

CITY MANAGER PLAN IS TOLD BY WILLIAM BRIGGS

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Idea. It is thought these were inspired by a misunderstanding of the situation.

The plan is not for the adoption of the true city manager form of government which would, no doubt, require amendments to the city charter, as, under the city manager form of government, the city manager is given much broader power and control than under the plan contemplated here.

Better Coordination

The local plan does not in any manner abridge the charter or basically change the present form of city government — it merely calls for the continuing of the work being done now by the four departments in a more unified, economical and systematic method, with one official supervising and coordinating the work and activities of the four. Instead of the four present department heads being directly responsible to the city council, they will be directly answerable to the city manager, who in turn will be answerable to the council.

For instance, at present, if there is some project contemplated in one of the departments, the question must be taken up with the city council by the head of the department, and the councilmen must make an investigation. Under the proposed plan, the individual department head would discuss the question of the project with the city manager, who would have a concise, accurate report ready for the council so that they could act without delay and without undue and unnecessary bother to the councilmen, who are business men and should not be asked to divert themselves from their business duties.

No Radical Change

Those supporting the plan do not view it as such a radical change as it would at first appear, nor as a question which should make necessary an election for its adoption by the people, thus creating a large expense.

Mr. Briggs stated the plan was patterned after the councilmanic form of government, such as some Pacific coast cities have, instead of after the true city manager form of government. In other words the council is merely employing a man to supervise the details of city management in the four departments, or merely assigning this work to an official. Has the city council the right to do this without holding an election? Mr. Briggs, when he first thought of this plan, studied the city charter and found that provision had been made for the appointment of practically any officer which the council deemed necessary.

Authority Cited

The clause in the city charter covering this phase of the situation is in part as follows: Article Six, Appointive Officers: "Section 1: The mayor shall appoint a city attorney and a chief of police for the city, and may

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What Changed Alice Longworth?



Alice Roosevelt Longworth and her father, the late President Roosevelt, on her wedding day—the time she began her ban on "frumpish" society affairs.



Alice Roosevelt Longworth as she looks today. In the center is baby Paulina Longworth, who is credited by one clique of the Washington elite with causing her to abandon her society policy of 20 years.

By ALLENE SUMNER
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern and started Chicago's great fire.

A certain cup of orange pekoe tea with lemon and a certain chocolate wafer consumed by Alice Roosevelt Longworth just recently have given rise in the capital to this conclusion—

Husband Nicholas Longworth will run for a certain office known as the presidency of these United States of America. The rumor which shakes the best Haviland china in our nation's capital began all because "Princess Alice" drank her tea and ate her wafer at a Congressional tea.

No "Frumpish" Teas
Behind this is a story which begins some 20 years ago, when "Princess Alice" took "for better or worse," Congressman Nicholas Longworth from Ohio. And the bride barely shed

her brocaded satin and donned her going-away suit before she said, very decisively:

"Just because I'm marrying a congressman they needn't expect me to attend all those frumpish affairs of congressmen's wives."

And the new Mrs. Longworth kept her vow for over 20 years! The darling of the White House, who had been the belle of every Capitol ball, the toast of embassy soirees, the guest of honor wherever Washington's big names gathered, continued to live the same life as Congressman Nick's wife.

"The frumps," as she called the meek little wives of all congressmen but Nicholas Longworth, had their teas and receptions sans Alice, the scorned. Twenty long gray years went by, as the subtleties have it, and then—

Informal "frumpish" tea given by 50 congressmen's better halves at a local hotel.

Alice had not even been invited. She just breezed in when most of the pimento cheese sandwiches were gone, and proceeded to charm everyone.

"She's lovely," said one of the "wives from the sticks," whom Mrs. Longworth once scorned, after the reincarnated Alice had shown her snapshots of the infant Paulina. "How gracious!" said another. "You must come often!" said the reception committee as Mrs. Longworth waved her breezy adieu. And she promised that she would!

The congressmen's wives are now divided into two factions. Half maintain that "she has an ax to grind. She needs us now. Nick has decided to run for president and she's drumming up trade." Their husbands think the same thing—although they admit per-

appoint other police officers, which in his discretion, he deems necessary. Also, the mayor may appoint one or more street commissioners, one or more water superintendents, three or more health officers, and SUCH OTHER OFFICERS, AS THE COUNCIL BY ORDINANCE REQUIRE—

Section Two of this same article gives the council and mayor the right to fix the powers and duties of elective officers.

The city attorney held that the charter in this article made it possible and entirely legal for the mayor and council by ordinance to create the new office of city manager, name a new official, extend a present official's duties or do whatever you might want to term the change, so that this one official would have general management of the four departments. The change is therefore patently within the province and authority of the mayor and council.

Advantages of Plan
Some of the most important advantages of the new plan, according to the ordinance, which it is understood will be introduced at the council meeting tonight, are:

The responsibility of four department heads to one centralized office and manager at all time.

The interchange of labor and

equipment between the various departments.

The city manager will make a concise and expert report each month to the city council covering the work of the four departments and projects which are proposed.

The city manager shall have charge of the equipment of the four departments, the purchasing, checking and storing, which the council expects will result in economies.

The city manager will assume the duty of investigation on projects, thus relieving the councilmen of this duty to a great extent.

MALHEUR TIRES OF CHINESE PHEASANTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20—(U.P.)—Farmers in Malheur county have had enough of Chinese pheasants.

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The birds, protected most of the year by law, are a source of great damage to crops, and the state game commission has received many complaints.

One farmer, Trent Johnson, even went so far as to bill the state for \$800 damage done by the birds. He said they ate up his corn crop, but that he stood helplessly by and watched them do it because the game laws forbade killing them.

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Maniac Sniper To Be Sent To Chair Says Prosecutor

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 23 —(U.P.)—Omaha's "maniac sniper," who terrorized the city with night attacks in which two were killed and several others wounded, isn't a maniac, but shows a rational tendency in trying to escape the death penalty, County Attorney Henry Beal announced today.

A charge of first degree murder will be filed against the sniper, whose name is Frank Carter. "I intend to send him to the electric chair," declared the prosecuting attorney.

have been received by the game commission from that area.

The commission ordered traps to be set to catch the surplus birds in Malheur county. The captives then will be freed in the Willamette valley and elsewhere, at points where hunters report a scarcity of birds.

Handbag



Here is a quaint "petticoat handbag." It is made of quilted, old-fashioned calico print, the sort our grandmothers used for their petticoats, whence the name. The darker materials used are accompanied by toctoise shell; the lighter by amber.

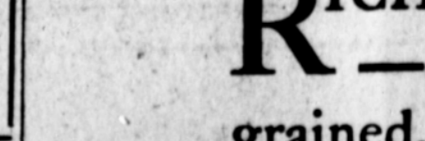
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