

HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PRESENT RECORDS FOR CITY

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Commission Form Urged as
Remedy.

By Marshall N. Dana.

Evils of administration exist under the present city charter. Incompetence and waste are fostered. Error is propagated. Responsibility cannot be placed. Blame cannot be fixed. Credit cannot be given. Justice cannot be done. Facts about conditions cannot be determined. Efficiency and economy are impossible. An efficiency program cannot operate until the charter is changed. It is a system of negation and confusion.

The commission plan charter contains the remedy for the evils that exist and cannot be checked or cured under the present charter. Officialdom will be decreased from 52 to 5. Responsibility and authority will be balanced. Full time service under bond will be substituted for the present part time service without responsibility or bond. An efficiency program will be adopted, and operated. Departments will be definitely organized and segregated.

Set Forth Duties.
An administrative schedule will set forth the things to be done by the mayor and each commissioner. Reports will be regularly made as to the progress of duty assigned has been done and how well. Strict accounting must be given, in advance, of each item in the annual expense budget. Strict accounting must be given to show if money has been spent as directed. A purchasing agent will be employed to save the \$55,000 or \$100,000 now annually wasted in buying supplies for city departments because each buys for itself and independently and without giving account.

These are the major reasons why the commission charter should be adopted May 3. It is in the interest of the masses of the people. It is to give the people a chance to say how they want their city business handled and then to find out if it is handled as they directed. It is to make certain known men responsible for certain known duties. It is to make it possible for the one who has a complaint to go direct to the responsible person instead of wandering about the city hall for days and weeks without finding where to go to resolve satisfaction or justice. The purpose is to make the nature and method of city government understandable.

None of the criticisms of the commission charter have attacked the fundamental purposes of the charter. No one will disagree with the facts set forth in the above paragraphs as descriptions of the difference between the present and proposed charters.

Benefits People as Whole.

It is fundamentally right. A majority of its provisions are for the benefit of a majority of the people. Suppose the majority of the people don't like some of the methods outlined in the charter for establishing commission form of government. They can amend any portion of the charter they disapprove. If the commission charter is adopted May 3, it can be amended on June 1.

This fact the critics either overlook or ignore.

If the people would rather have some other voting system than the preferential ballot they can have it.

If they would rather have the civil service board elective than appointive they can order it so by their votes.

If they want the dock commission retained, rather than be eliminated with other boards and commissions, except the civil service board, they can have it retained.

If they would rather have commissioners run each for the department he would be head of, instead of letting the mayor be responsible for assigning them to their departments after election, this can be changed.

Voters Can Make Changes.

Go down the line. Take up any contested provision. There is nothing the people cannot change. If it is changed everybody will have the satisfaction of knowing that a thing has been done that the majority wanted done.

To ask the council to submit an amendment to the charter is better citizenship than to condemn the entire charter because, say, the city attorney is made an appointive rather than an elective officer.

Neither can there be any doubt that the council will submit for vote at the June election amendments desired by sincere individuals or organizations who have the best interests of the city at heart, and who are not making use of a subterfuge to disguise their own fear of a city government administered in the light.

To condemn the commission charter, when the people possess this power of amendment, because one disagrees with one of its provisions is to be as sensible as the father who, to cure a squint in the left eye of his son, cut off his head.

To Bring Accused From Chicago.

Detective Tom Coleman will leave today at 10 o'clock for Chicago to return George von Klein, alias George B. Lewis, to Portland for trial upon the charge of larceny of \$1500 from a woman who is purported to have married von Klein in Chicago. The man is also in Chicago, having caused the man's arrest when she met him in a restaurant.

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WOMAN REGISTERS AS "21," BUT FORGETS, SAYING SHE HAS LIVED IN OREGON 35 YEARS

Incident One of Many Noted in Attempts to Dodge Facts;
Some Walk Out in Huff When Asked to Reveal
Age; Books Close Monday Night.

"Madam," said one of the clerks in the registration department at the court house yesterday, "the law requires that you must give your exact age in years. How old are you?"

"Twenty-one years, sir," she chirped. "And how long," continued the clerk, reading from the registration blank, "have you lived in Oregon?"

"Oh, I'm one of the real old timers here," she answered with pride. "I've lived here 35 years."

And that really happened. It was just one of the many incidents of the busiest day of the registration department, February 15 for the coming city primary election.

When a count was made last night after the books were closed at 9 o'clock, it was found that 1758 persons had registered for the day, of whom 1498 were women and only 258 men; and there were 202 men who came to register under a changed address, bringing the day's grand total up to 1958 persons.

Women in Majority.
"And most of them were women, too," said an exhausted clerk. "Honestly, you could register 600 women. They're new at it, you see, for one thing, and they don't understand the procedure. And then for another thing, they want to ask you a million questions and many of them insist on waiting in the corridors to see how some of the other women they know are going to register."

Yesterday's total registration of 1958 persons is only 100 short of the highest single day of registration ever had at the courthouse. On the night the books closed before the general election last November, the grand total was a little over 2000 for the day.

"Monday is the last day to register for anyone who wants to vote in the coming municipal primary," said Chief Clerk Held last night. "Be sure to make a point of that, because many folks have the impression that Tuesday will be the last day. The law requires the registration books to close 30 days before May 15, and Monday is the last legal registration day."

Office Open at Night.
"The office will open at 8 o'clock in the morning and remain open until 9 o'clock Monday night. I expect the heaviest rush for registration will be after all."

ever had. There will be at least 2000 of 'em if there's one."

Since the books opened, February 15, 22,927 persons have registered, of whom 2311 have been men and 19,716 women. Approximately 18,000 voters were already on the books, having registered before the general election. This makes a total registration to date of about 71,900. That is the heaviest registration Portland has ever had.

The 25,027 new voters are distributed politically as follows: Republican, 13,312; Democrats, 5421; Progressives, 2429; Prohibitionists, 774; Socialists, 417, and Independent, 694.

The law requiring voters to give their exact age has saddened the lives of many of the women who came to register. Many of the women absolutely refuse to give their age. Some of them have gone so far as to walk out of the office in high dudgeon, and refuse to register at all.

Others save their feelings at the expense of their consciences by confessing to 21 years and then taking oath that it is their correct age. Even if a clerk knows that isn't her age, and can't be her age, he must be a pretty hardened sinner before he disputes "a woman about 21."

Woman 21, Son 22.
One woman who registered today put down her age as 21 years and swore to it. As she was signing her name in the book, she cried excitedly to a woman friend: "Oh, see, there's my son's name right above mine!"

The son had sworn his age was 22 years. There was a man who caused a stir among the counter in the morning because of his anxiety to re-register as having changed his address.

"I lived at Seventh and Hoyt streets," he explained to one of the clerks, "and I'm registered from there. But they went and changed the name of Seventh to Broadway, so you see my address is changed and I must register all over again."

And they really had a hard time convincing him he didn't live somewhere else after all.

**NEW PLAYGROUND ON
INCINERATOR TRACT**

Instructions were issued by Mayor Rushlight yesterday to Park Superintendent Michie to prepare a plan for a playground to be laid out on the city incinerator tract. The mayor and the park superintendent visited the tract in the afternoon and decided upon using the space at the northwestern corner of the enclosure this summer. Ultimately this part of the tract will be utilized as a baseball field, but for the present other recreational features will occupy the ground.

Play apparatus will be installed this season on the filled ground adjoining the incinerator building on the west. Part of this ground is covered by rocks and debris. This wood was purchased during the winter for use as fuel in the operation of the plant.

Changes made in the furnace of the plant, however, during the present administration, have put the burner in place to operate without other fuel than the refuse delivered daily. The city health board has advertised for bids for the wood on several occasions, but thus far no tenders have been made. As soon as the 500 cords of the material are removed the ground will be made a part of the playground system.

**ACCUSE REALTY MEN
OF SWINDLING WOMAN**

Spokane, Wash., April 12.—On information telegraphed here by Chief Constable Minty, of Fernie, B. C., James Davidson, E. Williams and Fred V. Peacock were arrested here tonight in connection with an alleged fraudulent real estate deal by which they are claimed to have secured deeds and certificates of title to several thousand dollars worth of real estate from Julia Kolbus, Michel, of Fernie.

The men are said to have used false pretenses in getting the documents. They were taken into custody after having dodged detectives all day. Peacock says he will return without extradition. An officer from Fernie is to come for all Monday.

**COUNTY CLERK COFFEY
TAKING NO CHANCES**

That the stand taken by County Clerk Coffey in the holding up of all papers to be filed in cases which were begun under his predecessor, F. S. Fields, may be made plain to all litigants, Mr. Coffey is having letters sent to the attorneys whose cases are involved. In these letters he explains that Mr. Fields failed to turn over more than \$15,000 of the funds in his care when he gave up his office, and that Mr. Fields claimed these funds made up litigants' accounts in cases pending. He states that he does not intend to become involved in any manner in the shortage, and must therefore refuse to file any papers without the payment of the fees again, and must refuse to return any surplus in any case which was filed prior to the time that he took office. Mr. Coffey anticipates some court procedure by some attorney and hopes that the matter may be definitely settled.

**UNCLE JOE RETURNS TO
PHILOSOPHIZE AND CUSS**

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, April 12.—Uncle Joe Cannon, wearing a new gray felt hat, is in Washington on his first visit as a private citizen in nearly 40 years. He came to attend the Gridiron dinner tonight.

It was a strange sight to see at a hotel in Washington, he said. "I thought I'd always had a home. But, hell, when the monthly check stops coming around I have to cut off expenses at this end. There's one compensation in being out of a job anyhow. They're getting ready to cuss the other fellow now."

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U-O. FRIENDS TO FORM STATE-WIDE DEFENSE, IS PLAN

Committee of 100 Selected
From Portland and Willamette Valley to Perfect Organization to Fight.

A resolution condemning the proposed referendum of the University of Oregon appropriation was adopted, and a committee of 16 named to set up a program for a state-wide organization against the referendum by 100 men and women of Portland and the Willamette valley who were called into a meeting at the Commercial club yesterday afternoon by the State Federation of Women's clubs.

A feature of the three hours' discussion was the statement by President W. J. Kerr of Oregon Agricultural college that though he believes the college has its own particular field of usefulness in industrial training and should be directed by a separate board of regents, the "college desires to cooperate and work in sympathy with every other educational institution in the state, anywhere, at any time, notwithstanding."

Another feature of the session was a remonstrance by C. C. Chapman against the referendum, he taking the position that their use of this portion of the Oregon system should not be interfered with and that the campaign should be made against the success of the referendum vote next November.

Was Beautiful Woman.
Descriptive of the purpose of Parkison, the leader of the referendum movement, State Senator I. N. Day, said: "Parkison came to me while the legislature was in session, asking support of a scheme he had to consolidate the university with the agricultural college, bring both institutions to Portland and here establish the greatest educational institution in the universe."

There was a general disposition on the part of those who made comments to depreciate the amount of the "professional referendum invokers" influence. C. N. McArthur, speaker of the house of representatives, predicted, however, that if anyone expects any organization to kill the referendum before the referendum vote next November, that person is mistaken.

The committee which was appointed to set up the plan of statewide organizations consists of H. B. Miller, Mrs. Frederick Eggert, Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, W. D. Fenton, Fletcher Linn, W. Y. Masters, Eugene Brookings, W. K. Newell, B. P. Irvine, Dr. J. R. Wilson, Mrs. Solomon Harris, Harry W. Stone, Dr. John H. Boyd, A. H. Harris, Arthur T. Buxton, Mrs. George Stephenson, Richard W. Montague, J. C. Veatch, Allen Eaton, Arthur Clark, E. L. Thompson.

Brands Movement Unwise.
The resolution adopted reads as follows: "Whereas, A referendum is threatened on the appropriation made by the last legislature for a new recitation building, and the betterment of other buildings at the University of Oregon, aggregating \$175,000; and

"Whereas, The university is badly in need of additional room to accommodate its largely increased enrollment of students; and

"Whereas, The invoking of this referendum will be to a great extent responsible for bringing on the state's special election in November, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That such referendum is both unwise and unprofitable, and should be strongly discouraged by all who have the educational interests of the state at heart."

The resolution was presented, and the motion for its adoption made by A. J. Vezzie, who had brought it to the meeting in typewritten form.

The motion for the appointment of a committee was made by Judge C. U. Gantenbein, who read the names of those whom he asked to be named from a typewritten list prepared before the meeting.

Eugene Brookings, who presided, was introduced by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, president of the State Federation of Women's clubs. He called on the following in order: Dr. J. R. Wilson, H. B. Miller, Mrs. Mable Holmes Parsons, M. J. Duryea, C. C. Chapman, President P. L. Campbell, of the university; Judge C. U. Gantenbein, A. L. Vezzie, W. D. Fenton, W. Y. Masters, Judge Harris of Eugene, Benjamin Franklin Irvine, Dr. Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie, Royal W. Raymond, Rev. John H. Boyd, Senator I. N. Day, C. N. McArthur, L. A. Goodrich, S. B. Huston, Conrad P. Olson and others.

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**SAM WAGNER'S PETITION
NOW READY FOR FILING**

Sam Wagner, candidate for councilman-at-large, has his petition filled and expects to file it tomorrow morning. Every name secured is that of a personal friend, as Mr. Wagner asked only those to whom he was well known to sign for him. Mr. Wagner promises that, if elected, he will spend his entire time in looking after the interests of the people without favoritism. He declares he intends to remain as approachable as he has always been, ready to help all who need assistance at all times.

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MORGAN'S BODY LIES IN STATE MID- NIGHT HIS ART OBJECTS

Casket Is in Library Flanked
By Huge Bunches of Red
Roses and Burning Candles.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, April 12.—All day today curious thousands passed silently before the great treasure house of art and science in Thirty-sixth street, the J. P. Morgan library, where the body of the banker lay, surrounded by heaps of red roses and ivy in the midst of his priceless collection of books, paintings, and objects of art.

Uniformed policemen guarded the entrances, as well as those of the Morgan, Batteries and Hamilton homes. Only relatives of the family were admitted to the library except for members of the clergy and Mr. Morgan's closest business associates, but hundreds of watchers waited for hours in a drizzling rain in hopes that it might be possible to get a glimpse of the interior.

Inside in the lobby were magnificent floral tributes from every part of the world, while the casket was placed in the left wing, flanked by immense candelabra, and banked with roses of the deepest red.

Arrangements for the funeral service are now complete. Shortly after 2 o'clock Monday the bronze casket will be removed from the library, and taken to St. George's, in East Sixteenth street, in an electric hearse, followed by members of the family and immediate friends. Bishops Greer of New York, William Lawrence of Massachusetts, and Chauncey B. Brewer of Connecticut, assisted by Rev. Karl Relland, rector of St. George's, will conduct the services.

There will be no sermon or address of any kind, Mr. Morgan having directed that there should be none. Henry Burleigh, a colored baritone of St. George's for 8 years, and of whose singing Mr. Morgan was very fond, will sing "Calvary" as a solo.

At the fifth verse of the recessional, which concludes the service, the choir, clergy and bearers will precede the family in a procession up the center aisle to the doors, where the casket will be placed in the hearse, and taken to the Grand Central station, where it will be placed on a special train, accompanied by members of the family, and taken to Hartford, Conn. There it will be placed in the Morgan mausoleum.

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