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Official Paper of Coos County THE COMMISSION SYSTEM.

IN VIEW of the numerous and weighty municipal propositions likely to come before this people in the near future, and for the sake of properly distributing the burdens of responsibility and operation and minimizing the chance of failure and fiasco generally, it may be well for the Coos Bayite to do some thinking along the line of municipal government "by commission," the system of civic control and administration that is rapidly superseding the old councilmanic program, including the mayoralty, with its voluminous and diversified powers and range of irrational procedure and notable inefficacy.

The civic commission calls for the trained business man in a single relation, to which he can devote his best knowledge and experience with out having to take note and charge of issues and matters of complex and unusual concern to him. Departmental work is segregated and placed in hands capable of disposing of it correctly, safely and economically, directly amenable to the people, with no chance to share, evade nor discount the official liability attaching to the particular post and function to which he is especially elected.

Portland is making a movement to secure this new and ideal government and every city of size and promise in the state should be seriously thinking out the excellence and security inseparable from the principle and procedure to which the best and biggest municipalities of the country have turned for relief and progressive bases.

WATER REPORT IS RATIFIED

Marshfield Council Provides For Expense—Committee Favours Municipal Plant.

The Marshfield city council last evening by ordering acting City Atty. Kendall to draft an ordinance providing for the payment of not exceeding \$300 as Marshfield's share of the expense of having the waterworks situation experted ratified the action of the special water committee.

Mr. Jackson, who is seeking the fifty-year franchise for Mr. Nolan, was present and asked that the expert be urged to expedite the investigation as much as possible so that he would know whether there was a chance for the Nolan franchise. Councilman Albrecht of the special water committee said that no definite time for completing the investigation could be set as it was not known for certain how much work would be required or when Engineer Richardson would start. He expected Mr. Richardson back within a few days and thought that by the next meeting of the council next Tuesday night Mr. Richardson might be able to tell when he would be ready to report. He said it would take ten or fifteen days.

Mr. Albrecht in submitting the committee report said that the committee had decided in favor of a municipal water system. Mayor Straw questioned the idea of incurring the expense of an investigation until they knew whether the people wanted a municipal system but the councilmen informed him that the people could not very well determine whether they wanted the municipal system until they knew what it would cost and what they would get.

THE RAILWAY FRANCHISE

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referendum could be invoked and give the people a chance to express their views on it if it is considered wrong, he said he would have voted no. Besides this, he said he was prompted by the fact that the people had comparatively recently voted a private individual a franchise not as good for the city. Councilman Ferguson before voting said that he wanted to say that in whatever he participated, he went with the majority and consequently in this instance would vote yes. There was quite a crowd present and the stamping of feet and clapping of hands indicated their approval of the action of the council.

Discussion of Franchise. At the conclusion of the reading of the revised franchise, there was considerable discussion of it during which some changes were made. In one place where the franchise specified that the company should be given a "reasonable" length of time to build lines demanded by the city council, Councilman Ferguson asked that it be made more definite. Mr. Bennett thought that could not be made more definite but finally it was agreed that one year be substituted for reasonable. The franchise also provided that if the company built one mile of track in the city besides the waterfront line inside of ten years they could hold all the franchises on the streets included in the document. Messrs. Ferguson, Cople and Albrecht objected to this and it was finally changed so that the company can be required to build all the lines specified in five years or the franchise on the unoccupied streets declared forfeited.

Councilman Ferguson brought up the question of the city retaining the privilege of purchasing the waterfront line at any time. He said the matter had been presented to Mr. Bennett yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bennett replied that they would not consider such a proposition as the waterfront line was the backbone of the system and if the city should buy it the company would be left with a system without a principal connecting link. He said the company intended to build further than merely a Marshfield line and that the waterfront line was the essential part of their plans and that the other lines in the city would be merely feeders for that line.

Mr. Bennett called attention to the fact that the people had voted Jacob M. Blake a franchise which did not protect the city nearly so much as the franchise they were asking and did not include in that a provision enabling the city to buy it. Mr. Coppie also argued in favor of the provision that would enable the city to exercise the right to purchase the waterfront line when it might so decide but Mr. Bennett said they would not consider taking a franchise having such a provision. Mr. Bennett referred to the street car line situation being held up for a couple of years by the franchises given Blake without any guarantee on his part. Councilman Powers said it was not held up as no one else had desired it.

Councilman Ferguson wanted the \$10,000 guarantee to cover the completion of the system instead of merely guaranteeing that the company would do \$10,000 worth of work in the nine months. He said the city wanted a complete system and not part of one.

This irritated W. S. Chandler who in no uncertain terms expressed his indignation. He said that when J. M. Blake, a "carpet-bagger" came along and asked a franchise, they did not insist on any such terms. He said Blake had no property here and that he (Chandler) and his associates were big property holders whose interests were identical with the Bay. He said he was getting tired of fooling about it and unless the council could grant the franchise soon, he didn't care whether they did or not.

Mr. Ferguson retorted that he was not on the council when Blake got his franchise, that while his property interests here were not as great as some, still all he had was here and he intended to make it his home. Furthermore, he said he didn't want to block anything or to have others do so and that all he wanted was a square deal for all concerned.

Dr. Straw then arose and declared there was only one thing to do—to grant the franchise. He said the people had voted to give Blake a franchise on merely his personal promise because they wanted a railroad and later had favored a plan

of turning it over to a committee of four. He said the high standing of the people asking this franchise and guaranteeing to build the road if they secured it was a sufficient guarantee that it would be much better to turn it over to them than to give it in trust to be held up indefinitely. He said that their property interests were such as to insure that they would not sell the franchise to anyone who would use it to the disadvantage of the Bay. He said that in case it was so that he had a vote on the matter, he would vote in favor of granting it.

Meanwhile W. P. Murphy had come in and on account of his speech the night before, he was called upon for a talk. He declared that he found that the franchise did not transgress on the rights of his Home Telephone company. Also that if the Smith and Simpson interests were taken from the Bay, it would leave the poor house staring all in the face. He said that in getting this franchise these big companies were merely trying to protect their own interests and consequently he favored giving it to them.

Then came the vote with the result as stated above. J. W. Bennett then thanked the council and assured them of the good faith of the company.

Among the additions made to the franchise were ones providing for half fare for school children and one protecting the rights of corporations under franchises heretofore given.

As a reason for extending the time from six months to nine months, besides the weather conditions, Mr. Bennett pointed out that thirty days must be allowed for time in which anyone who so desired could file a referendum petition. In case one was filed, he said another thirty days must elapse before the election could be held.

GRANGE WILL HOLD PICNIC

Second Annual Celebration to Be Held Saturday on Catching Inlet.

The second annual picnic of Coos Bay Grange No. 397, will be held Saturday at "The Maples," the Carl Smedburg ranch on Catching Inlet. There promises to be a large turnout and an enjoyable time, the attendance not being limited to members but including all the friends of the organization.

Dr. J. T. M. Knox of Marshfield will deliver the principal address. Then there will be speaking, singing, games and a varied program of sports and diversions. It will be an all day affair. The Tioga will leave Marshfield at 8 o'clock for the picnic grounds and various launches will bring the delegations from the other sections of this vicinity.

SHIP TO PLY TO COOS BAY

Steamer Washington Will Go on San Francisco Run Next Week Probably.

Word has been received here that the steamer Washington will leave San Francisco next Tuesday for Coos Bay and will ply regularly on the San Francisco-Coos Bay run thereafter. She is understood to be a new vessel with passenger accommodations for about sixty and will carry a large amount of freight, including either lumber or coal.

Although not chartered by the Southern Pacific, it is understood that she will handle coal from the Beaver Hill mine and probably use the Breakwater docks here and will make a through rate in conjunction with the local railway to Coquille valley points. She will carry lumber from North Bend also.

Oil at Bandon.—A rumor was started here today that oil had been struck in the Bear Creek well near Bandon but it could not be confirmed.

THE WEATHER. (By Associated Press.) OREGON, Aug. 10.—Fair to night and Friday.

ASTORIA'S BIG CENTENNIAL

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rade which, headed by the Centennial band, started from Government square. Following the band were 1,000 "jackies" from the torpedo fleet and battery "A" of the Oregon National Guard, who acted as a guard of honor for Governor West and his staff. Next in line came the Astoria Centennial Committee and prominent visiting state and municipal officials and the United Scandinavian societies and other civic and fraternal organizations.

Arriving at the stockade around Fort Astoria the procession came to a halt and, after making a short address, Dr. H. L. Henderson, president of the Centennial committee, handed to Governor West a big iron key with which the governor opened the lock, and the wide gates of the stockade swung open. This was the signal to a solitary soldier standing nearby, and he began a series of wig-wag signals to Fort Columbia and a roar from the big cannon at that fort was followed by similar demonstrations from the batteries at Fort Stevens and Fort Canby. Simultaneously the warships in the harbor took up the firing and a salute of seventeen broadsides from the feet added to the din which shook the city to its foundations.

Proceeding to the open air stadium Governor West and his staff and invited guests were greeted by a chorus of 1,500 voices singing "America." This delightful feature concluded, the Very Reverend Alexander Christie, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Oregon City, returned thanks for the blessings that have been bestowed on the Oregon country in the century since the white man came. Following the invocation, Governor West spoke at length on a "Century of Astoria and Oregon," dwelling on the accomplishments of the white man in the Oregon country and reviewing the wonderful transformation which has occurred since Astor established his trading posts in this wilderness one hundred years ago.

Governor West was followed by several other speakers. At the conclusion of the speech-making, the entire gathering, led by the great chorus, brought the formal exercises of the day to an end by singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The celebration will continue until September 9. The Centennial committee has arranged a long series of events, covering every day of the centennial period, for the entertainment of visitors, including sporting events on land and water, artillery practice by the huge 14-inch disappearing guns at Forts Columbia, Canby and Stevens, land maneuvers and sham battles by the National Guard, aeroplane flights on land and water, maneuvering of the warships in the harbor and numerous marine carnivals, historical parades and pyrotechnical displays.

August 28 has been designated as "Astor Day." Special exercises and a floral parade on that day will precede the unveiling of a monument to John Jacob Astor.

SENDS CONGRATULATIONS. Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Extends Greetings to Astoria.

President J. T. McCormac of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce today sent the following self-explanatory telegram to President H. L. Henderson of the Astoria Centennial Celebration committee:

"Coos Bay, through Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, extends congratulations upon the opening of your Centennial celebration and wish you every success."

Peaches Are At the Bottom

Next steamer has 500 boxes. Get in quick. The canners are taking everything they can get hold of and the crop will not last as long as usual.

COOSBAY LOOKS GOOD TO HIM

Proprietor of Hub Stores Returns From Extended Eastern Trip.

A. J. Mendel of the Hub Clothing store returned last evening from an extended trip to the eastern markets on a goods purchasing expedition and also a brief visit at his old home in Meadville, Penn.

Like all who have absorbed the Coos Bay atmosphere Mr. Mendel expressed himself as delighted to be back. Nowhere he says is there anything like it. The east was hot and even the ozone on the Atlantic coast lacks the vitalizing element of the ocean breezes on good old Coos Bay.

"The east is all right as a place to do business and buy goods but for the joy of living commend me to Coos Bay. I visited all the eastern and western market and manufacturing centers, Chicago, New York City, Rochester, St. Louis and on my way home made brief stops in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The retail business in the middle west and east I found quiet and even in Los Angeles and San Francisco was not as brisk as the business men would like. You may know that I am pleased to find everything here so lively and with such excellent prospects."

"I found that the slackness of retail trade in the east made the market fine for buying and my purchases of clothing, shoes and furnishing goods were large, seasonable and up-to-the-minute values. I demonstrated that "money talks" there as well as on Coos Bay. I would suggest that The Times order some extra paper for it will need it to print all the news I have for the people of Coos county about the goods and the exceptional values that will be offered. In fact it may be necessary to put extra boats on for San Francisco and Portland people who will want to make purchases at the Hub stores when they learn what we have."

TO WELCOME BOSTON HERE

Chamber of Commerce and Millicoma Club to Arrange Program Soon.

At a meeting at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce yesterday, R. M. Jennings, C. F. McKnight and J. H. Flanagan were named as a committee to cooperate with the Millicoma club in arranging to welcome the cruiser Boston here next week. They were given full power to act.

As soon as the date of her arrival is definitely known, a half holiday will be declared and a myriad of launches will meet her at the bar.

Invitations will be extended to the mayors and city officials and citizens in general, of Bandon, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Roseburg and other nearby towns to participate in the reception.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength in building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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The Toggery

FORMERLY GEORGE GOODRUM If You Did Not Take Advantage

Of our 25c Window Bargains last week it is not our fault. Perhaps these prices will strike you:

- Shank Strains ... 10c Cup and Saucer ... 10c Cup Plates ... 10c Mush bowls ... 10c Egg Cups ... 10c Egg Boilers ... 10c and 37 other kinds.

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