

PLAN UNITY IN CITY BUILDING

Change Is Proposed in the Commission Plan Charter.

At the next meeting of the official commission plan charter board a paragraph will be submitted for incorporation in the body of the charter that it is thought will add greatly to the popularity of the commission plan itself.

This paragraph gives to the Greater Portland plan an advisory influence in the future building of Portland and instructs all city officials to so familiarize themselves with the plan that when units of municipal improvement are proposed it can at once be determined whether these are in line with the general plan for uniform building of the city. The section proposed was delivered to Richard W. Montague, chairman of the codification committee, yesterday, by William F. Woodward, a member of the commission plan charter board, also a director of the Greater Portland Plans association. It reads:

"The Greater Portland plans as prepared by E. H. Bennett are hereby endorsed, and it shall be the policy of this city to follow said plans in so far as can be done practically, but nothing contained in this section shall render invalid any action which shall be taken, although such action be not in harmony with the said plans. It is hereby made the duty of each and all of the officers, deputies and assistants of this city to become familiar with said plans, and to give the same due and careful consideration when accepting new plans, laying out new streets, altering old streets, acquiring property for parks, boulevards and other public purposes, constructing bridges or taking any other action which is within the scope of said plans."

The commission plan charter has been revised by the committee on codification and revision, composed of R. W. Montague, S. Grutze and P. L. Willis, but the copying of the charter had not been completed and it was considered best to defer the meeting until next Monday evening.

PHONE PLANT SOLD; LOCAL HOLDERS LOSE

News has been received from Omaha that the plant of the Independent Telephone company in that city has been sold to the Nebraska Telephone company at a receiver's sale for \$995,000. The independent plant is automatic, and the Nebraska company is a branch of the Bell company.

This sale means that those who hold the bonds of the Independent company will receive but 25 cents on the dollar. Many Portlanders will suffer from this sale, as about one fourth of the \$2,400,000 bond issue made by the company was owned in this city. The cash loss in Portland will mean approximately \$500,000.

The plant of the Independent company has been operating for the past six years. From the start it was a losing proposition, and the affairs became so bad two years ago that a committee representing the bondholders, headed by John Kiernan of Portland, had it placed in the hands of receiver, L. R. Abbott was named for this place, and he has since made the plant pay expenses.

Portlanders became heavy holders of the bonds through the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. In 1907 the bank needed cash, and W. Cooper Morris tried to realize on the large amount of bonds which the bank held. Not being able to secure cash on the bonds the bank was forced to the wall and Morris was indicted for illegal work in connection with the handling of the bonds.

After the bank was turned over to Receiver Devlin many of the creditors assigned their claims against the bank to the receiver, taking the bonds in payment. When the German-American bank took over the assets and liabilities of the Oregon bank the greater part of the remainder of the bonds were sold. The German-American bank was also closed out.

The greater part of these holdings are for small amounts, as the accounts in the Oregon bank were mostly by depositors of small amounts.

MELANGE OF COMEDY AND SONG IS BIG HIT

"The Half Back," by the Armstrong Follies company, at the Lyric theatre, which opened for a week's run to crowded houses yesterday, is the best production by this company during their present engagement. It is one of the best laugh provokers, and it is handsomely staged and the wardrobe has the appearance of beauty and neatness. There are many novel features introduced, "the barefoot dance," by Clara Howard, and the baby dolls carrying off the honors. It is something entirely new, and a revelation in the theatrical art. The comedy end, which is in the capable hands of Will Armstrong and Gus Leonard, is witty and clean. The curtain drops on one of the most pleasing and amusing performances of the season. "They Always Follow Me," "Venice," and "Portland for Mine," three new songs written by Ed Armstrong, are the winners in the musical numbers, and all earned the repeated recalls. A comedy moving picture opens the show. "The Half Back" will hold the boards all week, with a special matinee Thursday, at which returns of the Flynn-Johnson and Rivera-Wolfgang contests will be announced from the stage by rounds.

Excursions July 4th Oregon Electric Ry. Round trip tickets will be sold July 2, 3 and 4, good returning July 5. Salem \$2, Woodburn \$1.50, Forest Grove \$1, Hillsboro \$0.50. Other points in proportion. July 4, Albany \$1.35 only on special train leaving Jefferson street station.

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DRY FARMING EXPERT TO VISIT PORTLAND



Daniel Morgan.

Honorable Daniel Morgan, a prominent real estate banker and one of the largest landowners in the state of Washington, will arrive in Portland soon in the interests of the Seventh International Dry Farming congress and exposition to be held at Lehighbridge, Alberta, October 21 to 26, inclusive.

This convention, it is said, will be the greatest of the year, and it is expected that Oregon will be well represented.

Mr. Morgan is one of the four international exposition commissioners appointed by the Canadian board of control to make visits to agricultural states with a view of interesting them in the possibilities of demonstrating what they are producing. It is announced that 59 nations will be represented at the exposition.

Mr. Morgan will call on the governors of the various states and the chambers of commerce and other commercial bodies and address them on the scope and the purpose of the congress. From here Mr. Morgan will go to San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Salt Lake City, Carson City, Phoenix and Tucson.

ONE CORPORATION CAN'T MAKE REPORT BECAUSE NOTARY HAS SMALLPOX

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., July 3.—Since the secretary of state has begun his law enforcement crusade against delinquent and slothful corporations, he has received many and varied reasons for delay or neglect in sending reports, but a new simple and effective reason was received today. The notary public in that district has the smallpox and therefore the report cannot be sworn to.

The corporation is the Riverby District Improvement company, in the far eastern part of the state, and the secretary is Trene F. French of Welser, Idaho, just across the line from Oregon.

WANT NO FIRE ESCAPES ON NEW COURT HOUSE

There will be no fire escapes on the new courthouse if County Judge Cleeton has his way about it.

"What is the use of a fire escape on a fireproof building?" asks the judge. Bids for the escapes were received yesterday by the commissioners. They total \$3000. They were ordered held up, pending the disposition of the question of whether or not the county commissioners must install escapes to comply with the fire ordinance. Opinions have been asked from the district attorney and the city attorney on this point.

"The city hall has no fire escapes," said the judge this morning, "so why should the county building be required to have them. In the first place, the corridors are wide, the stairways roomy and accessible and the large court will accommodate a crowd in case of a fire or panic. However, the building is fireproof and we do not anticipate a fire. To install escapes on the building would greatly mar the architectural symmetry and furthermore, I don't believe it is necessary."

Bids were called for in order to have them ready, in case it is finally decided that the county must install escapes. The fire marshal appears to be the only one who insists that the new structure be equipped with escapes.

FREE BAND CONCERT TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

An exceedingly interesting program will be played by the Portland Park band, W. E. McElroy, director, at the South Parkway, Jefferson and Park streets, this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Following will be the program: March, "King Radium"; Chambered Dedication and Benediction from the opera "Les Huguenots"; Meyerbeer Waltz, "Wedding of the Winds"; Hall Medley overture, "Remick's Hips"; arr. "The Tiger"; Lampe Valse Lento "Charme d'Armour"; Selection, "Mlle. Modiste"; Herbert Berceuse from "Jocelyn"; Godard American suite; "The Thurbau"; (a) March, "The Tiger"; (b) Serenade, "When Malindy Sings"; (c) Sketch, "The Watermelon Fete"; Operetta, "The Spring Maid"; Renhardt March, "Kaiser Friedrich"; Friedmann Thursday afternoon, July 4, the band will play at Columbia Park on the St. Johns line, and Thursday evening in City Park.

MEN AND MUSIC ORPHEUM LEADERS

Skit, Which Is Satire on Divorce Question, Makes Hit.

Men and music predominate at the Orpheum this week, with May Tully, one of the three women, heading a bill of splendid entertaining qualities. Miss Tully and her skit, "The Battle Cry of Freedom," are about the breeziest ever. The skit is a beautiful satire on the divorce question. The scene is located in a bed room of a Reno hotel, with the past Mrs. Smith and the present Mrs. Smith forced to share the same room while they are on the same mission of securing a divorce from the same man. How the problem is solved has satire and a laugh in every line. Miss Tully, one of the authors, is a clever comedienne with a refreshingly individual manner of handling her work that scores every point. She was splendidly assisted by Miss Frances Carson. The men in the cast were Robert Lowe and Thomas Corless, both of whom were good.

There are cowboys and cowboys but there is only one Will Rogers, who does not leave Miss Tully any too much room on the headline ledger. In addition to being a wizard with his rope, Rogers has a line of droll patter that is worth the price of admission. His rope, his patter, his smile and his gum are a combination hard to beat.

The four Lyric Lancers are singers of exceptional merit, whose act is a treat. The voices are uniformly good with a beautiful tenor and the basso, possibly more noticeable. Their numbers were well chosen and received the approval which they deserved.

A dumpy act, offered by Jack and Phil Kaufman, was one of the big hits. It was one of those high speed acts with some very funny patter and really enjoyable singing when they would.

Chinko is a juggler of worth who is reminiscent of, but not in the class with, Salerno. His act was well received.

Bert Terrell is a Dutch character vocalist who wears a fetching costume, sings and rodes. He won several recalls.

Minnie Kaufman opens the bill in a solo cycling act that is dainty and good but not diverging widely from the beaten trail.

TO DISCUSS MATTER OF STEAMSHIP SERVICE

The oriental transportation committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will meet Friday to discuss the situation now confronting Portland in regard to steamship service with the orient. It was brought up at a meeting of the executive board this morning and referred to the above named committee, headed by O. M. Clark.

Mr. Clark laid the matter before the board when he read a letter from Frank Waterhouse & Co. stating that it would be impossible to furnish space on the steamer Ortic for 200,000 feet of lumber and that the steamer Hercules, next liner to follow, would not call at Portland.

The Waterhouse liners for several months have maintained the service originated several years ago by the Harriman system, but the contract entered into between it and the O-W-R & N. company is about to expire and no provision has yet been made to replace the steamers that are being pulled off the line.

President J. D. Farrell of the O-W-R & N. company, is having the question up for consideration but says he is unable to give any definite information at this time as to how the service will be maintained.

"I can't state whether or not the Waterhouse people will continue the service," explained Mr. Farrell, "for it seems difficult to get suitable steamers, but I hope that some arrangement can be made in the very near future."

The chamber passed a resolution thanking the navy for assigning the battleship Oregon to pay Portland a visit during the week of the Elks' Grand Reunion.

MAHER'S \$125 BILL FOR SERVICES IS HELD UP

A county warrant for \$125 drawn in favor of "Paddy" Maher, chiefly known as a hanger-on around the county commissioners' and district attorney's offices, is being held up by the county clerk, pending an investigation by Commissioner Hart and County Judge Cleeton, who want to know what services Maher rendered the district attorney last month. A bill for this amount was submitted Saturday to the auditor. The bill has the approval of Deputy District Attorney Collier.

Commissioners Lightner and Hart signed the monthly claim sheet yesterday, but when Commissioner Hart discovered Maher's bill on the sheet, he directed the county clerk to hold it up for investigation.

During June the office of District Attorney Cameron submitted "detective bills" amounting to \$669.85, of which amount \$44.85 was for the Burns National Detective Agency. One bill was for the Louis J. Wilde case and amounted to \$280. The other bill was for "vice investigation" during May and was for \$184.85. The other bill was for Maher.

SUFFRAGISTS PRAISE WEST'S MORAL CRUSADE

At a meeting of the Equal Suffrage league at the Imperial hotel yesterday, resolutions of thanks to Governor West for his stand against the roadhouses were passed. They were introduced by Mrs. A. E. Clark, who declared that the governor's action in going directly after the roadhouses was heartily approved by all women, and was just what the women would do if they were granted the ballot.

"Thank God that we have one man like Governor West," she said.

Elks' Week.

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