

EXECUTIVE POWER IN HANDS OF COUNCILMEN

Charter Board Recommends That Each of Seven Members Be Head of a City Department With the Power to Transfer Given to Mayor

"We want good government at any cost. Pay good salaries and get good men. Economize in other ways if you will but don't try to get good government out of mediocre officials. Cut out the consideration of cost in regard to this question of salaries and the men whom you hire will save many times their salary to the city in good administration."—Ben Selling.

These remarks of Ben Selling made during the session of the charter board last night indicate the trend of public opinion with regard to the new charter. That Mayor Lane was fortunate in picking men to revise the charter is becoming more and more evident at each meeting. The careful, painstaking and laborious effort with which the charter board is going into the work of restoring order out of confusion, and efficiency where formerly nothing but chaos held sway, are commanding the admiration of everyone who has attended the meetings. The spirit with which Portland's conservative business men are attacking their task is one of progress.

Executive Power in Council.

The executive power of the city of Portland shall be vested in a mayor and council, to consist of seven members and no more, which mayor and council are to be elected by the qualified voters at large.

This clause of the report of the executive committee was unanimously adopted, as was the following:

"The mayor shall have no veto power but shall have a vote with the members of the council on all measures coming up before the mayor and council, five affirmative votes to be necessary to pass any law or to do any act for the city."

New Department Heads.

The legislative committee's report corresponded almost in detail with that of the executive and it was also adopted by the board. Both committees after careful consideration determined that seven councilmen and a mayor were the least number that a city the size of Portland needs. It is the idea to make each councilman the head of a department. The original report recommended that two other councilmen should be appointed to assist the head of each department, but this was stricken out and the one man supervision idea retained before the report was adopted.

Dr. C. H. Chapman and others pointed out that unless one man was held responsible for each division of the city's work, the same old circle which is being traveled now would be placed in the city's path again.

Block to Easy Control.

Dr. Chapman also proposed a plan which was accepted by the board—as to the method of choosing the councilmen. He said he believed that no political party or clique should have a chance to gain control of the government, as any party having a majority of the votes of the city would unless some plan were advanced to offset this. Dr. Chapman suggested that the

seven men who receive the highest number of votes be declared elected and that each vote be allowed to vote for only one man. In this way each interest in the city could elect at least one representative. This is practically the *Ins Moines plan*.

As on Boards Withheld.

The action of the committee reports which favored the abolition of all boards and commissions was not adopted last night, it being thought that the board should study the matter carefully before coming to a decision. This was in the opinion of some of the members, a necessary action inasmuch as the legislative board is self-perpetuating and cannot be abolished except at a great cost to the city.

In the discussion of the seven-and-one idea some of the members thought the number in the governing body should be odd, else a tie vote might result, and business be hindered. It was pointed out, however, that the section reported by the committee requires a vote of five in any measure so that this objection was hardly supported.

Mayor Will Earn Salary.

These seven departments are to be made interchangeable at the will of the mayor who has general supervision, under the suggested plan, over all departments, and he may transfer the head of one department to the charge of another at any time.

Some members thought the mayor would not earn his salary unless he also had a department to care for as well as the councilmen. B. Wilcox showed that the chief executive would certainly be kept busy enough looking after the affairs of all the departments.

The clause recommending the abolition of parties in the election of the councilmen, however, that all party designation upon the primary ballot, or upon the election ballot in the city elections, be abolished and that the two persons receiving the highest number of votes in the general election to follow the primary election, and that in the general election there be no party designation upon the ticket, and that those placed upon the election ballot for councilmen be the 14 persons receiving the highest vote in the primary election—seven being the number of councilmen to be chosen.

Elective or Appointive?

Before adjournment R. W. Montague made a motion, which was carried, that the board instruct its committees to bring in reports on the questions of whether the city officers shall be elected for the same term or for different terms, say, for periods of two, four and six years, as to what offices may be elective on the part of the governing body and what may be elective by proportionate representation and the recall.

One of the suggestions last night that will be put into effect immediately was that all persons interested in the making of the new charter be allowed to appear before the board and talk for any particular idea they might wish incorporated in the charter, provided each person who wishes to do this shall have first submitted the plan in writing.

Power of City Engineer.

Several very radical suggestions have been received already by the board in this manner, and they will be explained at some meeting in the near future. A proposal to open certain evening sessions for public discussion of these ideas.

granted in this way is that the city engineer have direct charge of all municipal improvements. It is argued by the promoters of this idea that the city engineer is the only man competent to judge what a street improvement, for instance, should be, knows the topography of the city and the other physical characteristics. It is contended that a property-owner should have nothing to say about the improvement except that, of course, the property-owner elect the engineer who is subject to removal for cause at any time. Any grant which might threaten could be slipped in the bud by the mayor who could discharge the engineer at a moment's notice.

Following are the sections of the report of the executive and legislative committees which were discussed last night:

Seven Departments.

That section 122 of the present charter of the city of Portland be amended by striking out everything in the present section 122 which relates to boards or commissions, providing in the place thereof that boards and commissions are abolished, and that all power of a legislative or administrative kind be placed in the hands of the mayor and council, who are to transact all the business of the city.

The committee recommends that the management of the city's affairs be divided into seven departments, and that the mayor appoint and remove at any time without notice, and to the different committees the right to change the personnel of their departments at any time, without being called upon to assign any reason therefor.

It is also the judgment of this committee that provision should be made in the charter for the removal of the mayor and council by the electors qualified to vote for the successor of such incumbent. The procedure to effect such removal should be similar to the recall provided by the state law with reference to state officers, and should provide that upon a written petition, signed by 25 per cent of the voters voting at the last preceding general municipal election, asking therefor a special election should be called for the purpose of electing a successor to the mayor or councilman sought to be removed.

As to Primaries.

"While the committee does not undertake to say in just what form it should be expressed, in the judgment of the committee, however, that all party designation upon the primary ballot, or upon the election ballot in the city elections, be abolished and that the two persons receiving the highest number of votes in the primary election be the candidates in the general election to follow the primary election, and that in the general election there be no party designation upon the ticket, and that those placed upon the election ballot for councilmen be the 14 persons receiving the highest vote in the primary election—seven being the number of councilmen to be chosen.

Low Colonist Rates Via the Canadian Pacific.

During September and October, the Canadian Pacific has on sale very low colonist rates from eastern points to Portland. Tickets can be prepaid and delivery arranged by telegraph. For rates and full particulars apply at local office or address F. R. Johnson, G. A. P. D., Portland.

To Repair Stockyards.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.)
Salem, Or., Sept. 30.—The Oregon Railroad Navigation company has promised to improve and repair the stockyards at La Grande at the earliest possible date.

PLEADS FOR HER BABY IN COURT

Mrs. Holden Falls on Knees and Begs Ex-Husband for Child.

Kneeling on the floor of the juvenile courtroom and crying pitifully, the mother of little Thelma Holden pleaded with her husband that she be allowed to care for the child. The father and mother, who are divorced, had been called into court to tell their respective stories to Judge Gantenbein, and it was just after the court had decided that the father should be given the custody of the child that Mrs. Rose Holden sank to her knees before her husband and cried out, "Oh, Jim, listen to me this once, just this once; let me have my baby." Holden turned away and replied sternly that he had already listened once too often.

The case was first brought into court a little over one year ago on the complaint of neighbors, who alleged that the child was not receiving proper care from its mother. Judge Fraser decided that the father should take charge of the child, and he left it at the home of his aunt, a Mrs. Hopkins, in Sellwood, but about one week ago Mrs. Holden took the child away and the case was once more brought into court for settlement.

Mrs. Holden alleged in court yesterday afternoon that the father's relatives had refused to allow her to visit the child alone and had even told the little one not to care for its mother. "They refused to allow her to wear even the hair ribbons that I sent her," said the mother. This was denied by Mr. Holden's mother.

SPORTSMEN TO MEET TUESDAY

For the purpose of discussing fish and game legislation, which will be presented to the state legislature at the next session, a meeting of the Oregon Fish & Game Association has been called to meet in the Chamber of Commerce hall next Tuesday, October 6, at 7:30 p. m. It is the plan of the association to have representatives in Salem throughout the coming season, and it will be his duty to scan every piece of legislation which might by any possibility affect the protection of fish and game in the state.

Though the members of the association believe it was done inadvertently yet they say it is a fact that all their work for the protection of trout and deer was nullified two years ago by one bill whose true contents the legislators did not understand before it was passed. An invitation to all sportsmen to attend next Tuesday's meeting is extended by the association.

COMPANARI CONCERT A MUSICAL TREAT

Campanari, the great baritone, who comes to the Hellig theatre, Wednesday evening, October 1, with three other members of the Metropolitan Opera company, is well known here for his remarkable vocal gifts. The concert will mark the opening of the Lois Steers Wynn Coman series of subscription concerts and will be an event in the musical history, on account of its novelty. Never before has Portland had a quartet from the opera company and these singers were secured by the management by arranging an early tour in order to permit them to spend four weeks in concerts and yet return them to New York in time for the opening rehearsals of the opera. The concert will

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(Salem Bureau of the Journal.)
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You'll want it, too, with a large door, so that you may burn the blocks or chunks, if you choose, as well as chips.

You'll want all the castings about it made of the best pig iron, for it is just as well to have the best eastern make, for it will cost you no more.

You'll want a lid in top, so that, should occasion require, you may boil water or keep warm a kettle.

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