

# Mayor A. J. Gillis of Walla Walla Pays Commission Rule Glowing Tribute Des Moines, Iowa, Takes New Life Since Adopting New Plan of Government

## WALLA WALLA PROSPERING UNDER COMMISSION FORM; BIG SUM SAVED TAXPAYERS

### PRACTICAL PROOF OF BENEFITS OF RULE IS SHOWN

Moral Cleansing and Awakening of New Municipal Life Follows; Mayor Gillis Pays Fine Tribute to Cause.



A. J. Gillis, Mayor of Walla Walla.

Here are some of the things that commission government in the short period of 18 months since its substitution for the old common council methods of administration, has done for one typical western city, the town of Walla Walla, Wash.

For the first time in Walla Walla's history it has put the city government on a real business basis.

It has saved the city from the dilemma of having either to retrench to the limit in its expenditures, or to repudiate its debts.

It has effected a saving in actual municipal expenditures of between \$65,000 and \$70,000 over the same period directly prior to its adoption.

It has plugged up extensive leaks, and resulted in a general moral cleansing of the town, not by means of emotional "reform crusades," but through the ordinary administration of affairs—as for instance, lessening the number of saloons, rooting out the notorious dives, divorcing the sale of liquor from houses of prostitution, and reducing the number

### DELAY IN BEGINNING PAVING ELIMINATED BY COMMISSION PLAN

New Charter Would Shorten Time in Which to Get Action From 145 to 45 Days.

Paving Under Commission Charter. Commission charter shortens time to get action on paving petition from 145 to 45 days. Eliminates endless committee references and re-references. Eliminates cause of delays. City has paved 250 miles of streets at average cost of \$50,000 a mile, or \$2,250,000 total during past five years.

## SCHEDULE ON STEEL IN TARIFF BILL STARTS A VERY LIVELY DEBATE

Murdock Calls Payne Standpatter and New Yorker Replies "Bumble Bee."

Washington, April 30.—Red hot epithets were exchanged among the Democratic, Republican and Progressive members of the house today when that body started consideration of the steel schedule of the Underwood tariff bill. A lively debate was precipitated when the Republican members stubbornly opposed the proposal to increase the tariff on ferro-manganese, a product used in the manufacture of high grade steel, from \$2.50 to \$8.50. The Republicans insisted that the steel corporation makes its own product, and that the high tariff would only hurt independent manufacturers.

Representative Mann of Illinois and Miller of Minnesota declared the free listing of iron ore was provided mainly in the interest of the Pennsylvania railroad, which, owning the Pennsylvania Steel company, imports ore from Cuba. Representative Hayes of California declared the Democrats were "taking money in duties away from the government treasury and presenting it to Charles M. Schwab and the Pennsylvania Steel company."

Representative Murdock of Kansas referred to Representative Payne of New York as "a standpatter who is a standstill," and denounced Representative Moore of Pennsylvania as a "standpatter with a rising inflection."

Payne was on his feet in an instant. "This is a leader in the house of the bumblebee party!" he shouted at Murdock.

Representative Fordney of Michigan then assailed the Democrats.

"When God Almighty blew the breath of life into some men he must have been bilious," he said.

Twenty-four pages of the bill have been finished to date, with the Republicans falling to change a word.

### HOPE TO COMPLETE CANAL BY OCTOBER

Washington, April 30.—Every effort is being made to complete the Panama canal locks and gates by next October, so that the first vessel may pass through the big ditch then. The isthmian canal commission issued a statement today showing that 44,773 men are now employed on the canal.

### W. J. BRYAN IS INVITED BY WEST TO SEE SALEM

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., April 30.—Governor West today wired an invitation to Secretary of State Bryan, who is now in California, to return east by way of Salem and stop for a visit in Oregon's capital.

### Hard Labor for "Sporty" Teller

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, April 30.—Owen J. Morris, former teller in the Traders bank here, who embezzled \$30,000 to play the races, faces today a three-year term in San Quentin. He was sentenced by Judge Finlayson after the court had ignored his plea for probation. The sentence carries a "hard labor" stipulation.

## SOUNDS KNELL OF GRAFT AND HAILS PROSPEROUS ERA

Commission Form of Government After Five Years' Trial in Des Moines Has Worked Wonders for City.

### WARD HEELERS VANISH AND CROOKS DISAPPEAR

Council Holds No Secret Sessions; Gas Rates Lowered; Improvements Grow.

(Special to The Journal.)

Des Moines, Iowa, April 30.—Five years of unparalleled prosperity has been enjoyed by Des Moines under the commission form of government. The city government is responsive to public opinion. What the people want they get. Civic interest has been stimulated until citizens in all walks of life feel that they are a part of the administration.

There are at least four powerful civic bodies composed of men of wealth and influence who work hand in hand with councils for the city's betterment. Publicity is the watchword.

There are no secret sessions of members of the council. Books of all departments are always open to the public.

Commissioners invite an investigation from any source. Little opportunity exists for crookedness or graft by an official if he was so inclined.

Scandal has never marred the administrations under the commission form. "Des Moines was once a bad town with a dirty face," said one well known writer.

Now people flock here from all parts of the country to create their children, because Des Moines is known as a model city. Commission form has advertised the city immeasurably.

For eight years prior to the adoption of the plan the city did not live within its means; taxes have been reduced 2 1/2 mills and are now 27 1/2 mills on 25 per cent of the property valuation. Since

## PAVING TRUST BACK OF ORGANIZED FIGHT UPON COMMISSION?

E. P. Sheldon, President of the Taxpayers Assn., Closely Affiliated With Warren Co.

Indications that the Warren Construction company, better known as the paving trust, is taking much more than a sub rosa part in the activity of the so-called Portland Taxpayers' association in fighting the commission charter are becoming apparent.

E. P. Sheldon, the attorney whose name appears in the anti-charter literature sent out by the association, as its president, is a law partner of C. W. Huntington, who is an attorney for the Warren Construction company.

Sheldon and Huntington in turn are incorporators of the Rockolite Contracting company, a paving concern organized on March 14, 1912, which is declared to be a subsidiary of the Warren Construction company. The third incorporator is Ruth Van Name, stenographer in their law office.

As long ago as July 22, 1912, Sheldon himself was declared to be an attorney for the Warren Construction company in a formal letter to Secretary of State Ben Olcott written by T. T. Sweeney of Sweeney & Co., contractors. Sweeney is also county chairman of the Progressive party.

The letter, and a further affidavit by Sweeney, that the Rockolite company is a concern organized by the Warren Construction company to eliminate competition and monopolize paving where bitulithic pavement, the so-called trust's specialty, is not in favor, are among the papers entered as evidence in a suit now on the docket in the circuit court. The suit was brought last year by the Rockolite company after Secretary of State Olcott had refused to deprive Sweeney of the right to use the word "Rockolite," which he claimed he had originated, as a trade mark for paving done by him.

With Sheldon and Huntington, two of the three incorporators, as its attorneys the company immediately brought the suit, now pending, to prohibit the use of the trade mark by Sweeney.

## RABBI JONAH B. WISE TO TALK FOR CHARTER AT NOON TOMORROW

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise will be the speaker at the Baker theatre noon mass meeting tomorrow. He will discuss the provisions of the commission charter. He believes it should be adopted May 3. All are invited to attend this meeting, which begins promptly at 12 o'clock and ends at 1 o'clock. Doors are open throughout the hour for the convenience of those who can only remain a few moments.



## AGAIN REFUSES TO TELL WHO IS GIVING MONEY TO FIGHT CHARTER

"Taxpayers' Association" Springs Into Existence Overnight With Sufficient Funds to Circularize City With Misleading Statements, Establish Offices and Put Up Banners, Yet Public Is Kept in Dark as to Members "by Orders."

The "Taxpayers' association" was organized to defeat the commission charter. Dr. T. L. Perkins, its secretary, refused yesterday for the second time to make public the names of members and amounts of subscriptions.

"There are reasons why several of the contributors don't want their names known," was Dr. Perkins' admission. "I don't know it if any of the corporations are among our contributors," continued Dr. Perkins, and added, in answer to a question, that he didn't know who all the contributors are. "Sheldon has been handling this thing," said he. "I've been in my office at work."

"Sheldon told me not to tell the public who the subscribers to the association are," was another remark of Dr. Perkins, after he had said that the order to keep the cloak of secrecy about the association's machinations had not been the result of a meeting of the association. So far as could be learned, the association has not had a meeting. So far as could be learned, with the secretary attending to his private practice, the working portion of the association is Edmund P. Sheldon, the funds are from secret sources and the public's curiosity as to the motives of the association which came into existence overnight is not to be satisfied.

"Do you consider that an organization whose members fire from ambush can be credited with the most disinterested public spirit?" was a question which Dr. Perkins asked to be excused from answering.

From its secret sources the "Taxpayers' association" has raised enough money to circularize the entire city with statements about the commission charter which are on their face designed to mislead. It has been able to advertise in the "Statement of Candidates" pamphlet, to establish offices, put up banners, issue quantities of literature and in other ways to incite opposition to the commission charter.

"We're going to beat the charter," said Dr. Perkins, the secretary, yesterday, concluding an interview wherein he did not attempt to justify or deny the statements made by the association in its campaign literature or the means which the association is using to accomplish its ends.

## DEATH FOR AN ENTIRE FAMILY MAY LURK IN ONE BOTTLE OF MILK

City Health Board Issues Circular of Warning to Housewives.

"A whole family can get typhoid fever from a single bottle of milk in which a typhoid fly has washed his dirty heels. It would be much safer to eat the fly than to drink the milk because the typhoid germ multiplies so rapidly in milk."

This is one of the many surprising bits of information contained in a bulletin which the city health board this morning ordered sent broadcast to mothers and physicians of the city in an effort to cut down to a minimum the annual death list of babies.

The bulletin, which was prepared by City Milk Chemist E. C. Calloway at request of the board last month, gives exhaustive instructions as to the proper care of milk and warns mothers how to guard against the terrible menace offered to infants under one year of age, reminding them that the chances of babies this young surviving for 10 months are no better than those for persons 80 years old. About 5000 copies of the bulletin will be printed and

## IN AMBUSH!

One of the biggest features of the commission charter is the part relating to public utilities.

The opposition to the charter is easy to understand if one bears in mind a few of the provisions on that subject.

The city is given power to build or buy and operate all or any part of any public utility or plant to use for the service of the people. (Sec. 77.)

The city is given the power to do all municipal work by direct employment of labor (Sec. 78), and may dispense with paying contractors' profits if the people desire.

The council is given power to regulate and supervise all public utilities in the city, and all persons and corporations engaged in operating them. (Sec. 80.) This is a sweeping provision and would give the people control of the public utility corporations.

In addition, however, it is provided (Sec. 93) that every franchise granted for any railway track or tracks shall be upon the condition of the right of common user by any other similar company on payment of proper compensation. This section will prevent one company or system blocking another from any section of the city.

Special safeguards are placed about the granting of a franchise. First it must be filed with the auditor, then published in full in the city official newspaper. Notices must be published.

## CITY EMPOWERED TO BUY PUBLIC UTILITIES BY COMMISSION RULE

Sweeping Provision Would Give People Full Control—Common User Franchises.

Washington, April 30.—Marked by an exciting battle with police clubs on the one hand and umbrellas and hats on the other, the headquarters of the militant suffragettes in Kings Way were raided and closed by the police today upon order from Home Secretary Herbert Asquith. Seven militant leaders—Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Drummond, Miss Kerr, who is acting secretary of the Women's Social and Political Union, Miss Lake, who is business manager of the London Suffrage publication, Miss Lennox and Miss Barrett, assistant editors of the publication, and Mrs. Saunders, financial secretary of the union—were arrested and taken to Bow street police station.

Taken by Surprise.

Mrs. Deansel and other militant leaders were at headquarters when the raid was made. Taken by surprise, they were unable to hide anything. Despite their protests, Superintendent Quinn of Scotland Yard searched the entire building for evidence and documents, and confiscated everything in sight.

The women were dragged out, struggling fiercely, and were warned to stay out. As soon as the building was clear the police stripped it of its furniture, indicating that the home office intends permanently to break up the militant organization.

According to Arthur Marshall, attorney for Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the leader of the militants, the police even prevented the women from removing their personal belongings.

Women Detectives Get Evidence.

Women detectives from Scotland Yard, posing as militant suffragettes, secured evidence upon which the raid was based. The raiders searched the women's handbags and seized much of their correspondence, including letters which were alleged to be incriminating. The police hauled down and confiscated the suffrage flag from the top of the building. The seven suffragettes who were arrested were held without bail and were remanded to prison. Their trials were set for Friday.

A. H. Bodkin, special prosecutor for the government, announced that the home office is determined to suppress the violence of the militants. He declared that any suffragette found addressing public meetings anywhere in the kingdom will be jailed. The police will prosecute all persons buying militant literature or subscribing to suffragette funds.

## THREE BILLIONS FOR GOOD ROADS PROPOSED BY JONATHAN BOURNE

Plan Reported to Joint Congressional Committee; Billon by National Bond Issue.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 30.—An expenditure of \$3,000,000,000 for good roads and \$2,000,000,000 for their maintenance for the next 50 years was proposed by Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, today in a plan reported to a joint congressional committee on that subject.

Bourne's plan proposes that \$1,000,000,000 be raised by selling government bonds and loans made to the various states which will give their own 50 year bonds in exchange. The apportionment of the fund would be made on basis of road mileage, assessed valuation and the area and population of the various states. It also provides a "national school of highway and bridge engineering" to develop experts for the work.

## WASCO FRUIT IS UNHURT BY FROST

(Special to The Journal.)

The Dalles, Or., April 30.—Slight frost fell in this vicinity last night, but so damage was done to fruit or vegetables. Cantaloupe, cucumber and bean vines do not show any effects of the frost.

## POSTOFFICE PLAN AGREED ON; ALL PARTIES PLEASED

Exactly Same Front Entrances on Broadway and North Eighth Streets Will Be Built, Says Bourne.

### ARRANGEMENT MEETS ARCHITECT'S APPROVAL

Postal Facilities Will Be Insured for a Population of 1,500,000.

(Special to The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., April 30.—Had a long conference this morning with supervising architect and agreed upon postoffice plans making exactly similar front entrances on Broadway and North Eighth street, with a working platform for the entrance on Hoyt street and back of the building on Gilman street. This arrangement should satisfy all citizens and provide postal facilities for a population of 1,500,000.

JONATHAN BOURNE, JR.

This arrangement is satisfactory to the Greater Portland Plans association, according to President G. F. Johnson.

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## LONDON POLICE IN HOT BATTLE WITH MILITANT WOMEN

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## LANE OPPOSED TO ANY TRUST EXEMPTIONS

Washington, April 30.—Protests still come to Oregon's senators from business interests urging them to oppose the exemption of labor and farming organizations from the operation of the Sherman law.

## BALLOT HURTS DIGNITY OF WOMAN—GIBBONS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Baltimore, Md., April 30.—"When I deprecate woman suffrage I am pleading for the dignity of woman. I am contending for her honor. I am striving to perpetuate those peerless prerogatives inherent in her sex; those charms and graces which exalt womanhood and make her the ornament and the coveted companion of man."

This is the most striking passage in a letter from Cardinal Gibbons which is today in the hands of the Maryland association opposing woman suffrage. The letter was read at a mass meeting here and created a profound impression.

## Gettes Destroy Tennis Courts

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Birmingham, England, April 30.—Militant suffragettes today destroyed the courts of the Blisley Tennis club and killed the grass around the courts with acid.