NEW RULE PLAN IS EXPLAINED BY R. W. MONTAGUE

Member of Charter Committee Points Out Changes and Improvements Under Commission Government.

At the instance of the official charter revision committee, Richard W. Montague, member of the committee, has prepared a formal statement explaining what the new commission plan charter is, what it does, its effect in abolishing council, executive boards, other boards and commissions and substituting therefor a commission of five bonded, full-time commissioners, including a mayor. He also explains the election, civil service, franchise and improvement provisions of the proposed charter. The statement reads:

"In form the new charter is an amendment of the existing charter, not an entirely new instrument. This is because the old charter was enacted by the legislature, which had authority over the entire state, and it was thought best to preserve certain parts of it which might affect territory or citizens outside the city limits. Besides there are many minor provisions which work well, have been construed by the courts, and are better kept as they are.

What It Does.

"It removes the tangled and scattered lines of authority and duty from some four dozen officers who now hold them and brings together in a single compact body, composed of a mayor and four commissioners, with an auditor for a check. This body makes the laws and sees to their enforcement, appropriates public money and expends it, appoints the other officers and removes them (subject as now to civil service regulations). Their meetings and committee meetings are public, and provision is made that the publicity shall be real and not merely formal. There being only one body in control the public attention is necessarily focused upon it and not dissipated as now. They are constantly in the public eye. Responsibility is fixed upon them and cannot be shuffled off or avoided. The members of the commission as well as the auditor are to devote their entire time and attention to the city work and are strictly prohibited from having any adverse interests.

Other Officers and Boards.

"The executive board is abolished at once on the taking effect of the charter. Other boards and commissions may, under the authority of the council, continue for six months, when all cease to exist except the civil service commission. The employes of these boards under civil service are unaffected, however. The only difference is that the functions of these departments are to be under the direction of the council.

"The provisions of the old charter in respect to other officers and boards and their duties are preserved as ordinances only, for the purpose of continuing a working system while the commission is framing the new administrative code, which is to be an important part of the new plan. It is hoped that the New York Bureau of Municipal Research will lend its wide experience and trained skill to the framing of this code, which will in itself provide means and methods which will almost insure high efficiency, elimination of waste, and clearer publicity. These provisions, preserved as ordinances, are subject to the provisions of the new charter, and are in effect only so far as they do not conflict. They are as follows:

Election.

"The election on May 3d is to pass upon the adoption or rejection of the new charter. If adopted, the nominations made at the same election for officers under the old charter become void. The provisions of the new charter for election then go into effect at once, and a mayor, four commissioners and an auditor will be voted for on June 5th. Nominations are to be by certificates signed and acknowledged before a notary by 100 voters. The election is on the preferential plan, whereby each voter marks on the ballot his first, second and third choices. A majority—not a mere plurality—is necessary to elect. This method, it is believed, will more accurately register the real preference of the voters and do away with the minority choices, which have been so disastrous in the direct primary. The method is not complicated in operation as far as the voters are concerned.

Civil Service.

"The civil service provisions are unchanged except for a provision empowering the commission to retain an employe charged with violation of duty on conditions. The board is the same as now; the persons subject to civil service rules are the same as now; section 317, amended and re-enacted, expressly provides:

"The present incumbents of all offices, places and employments under the civil service rules shall continue to hold their respective places, subject to the provisions of this article."

Taxation.

"The minimum tax rate is exactly the same as at present. More freedom is given the council in apportioning this amount among the several objects of city expenditure. Nor is any increase of city bonds authorized without express vote of the people.

Franchises.

"The charter revises the matter of public utilities and franchises and in several particulars enlarges the power of the city to do its own work direct. It also throws greater publicity around the granting of franchises, extends the time within which a referendum may be granted to sixty days, and requires it to be granted on petition of only 2000 voters.

Public Improvements.

"Following the plan adopted in many recent charters, the provisions for making street and other improvements and levying assessments therefor are gathered into an "improvement code," which is subject to amendment by the council, so that the procedure may be improved as occasion constantly requires without the expense of an election. To safeguard the public, however, it is provided that the council shall not do away with a stated notice to the taxpayers nor abridge his right of remonstrance. Amendments are required to be published in the city official newspaper for 30 days before their adoption, and a conspicuous notice of the proposed changes to be published in two daily papers. The whole improvement code, with any amendments, is required to be kept in pamphlet form for distribution to voters. A section proposed by the East Side Improvement league and approved by their representatives in the form adopted preserves the principle of free and general competition in public improvements (and especially among improvements of different kinds or classes)."

PIONEER AND FORMER WARRIOR IS DEAD

Thomas H. B. Donaldson.

Thomas Hiram Benton Donaldson died April 8, of cancer of the stomach at the home of his brother-in-law, George Whitehead, 515 Everett street. He was born in Jackson county Mississippi, June 14, 1839, and located in Clackamas county. He enlisted in Company C, First Oregon Mounted volunteers at Oregon City in 1855 and saw active service in various parts of eastern Oregon and Washington. He was wounded in the battle of Yakima Butte. He was married in 1882 to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Haskins, whose death occurred in August, 1911.

At different times Mr. Donaldson lived at Walla Walla, Albany, Clatsop Plains, Ilwaco, Wash., and Portland. His last home was at Woodburn. He was widely known among the pioneers and also among the younger generation, as a man of sterling character and as taking an active part in schools, churches and other public affairs.

MECHANICAL DRAWING CLASS GROWING FAST

So great has been the interest in a mechanical drawing class recently organized at the Young Men's Christian Association that the class has grown into an organization to be known as the Technical Club of Portland. While the study of mechanical drawing and kindred subjects of interest to shopmen will be the feature of the work, its scope will be so broad that other technical men are expected to join. Twenty-seven attended the opening session, and this number is expected to be doubled within a month.

The projectors of the club have ambitious plans for it, hoping eventually to found a series of affiliated clubs in other associations. All of these organizations would work in harmony to build up a collection of data on topics of mutual interest. Conferences would be held and everything possible done to make this one of the strong educational divisions of the Y. M. C. A.

Officers of the Technical club were selected at a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night. They are: President, R. A. Bremner; vice-president, W. H. Nourse; secretary, Marion Syrek; treasurer, W. O. Paulson; librarian, E. J. Quinn; sergeant-at-arms; G. W. Staggs; directors, R. C. French, H. P. Andrews, R. A. Bremner.

The organization is formed on much the same lines as the Oregon Society of Engineers. In fact, a constitution is now being drawn up that will follow very closely the constitution of the engineers' organization. The library will be one of the main factors in the work of the club. To begin with, technical books in the Y. M. C. A. library, supplemented with works from the public library, will be used, but many other volumes and references will be collected. The library will include not only books, but blueprints, standard drawings and other things of practical use to men in the shops.

Y. M. C. A. FIRST TO AID FELLOW VICTIMS

Portland's Young Men's Christian Association was the first association in the United States to send a contribution to the Y. M. C. A.'s in Ohio after the recent floods. This information is contained in a letter just received by General Secretary Stone from A. H. Lighty of Columbus, state secretary.

Mr. Lighty reports that the associations in Ohio have suffered greatly from the floor. In order to keep them from closing their doors, a relief fund of $100,000 is to be raised. Portland's donation is the nucleus of this fund. The contribution is a small one, but it is proposed to send an additional check.

"A number of our Ohio association towns have been so seriously affected by the floods that unless they are able to secure outside relief some will be compelled to close their doors," said Mr. Lighty. "After other officers and I had visited two of our most seriously affected districts and had reports from representatives in other towns, a conference was called at the state office. After carefully reviewing the situation it was decided that the state and international committees, in view of the situation, would be justified in extending an invitation to the association brotherhood throughout the United States and Canada to help us to the extent of $100,000. In due time you will receive from the international committee a copy of this appeal.

"On behalf of those who will be helped by your very generous thoughtfulness and interest, I thank you sincerely. It makes a man heartsick to go over the devastated sections of our state. I hope you may never be called upon to experience a similar catastrophe in your own commonwealth."

Woman Storms White House.

Washington, April 12.—The first White House crank to be arrested in President Wilson's term is in jail here today. She is Helen Kelly, 37, and was arrested after making insistent efforts to see the president about a fancied wrong.

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Special for Tomorrow and Tuesday

Yard-Wide Pin-Striped Messalines. Come in neat colorings
Yard-Wide Black Messalines and Taffetas of rich finish.
26 to 36-inch Natural-Colored Pongee Silks.
A great lot of Spotproof Foulard Silks in attractive patterns.
Yard-Wide Solid-Colored Silk Poplins in desirable shades.

24 to 27-inch Fancy Messalines, Gros de Longres, Swiss Taffetas, Novelty Striped Silks, Novelty Brocades and Fancy Waist and Suiting Silks in an unlimited assortment of designs and colorings. It will be a silk buying opportunity few women will care to miss—a bargain feast! You have choice of this season's silks in regular $1.00 to $1.50 qualities at this sale, a yard 69c

Great Showing of Season's New Popular Priced Wash Fabrics

A Wash Goods Department, as pleasant to visit as a picture gallery, invites you to pass fair judgment on its Spring and Summer displays. While the old familiar weaves are here yet, under new color and shade combinations in artistic patterns, they bid for equal favor with more novel effects.

Plisse Crepes—These popular wash fabrics are shown in a large variety of neat kimono styles, plain colors and white. Special value, the yard..... 19c

Madras Waistings, also Madras Shirtings, full 32 inches wide. Comes in neat striped styles, brocaded designs, yard 25c

Printed Foulards in pretty Jacquard patterns—dark colorings in figures and flowers. A very attractive fabric at a very low price, per yard..... 25c

Dress Crepes, in plain colors with Ratine borders and full 45 inches wide. A fabric that washes perfectly, yard... 50c

Sponge Cloth or "Ratine" in white and colors, per yard..... 25c

Flowered Silk Crepes in beautiful colorings, priced at, per yard..... 35c

New Silk Brocades, in plain colors and white at, yard..... 50c

Bordered Poplins and Voiles shown in plain colors and white with open-work or solid borders. Comes full 45 inches wide. Priced at, per yard..... 50c

Colored Linen Suitings, shown in all wanted plain shades and in the best widths. Priced at 75¢, 65¢ and, yd. 45c

Fashion's Newest Thoughts in Women's Suits and Coats

Our showing of Spring and Summer styles bears the stamp of authority and reflects with accuracy the last word from accepted arbiters of fashion. Modes that prevail in Suits, Coats and Lingerie Dresses now invite critical inspection—YOUR inspection, if you please, madam.

New Spring Suits $12.50 to $25.00

A wonderful showing of the new Suits in styles and at prices that will immediately appeal to you. All are tailored as you would have them, in a perfect manner. Materials are English mixtures, Shepherd checks, serges, Bedfords, diagonals, worsteds, hairline novelties, etc. They are shown with the nobby new coats in 27 to 32 inch lengths, with cutaway front, round corners, or perfectly straight. They come either plain tailored or with neat trimming and the skirts are shown in various styles to match the coats. They are certain to compel approval from women who dote on style and who know. Good values; five special lots to choose from at $25, $19.50, $17.50, $15 and $12.50

Special Showing of New Spring Suits in Styles Most Becoming to Large Women

Included are plain colors and mixtures in the best shades. Where alterations are necessary we guarantee a perfect fit. Particularly attractive are the lines at $19.50 and $25. An early selection will be to your advantage.

A Great Showing New Spring Coats

Quite an extensive line to select from. The latest styles in 45-inch, 48-inch and full length. They are made of fine woolen fabrics and are shown in wanted plain shades, checks, stripes, diagonals and mixtures; all sizes. Special values at $7.50, $10.50, $12.50 and up to..... $25.00

New Waists at 98c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 Up to $7.50

An assortment so large and so varied that we cannot begin to describe them—included are the best styles. Lingerie in white and with Bulgarian trimming; also pretty styles in Linens, Poplins, Madras, Silk, Allover Lace, etc., as well as the popular Initialed Waists. Don't fail to see them before you purchase elsewhere.

Women's Fine Silk Lisle Hose

DOUBLE GARTER TOP, DOUBLE SOLE AND HIGH SPLICED HEEL—BEST 50c GRADE AT OR THREE PAIRS FOR $1.00 35c

Fine seasonable weight Silk Lisle Hose for women secured at a price concession that permits us to offer them to you at a splendid saving. They are strictly high grade stockings made with double garter top, double sole, high spliced heel, six-thread heel and toe and are full fashioned. They come in all sizes and in a perfect black. Regular 50c grade price this sale at 3 pairs for $1 or, the pair..... 35c

Seasonable Weight Knit Underwear for Women and Children

Sleeveless Vests at 50c Each

A fine line of Women's Lisle Vests, shown in sleeveless styles with either hand crochet or plain yokes. They come in all sizes and are perfectly fitting garments of seasonable weight. Special values at..... 50c

Vests and Pants 25c Each

Children's seasonable weight Vests and Pants in all sizes and styles. Pants in ankle or knee length. Vests in high or low neck styles, with short or long sleeves, or sleeveless. Unusually good garments at..... 25c

Extraordinary Sale Men's Balbriggan Underwear

SHIRTS AND DRAWERS IN ALL SIZES—OUR BEST REGULAR 50c GRADE, A GARMENT 39c

From a well-known manufacturer we secured a fine line of Men's Jersey Ribbed Balbriggan Underwear at a price concession which permits us to offer it to you at the usual wholesale cost. It will pay you well to lay in a full season's supply at this splendid saving. Both Shirts and Drawers in all sizes in ecru color. The Shirts are made with elactic ribbed neck and satin faced front and the Drawers are made with full double gusset, are faced at top and have suspender straps. Garments of seasonable weight, made to sell regularly at 50c; special for this sale..... 39c

Men's $1.00 Shirts at 85c

Fine custom made Negligee Shirts, made coat style with French cuffs and separate soft collar. They come in plain cream and tan and with fancy stripes; all sizes. Best $1 grade..... 85c

25c Silk Ties Special at 19c

A splendid lot of Men's fine Silk Four-in-Hand Ties made reversible or with open ends. A large range of patterns and colorings to choose from. Best 25c grade, priced tomorrow at..... 19c

Sale Woolen Dress Goods

We have received within the past week large invoices of Woolen Dress Goods—imported and domestic fabrics in the correct weaves and weights for Spring and Summer wear—and we doubt that there is another store in this city better prepared to supply your every need at such moderate prices.

English Mohair, 42 Ins. Wide, 65c Val. 50c

800 Yards of English Mohair, shown in all wanted plain shades and black. Comes full 42 inches wide. A dust-resisting, durable fabric that washes up nicely. Best 65c quality, priced this sale 50c

Cream Serges, 40 Ins. Wide, $1 Val. 85c

Cream colored Storm Serges, full 40 inches wide. Made of fine selected yarns and in a perfect weave. An extremely fashionable fabric in $1.00 quality. Priced for this sale at 85c

New Models in the La Greque Corsets

These Corsets are anatomically correct—gracefully forming the figure to the most approved lines, insuring comfort and style in a manner usually not looked for at such moderate prices. Particularly desirable are these three models.

MODEL 7067 SPECIALLY PRICED FOR THIS SALE $1.50

An excellent model for the average figure. Comes with medium bust and extra long skirt. Made of fine jeancloth with embroidery trimmings. All sizes 18 to 26.

MODEL 2015 SPECIALLY PRICED FOR THIS SALE $2.00

A very comfortable model that is latticed with mercerized tape. Comes with medium bust and medium long skirt. All sizes from 18 to 26. All neatly lace trimmed.

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Special No. 3 Naiad Shields, with high front, 35c kind, at, pair	23¢
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Regular 65c Lace Edge Naiad Bolero Shields, priced at, pair	49¢
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