

CITY CHARTERS

MAYOR HAILEY MAKES SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS

Would Take These Costly Local Matters Out of Legislature by a General Charter Bill.

Mayor T. G. Hailey, speaking to an Oregon Daily Journal representative, upon the question of the passage of a general charter bill, in order to allow more local self-government, in our cities, says:

"Such a law would be consistent with the principle of local self-government, and, of course, we all hold that local self-government is right.

"Everyone knows that sessions of the legislature are often affected materially by the introduction of bills for charters, and that it sometimes occurs that members use such bills for log-rolling purposes. Portland now has a charter that was drafted by a board of responsible commissioners, who spent months of faithful labor in preparing an instrument that approximates perfection. I have personally examined the Portland charter and believe that it is as nearly correct as it could be made.

"It is the will of the people of Portland that they shall be governed under this charter. They have said so in their election, and desire just that form of municipal government. Yet they must await the action of the legislature before they will be permitted to pass under the regime which they have already with practical unanimity declared to be their will.

"It is absurd that there should be any necessity for the people of the great city of Portland to go to the legislature to secure enactment of its charter into statute. They should be able legally to incorporate themselves under any form of government not inconsistent with some general statute that covered the main ground and protected the people from possible abuses.

"The same right should be, and is to an extent, given to the smaller towns of the state, for they have exactly the same rights as the larger cities have. They have the right to be governed as they see fit, so long as they attempt nothing contrary to the general laws.

"I believe that it would be well were the legislature to adopt a measure as law that provided for the application of the local self-government principle to all municipalities of whatever size.

"There is a law now in existence of that character but it is not applicable to every town, and therefore defective."

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It was a lesson to watch that first man who had to face the surgeon. We, who have never lived in a country from which we are longing to escape, might not feel as did this man, to whom pretty nearly everything of moment in the world was at stake just then. There might be something wrong with his eyes or hair, or with some part of him inside—he did not know. He had never before been examined in this way by a doctor, and how was he to know? And so many had come back, too. Think what it meant to him if he was sent back. The money for his passage had come from a relative in America—possibly all the relatives for whom he cared were already in America. Think what this meant to him.

And so he faced the surgeon, while 39 others fixed distressful eyes upon him as the indicator in a measure of their own fortunes. As he was served, so too would they be served. As a brave conscript might face his first battle, so did this man arise and walk toward the surgeon. It is a deep breath, and a tautening of the sinews. He draws nearer. The eyes begin to set, and the lips to tighten. He stands rigid before the man who is to decide his fate. The surgeon's hand draws his head forward, and the man quivers. The surgeon's voice, with fingers rolling back the lids of his eyes, commands his eyebrows to the light, and the man shivers. The surgeon drops him, and his chest flattens and his shoulders droop; but quickly the chest rounds out and the shoulders are squared again reaches for him, now to tap him over the heart and sound the lungs. Another look at the hair, and he is motioned on. He is not yet through, but he has passed thus far, and the shadow of tears leaves him. And around the room runs the wistful sigh of confidence. As it has been with him, so it may be with them.—From "In the Paths of Immigration," by James B. Connolly, in the November Scribner's.

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