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SPECIAL CITY ELECTION.

On Friday, December 20th, the people of Heppner are called to vote upon the adoption or rejection of the new city charter.

There should be no need on the part of this paper to urge the voters of the city to turn out at this time and give this measure their endorsement. The full text of the charter was published and every citizen of the town has had the opportunity of informing himself or herself fully regarding its provisions, and that any should have erroneous ideas concerning any part of the charter is something we fail to understand.

This paper is for the passage of the charter and we should like to see it receive the unanimous endorsement of Heppner's taxpayers.

Much talk is indulged in regarding the many things the town needs. Heppner must go ahead, she must take on new life and there is improvements of various kinds that must be made. This talk is heard daily. A new hotel is urgent, more street improvements of a permanent nature should be made, and as stated in these columns before and frequently, the question of an abundant and healthful water supply stands out above them all. The passing of the new charter will empower the city council to go ahead and raise the necessary funds by which these things can be done. No further progress can be made under the present charter. It is not up to date and does not keep step with the requirements of the city. In fact it is to a very large degree obsolete.

Let us be stirred up, then, to the proper sense of duty and attend the special City election on December 20th and put the new Charter over good and strong. If there should be some few objectionable features, they are of minor consequence and none of them can be put into force except by ordinance, and all ordinances are subject to referendum by the citizens of the city and cannot therefore become laws without their consent.

Boost and vote for the new charter.

CARNAGE IS NOT INNATE.

Those Prussian minded philosophers, who taught that war is the common, natural, desired human state, would have been interested to analyze the spontaneous outbursts over this nation, and the world, when the armistice was declared.

Shipbuilders, to whom peace probably meant a much lower wage, dropped their tools and paraded with shouts and tumult.

Of course the mothers of the land rejoiced, but so did those who an hour before had cheerfully faced the prospect of a year in the front trenches.

From the cripple on his stumps, who pushed himself along the mad streets with four half-gallon cans jangling behind him, to the banker's stately equipage with its blaring horns and waving flags there was given the proof of the true spirit of man.

That spirit is one of good will to all men.

It is the spirit that breaks out at Christmas time.

The spirit that listens with reverence to church bells.

That stands uncovered beside the open grave.

That respects womanhood, and loves little children, and sacrifices that age may toast its shins by the cheerful blaze of filial warmth.

Many of us for years may have believed that war was as natural as our per centum of insanity.

It is, only our per centum of insanity is not natural at all, any more than our former per centum of smallpox, and—in more ancient times—the per centum of black death and cholera.

If the world has finally learned the lesson that war is a disease as preventable as malaria, and as far outside the divine order, that fixed the stars in their places and keeps them there, the world has made itself ready indeed for the era when the saints can say: "Now let my spirit depart in peace."

McADOO'S RETIREMENT.

No resignation short of that of President Wilson himself could have been more serious at this time than that of William G. McAdoo as head of the two great activities of the government—the financing of War and Reconstruction, and the Directorship of Transportation. McAdoo has been the one daring soul of the administration, the man of gigantic courage to think in billions, to assume responsibilities without hesitancy and to enforce an autocratic

will with arbitrary decision. He is the great outstanding character of all that the administration has done to win the war. Baker could have been spared without a rifle, Daniels without a pang, even Lane without any sense of disturbance, valuable though he is especially in reconstruction. Burleson's retirement would have occasioned universal rejoicing.

Hoover hardly can be thought of as part of the administration. Men like he, Schwab, Ryan and other "dollar-a-year" men who were chosen for special activities, are a credit to the administration without being exactly a part thereof in the political sense. Hoover is unquestionably the great civilian of the war. But even none of these could have stepped from the boat at this time and produced such a violent rock as that caused by McAdoo's unexpected retirement.

McAdoo's weak point was his self-exploitation. He capitalized McAdoo in everything he did. He was intolerant of criticism, difference of opinion or even advice, and permitted his intolerance to flash into vindictiveness. But these uninspiring qualities were the smaller side of his make-up, and were overshadowed by his daring and capacity. Perhaps his retirement was dictated by selfish motives, with the feeling that his presidential candidacy would be regarded more favorably if it rested on his past record rather than if involved in reconstruction controversies. We have always felt that he was intensely selfish.—Oregon Voter.

POTATOES AND THE MOON.

Once more we note that a scientific cuss has tried to break to pieces the old tradition that potatoes must be planted in the dark of the moon.

He planted his in the bright of the moon, and gathered a wonderful crop.

He naively adds that he fertilized heavily, and cultivated with diligence.

Probably as many potatoes will be planted in the dark of the moon next spring as in other bygone springs.

The farmer's potatoes are a side issue, a by-product, and there is neither fertilizer nor tillage to spare for them. So, if the phase of the moon will improve the crop prospects, be sure the farmer will utilize this cheap aid.

And at that we don't know but that the moon may have something to do with potatoes.

We know a well that is getting low goes dry in the full of the moon, and supplies its due flow two weeks later.

The moon not only affects the tides, but apparently the flow of all earth waters, and the amount and availability of moisture might have considerable to do with the success of a potato crop.

Probably the sapient scientist also watered his potatoes with the hose.

Old wife tales and the traditions of the countryside more often prove to have legs of truth under them, than mere wing pin feathers of fancy.

SERVANTS OR DICTATORS, WHICH?

The pot is beginning to boil. The public is awakening to the fact that the extraordinary powers it granted public officials as war measures are scheduled to become measures.

The common citizen thought that the railroads were taken over for period of war and not to exceed 21 months thereafter.

He thought that the telegraph and telephone lines were taken over for duration of war, also the express companies.

As a war measure he has submitted to all kinds of inconveniences and increased rates which he would have never accepted in peace times.

Now that the war is over he is somewhat surprised to have it calmly announced that the telegraph and express companies and telephone system which have been nominally under government control as war measures are to be consolidated and operated by the government under a tighter reign than during the war.

There is no longer any thought whatever of accommodating the public.

Autocratic power granted officials as a war measure apparently is to be taken advantage of and saddled on the people as peace measures with wider scope than ever.

Again we say as war measures every citizen cheerfully accepted every inconvenience. But the men who were given this taste of power seem bent on continuing and increasing it in peace times.

Since 1776 the American people have felt entirely able to think, act and look out for themselves and choose and elect their officials (paid public servants if you please), not to dictate to them what they could and could not do but to carry out the wishes of the people of this nation.

Apparently this rule is to be reversed and the "paid servants" are to become the "paid dictators" and the people are calmly advised to acquiesce without complaint or explanation.

Again we say as a war measure this was OK, as a peace measure it is un-American.

It will wind up by depriving the states of millions of dollars of tax revenue under the governmental ownership program and is the enter-

ing wedge for breaking down the American spirit of individual initiative the enterprise and turning the nation over to officialism and socialistic rule.

Delbert Wright, who suffered a broken leg a short time ago and has been in the hospital since, was able to leave that institution Wednesday by the use of crutches.



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