

CLUBS COMBINE TO ADVERTISE COMMISSION PLAN

Strength for New Charter
Should Not Be Divided Is
Conclusion Reached at Big
Meeting Last Night.

"There is a majority in favor of commission plan government in Portland. But if this vote is divided between two or more commission plan charters there will not be a majority for either and both will be defeated."

This conclusion, reached by representatives of 11 business and improvement organizations meeting in the rooms of the East Side Business Men's club last night, was acted on at once by the unanimous endorsement of the official commission plan charter as submitted at the last special election, the following amendments, only, being suggested:

"That the people be given opportunity to vote as a separate matter on whether they wish the granting of franchises to be vested entirely in the electorate or in the commission of five."

"That bonds be sold only to the highest responsible bidder, there being no provision for this in the official charter."

"That contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, this matter being unattended to in the official charter."

"That franchises now in operation which have been recognized as illegal shall not in any sense be considered to have been legalized by the adoption of a commission plan charter."

"That the dock commission be retained, permanently, because of the fact that its special work and usefulness will extend over a long period of years."

"That the people be given power to bond a municipal plan for its cost rather than the cost of a general bonded obligation of the city. This would operate in the same way that private properties are now bonded for improvement."

That executive power be concentrated to a greater degree than at present in the mayor."

Appearing prominently before the meeting was W. C. Benbow, author of a commission charter bearing his name, who said that he would not in any way attempt to interfere with the submission of the official charter, or divide the vote by insisting upon the submission of his own. This statement he made to correct a report that he intends to fight any charter placed on the ballot other than his own.

Mayor Rusklight had been reported as saying that he now is hostile to commission plan government, and an interview with the mayor in which he declared this report untrue, and himself as entirely for the submission of the official charter, was repeated to the meeting. The mayor, it was said, intends to use his influence to secure the resubmission of a single, generally satisfactory, commission plan charter to the people.

Represented in the meeting were the East Side Business Men's, South Portland, Brooklyn, North Portland Commercial, Sunnyside, Lower Albina, Union Avenue, Rose City Park, Waverly-Woodstock, Steel Bridge and United East Side Improvement clubs.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of L. M. Lepper as chairman, A. C. Benbow as secretary, and plan for submitting the slightly revised official charter was appointed consisting of L. M. Lepper, City Auditor A. L. Harbison, C. C. Hall, G. B. Danson, W. C. Benbow. The next meeting of the clubs will be held two weeks from last night.

MICHIGANERS RAISE EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Michigan society has set out to raise a fund with which to support the program of educational and charitable work decided upon at its annual meeting. Its plans include the establishment of two information bureaus, one for the benefit of Michigan people who contemplate removal to Oregon, and the other for the Michigan people in Portland who need exact information to guide settlement and investment. The society also has initiated an employment agency for the benefit of former Michigan people who are out of work.

And for the sick a committee was appointed to seek them out and care for them. To carry on this work it has been found necessary to endow a bed at one of the hospitals.

Mrs. Harriet Hendee has engaged the Baker theatre performance in the name of the society for the night of Tuesday, January 28.

Five former Michigan persons have volunteered the use of their stores as ticket headquarters. These are John M. A. Laue at the Laue Drug company, Third and Yamhill; William F. Woodward, Woodard, Clarke & Co., Frank and Alder; S. W. Rogers, 309 North Jersey street; E. John R. Roy, 609 of Roy & Miller, Second and Alder; Miss Emma Fuller, Needlecraft shop, 1620 East Thirteenth street, Sellwood.

In honor of the occasion the theatre will be decorated with things reminiscent of Michigan home life. Between acts a number of Michigan stunts will be performed.

BATON PRESENTED TO PROFESSOR WILDER

Professor William M. Wilder, who had charge of the open air song fest held New Year's eve at Fenth and Stark streets was this afternoon presented with a baton, by the Rotary club committee of a Bane New Years, when it met in the green room of the Commercial club. This baton was given in appreciation of his work to make the outdoor affair a success.

After giving their final report concerning the financing of the open air concert and other incidentals, the members of the committee decided to repeat the affair next year.

EX-MAYOR GILL AND WIFE BOTH LOSE MOTHERS

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SHINGLE WEAVERS LARGE NEW BUREAU

Union Wants State to Manage Employment Offices to Fill Demands.

Establishment of employment offices under the supervision and management of the state will be urged by the International Shingle Weavers' union now in annual convention at the Multnomah hotel. A committee will be appointed to lay the matter before the legislatures of Oregon and Washington. As reason for this action is given that oftentimes men looking for work are sent on "wild goose chases" and defrauded of the fee charged by the agent.

Another resolution adopted urges the passage of a law compelling shingle mills in Oregon and Washington to install blowers to carry off the dust that follows the manufacture of shingles.

Yesterday afternoon the convention voted down in definite form a resolution introduced calling for withdrawal from the American Federation of Labor and affiliating with the Industrial Workers of the World. The negative vote indicated that the shingle weavers are not in any way in sympathy with the I. W. W. movement.

The convention also went on record in favor of the organization of work men from the European countries as long as they are not of the class who would come here as contract labor.

While several resolutions bearing on wages came up for discussion this morning the convention voted down practically all of them and those that were adopted were referred principally to readjustment of questions that have been discussed at previous convention.

The convention will close this evening with a ball at the Multnomah hotel, arranged by a committee from the local union.

FIND BLOW FROM FIST CAUSED MAN'S DEATH

Death from a blow delivered by a person unknown to the jury was the verdict returned this morning by the jury in the case of the death of G. J. Marty, rancher of Beaverton, who died Wednesday morning at Good Samaritan hospital.

Marle Rosato, waitress at the O. K. restaurant, 64 North Sixth street, who was the indirect cause of the assault on Marty, and who saw it, was the principal witness. According to her story, she was on her way home late last Friday night, when Marty, whom she said she did not know, accosted her. Miss Rosato said that when she saw Marty's familiarity he slapped her face. Then, the witness said, another man unknown to her hit Marty on the head and knocked him down.

According to the story Marty, who was going about his own business when the woman accosted him. When he tried to make her desist, he said, two men jumped on him and beat him up. The witness said that she saw the man who was the cause of the assault on Marty, and his injuries seemed trivial. Last Sunday he became worse, suffered great pain, and finally lost consciousness. He was then taken to the hospital, where he died.

Miss Rosato, who was held as a witness before the inquest, was released after the deliberations.

SHERIFF WORD ISSUES WARNING TO SALOONS

Deputies of Sheriff Word and members of the police force are warning proprietors of the poolrooms throughout Multnomah county to remain closed tomorrow and on Sundays in the future. No arrests will be made tomorrow if the places that do open close at once when ordered to do so, but District Attorney Evans has assured Sheriff Word that he will cooperate with him to the fullest extent, and future violations will be dealt with severely.

Sheriff Word warned the owners of poolrooms that he would close them should any gambling be discovered and his action followed by the arrest of three men last night at Solli's poolroom on Sixth street by Deputy Sheriff Rogers. The men were Frank E. Orban, Dave Solomon and W. P. Stiles, all of whom are held under \$100 bail. The men were caught in the act of paying bets.

NEW PLAN FOR PAVING GIVEN RECOMMENDATION

A new plan of procedure with reference to the maintenance of hard surface pavements was recommended to the city council yesterday by the ways and means committee. Hereafter paving contracts will be awarded, if the council approves the plan on condition that the contractor guarantee the pavement for the first five years and that the city maintain it for the next five. The expiration of 10 years the city engineer is required to file an estimate of the cost of repaving the pavement for each succeeding year. Whenever the estimate shows that the pavement can be repaired for less than 8 cents a square foot the expense of repairing it will be charged to the street repair fund, but if the estimate exceeds that figure then no repairs can be made, but a new pavement will have to be put in if the property owners want one.

MASONS, EX-SHERIFFS AT FRAZIER FUNERAL

Under the direction of the Scottish Rite Masons, the funeral of William Frazier, ex-sheriff, who met his death last Wednesday night, was held this afternoon at the Scottish Rite temple at Lowndes and Morrison streets. Eight ex-sheriffs attended the funeral in a body, having assembled at the sheriff's office at 1 o'clock, and going from there to the temple. Joe Buchtel, an ex-sheriff, who is blind, was taken to the temple in a carriage. The other former sheriffs were J. M. Craywood, E. J. Jeffrey, Thomas A. Jordan, Penumbra Kelly, W. A. Story, R. L. Stevens and Tom Word, the present sheriff, who conducted the service.

Following the services at the Scottish Rite temple, the body was escorted to the Portland crematorium, where it was placed in a vault.

Must Furnish Bonds.

Unless Arthur Marr can secure \$500 bonds to insure monthly payments for the support of his wife he must spend six months breaking rocks at Kelle-Bullis as County Judge Cleaton yesterday made that decision. Marr's case was aggravated and Judge Cleaton is determined he will support his wife or suffer punishment.

CHARITABLE COMMITTEE

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FAVOR FORESTRY EXHIBIT AT FAIR

Civic Organizations' Joint Committee Will Make Recommendations.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Ad club legislative committee was followed by a joint meeting of the exposition committees appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, Realty board and Ad club at noon today. Program on which all will agree as to Oregon's part in the Panama Pacific exposition in 1915 will be submitted to the legislature in the form of a recommendation.

"This exposition at San Francisco will be greater than the ones held either at Philadelphia, St. Louis, Chicago or Paris," declared Tom Richardson, chairman of the ad club committee at yesterday's meeting.

"We are all of one mind on the subject of San Francisco, except as to the amount of money it is going to cost and the character of representation."

"The exposition at San Diego is held all the year, or in other words, during the three months which include the closing of the old year, the opening of the new, when the tourist travel in southern California is at its height and when the San Francisco exposition is not open."

"The ports of San Diego and San Pedro are among our best markets. The exportation of our soft woods from the Pacific coast and the importation of the hard woods provide a cargo both going and coming and will in a few years make the Pacific northwest the furniture manufacturing center of the world, or as put by George Cornwall, 'The Grand Rapids of Creation.'"

"If a joint appropriation by Oregon and Washington could be secured for a forestry building or something of that kind at San Diego it would be worth many times its cost."

Mr. Richardson said Oregon is bound to take the selfish viewpoint of the exposition. California, he averred, will have everything its own way. Similar policy should be followed, he said, by Oregon, and from the time tourists enter the state until they leave all that attracts in scenery, climate and soil and its products should be made known to them. He again proposed the exhibit at Ashland, W. J. Helman, C. Chapman and A. A. Schell, other committee members, also proposed that a lecturer be stationed there to speak briefly to the people. Mr. Richardson suggested an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Oregon products at Ashland, and a similar appropriation for an exhibit in Portland. He said he believed Oregon has 100 public spirited men who will go to San Diego or San Francisco and spend several weeks in forwarding disseminating Oregon information. He said the indirect cause of the motion of public interests as Oregon.

CHARTER COMPROMISE ANNOUNCED BY MAYOR; TO SUBMIT ONE DRAFT

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any franchise heretofore granted if the franchise is not now legal. Third, a section providing that the commission may issue public utility interest-bearing certificates pledged against the plant purchased and that these shall not be a general liability of the city.

Amendments Agreed On.

Fourth, a section retaining the public docks commission in its present form. In addition to these proposed amendments agreed upon by the mayor and the advocates of the Benbow charter, Mr. Benbow asks that a provision be incorporated in the official charter, to make all franchises come directly from the people and prohibiting the commission from granting any franchises at all. The mayor is opposed to this provision and will not recommend that it be incorporated in the official charter. It is believed that this difference will be adjusted satisfactorily. The federated clubs of the east side at a meeting held last night endorsed the proposed plan of submitting one commission government charter at the next election.

To Give People Another Chance.

"I hope that the people of this city will approve my efforts to submit one charter to them," said Mayor Rusklight today. "When I was elected to the office of mayor I reiterated a promise made before election that I would do all in my power to bring about commission government. I appointed a representative commission which after many believed and still believe that a good business like commission charter was finally submitted to the people and lost because of enemies of commission government, assisted by misguided advocates of the Wood charter, split the vote and defeated the official charter by a small margin. Although I considered I had kept the letter of my promise to the voters when the commission charter was submitted to them, I still believe that there are enough people with the best interests of the city at heart to pass the measure if it is submitted alone and I will do my best to give these people another chance."

DROPSY CAUSES DEATH OF PIONEER MERCHANT

Albert Ehlers, aged 56 years, who for 23 years has been a hardware merchant at Montavilla, died this morning at his home, following a long illness. Dropsy caused the death. Mr. Ehlers came to Portland in 1899 and located at Montavilla, and has made his home at the same place ever since coming here.

A widow, two sons, Albert and Edward, and two daughters, Abrah and Ruth, survive him. There are also two brothers in New York, and two brothers and two sisters in Delaware.

The funeral will be held Monday at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of East Gate lodge, a recently organized lodge of Masons, of which he was a member. Interment will be in Multnomah cemetery. The remains are now at the W. H. Hamilton undertaking parlors in Montavilla.

CHAIRMAN PUJO BEFORE GRAND JURY

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ASKS RELOCATION OF BIGGS STATION

Samuel Hill Complains Against Danger; O.-W. R. & N. Held to Blame.

A complaint against the location of Biggs station on the O.-W. R. & N. and asking its relocation was filed yesterday by Samuel Hill, president of the Home Telephone company, with the state railroad commission.

Mr. Hill in the complaint names his occupation as farmer and his residence, Marshfield, Washington. He says Biggs station is located on a curve, some distance from a water tank where the Shauko branch begins, that the current of the river at the station is great and the rocks dangerous, and that crossing by himself or the other 4000 people who live in Killekitt county, Washington, when they wish to travel via the O.-W. R. & N. is extremely hazardous.

"Station Shifters Tramps."

The complaint also relates that 2.8 miles east of Biggs is located the station called Grants, which, during the last four years has been without an agent. Its doors have been broken and a shelter of tramps, without heat, and a cheerless place to be set down from a late train. An eighth of a mile to the east is a section house, but the railroad has not stopped its trains there for the mail or the route to the route to Goldendale, Wash., and if he is not there the mail is thrown off in the sand.

Once, the complaint continues, the ferry boat crossed between the old town of Columbus and a point near the water tank, and from this point to Wasco was a highway which the railroad has since occupied with its line, making a longer and circuitous route necessary to reach the railroad warehouse at Biggs, where two families live, and the maintenance of station equipment and assistance is largely waste so far as business is concerned.

New Station Wanted.

Mr. Hill further states that J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the company, answered complaints two years ago with a promise to build at the water tank, but has not done so, nor since answered communications of inquiry.

That the complaint be examined, and the railroad required to put in the new and conveniently located station, is asked for by Mr. Hill, who also, in a supplementary letter to the railroad commission, asks that there be called Governor Ernest W. West, President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific, Director W. G. Collins of the C. M. & P. C., President F. D. Underwood of the Erie railroad, former President George R. French of the B. & N. and other agents, officers and directors of the O.-W. R. & N., and S. P. & S. as the railroad commission may deem necessary to hear in determining the facts.

SNOW BRINGS REAL JOY TO SCORES OF EAGER YOUNGSTERS

The big snowstorm of yesterday afternoon was a source of unlimited fun, and cold hands and wet feet to Portland youngsters. The snow was wet and heavy and packed splendidly for snow-balls and "forts."

A crowd of youngsters out on Jefferson street did the snowball act up right and to such an extent that the street-car service in their neighborhood was temporarily disabled. Starting at Fourteenth and Jefferson streets, a crowd of boys and girls, mostly boys, rolled a snowball up to Sixteenth street. Unlike the rolling stone and the moss, the snow was pushed on its journey. By the time it reached Fifteenth street it was "some snowball," and either accidentally or otherwise it was rolled onto the street car track at that point.

The first car that came along was up against it. Making the best of the situation the car crew promptly put their shoulders to the ball of snow and tried to push it out of the way. It was a job for just two of them, however, and before the blockade was finally rolled far enough away to permit the car to pass, every male passenger on the car had lent his aid to the task.

Later on the youngsters rolled a companion piece to their first effort and lined it up on the other side of the track. This morning the Jefferson street cars have been running through a portal of snow at Fifteenth street.

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In New York city meatcutters have gained the nine-hour day.

Moving Headquarters.

Owing to the fact that the Oregon Historical society is removing from its present quarters in the city hall, that building will not be opened to the general public from 2 to 3 tomorrow afternoon, as has been the custom.

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REALTY MEN DIVIDED INTO TWO FACTIONS

Lively but good natured debate took place at the regular Friday meeting of the Portland Realty board yesterday in connection with matters taken up by the committee appointed to incorporate, and as there were two factions about evenly divided, the questions were laid over until the meeting next Friday. At times the debate became fast and furious, practically all in each faction joining, but there was nothing heated about the arguments.

The purpose of yesterday's meeting was to divide into matters which the committee on incorporation had taken up, and the debate started over the incorporating of the committee. The effect that would have obtained had the committee been indorsed, would have been approval of the incorporation of the board for \$5000. The other faction held that there should be no amount for which the board should be incorporated.

The question will be settled at the meeting next Friday.

WANT BOARD TO HIRE SCHOOL GARDEN EXPERT

An appropriation from the school board to engage an expert for the organization of garden work among school children, the forwarding of the agricultural high school plan and the creation of a fund sufficient to meet all additional expenses, were discussed at a meeting of the special committee authorized to name the executive board of the Garden Contest league, in the auditorium of The Journal building yesterday afternoon. As directors the following were named: Ralph R. Routledge, E. J. Jacobs, M. Plummer, W. F. Ross, D. A. Groat, C. Chapman, Mrs. C. F. Nelson, Emory Olmstead, Harry W. Stone, B. F. Irvine, R. L. Sablin, Mrs. Harriet Hendee, Stella Walker Durham, Ralph D. Hetzel, L. R. Alameda, R. Wilson, Bertha Taylor Voorhorst, Miss Wood of the public library and Hugh Bryan. The executive board of the league will appear before the school board at its next meeting.

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