

CHARTER COMMISSION RETAINS CIVIL SERVICE

Move to Abolish Present System Fails—City Attorney to Be Appointed by Mayor Under New School—No Change in Police Judge.

The charter commission held its most important session so far when it met last night to retain this valuable feature of the old charter in some form under the new. After repeated amendments the commission finally accepted the first section of the executive committee's report, which provides that the city attorney shall be appointed by the mayor, and that the police judge shall be elected.

Had the commission refused to retain civil service, it is the opinion of most of the charter makers that the new charter would surely have been rejected by the people at the polls. As John F. Logan expressed it:

"If you take away the civil service safeguard and too many elective offices from the people they are going to be suspicious and defeat the purposes of this commission at the polls."

In the discussion which followed the motion to make the city attorney's office elective instead of appointive. W. G. Elliot Jr. said in supporting the motion that the city attorney should be elected by the people, as he would be called upon to decide many questions of great moment, and if he were appointed by the governing body there would be a change that his opinions might be biased by friendship or political expediency.

The majority of the members, however, were of the opinion that the legal adviser of the city should be chosen by the mayor on the principle that the head of a corporation would select an attorney to represent the corporation. This view prevailed, and Mr. Elliot's motion was lost under the new charter. If it is adopted, the mayor will appoint the city attorney.

The office of police judge will still be elective, as the commission thought it would be unwise to make this position subject to the will of a possible clique in the council which might favor the semi-criminal classes of the city.

Before the charter commission began its work a letter from F. J. McKenna was read by the clerk in which the writer declared that it is a mistake to think the present charter is not satisfactory. Far from cutting out any omissions, he suggests that the main bar to progress lies in the engineering department, and says that the engineer is incapable of handling the immense business of this department without the aid of a commission.

Mr. McKenna asserted that the city is now more prosperous than it has ever been before; that the tax levy is only 17 mills, and that there is little talk of graft. In view of these things he thinks the charter should be only slightly amended, and thinks the radical changes advocated by the charter commission are not wise.

The decision of the supreme court in the case of McKenna versus the city of

Portland, he says, has settled the question of jurisdiction between the council and the executive board. This question, according to Mr. McKenna, was what caused the present charter amendment movement, and now that the supreme court has decided, he thinks the charter is good enough as it is.

This is what Mr. McKenna has to say with regard to the establishment of an engineering commission:

"You can trace nearly every complaint against progress to the city engineer's office. The city engineer will tell you that it is a lack of help that causes the delays. In my judgment it is not a shortage of help, but a lack of system in that office."

The recent talk of graft against the office is not well founded. I am free to say that I have not the slightest doubt about the integrity of D. W. Taylor; neither do I doubt that he is a competent, scientific engineer, but I doubt his ability successfully to manage the details of that office in a manner that will bring value received for the money paid for help.

"Instead of abolishing the existing commissions, does our experience not only argue for the retention of all commissions, but also for the formation of the engineering and street cleaning departments? As it is these departments, and not the city engineer, which have hitherto hounded early and late before our last election for the reelection of their chief."

"Such electioneering is not so likely to prevail among employees headed by a nonpartisan commission."

GOODRICH LOSES SUIT AGAINST ST. JOHNS

The case of C. L. Goodrich, administrator of the estate of W. W. Goodrich, once city engineer of St. Johns, against that city, has been decided in favor of the city. The suit was brought to recover \$4,000 which was alleged to be due Goodrich for his services as city engineer.

D. C. Rogers is now suing the city of St. Johns for \$250 damages as the result of the breaking of a clogged sewer with the result that a large part of his household furniture was ruined.

DISMISSES CHARGES AGAINST LAFFERTY

A. W. Lafferty, the Portland lawyer, against whom charges were preferred last April, seeking his disbarment from practice before the interior department has been exonerated, Commissioner Dennett of the general land office having accepted the answer filed by Mr. Lafferty and discharging the rule in show cause. Mr. Lafferty has received a letter from the commissioner advising him of the fact that the charges against him had been dismissed.

Commissioner Dennett refused to take testimony in the case, rendering his decision after an examination of the answer filed by Mr. Lafferty. The answer filed by Mr. Lafferty was voluminous, containing nearly 3,000 pages of typewritten matter. Exact copies of the papers in all cases in which Mr. Laf-

ASKS PERMISSION TO ACCEPT BIDS

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October 16 last, W. M. Ladd, administrator of the estate of A. H. Johnson, deceased, filed his report of the result of his administrator's sale. He received bids as follows:

From G. G. Gammans, for lot 1, Marysville, \$1,700; from J. Lang, for lot 1, block 1, Couch's addition, \$76,250; from Beaverton Real Estate company, for blocks 1 and 2, Beaverton, \$750; from W. H. McElldowney, for 310 acres near Reedville, \$12,000; from John A. Johnson, for 50 acres James Barker donation land claim, \$2,500; from O. F. Cooke, for 32.6 acres Hart donation land claim, \$1,250; from C. H. Buchanan, for Spring Hill farm, 773 acres, \$23,000; from Roman Catholic archbishop of Oregon, for \$2,950 near in opera, still maintains an unrivaled position in the concert world and will give a concert here Thursday evening, October 23, at the Heilig theatre under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman. Seat sale opens Tuesday morning.

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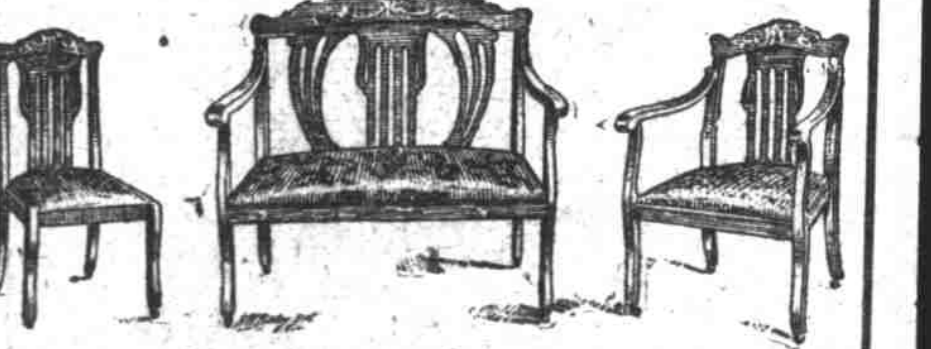
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