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RESOLUTIONS BY ADVISORY BOARD

Special City Election March 23, 1913.

Mark between number and answer voted for. Submitted by order of the city council. Charter amendment; vote "yes" or "no."

An act to amend section 9 of chapter II of the Medford charter depriving Mayor of power to remove appointive officers and empowering majority of Council, without cause or charges, to remove any officer appointed by Mayor at any regular meeting and limiting power of Mayor to suspend appointive officers to one time except for misconduct and upon written charges, resulting in the power of appointment to office being vested in one officer, the Mayor, and the power of removal being vested in another body, the Council.

402—Yes.
403—No.

Be it resolved that we, the undersigned members of the advisory board of the Mayor of the City of Medford, Oregon, representing the organizations set opposite our respective names, having met together and given due and careful consideration to the above proposed amendment to section 9 of chapter II of the Medford charter, depriving the Mayor of a portion of his power, to be voted on by the people of the City of Medford at a special election to be held Saturday, March 23, 1913, respectfully represent to our constituents and to all the citizens and voters of Medford, that it is our unanimous opinion that said proposed amendment should be voted down, and that each and every legal voter of said city should vote against said amendment, of which the above is the ballot title, as the same will appear on the ballot. Vote 403, NO.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be printed in the Medford Mail Tribune and the Medford Sun, and distributed to each legal voter of said city.

EDNA H. DAVIDSON,
Representing Greater Medford Club.
D. D. BOYLE,
Representing Ministers' Association.
PAULINE SCHUSTER,
Representing Roosevelt Parents and Teachers' Association.

NELLIE C. POWER,
Representing Washington Parents and Teachers' Association.

H. C. GARNETT,
Representing Merchants' Association.
LUTIE B. DAILY,
Representing W. C. T. U.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ASHLAND CHEMIST-PROMOTER LEAVES FOR PARTS UNKNOWN

F. A. Kormann, erstwhile chief chemist of the Hygienic Chemical company, promoter of the townsite of Colestin, manager of the Ashland Preserving company and reorganizer of that company as the Ashland Preserving and Orchard Specialties company, left a few nights ago, and according to all accounts left a number of creditors who have kissed their bills good-bye, says the Ashland Tidings.

Mr. Kormann had a run of hard luck while here, having been almost suffocated in the fire of the Hygienic Chemical laboratory in the Swedenburg block. He also was in the hospital several times and underwent a surgical operation.

A vote for the charter amendment is a vote for the public market.

John A. Perl
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THE "CABINET" PULLS PEANUTS.

MAYOR EIFERT'S object in having a "cabinet" evidently is to use the women's clubs and other organizations as catspaws to pull his political peanuts out of the fire and help him introduce the spoils system in municipal affairs.

The first meeting of the "cabinet," which is composed of representatives from the clubs, was held upon half an hour's notice yesterday, none of the members, except Mr. Garnett, knowing what subject was to be discussed. Printed resolutions were presented and rushed through opposing the charter amendment.

The members had no preparation, had not given the subject thought, heard but one side, were taken by surprise and stampeded into signing something they were not posted upon, and which means the crippling of the public market. This gives the mayor the chance to herald in print the following:

That the members of the Greater Medford club, the Ministers' association, the Parents and Teachers' association, the Merchants' association and the W. C. T. U. are opposed to the amendment depriving the mayor of his removal power was shown last night by the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution was signed by: Edna H. Davidson, representing Greater Medford club; D. D. Boyle, representing Ministers' association; Pauline Schuster, representing Roosevelt Parents and Teachers' association; Nellie C. Power, representing the Washington Parents and Teachers' association; H. C. Garnett, representing Merchants' association; Lutie B. Daily, representing W. C. T. U.

Yet neither the Greater Medford Club, the Ministerial Association, the Parent-Teachers' Association, the Merchants' Association nor the W. C. T. U. had ever acted upon or even considered the charter amendment, nor instructed their representatives to oppose it or to take any action upon it.

On the other hand, the Parent-Teachers, the W. C. T. U. and the ministers have adopted resolutions opposing the armory and the merchants favoring it, yet the "cabinet" took no action upon it.

Instead of acting in an advisory capacity for civic improvement and development, the "cabinet" is used to make the organizations its members represent play the mayor's political game and help build up his political machine.

At last we know what the "cabinet" is for.

THE CHARTER AMENDMENT.

THE proposed charter amendment to be voted upon tomorrow does not take away from the mayor the appointive power.

The proposed charter amendment does not take away from the mayor the power of suspension.

All the proposed charter amendment does is to prevent the mayor from suspending a city employee more than once without a valid reason, thereby creating a personal political machine and crippling public service.

The present charter reads: The council by a two-thirds vote may at any time remove any officer named in this section except the mayor.

So the proposed amendment does not increase the council's removal power.

The change in the charter consists in the expansion of the above clause to read as follows:

The council by a majority vote may at any time remove any officer named in this section, except the mayor, providing, however, that the said mayor shall not have the power to make more than one suspension of any officer or employee of said city during his term of office except for misconduct and upon written charges, a copy of which shall be served upon the person so suspended and which shall be submitted to the council at its next regular meeting thereafter.

The charter amendment, if adopted, will prevent the removal of the market master and city engineer, without cause, as desired by Mayor Eifert, and check the attempt to introduce the spoils system in the public market and municipal engineering.

Vote Yes on charter amendment.
402 X Yes.

PUBLIC MARKET AS SPOILS?

SHALL the public market be political spoils? That is the real question to be decided at tomorrow's charter election.

Mayor Eifert's first official act was an attempt to remove the present efficient market master, change the system and virtually put the market in the control of its enemies.

Because Mayor Eifert has not been able to carry out his aims, has not made much progress in creating his political machine, he raises the cry now that he is being persecuted and his power taken away.

The only power that the mayor loses under the amendment is the right to play horse with city appointments, to keep discharging capable men who have made good, without cause, the right to keep public service demoralized, as he has since his election.

Experience has proven clearly enough that Mayor Eifert ought to lose this power. His attack upon the market is backed by the sinister enemies of the market, who hope for its demoralization and fizzle.

A vote for the amendment is a vote for the public market as well as a vote against the spoils system.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN WILL BE INSTALLED

The street and road committee of the city council has ordered the installation of two new drinking fountains in the city, one for citizens and the other for animals.

The fountain for horses will be constructed on Fir street just south of Main street while the other will be placed at the intersection of Main and Oakdale.

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EIGHT FLOATERS ARE HERDED OUT OF TOWN

With Officer Cingade astride his faithful steed and equipped with a complete vaquero outfit eight floaters were herded out of the city Friday morning and told to continue to beat it. Officer Cingade herded them until they were passed the city limits when he wheeled his cayuse and blithely galloped back to town.

Most of the eight had been "mooching" about the city when picked up.

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FOLLOWING QUARREL DUKE SEEKS DIVORCE FROM BEAUTIFUL DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER



THE DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER

The beautiful Duchess of Westminster has quarrelled openly with her husband, one of the wealthiest men on earth, who will try to win back the International Polo Cup in America, this summer.

Trouble started when the Duchess was locked out of her husband's home after attending a royal ball to which the Duke was not invited. It is said the Duke has offered his wife \$300,000 a year alimony if she will agree to a divorce or \$75,000 a year if she prefers a separation.

The "Little Joker" on the Charter Has Been There for Many Years

To the Editor: As the author of the charter amendment defining the suspension power of the mayor I feel called upon to answer the gross misrepresentation conducted in the editorials of the Morning Sun against this amendment. The sole purpose of this amendment is to correct an ambiguity in the city charter as it now stands and to define the suspending power of the mayor. Under the city charter the mayor has the power to suspend any officer or employee of the city, but has no power of removal save by the concurrence of the council.

The effect of this amendment is to limit his power of suspension to one suspension of any officer except for misconduct and to require the submission of written charges against the official thereafter. In reality the amendment simply requires that the mayor must be a charge of misconduct in writing after the first suspension. All this editorial rot about it acting as a recall on the mayor and the query as to why the recall wasn't instituted instead of this amendment is the thinnest kind of bunk. The editor of the Sun knows that no recall can be directed against the mayor or until he has been in office six months. If the amendment is defeated it simply means that the mayor may cripple the efficiency of any of the city departments by continued suspensions, or that this ambiguous and indefinite part of the charter may be the subject of a long fought lawsuit terminating in the supreme court with a healthy jolt for the taxpayer.

E. E. KELLY.

Since writing the foregoing my attention has just been called to the following excerpt from this morning's Sun: "Perhaps everyone hasn't noticed this little joker, empowering a majority of council, without cause or charges, to remove any officer appointed by the mayor." This is another palpable and thinly veiled attempt to deceive. The fact is that the clause referred to is a part of the present charter and no part of the amendment and whatever the outcome of the election may be that so-called "joker" will still be in the charter.

E. E. KELLY.

Ashland Dodging Road Taxes

(From the Ashland Record.) The Record is not in harmony with any movement on the part of Ashland to obviate the payment of road taxes. It believes any such movement is a mistake and that any charter provision which contemplates it should be annulled. It believes second thought on the part of business men and citizens of means will convince them that the idea is penny wise and pound foolish. In short, the renouncing of her proper share in road taxes appeals to the Record as unworthy the dignity of a city of Ashland's prominence.

What are roads for primarily? To settle up a country, are they not? They are to enable people to get from the land to the market. The towns rest on the country. The towns are merely marketing places for the people who reside on the farms. Without roads there are no farms. Without farms there are no towns. Towns to exist must court the trade of the people who farm. Is Ashland courting the farming trade when she discourages roads? We are presuming that this country is a farming country. Of course, you may say it is a mining country or a tourist country—but still you need roads. Who is going to build the roads into your town if you decline the job yourself? Is somebody from outside going to force roads upon you? Hardly. When you reject a road tax you build a Chinese wall around your town. The fact that your charter permits you to do so does not make it right. Let the farmers build the roads, you say. Well maybe they will. But they may build them to some other town. They may get the notion that you don't care for their business. Recently Ashland was active in getting the road district to the east of us to vote a special tax on itself in order to catch some large outside property holders. On the heels of it she objects to the payment of road taxes herself.

We are not arguing from this standpoint of whether we can get out of paying road taxes under our charter. Perhaps we can—but if we do so, the charter is wrong in theory and should be changed. This city is more vitally interested in the making of roads than is the territory about it. If it doesn't want roads the country will not force them upon it. But Ashland is living in a civilized country and civilized countries have roads. To have them every part of the civilized country must bear its just share.

When Ashland rejects road taxes she is not bearing her just share of the expense of building up the country. She cannot reject them without a blush. The few dollars saved in taxes will not compensate for the stigma that will attach to a city of Ashland's dignity—nor yet for the ultimate loss of business.

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