

DECLARES MAYOR SHOULD NOT HAVE POWER OF VETO

To Allow City's Chief Executive This Power Would Mean Destruction of Commission Form.

John Mac Vicar, one of the originators of the Des Moines plan of city government and at present a member of the Des Moines commission, has outlined some of his views on commission government in a brief letter to Gay Lombard, one of the members of the committee of 15 appointed to draft a commission charter for the city of Portland.

What Mr. Mac Vicar has to say on the subject of commission government merits consideration, as he is considered one of the foremost exponents of the new plan, which, after all, is not new, as he points out by referring to the city of Washington, D. C. That city, which is granted to be one of the best governed cities in the United States, is governed by a commission of three.

Stress is laid by Mr. Mac Vicar on his opinion that the mayor should have no power of veto. He says to give the mayor such power will destroy commission government. He suggests that the auditor and the municipal judge should be elected and the city attorney appointed.

City Attorney.

"I agree with the suggestions offered by Mr. Mac Vicar, with the possible exception of the appointment of the city attorney," said Mr. Lombard. "I hold that the city attorney should be elected as well as the council. "It never occurred to me before that the city of Washington, D. C., was governed by a commission, but since it has been suggested it seems to me that there is a good example of a city much larger than Portland being governed by only three commissioners. It offers a strong argument for a smaller number of commissioners."

Mr. Mac Vicar's letter is as follows: "Des Moines, Iowa, August 2. Answering yours of the 28th, I beg to say that after more than three years' experience under commission government, I see very little in the Des Moines plan which should be changed. No weak points have been discovered in the plan. At the same time I could possibly see reasons why it might be well to elect the auditor. The city attorney should be appointed. There is seemingly reason why the municipal judge should be elected independent of the council, but there are many weighty reasons why it would be well to appoint him, therefore I would not suggest any such change in the Des Moines plan if it were up for consideration.

Against Veto Power.

"By all means the mayor should have no veto power, else you have not government by commission. If the government is to be by a board let it be by a board with equal powers. "There is no particular virtue in five commissioners or seven. For Des Moines five is ample. The Nebraska law provides seven for the city of Omaha. I think five would be sufficient for that city, but in order to assist in getting the measure through the legislature a compromise was made on seven. Smaller cities and towns of Iowa have only three and the commission at Washington, D. C., is composed of three. "I think the Nebraska and Spokane charters have added more points in their favor than any other charter I know of. I am not sufficiently familiar with the 'preferential' voting which I think is included in the Spokane charter to advise you upon this particular matter. "If I can be of further service to you, command me. Yours very truly, JOHN MAC VICAR."

HILL INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern and head of the great Hill system, will send a paper to be read at the meeting of the Oregon Development League to be held at Astoria, August 14, 15 and 16. Mr. Hill yesterday notified Manager C. C. Chapman of the Portland Commercial club, who is also secretary of the league. Mr. Hill sent his regret because of his inability to be present in person. Mr. Chapman also heard from Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive board of the Harriman system, Judge Lovett writing from New York that it would be impossible for him to attend, but that he was deeply in sympathy with the league's excellent work.

"In my comparatively recent travels throughout the state, its possibilities for development were enough demonstrated to myself, and the party which accompanied me," writes Judge Lovett, "whilst the work of railroad building now being prosecuted on our system within the state should satisfy the reasonable people of Oregon that our companies are not only interested in such development, but are showing their faith in the future of the country by spending large amounts of money in construction of new lines and the improvement of those already built."

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, has decided to attend the league meeting and is on the program for an address that will be received with deep interest.

DIDN'T KNOW HER NAME; HAD TO CHANGE LICENSE

(Publishers' Press Lensed Wire.) Oroville, Cal., Aug. 5.—Because he didn't know the name of his future wife it was necessary for a young man to have his marriage license amended before the ceremony could be performed. Bryant is 25 years old. He applied yesterday at the county clerk's office for a license to marry Rose Atha Gleesp, aged 23.

After the usual closing hours for the county clerk's office, Bryant returned with a statement that he was mistaken in the name of his future wife, and that instead of Gleesp, her name was Gillespie.

The license was accordingly judged and the ceremony was performed.

Astoria Centennial.

Fast steamer Monarch daily at 7 a. m. from Washington street dock. Fare \$1 each way. Music, dancing.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Many Cities to Work For Proposed Highway



Section of excellent highway constructed by Frank Jagger in Clackamas county, south of Oregon City, on the east route of the proposed Capital Highway—But of convict built highway; Capital Highway commission members in auto, Governor West on running board—Worst section of road on entire trip found in South Portland.

Mass meetings in behalf of the Portland-Salem capital highway will be held this week throughout the east Willamette valley. Each of the meetings will be attended by the Capital Highway commission, consisting of George F. Rodgers, C. T. Prall and Grant Dimick. The program is as follows: Oregon City, Tuesday, August 8, at 1:30 p. m.; Brooks, Wednesday, August 9, at 1:30 p. m.; Gervais, Wednesday, August 9, at 4 p. m.; Woodburn, Wednesday, August 9, at 8 p. m.; Hubbard, Thursday, August 10, at 1:30 p. m.; Aurora, Thursday, August 10, at 8 p. m.

The people of the east Willamette valley have been stirred by Governor West's promise that the capital highway will be built on that side of the river whose people first get ready for it. He will be ready in a short time to put 150 to 180 convicts at work on the road. This will represent 20 per cent of the total cost, and the people along the way, says the governor, must contribute the rest.

The towns, county authorities and commercial organizations along the west route have already pledged several thousand dollars and have organized to give more money, material and transportation. These expressions of interest and desire for the capital highway have had influence on the governor and the highway commission, and it is understood that it will be necessary for the East Side people to

work hard and definitely to win the important road. Governor West, accompanied by Mr. Prall, expects to leave Friday for a visit to Maryhill, in Washington, where Samuel Hill has built a model system of highways at his own expense. Governor West and Mr. Prall will be guests of Mr. Hill.

Courting Celebrity. From the Washington Star. "I want to do something that will cause me to be talked about," said the ambitious man. "That's easily arranged," answered his wife. "Merely move into a strange neighborhood."

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PRINCE LOVED ONCE; HE'S LOVE-PROOF

And, Oh Fudge, Girls, He Seems Almost Proud of It, Too.

(Publishers' Press Lensed Wire.) New York, Aug. 5.—Prince Ludovick Pignatelli D'Aragon, scion of the ex-king ruler of Aragon before the great provinces of Castile and Aragon were united into the Spanish kingdom, arrived here today.

He is young, good looking and rich, but alas, ye fair millionaires, who would wear robes of royal purple and coronets of undimmed justice, he will not wed, and has sworn eternal vows of celibacy.

Says He's Loved Once.

"I have loved once," said the prince, with boyish frankness, "and I will never love again. I am done with romance. My one and only love was an American girl, Miss Helen Hilton of this city, and I still hold her memory sacred as the loveliest of all the fair. We met in Paris and became engaged."

"This was only a year ago—I am not revealing secrets, for it was in all the continental papers. The engagement was broken because of irreconcilable religious differences."

"But it was my last romance. I can never love again."

From the "Eloquium." "I have met and expect to meet here many charming American girls, but there will be no romance. I have no need for fortune hunting, and would not stoop to such a thing. My life henceforth will be spent in traveling and hunting."

This love-proof noble Spaniard is 35 years old. While in America he will be a guest of Robert Goetz. He expects to hunt some big game in the Rockies before returning to Spain.

DETERMINE WHETHER CLERKS ARE NEEDED

Several extra postoffice inspectors are checking up the business done in the Portland postoffice to find out whether the request Postmaster Merrick recently made for additional help was warranted by the business done. The additional clerks and carriers went to work July 1 as extra employees, but if the inspectors find they are actually needed they will be placed on the regular list.

Made Utah Senators Blush. Washington Dispatch to N. Y. Herald. Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon was not in the chamber when Senator Sutherland of Utah, in a speech against the recall of judges, booted the "compositional citizen," a creature of the Bourne brain, around the room. Senator Chamberlain, Mr. Bourne's Democratic colleague, was in his seat.

Mr. Sutherland was ridiculing the initiative, the referendum and the recall when Senator Chamberlain interrupted him.

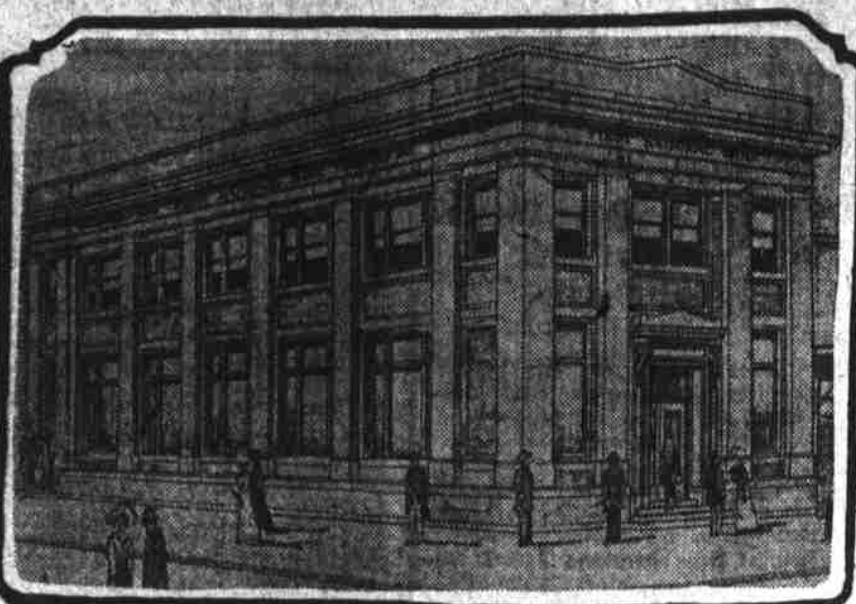
"You will admit that the law in Oregon does what you say cannot be done, will you not?" asked Mr. Chamberlain. "Oh, Oregon is a law unto herself," answered Mr. Sutherland.

"So is Utah," replied Mr. Chamberlain. Mr. Sutherland blushed and Senator Reed Smoot turned scarlet. The Republican senators tried to keep straight faces, but found it impossible. Mr. Sutherland continued his argument and let Mr. Chamberlain alone.

Truly So. From the Springfield Republican. It was an observant young lady who remarked that "the way those automobile racers in Indianapolis risk their lives is perfectly killing."

A man power aeroplane is being tried out in England, the aviator operating pedals geared to bicycle wheels on the ground and to a propeller when in the air.

COTTAGE GROVE GETS SPLENDID BANK STRUCTURE



The First National Bank of Cottage Grove, now under construction, will cost \$25,000, and is to be ready for occupancy in October.

Son Steals March on Father, and Weds Before the Appointed Marriage Hour

Chief Deputy City Auditor S. Grutze has the reputation of being the sphynx of the city hall.

"You might just as well try to play a practical joke on Grutze," is a common expression used around the city hall to convey the idea that a thing is impossible.

But the wisest of mortals sometimes fall from their pinnacled entrenchments of knowledge. And so S. Grutze, like the wedding guest of Coleridge's famous poem, "wiser man" than he was several days ago.

The chief deputy auditor is the proud father of a son who has not quite reached the age of 21 years. The other day the son of the house of Grutze approached his sire and requested a few minutes of the city official's time. The boy imparted to his parent that he was about to take unto himself a wife.

Not being of legal age, it was necessary for Grutze junior to secure the consent of his father to the marriage in order to procure a license to wed. Grutze senior congratulated his offspring and quickly promised to go with the youth to the county clerk's office.

The boy invited his fond parent to the wedding, saying that it would be a very quiet affair and would take place in the parsonage of a certain church Saturday evening.

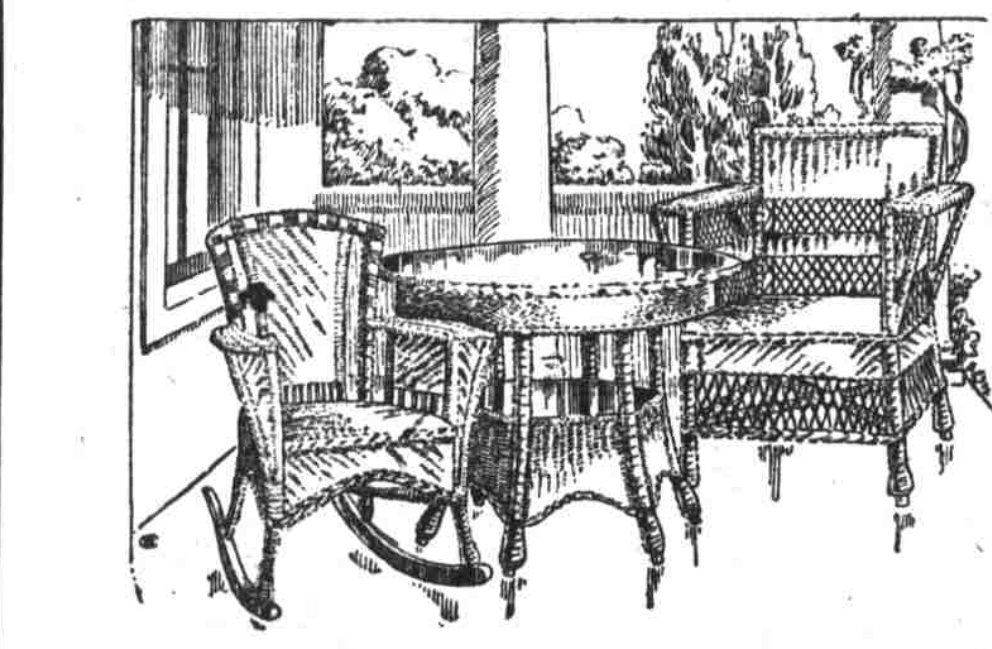
The elder Grutze repaired to his residence early after leaving the auditor's office Friday afternoon. He began a search for an evening suit of a long ago vintage. The habiliments were finally located after a careful search. They were sent to a cleaners and prepared for the gala occasion. Hardly had the suit been returned late Friday evening when the telephone in the Grutze home rang.

"Hello, dad, I've just been married," was the greeting that met the paternal ears via the talking wire. Grutze senior has sent Grutze junior a bill. The said bill bears a letter head of a well known suit pressing establishment of the east side.

Not Much Left of Him. Tommy—My gran'pa was in 'em Civil war, an' he lost a leg or an arm in every battle he fit in! Johnny—Gee! How many battles was he in? Tommy—About forty.—Toledo Blade.

ASTORIA CENTENNIAL PAGEANT August 10th to Sept. 9th, Inclusive ASTORIA, OREGON \$150,000 Spectacular Historical Jubilee Commemorating the First White Settlement in the Pacific Northwest by the Astor Party. GOVERNOR WEST AND JOHN BARRETT REPRESENTING PRESIDENT TAFT ON Opening Day, Thursday, August 10th

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