

COMMISSION PLAN IS SAID TO SOLVE MUNICIPAL ISSUES

Present Form of Government Out of Date, Asserts Writer, Who Hopes to See Change Next Election.

Portland, Feb. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—The coming city election should secure for Portland some definite provision to change the present old village form of government into a more adequate system suited to present conditions.

The present system of government, such as we have in England for back in the early part of the eighteenth century. The governing body of the municipal corporation was a council. The council consisted of a mayor, recorder, aldermen, councilmen and assistants with important executive, legislative and judicial functions vested in the governing bodies, at times, in such a way as to give to the mayor, recorder and aldermen both executive and judicial powers. The aldermen and councilmen were chosen from among citizens who had long been known to be public-spirited, or whose family history recalled to mind important public services, or from among persons who could trace their family history back to the Normans or the Angles and Saxons.

They Owned Country.

These aldermen were wealthy men of leisure, owning vast possessions in farm lands, where competition was not felt and where the laborer was the producer under a very lax supervision.

The towns and cities these aldermen governed were small communities averaging from a few hundred to about 10,000 inhabitants. They were small centers where city life, such as we know, was entirely unknown. They were generally large country settlements where everybody knew each other, where the aldermen were the chief men of the towns and their families and modes were known to everybody. These men served the community without pay, because they owned the country. It was their business interest, their life.

Conditions Different Now.

The present conditions are quite different. The conditions of the early aldermanic form of government have passed away. A few men no longer own the community under our democratic form of government. In order to make the government of modern cities efficient it becomes necessary to allow officials to make the city government their interest. To give a man interest in the government means to pay him for his services. So long as we continue to elect intensive business men, who already have as much as they can do to run our government, just so long will our government be administered by disinterested persons, except in so far as it affects their immediate business interests, with the result that the government will remain awkward, unwieldy and inefficient.

It should be kept in mind that work of any kind is entered into primarily for the purpose of money gain, whether it be in the service of a private corporation or a public service corporation. The human nature is to manage so as to secure sufficient means for livelihood.

Asking Too Much.

In addition persons feel that their first duty to society is to be self-supporting. They cannot afford to perform great services without proportionate remunerations. Our city, under its present system, is asking too much of the councilmen, who in addition to their own business, are asked to give their time and attention to the city government which is intensely more complicated and difficult of administration.

When we consider the present conditions and the changed conditions in immediate interests, and increase in population that have resulted since early days it must be declared that a change in the city government is necessary. In America, up to 1900, no special type of city government had developed. Slight changes had crept in to make for a distribution of duties and powers among the governing bodies, and with a tendency to favor paying city officials for their services so as to secure attention to duties and interest and responsibility.

Commission Form Praised.

Since 1900 we have developed a more definite type of city government in what is known as the commission form of government. This started in Galveston, Texas, in 1901. During the 12 years up to the present time more than 600 cities in the United States have adopted this form of government at an average rate of about 20 cities each year. A complete list of the states and cities interested can be seen in the "World Almanac" for 1913, page 871. This form of government seems to bring about desirable results. It makes the city government a business, dignifies it and puts it into the hands of well paid officials, who give their whole time to the work and whose duty it becomes to give efficient service. It is a businesslike government, organized according to the plan of organization in large successful business corporations, and should be well suited to a large city like Portland. EDWIN ANDERS.

POUGHKEEPSIE WANTS COAST REGATTA WINNER

(United Press Special Wire.) New York, Feb. 4.—By extending an invitation to the winner of the rowing regatta between Washington university, the University of California and Stanford university, on the Oakland, Cal. estuary, the board of stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing association today practically assured the appearance of a Pacific coast team in the big Poughkeepsie national regatta this spring.

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WANT O. & C. LAND FOR SCHOOL USES

Columbia Co. Directors Request Oregon Delegation to Urge Action.

(Special to The Journal.)

St. Helens, Or., Feb. 4.—Resolutions urging Oregon representatives to use all their influence to get the United States government to turn over to Oregon schools all lands that may revert to the government by reason of the suit now pending with the Oregon & California Railway company in the event the government wins the suit have just been adopted by the Columbia county school directors.

Another resolution requests State Superintendent Alderman to prepare and present to the legislature of the state, through Representative W. A. Hall, a bill providing for payment by the county of the expenses of two members of each school board in the county while attending directors' institutes.

State Superintendent Alderman was the leading instructor at the institute, which was the first of its kind held in the county, yet one of the best held in the state. This movement is one of the aggressive policies of newly elected County Superintendent J. B. Wilkerson.

Modern progress in rural school education was illustrated in the story of E. E. Nickerson, who came out of the secluded Nehalem valley country to attend the institute. Nickerson told the meeting that he had been school director for 21 years without a break, and that as a result he is becoming progressive.

"When our teacher came to us this winter and suggested that it would be good to serve hot lunches to the children at noon we said 'All right, old girl, you can have what you want.' And we equipped her with pots and pans, and she went to work. The children are being taught table manners. The directors also visit the school more often than ever before. I wish all the directors in the Nehalem valley could be here at this meeting."

POLICEMEN ACCUSED OF COLLECTING BRIBES

M. G. Fujii and O. N. Kurobaya, two Japanese interpreters, have filed a letter with City Auditor Barbur, accusing certain members of the police department of being "bribe takers," who collect from \$6 to \$8 a week from each of half a dozen Japanese restaurants in the north end and in return for the money permit the proprietors of these cafes to sell liquor on Sundays. The letter mentions one police officer's name, and gives the locations of five of the restaurants referred to, with the names of the owners.

More than 20,000 men of the warships of the United States Atlantic fleet contributed 25 cents each for a wedding present to Miss Helen Gould in appreciation of what she has done for the service.

Blood on Fruit Trees Keeps Jackrabbits Away

Sundale Fruit Man Says He Has Remedy at Last

Sundale, Wash., Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—Jackrabbits and cutworms have done considerable damage to orchards in Klickitat county in past years. We have learned, we believe, how to save our trees from both these pests. By painting the trees with blood the rabbits are kept away. They are herbivorous only and dislike the blood.

Paint your trees from the ground to the forks. Only one and two-year-old trees, as a rule, are attacked. No doubt this treatment will save the trees from the work of ground squirrels also. The blood can be had from the Union Meat company of Portland, or any slaughter house can furnish it, no doubt. Tennyson cases cost me \$2.65, delivered.

Cutworms for several years have been doing great damage by climbing the young trees at the time the first buds swell and eating out the tender bud. As soon as the weather gets warm they disappear. For two years past a remedy composed of bran, molasses, sour beer and Paris green has been widely copied, as coming from some experiment station (not in Oregon). It is about as efficient as the old remedy for bed-bugs. Catch your bug and tickle it under the chin till it laughs, then shove a spoonful of poison down its throat. After a most thorough trial, I have found three dead worms under a tree, and over 40 live ones. I killed all I put in a can with the mixture, but there was nothing else in the can.

We now use common table oilcloth. A piece 4x8 inches is wrapped around the tree a foot from the ground and pasted under the lap. It is too smooth for the worm to crawl over. Tin works as well, but is very much more expensive, and more difficult to apply, and tends to injure the tree. After the dan-

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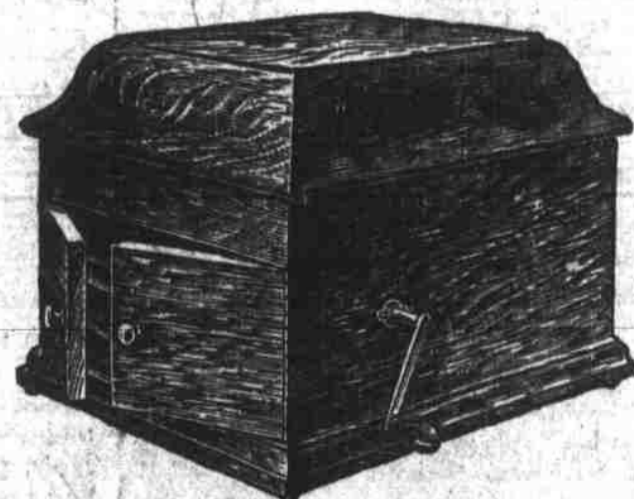
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