

FIGURES PRESENTED
PROVE COMMISSION
FORM BEST FOR CITY

B. F. Irvine Has Debate With
Nelson R. Jacobson and
Explains Gain to People.

COST GREATLY LESSENED

Waste of Corruption in Government
Have Vanished With Banishment
of the Old Methods.

Here are some of the reasons why
commission form of government
should be retained in Portland, as
given by B. F. Irvine, associate editor
of The Journal, in debate with Nelson
R. Jacobson, attorney and supporter
of the so-called Amidon charter, at
public library hall Thursday night:

The reduction of the fire loss from
\$6.75 to \$1 per capita and a pending
substantial reduction of insurance
rates as a result of this; cleaner and
more efficient police department;
purer milk supply and improved sanitation.

The higher type of officials which
the city is now getting in contrast
with those under the councilmanic
form.

The substitution of a system by
which responsibility cannot be dodged,
relieving the council of the burden
of others and frequent bickerings of
the old days.

Anyone may now go to the city hall
to secure and view records, an im-
mediate hearing before the whole council,
instead of, as previously, taking it up
with his councilman and waiting in-
definitely for action.

Charges of Graft Now Absent.

The fact that there has not been
even a hint of suspicion of race-
alism or corruption since the commission
form went into effect, as contrasted
with the old days, was a universal
conviction by citizens that graft
existed and the atmosphere was
thick with charges of it, and "invisible
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provements, etc., was \$1,250,000 in
1911, \$1,116,000 in 1912 and only \$498,-
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of the city. He also recalled that the
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cial improvements made under the old
regime which are falling to pieces.

Mr. Jacobson argued that 54 per cent
of the voters did not vote on the com-
mission form when it was adopted in
1912 and that these should be given
a chance to express themselves. He

said that \$3000 a year will be saved
in the salaries of city officials if the
Amidon charter is adopted. He argued
that the election of one councilman
from each of 11 districts will bring the
legislative power closer to the people.

DRAFT MEASURE
NOW READY FOR
WILSON'S NAME

(Continued From Page One.)

federal service and raising it to war
strength; procuring 500,000 men from
21 to 30, inclusive, for the first great
national army—and another 500,000
when required; raising four volunteer
divisions—the Roosevelt plan—if the
president desires.

What the chief executive will do is
an unanswered question, though the
general belief here is that Roosevelt
will be sidetracked for the time being
while the selective draft system is put
into effect.

Signing of the bill will automati-
cally put into effect a perfected war
machine evolved by master minds in
the war department.

Exemptions Will Be Made.

First, the youth must register.
Certain exemptions will be made,
mainly based upon elimination of those
who depend on families.

The new army must comply with
rigid physical standards.

As the registration will show a
vastly greater number of men than
some are required for the first army, the
jury system of selecting the men by
lot will be invoked to pick out those
who are physically acceptable and un-
exempted.

Meantime, the work of erecting can-
tonments to house the army will pro-
ceed. The regular army will be filled
by volunteers and the new army will
be called about September 1.

Within a month or two months, the
national guardsmen will be called into
federal service.

Training to Start at Once.

Intensive training of the new men
will start immediately after the call
and continue a few months, when the
troops will be ready for service in the
trenches of Europe.

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will form the basis of the training
system, whipping the recruits into
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BOTH SIDES APPROVE

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cialists; French Minister
Brings Peasant Greetings.

Petrograd, May 18.—(U. P.)—Russia's
new coalition cabinet was com-
pleted today and accepted by both the
duma and the soldiers' and workmen's
council.

Six of the fourteen cabinet places
are to be filled by Socialists, under
the new cooperative plan of govern-
ment. The executive committee of the
soldiers' and workmen's council has
approved the personnel as announced
yesterday, and this choice will un-
doubtedly be ratified by the congress
of that organization.

French Minister of Munitions
Thomas made his first public appear-
ance here today in bringing greetings
of the French peasants to a congress
of Russian peasant delegates number-
ing 161. Mme. Brachkovska was pre-
siding officer of the congress, and in
her opening address forcibly empha-
sized the complete necessity of active
warfare by Russia to achieve her com-
plete democracy.

The peasant assembly is to consider
reforms in the interest of this class
of Russia's population and to consoli-
date all their interests.

MEANING OF RUSSIAN
WORD EXPLAINED BY
PROFESSOR HARPER

Chicago, May 18.—(U. P.)—Profes-
sor Samuel M. Harper, instructor in
modern languages at the University of
Chicago, and one of the best known
authorities on Russia in the United
States, said today that much of the
difference between the Russian coun-
cilists and the provincial government
reported in the United States ap-
peared to be due to the interpretation
of a Russian word, which in English
would mean "contributions."

"For the last five weeks it has been
the general understanding that Rus-
sian Socialists demanded as the policy
of all allies that there be no annex-
ation, no indemnities," said Professor
Harper.

Transportation Is Important.

"In the program of the new coalition
government in Russia, the policy
adopted was to have no annexation
and no contributions." The question
of wording is all important.

"No indemnities" would mean no
reparation for destruction done in
France, Belgium, Poland, Serbia or
Roumania.

"No contributions" means no puni-
tive indemnities, such as Germany im-
posed on France in 1870.

"Have the Russian Socialists changed
their attitude, or has there been a mis-
understanding? The latter would seem
to be the case."

Word Adopted From American.

"The Russian newspapers for the
first week in April, at which time this
point of policy first came up, gives
the formula of the Russian Social-
ists: 'No forced annexation and no
contributions.' Are the German in-
triguers, working both in Russia and
America, responsible for this misinter-
pretation?"

"The Russian word was a Russian-
ized form of our word, 'contributions.'
Mr. Shepherd of the United Press
reported the other day on a faked tele-
gram from Paris printed in the Rus-
sian papers, to the effect that the
American secretary of state had for-
bidden newspaper discussion of the
coming Socialist congress in Stock-
holm. Have we something similar
here?"

"In any case, Russian Socialists
have all along been opposed only to
'forced annexation and punitive in-
demnities, or contributions.'"

Trainmen of Street
Railway in Meeting

Six Hundred Employees of P. & L. &
P. Company Hear Addresses by
President Griffith and Capt. Hardy.

Trainmen of the Portland Railway,
Light & Power company were hosts
at a meeting at the Hawthorne build-
ing Thursday night attended by up-
wards of 600. The meeting, while of
a patriotic nature, gave indication of
being the forerunner of a permanent
organization which will include in its
membership officials and employees in
every branch of the service.

President Franklin T. Griffith, in an
interesting talk, compared the pres-
ent unity of the nation in the face of
a common enemy as similar to that
existing in the ranks of the employees.

Captain W. H. Hardy, survivor of the
Commodore Perry expedition to Japan,
spoke on patriotic topics. The car-

men's band of 35 pieces rendered a
program during the serving of re-
freshments and also for a dance which
followed the meeting.

Slayer of Woman
Received but \$1500

Redenbaugh's Accomplice Asserts \$10,-
000 Was Paid by Former Husband
for Wife's Death.

San Francisco, May 18.—(P. N. S.)—
Ten thousand dollars was paid for the
murder of Alice McQuillan Dunn in St.
Paul on April 25, but the man who
committed the deed received but \$1500.

This detail of the crime was received
today by the San Francisco police from
St. Paul, whither Joseph L. Reden-
baugh, confessed slayer of Mrs. Dunn,
will be taken tomorrow in company
with his 18-year-old bride, Pearl Heit-
kamp Redenbaugh, to face murder in-
dictments.

The financial side of the murder was
told to the St. Paul police by Frank
McCool, who, according to Reden-
baugh's confession, was his accom-
plice.

It is alleged that Frank Dunn, a
wealthy St. Paul contractor, gave Mike
Moore, a bartender, \$10,000 to hire
some one to murder Dunn's divorced
wife. The intimation is that Moore in-
duced Redenbaugh and McCool to com-
mit the crime for a comparatively
small sum, keeping the greater portion
of the blood money for himself.

Forest Service to
Recruit Regiment

Railroad Officials Receive Instructions
to Obtain Experienced Men for Im-
mediate Service in France.

A regiment of men for immediate
service in France will be organized by
the forest service under the direction
of the war department, according to
word received in Portland by forest
officials.

Austin Cary, logging engineer of the
Portland and Coast Logging Co., left
Portland Thursday night for Washing-
ton, D. C., for the special purpose of
assisting with the equipment of the
regiment.

The regiment is planned to assist in
forest work in France, and will also
conduct logging and milling operations.
Portable mills probably will be used,
as they can be quickly taken from
place to place as need develops or as
the supply of logs requires.

The regiment will be composed of
foresters, logging engineers, experi-
enced woodmen, loggers, and men of
similar experience and training. This
body of men will form a unit of the
engineer corps, of which the railroad
workers are a part.

Alumni Have Organized.

Hood River, Or., May 18.—With a
well organized University of Oregon
alumni in Hood River, of which Will
Cass has been elected president and
Fred H. There are four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from
the Finley chapel, Montgomery and
Fifth streets, at 4 p. m. Saturday,
with interment in Rose City cemetery.

man's building at the university. There
are about 30 graduates of the U. of O.
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America's Greatest Film Favorite

Last Two Days—Friday and Saturday

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Encourages London.

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The restoration of complete amity
between the duma government and the
soldiers and workmen's council, fore-
shadowed in Petrograd dispatches to-
day indicating acceptance of the coal-
ition cabinet, will be immediately re-
flected in the Russian army, it was
believed here.

Fraterizing between Teutons and
Russians on the northern front has
ceased. There has been a resumption
of steady fighting, although not of
major intensity anywhere. General
Brusiloff, held in highest esteem among
the allies for his military ability, has
withdrawn his resignation. Brusiloff,
Alexieff and other high army com-
manders were returning to the front
after conferences with the new govern-
ing groups in Russia. Representatives
of their soldiery were likewise getting
back into the trenches after consul-
tations in Petrograd which convinced them
their interests would be maintained in
the new coalition government.

Wm. Adams, Father
Of Treasurer, Dies

Attack of Acute Gastritis Proves
Fatal; Widow and Seven Children
Survive; Funeral Saturday.

William Adams, father of William
Adams Jr., city treasurer, died Thurs-
day at the age of 69, following an at-
tack of acute gastritis. He was a na-
tive of Wales and had resided in Por-
tland for 30 years. Mr. Adams was a
member of the Congregational church
and had been in mercantile business
until his retirement some years ago.

Surviving Mr. Adams are the widow,
Mrs. Ellen J. Adams, and seven chil-
dren, Charles G. Henry E. William,
Robert L., Harold S., Hugh P. and
Fred H. There are four grandchildren.

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and sweetness of tone—a human voice sings in
the vibrant strings!

Other gems are Ketelbey's symphonic tone-picture
"In a Monastery Garden," with the calls of nesting birds
and the deep-voiced intoning of the "Kyrie Eleison" by a
splendid male chorus lending it an unusual interest; then the
first (and exclusively Columbia) recording of the world-famed
New York Philharmonic Orchestra under the personal direction
of Josef Skramsky; and Oscar Seagle's inspired rendering of
"The Snowy-Breasted Pearl" and the quaint old "The Ash
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