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MODERN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

COMMISSION form of government for cities of the United States grows more popular yearly, as the workings of this method of government is understood.

Chapter 226 of the laws of Oregon enacted in 1907 provide that cities may enact any charter or amendment thereto by 'initiative' in submitting the new charter to a vote of the people.

This charter provides that the legislative, executive and judicial powers of the city shall extend, as far as same are granted by the laws of the state, to all matters of local and municipal government.

The legislative powers of the city are vested in the commissioners, except such which are reserved to the people by the laws of the state and by this charter, mainly as to recall, initiative and referendum.

The executive and administrative powers have been divided into three departments and under the control of three commissioners.

Department No. 1—Public affairs, finance, police and sundry, municipal court, public buildings, park and library, general supervision of all other officers and affairs not now defined.

Department No. 2.—Highways, streets, sewers, lighting.

Department No. 3.—Water, fire, sanitary.

The mayor is to be commissioner of department No. 1.

a majority vote of the three commissioners shall decide. Division of the city by wards is kept only for convenience in registration and voting and a non-partisan policy system of election is provided for, in order that the best men may be obtained.

The people retain the right of disposing by votes at a special general election of public franchises and utilities, also of large appropriations or any bonded indebtedness.

Under the initiative and referendum law of the state this charter may be amended or abolished at any time by a majority vote and a return made to the present or council form of city government.

Hardly a day passes but what some one or several cities in the country adopt the commission government, the reasons therefor being that it simplifies matters of administration, greatly reduces expenses, furnishes service of value not to be compared to results under the old system.

Marshfield when the matter is thoroughly understood, will adopt the commission form of government.

IN SAN DIEGO.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., also has its street car franchise problems.

Its street railway system is owned by a corporation whose management has been rather unsatisfactory and which now demands a new franchise to run for a period of fifty years without any of the modern concessions to the city for readjustment, right of purchase and fair valuation, and so on.

The situation was discouraging until a new bidder for the franchise appeared on the scene—Joseph Fels, the Philadelphia millionaire—with a thoroughly modern offer. He proposed to take over the system on a physical valuation to be determined by non-partisan appraisers; he offered to accept a twenty-five year franchise and to grant the city the right to take over the property at any time within that period on payment by the city of the actual physical value thereof, and in addition to pay to the city 2 per cent of the gross receipts.

Of course, conditions in San Diego may be somewhat different than they are on Coos Bay, but it is nevertheless of interest that this practical Philadelphia business man should be willing to pay 2 per cent of the gross receipts in order to secure a franchise.

MAN AND PANTS.

WHEN women appeared on the streets of Paris the other day day wearing the proposed new pantaloons skirts they were attacked by a mob of men who drove them out of sight. Much the same thing would probably happen in any American city.

Why? Because woman's venture into pants is the last straw.

Men are not unwilling to grant women an equal right to labor, nor to give them equal rights before the law, nor even to share the ballot with them, but as to relinquishing his clench on pants, never!

Pants are man's traditional badge of distinction and authority. They will be precious as such to him even when his distinction is lessened and his authority has become nil. Women may ask for most any other legal and social privilege that man is pants to the very last ditch.

OBSERVATIONS.

Dean Howe of Denver University is an extremely proper man with an undeveloped sense of humor. He thinks that when he has declared that "dancing is hugging set to music," he has forever rid his collegiate halls of the hated sight. What a jealous disposition with which to be cursed!

It is enough to make readers of the big daily papers sick at the stomach to read the slush and gush dished up about the engagements, marriages, divorces, etc., of the rich nobodies. The big papers are not satisfied to print the news, but print column after column of photographs of the worthless men and women who have happened to inherit a few millions of dollars. When a reliable, hard working, honest young man marries a good, sensible, self-reliant

young woman it is worth while and the country is the better for it, but the splicing of the good-for-nothing rich means only divorce, scandals and disgrace.

To get a just conception of another man's mental attitude, try to imagine yourself in his place. The denouement of wealth should think what he would do if he were rich. The man of wealth should picture himself hemmed in by the conditions which bring bitter protests from those who have to battle for a bare living.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA. GOOD EVENING. The piper often collects from wallflowers as well as dancers.—R. J. Shores.

OPEN THE DOOR. Open the door, let in the air; The winds are sweet, and the flowers are fair. Joy is abroad in the world today; If our door is wide it may come this way. Open the door!

Open the door, let in the sun; He hath a smile for every one; He hath made of the raindrops gold and gems; He may change our tears to diadems. Open the door!

Open the door of the soul; let in Strong, pure thoughts which shall banish sin; They shall grow and bloom with a grace divine And their fruit shall be sweeter than that of the vine. Open the door!

Open the door of the heart; let in Sympathy sweet for stranger and kin, It will make the halls of the heart so fair— That angels may enter unaware. Open the door!

The fastest flying machine is gossip.

There is always room on the sunny side of the road; let us walk there.

You are better than you seem; better than you believe yourself to be. So don't give way to discouragement.

There are more people dying for the lack of a kind word, a pat on the back and a little encouragement than there are from disease.

Many a Coos Bay man wears himself out trying to keep up with his good intentions.

The funniest thing about a big man is that he is apt to have a little wife.

The healthy youngster will not desert the table so long as there is any dessert in sight.

Elect that man to office who has the courage to be decent and honest when nobody is looking.

He travels by aeroplane, while truth trudges along with lagging step, and yet it finally arrives.

Of all the monopolists the one we most detest is he who monopolizes conversation and prevents us from getting in our word.

At last we have something to be really thankful for. Fashion has decreed that the "rampant rat" and the "bulging bun" must go.

It will require more than one coat of whitewash to renovate some politicians. Indeed, some of them need a disinfectant added to the lime.

Press reports say that Vivien Gould was seen smoking a cigarette the day following her marriage. If she has taken to cigarettes this early in the game, who knows but that she may yet be driven to drink.

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