

THE COMMISSION MAKES GOOD

New Form of City Government Proves Its Efficiency After Thorough Test

D. Y. Stafford is in receipt of a special edition of the Decatur Review, published in his old home town, Decatur, Illinois, in which there is an article approving the commission form of government as being superior to the old councilmanic system in efficiency, economy and in every other way. This is after a thorough trial of three years. The following is the article:

Commission government is not on trial in Decatur. It has made good. This new form is now in its third year of operation in Decatur.

Much Better.
Five men elected from the city at large, receiving an adequate salary for their services and giving their whole attention to the work are delivering better government than fifteen men, fourteen of them representing minor divisions of the city, elected for two years and receiving a nominal compensation.

It is the belief of Decatur people who give thoughtful consideration to public affairs that the commission council of five does things better, more promptly, more efficiently and more economically than the old aldermanic council of fifteen. This is said, too, without any reflection on any previous aldermanic council. The fact is Decatur was an exceptionally well governed city under the old form of government, which made it all the more difficult for the commission government to make the favorable showing which it has made.

Better Than Others.
The Bloomington Pantagraph, several months ago, sent an expert investigator to visit all the commission government cities in Illinois and to report upon them. After this man had completed his investigations, he said that beyond question, commission government has been more successful in Decatur than in any other place. It is an undisputed fact that the success of any form of government is dependable largely upon the men at the head of it, yet the Decatur commissioners should not arrogate all of this compliment of the Pantagraph man to themselves. They found when they came into office an exceptionally good town to govern and the city as well as the commissioners and the new system of government is entitled to a fair share of credit.

Good Officials.
It is fortunate that Decatur elected as its first set of city commissioners a body of clean and capable men who have gone about their work with the single purpose of doing the very best that was in them for the city. It was fortunate for the commissioners that they were called to govern a city that was in the habit of being quite well governed.

Advantages.
Commission government has demonstrated that it can get at results a good deal more promptly than the old council could. If a thing of importance is to be done the commissioners can and do go ahead and do it. Indeed, practically every claim made in advance for commission government has been realized in Decatur. Not every thing that everybody hoped for has been accomplished, because that was impossible, but on the whole a great deal more has been done and it has as a rule been better done than under the old plan.



AT THE HOTELS
F. E. Helm, of Toledo, who is making a general tour of the west, is visiting Coos Bay at present. Mr. Helm is a confirmed globe trotter, having traveled in all parts of the world during the last five years. He arrived here on the last Breakwater and by way of conversation pronounced the trip as one of the roughest he has ever made. "If Columbus had landed on the west instead of the east coast," said Mr. Helm, in discussing the country, "we would have all the facilities and comfort that go with population. I make a trip from the east almost every year when it gets slightly cold to enjoy the diversity with which nature has endowed the Pacific coast. This is my first visit to Coos Bay and I think the people here are the kind who build empires. I understand that the people who were here fifty years ago talked railroad just as strong as they do now. And they would be talking about it yet, with no railroad in sight, if all they did was talk. I think that by my next trip here in 1916 we shall see a population of 25,000 people, with the get-there spirit that is manifest in Marshfield at present."

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SOUTH SLOUGH DEPORTS MAN

George Baker, Former Marshfield Bartender, Given Notice to Leave There

George Baker, a former Marshfield bartender, was deported by a number of South Slough citizens today. He was put on the launch Vega and told to go and never to return. There were several South Sloughites in the deportation party. Baker remained on the Vega until it reached North Bend. Whether he expects to abide by the South Slough mandate is not given out.

The South Slough people charge Baker with a number of petty thefts that have occurred there. It is claimed that the last straw was when they dug up a quantity of potatoes in the sand near Baker's shack. These had been stolen from one of the residents, it is alleged. A short time ago Baker was arrested for the theft of a gold watch belonging to Mrs. Addisoh Cook and others, but was released.

WHEELS DRUNK TO CITY JAIL

Marshal Carter Uses Grocery Truck to Take Ed Quinn To Bastille

"I want to see some o' the boys," said a gentleman to one of the local hotel men Sunday morning. "The boys are all gone," came the assurance of the hotel clerk to the stranger with a demijohn of liquid refreshments in one hand, anxious to share the beverage with any of his cronies that he might meet. He left the place and was met by some of his associates, who, noticing that his powers of reasoning were about to be overcome, escorted him to the rear of one of the North Front street buildings and took a drink of the beverage to satisfy their thirst and trouble.

They had not gone far when Chief Carter arrived on the scene and decided the place for the man was in the "cooler." His powers of reasoning, and balancing were so overcome that he could not navigate. "What shall I do?" said Chief Carter. "He has no money, so I can't hire a taxi, and the city has no patrol wagon for the care of these lubricates." Suddenly the chief noticed a "go devil" used by a local grocery for the transportation of merchandise, so the Chief very gently tossed his load of "peaches" into the cart, and accepting a dare, wheeled the prisoner down Front street to the city jail where the prisoner gave the name of Edward Quinn and stated that his regular residence when in Marshfield was at the Hotel de Carter. He is a logger at the Smith-Powers camps and lands in jail two or three times on each visit to Marshfield.

Wants Quick Hearing
"Can't I get my hearing tonight?" asked John Hill, who was arrested by Officers Shoupe and Richardson Saturday night, and insisted that a case of such importance should be heard right away, if not sooner. "What's the matter?" queried Gordon Smith, "What do you want?" "I want my hearing," quoth Hill. "You may be deaf tonight, but you will get your hearing in the morning," answered Smith, much to the disgust of the provoked Hill. He had only 25 cents in cash, so a hearing would have been useless.

J. Snyder was arrested by Officers Richardson and Shoupe Saturday evening and charged with the crime of too liberally quenching his thirst. He had fifteen cents.

H. Hendrixson was arrested at 1:20 p. m., Sunday and charged with drunkenness. He possessed no cash.

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WILL INSPECT MURCH RANCH

Fruit and Agricultural Experts Leave Today—Farmers' Free Exchange

J. L. Smith, County Agriculturist, Nick Johnson, County Fruit Inspector, left on the launch Suzy today for a trip of inspection to the ranch of George F. Murch on Coos River. Mr. Murch has a fine orchard and it is with a view of suggestion and general improvement that may be accomplished by other ranchers that the trip is made by the fruit inspector today.

A novel free exchange board has been installed in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce by J. L. Smith, County Agriculturist, for the purpose of providing a free exchange for the farmers who desire to dispose of or buy farm implements. A farmer coming to Marshfield from any of the inlets is invited to call on Mr. Smith in his office at the Chamber of Commerce in Marshfield and take advantage of the co-operation which he is establishing among farmers in this district.

SUMNER WILL HAVE ORCHESTRA

Organization Completed Sunday With Geo. Oberst as Director

The newly-organized Sumner Orchestra met for practice and business at the Sumner Hall Sunday afternoon. A few pieces were played and the out-look for a good orchestra there is promising. The following officers were elected:

Herman Sanford, president.
Fred Selander, secretary and treasurer.

Geo. Oberst, manager and director.
Instrumentation—Ellis Selander, first violin; Fred Selander, second violin; George Selander, cello; Miss Hildur Selander, piano; Herman Sanford, first clarinet; Arthur Nelson, second clarinet; George Oberst, first cornet; Robert Richards, second cornet; Jay Richards, trombone; Orville Wilson, drums.

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