

# WARNING AGAINST COMMISSION PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

### Auditor Should Be Elected by People and Not Appointed by the Commission, Says S. Grutze in Letter—Powers.

A warning against a commission plan of government for the city of Portland that makes the office of auditor dependent on the will of the commission, is contained in a letter received by S. Grutze, member of the new official charter commission, from the business community of the city. This bureau makes a specialty of investigating various commission forms for municipal government and the conclusion has been reached that the volume of business transacted in a city of the size of Portland is so great that the checking officials should be answerable directly to the people. The letter, in part, reads:

"The city auditor should have very definite powers of checking over the financial transactions of the board of commissioners. One weakness of the commission form of government is that it does not provide for a sufficiently independent method of audit.

"Unless, as you doubtless know, has attempted to correct this difficulty through having the auditor appointed by a citizen board consisting of the presidents of the state and national banks in existence at the time of the adoption of the charter.

It seems likely now that the most difficult point for the charter commission to agree upon at its next meeting is relative to the provision for an independent audit. The comment based upon the experience of other cities is considered, therefore, all the more valuable. It continues:

"In Houston, the comptroller, who is actually the auditor, is elected by the board of commissioners, but cannot be removed except on impeachment proceedings. It seems to me that probably that is the best solution—to make the auditor appointive but to have his removal dependent upon the presentation of formal charges which must be sustained in a formal trial. Moreover, the qualifications of the auditor should be definite. It might be useful to require of him at least five years' experience as a public accountant or as auditor of receipts and disbursements of a corporation whose transactions amount to \$1,000,000 or more annually.

The report which the subcommittee on charter framework is ready to make provides for the appointing of the auditor and also for his removal without cause, but attempts to meet the condition thus proposed by providing an additional independent audit made by a person selected by the clearing house association. The letter contains a short ballot argument against elective officials other than commissioners, saying: "One principal advantage of the commission form of government is its short ballot feature. This is vitiated by adding to the list of elective officials the city auditor, city treasurer, municipal judge and city attorney. The municipal judge is primarily a police official and there seems to be no good reason why he should not be appointed by the board of commissioners. The city attorney is the advisory officer of the board of commissioners and should be a person who will work sympathetically with them. To make him an elective official is to run the risk of having him hostile to the purposes of the board and obstructive to their plans. We see no reason why he should be elected. The city treasurer is practically a ministerial officer and is held to faithful performance by his bond. You are more likely to get a trustworthy treasurer by appointment than by election."

## PIONEERS WILL HOLD 40TH ANNUAL REUNION

The fortieth annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer association will be held in the Masonic temple Thursday, June 20. Colonel Robert A. Miller, president of the association this year, will preside. The mayor of Grants Pass, Robert G. Smith, a native son of Oregon, whose parents came across the plains in 1852, will deliver the annual address. Plans are being perfected by George H. Himes, secretary, to have one of the best reunions yet held. While the hand of death has thinned the ranks of those who have been very regular in their attendance, yet there are a great many left in the state who have never attended a reunion, and to this class a most cordial invitation is extended.

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## Trout Lake Valley, Ideal Dairying Section, Settled by Natives of Switzerland

Peter Stuber, leader of a Band of Swiss Farmers who Penetrated Far Up the White Salmon River and Developed a Valley Rich in Scenery and Natural Resources; Private Irrigation Systems Give Ample Supply of Water for Intensive Cultivation of the Soil; Apple Culture Coming In; Tourist Travel Sure to Be One of the Aspects of a Picturesque Section of Washington.

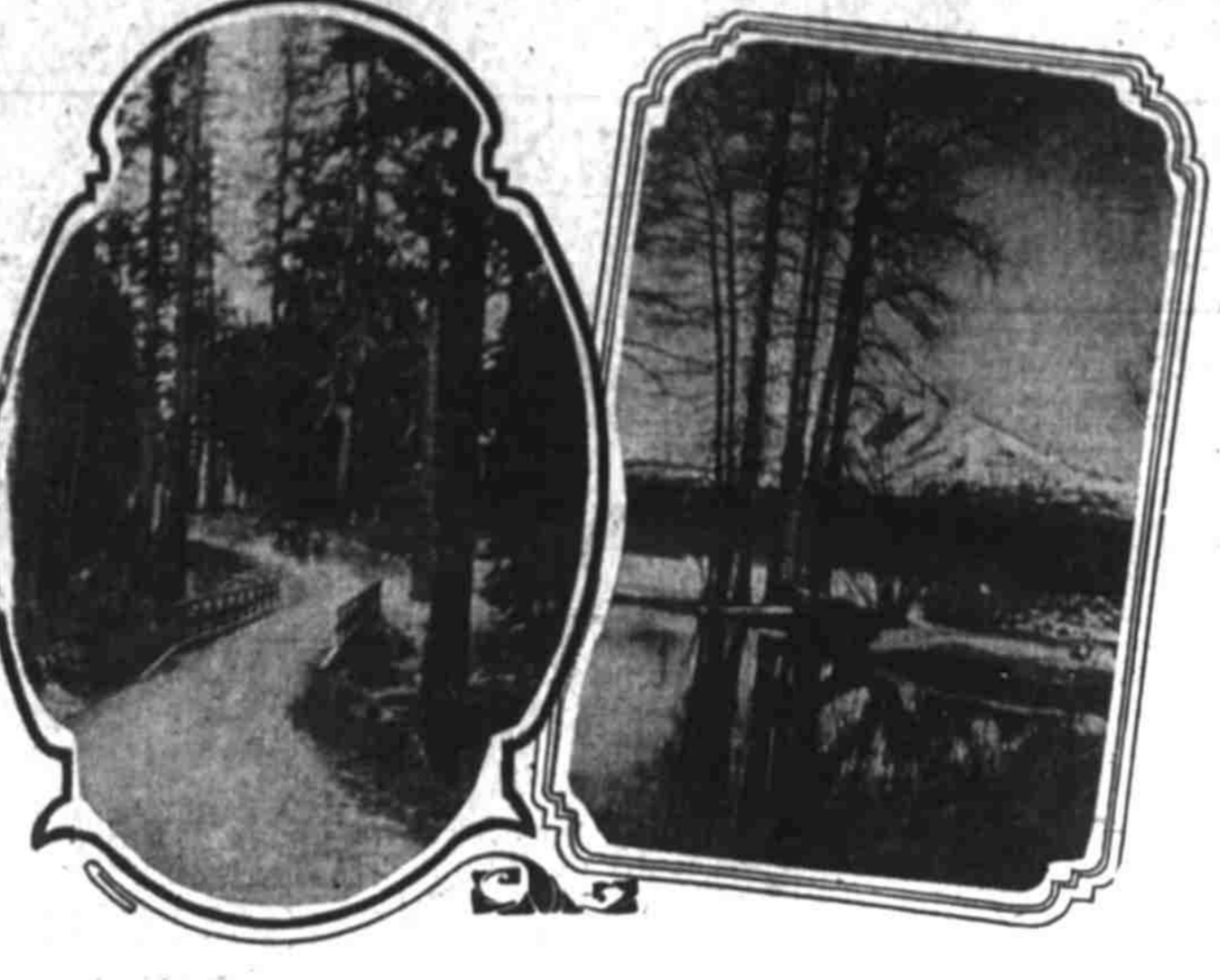
(Special to The Journal)  
White Salmon, Wash., April 20.—When Peter Stuber left his home in a little town beneath mountain crags in Switzerland 35 years ago it was with visions of snow-capped peaks, tumbling, silvery cascades, sparkling creeks and rivers and the incomparable Alpine scenery. To find some unspoiled spot in the valley of the American west was the object of his pilgrimage. The plains of the central states with their fields of waving grain and corn appeared productive, but there were no mountains and he would not be tempted. But when he saw the snow-capped peaks of St. Helena, Mount Hood and Mount Adams set round with timbered hills he knew he had reached the promised land.

From the Columbia river he followed the trail up the White Salmon for 23 miles, finally emerging into a valley with an area of about 20,000 acres. He selected a homestead, built a cabin and wrote his friends in Switzerland that he had found a place the topography of which was similar to that of the land of his birth. Several friends came and were the first settlers in Trout Lake valley, where they now have good homes, literally roll in clover, and occasionally go back to the old country to visit.

Settled by Swiss.  
Trout Lake valley was first settled by the Swiss, but Americans soon followed and constitute more than a majority of the 73 families. Several land sales and much building was done last summer and fall. Families are beginning to arrive and the season of 1912 opens promisingly for the district.

Until irrigation ditches were made there was little farming, but with water the settler planted grains and grasses. Thirty-five thousand acres are now under cultivation, with additional acreage to be brought under plow. A lack of railway facilities, dairying and stock raising have been the principal industries, but diversified farming will be come the principal resource of the county.

The Trout Lake creamery, a cooperative concern, had 25 patrons last year, for whom it made 47,000 pounds of butter from the cream from 195 cows. The average price paid for butter fat was 29.2 cents per pound.



At the Left, Scene on the Road from White Salmon to Trout Lake; at right, Mount Adams from an End of Trout Lake.

Although within 18 miles of the snow line on Mount Adams apple culture is to be engaged in, several 10, 20 and 40 acre tracts for this purpose having been sold last year. Though close to the mountain, the altitude is only 1850 feet and fine apples have been grown in small orchards.

Trout Lake valley attracts many tourists. Hotel Guler pitches dozens of tents in its lawn every summer to accommodate its patrons. A large tourist hotel is needed and the attention of capital is called to this opportunity. Besides the pretty farms, over which the park like wooded grounds of the unimproved lands near Trout Lake. A rippling, surging stream of mountain water

flows from the lake past the hotel and into the White Salmon river, in the center of the valley. The gorges of the White Salmon are 70 feet deep in places.

**Famous Lava Caves.**  
Within a mile and a half of the hotel is the famous lava cave, entrance to which is through a small hole, straight down by means of a ladder. For three fourths of a mile the cave, 20 feet wide and in places 40 feet in height, curves in a half circle. Its interior is jagged lava rock, and several rods of the torch bear a curious mass of rock called "Mount Adams," over which he must clamber with care.

The lava caves, six miles away, are also attractive. These underground chambers are not so large, but in the winter the war drips, freezes and forms in beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. Here the Indians stored their huckleberries until the white man came.

Goose lake, at the foot of "The Castle," is only a few miles away, just beyond which is the old Indian race track where bucks raced away or won ponies and outfits while the squaws picked berries and dried them on the mountain sides.

## TEACHERS WILL BE TOLD HOW TO FARM

### O. A. C. Will Give Them Ideas This Summer to Pass on to Pupils.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., April 20.—The extraordinary interest shown by the bankers' association, commercial clubs and other organizations throughout the state in the industrial contests for school children now in progress in all districts, means that the schools must incorporate in the regular course some systematic instruction in industrial branches.

For this reason school superintendents, principals and teachers will need to familiarize themselves with the spirit and purpose of this movement and to the pupils. To this end the summer season at the Oregon Agricultural college this year, which opens June 18 and lasts until July 26, will offer special instruction. The domestic science department is ready to assist in the outlining of courses of instruction for the girls from the lowest grades through the high school; the engineering college will do the same for the manual training courses in the schools, and a department of agriculture under will offer similar aid in planning the work in agriculture for both rural and city schools.

## AFFAIR WITH ACTRESS SENDS PRINCE ABROAD

Paris, April 20.—A love affair with an actress is back of the cruise in America of the third son of Kaiser Wilhelm II, the Prince Adalbert, according to the "Cri de Paris," a weekly published here.

The imperial prince is an officer in the navy, and, though 28, is unmarried, a thing in itself against the will of the kaiser and his empress. "The truth of the business is," says the "Cri," "is that he is in love with pretty Paula Frieden, an actress, who lives in a villa at Kiel provided by the prince himself."

"Some time ago," continues the paper, "a masked ball was given by the prince at Kiel. Paula was there. Suddenly, in the midst of revelry, the kaiser strode in, himself in costume. Everyone recognized him, however, and, frowning heavily on Adalbert and his sweetheart, he left. The affair was a sensation in the navy but the amorous couple did not break. The voyage to America was the result."

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## Best Trees for Oregon Arbor Days

Landscape Gardener at Oregon Agricultural College Gives Advice on Varieties for School Grounds.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., April 20.—Inquiries as to the best trees for Arbor day planting are coming to the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college from teachers and county superintendents in different parts of the state. C. L. Flint, landscape gardener at the college, has prepared the following information for their guidance:

"The planting of trees on Arbor day, or any other day for that matter, is an admirable occupation, so much so that the day is proclaimed by the governors of many states each year. There are few growths that come out of the ground that are more majestic or more noble. The trees were God's first temple, says one famous poet, so if you wish to erect a lasting monument, plant a tree—one of such kind as will last and outlive you many years.

"You can obtain either a tree from the nurseryman, or from nature's nursery, the woods. If you do not count your own time in obtaining a tree from the woods, this will be the most economical. But if you have to pay someone else to obtain it for you, it would be advisable to buy direct from the nursery. You may not be able to obtain as large a tree as you would from the woods, but very often the small nursery grown tree outstrips the larger tree taken from the woods. This is due to the injury of the root system of the large tree in transplanting.

## Advice for Poultrymen From O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., April 20.—"There has been an enormous increase in the production of eggs and poultry in the state in the past two years, but in spite of this the demand has far exceeded the supply, and prices are still as high as ever," said Prof. James Dryden of the Oregon Agricultural college in discussing the object of the present tour of the poultry demonstration car sent out over the Southern Pacific lines by the college.

"If the farmers of Oregon would keep, on an average, 100 hens instead of about 50, it would shut out the imports and add \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 a year to the wealth of the state. The purpose of the demonstration car is to stimulate a greater production of poultry and eggs. The quickest and best way is to increase the flocks of the farmers rather than to have poultry-keepers start large egg farms. The demand cannot be met by the establishment of large, exclusively poultry farms. If the general farmer goes out of the egg producing business, there will soon be an egg famine.

"Though there are opportunities for profit along special lines in poultry-keeping, the market for specialties is limited, and it would be folly to advise everyone to go into special lines. I am free to confess that we have kept more people out of the poultry business than have gone into it as an exclusive business. I have received great numbers of letters during the past year from all parts of the state as well as from other states, in which the writers stated that they were going into the poultry business on a large scale, and a large majority of them said they knew nothing of the business. Our plain duty was to advise caution. If

every one of them had gone into the business as they intended and invested their all in it, it is safe to say that there would have been thousands of dollars lost in every county of the state, and the poultry business would have received a black eye.

"Poultry-keeping is not a difficult business unless we make it so. If conducted along sane, common sense lines, there is profit in it. The two points on which special emphasis is laid in the demonstration car are feeding for eggs and housing. Egg ratios are on display, feeding charts show results of experiments, breeding charts show results of breeding for eggs, different grades and qualities of eggs are exhibited, marketing possibilities are demonstrated, and the equipment for successful hatching and brooding of chicks is displayed. The walls of the car are covered with signs and charts containing lessons in practical poultry-keeping. A 'knock-down' colony house is taken along and set up outside the car at each stop.

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## HEARSE STICKS IN MUD; TOO LATE FOR FUNERAL

Edwardsville, Ill., April 20.—Three horses failed to get a hearse from Edwardsville to the country home of Edward Brockmeier for the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Bernardina Brockmeier.

The undertaker finally telephoned he could not make the trip, as the hearse was mired half way from town. The pallbearers carried the casket a quarter mile through the fields to St. Paul's church, and after the service another relay of friends carried it to the cemetery.

A team of mules was sent to the undertaker's assistance and the five animals got the hearse out of the mud and back to town.

## PARIS GASPS AT CRIME'S INCREASE

Paris Authorities at Loss to Know How to Deal With Growing Lawlessness.

By George Dufresne.  
(By the International News Service.)  
Paris, April 20.—While at the present moment syndicalism does not frighten law-abiding Frenchmen, there is another danger which is causing them a great deal of anxiety. Crime is on the increase in the big cities. In Paris the authorities are apparently at a loss to know how to deal with it. Scarcely a week elapses without a policeman being shot by apaches, who are increasing in numbers.

M. Lepine, the prefect of police, confesses that his force is totally inadequate to cope with the increasing army of criminals. Further, he suggests that there be an end to the leniency with which criminals are treated by judges. The subject of the increase of crime is occupying the attention of writers and politicians, and this week one of the newspapers has organized a conference at which magistrates, deputies, municipal councillors, barristers and others have aired their views.

## WINTER WEATHER MAKES NEW RECORD AT CHICAGO

Chicago, April 20.—March, 1912, goes down in Chicago's history as the coldest March on record. Statistics at the local weather bureau, dating back 40 years, fail to show a March with such low mean temperature.

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