrigation development. It specifies that the development possible in the plain on this side of the international line is limited to 350,000 acres. The report will be forwarded by Randolph to New York, where the policy of the California Development Company will be formulated and directions sent back.

## CATTLE THIEVES OPERATING

Taken From Salmon River Range Into Washington.

Lewiston, Idaho, July 27.—A band of cattle thieves operating on a large scale has driven 200 head of range cattle from the Salmon river range across the Snake river into Oregon or Washington, where they are herded in remote mountain ranges awaiting an opportunity to dispose of them.

The band was stolen several weeks ago, but it has not been generally known, although the sheriff of Asotin county, Wash., has had deputies working on the case for several weeks. They have found no clue as yet. Sheriff Lydon of Lewiston has never been notified, although the cattle belong to Lewiston men, and they were probably driven through this county.

## LONG STRAIN OF TRIAL TELLS ON AGED MOTHER OF HAYWOOD, WHO COLLAPSES.

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Every phase of the case was touched upon and a choice of five verdicts was allowed the jury, as follows:

- Murder first degree.
- Murder second degree.
- Voluntary manslaughter.
- Involuntary manslaughter.
- Not guilty.

Despite the long time the jury has been out tonight there still exists the hope among those who have followed the trial that some sort of a verdict may be reached. That affairs have not come to a deadlock were indicated during the afternoon, when the jurors sent a request to Judge Wood for some of the most important documents introduced into his care as exhibits. These had to do directly with the conspiracy against the former governor Steunenberg, for whose murder Haywood has been on trial and in connection with which C. H. Moyer and George A. Pettibone are yet to face a jury.

## TO BREAK THE MEAT TRUST

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION.

Try to Persuade Big Outside Dealers To Enter the Local Market Field.

Fresno, July 27.—Fresno's meat war, which has continued intermittently for two years, is now to be renewed by the entrance of the Western Meat Company into the field. The local combination of meat dealers was driven to the wall over a year ago by the O. McHenry Company, a firm of Modesto wholesalers, which extends its operations over a large part of the valley. Within the last two weeks the Fresno combine which has been buying of the McHenry Company managed to buy up the last independent shop and came into complete control of the situation. The price of meat has gone steadily upward, and at the same time there has been an increase of complaint as to the service on the part of small dealers and buyers.

C. J. Benson, president of the Fresno Hotel and Restaurant Keepers' Association, has begun negotiations with the Western Meat Company to enter the local field. He says there is every assurance that the hold of the local trust will be broken.

## HELD FOR CLEALUM ROBBERY.

Suspicion Aroused by Attempting to Sell Fountain Pen.

North Yakima, Wash., July 27.—G. F. Miller, suspected of being concerned in the robbery of three stores in Sle Elum Sunday night, was arrested here last night by Patrolman Perry upon information furnished by a local newspaper man. Miller had attempted to dispose of a fountain pen, and as that article was one of a number missing from Cle Elum and as the man answered the description furnished by the Cle Elum chief of police, Miller was arrested. He denied all knowledge of the crime, insisting that he was a peddler.

The robberies were reported to the sheriff's office yesterday morning. Money in the amount of \$185 was stolen, as well as a quantity of clothing.

## HAYWOOD'S FATE WITH THE JURY

Court's Instructions to the Jury Are Embodied in About 12,000 Words.

### CHOICE OF FIVE VERDICTS

Long Strain of Trial Tells On Aged Mother of Haywood, Who Collapses.

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A tragic event of the day was the collapse of Mrs. Etta Carruthers, the aged mother of Haywood. Completely broken down and suffering from nervous prostration, she was taken to St. Luke's, where it was said she would require attention some time.

The strain of the long trial has told more keenly upon the mother than any other member of the prisoner's family. Today as the jury retired and as the san was led away to his cell she reached her arms about shoulders and tenderly kissed him. This was the only demonstration.

The court session which began this morning will continue without interruption until the jury reaches a verdict or until the foreman announces an agreement impossible. Boise city continues quiet tonight, with few loiterers about, and at 10 o'clock Judge Wood went home, leaving word he could be communicated with by telephone in case the jury arrived at a verdict. Haywood during the morning session listened to the reading of the charge without facial expression, and when led to his cell a smile played about his lips. After he returned from dinner tonight the jury sat about the jury room with backs against the wall and seemed in a sullen mood. Occasionally one or two would walk to a window and stand gazing out without talking to each other. Rumors are flying fast tonight, but at 10 o'clock there were no indications how the jurors stand.

## GRAIN CROP IN LINN COUNTY.

Albany, July 27.—The binders are now at work on the fall grain in many parts of Linn county. The work will be in full blast by the end of the week. The crop is said to be fairly good, and there is promise that the quality will be good. In some places where the ground was spewed up by frost the stalks are falling over under the weight of a heavy head, and this will cause a small measure of shriveled grain.

## GARFIELD AND STRAUS ARRIVE

Cabinet Members Will Speak at the Industrial Peace Conference.

### TO INVESTIGATE TROUBLES

Will Be Royally Entertained in Bay City.

### STATEMENT BY GARFIELD

The Commerce and Labor Secretary Will Look Into Local Conditions in San Francisco.

San Francisco, July 27.—At different San Francisco hotels last night two members of the Cabinet rested before the long program that has been provided for their entertainment. They are Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar S. Straus of New York.

Secretary Straus arrived in the city yesterday noon from the north, while later in the evening Secretary Garfield arrived from the south. The Straus party consists of the Secretary, Mrs. Straus, their son, R. W. Straus, and T. L. Weed, private secretary of the Cabinet officer. Mr. Garfield is accompanied by his fifteen-year-old son, James Newell Garfield, and his secretary, Hugh A. Brown and J. G. Massey. The Straus party is at the Fairmont, while Secretary Garfield is registered at the St. Francis.

#### GIVEN PUBLIC RECEPTION.

Secretary of the Navy Victor H. Metcalf telegraphed from Colusa county that it will be impossible for him to reach San Francisco in time for the reception and the automobile excursion. A public reception will be given Secretaries Garfield and Straus and their party in the Merchants' Exchange by the commercial bodies, to which Federal officials and other prominent men have been invited. President C. S. Laumeister of the Merchants' Exchange will welcome the distinguished visitors, and Arthur R. Briggs, president of the California State Board of Trade, will deliver an address of welcome on behalf of the commercial organizations. Responses will be made by Secretaries Garfield and Straus. The Cabinet officers and members of their party will then be introduced to the individuals composing the audience, and will be escorted to the roof of the Merchants' Exchange building, to afford them a view of the reconstruction of the business district of San Francisco.

#### SECRETARY MAKES STATEMENT

Secretary Straus has authorized this general statement of his views: "The purpose of my trip is to familiarize myself and to look over the field work of the Department of Commerce and Labor. I made it a rule immediately upon assuming office to study the twelve different branches of the work that is under the department, applying simple business methods to Government work. I need not detail to you the scope of the department, as you and your readers are doubtless fully informed as to that. It comprises, along with other subjects, the lighthouse service, manufactories, corporations, steamboat inspection, navigation, immigration, and so forth.

"I have pretty generally familiarized myself with the work on the Eastern side of the United States, and now I'm utilizing two of the summer months for the western side. I've met in the various places merchants, manufacturers and others. "The new immigration law went into effect the first of July, and the new regulations we prepared with great care are being put into active operation. I am gratified to find everything running smoothly. "The immigration work everywhere, I'm gratified to find, has a very high class of men in it, which it should have, as it deals with animate objects, with human beings, as contrasted with inanimate things.