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NO EXHIBIT FROM OREGON MINES AT SAN FRANCISCO FAIR

SALEM, Jan. 6.—S. D. Vincent, examiner for the corporation department, is advocating the early introduction in the legislature of an appropriation bill to provide for an adequate exhibit of Oregon's mineral resources at the Panama Pacific exposition.

No Exhibit Planned: "I was amazed when I learned recently that Oregon would not be represented among the other mining states at the exposition," said Mr. Vincent.

At 1905 Exposition: "Oregon had a wonderful mineral exhibit at the Lewis & Clark exposition. I remember it with a great deal of pride."

Notice of Sale: I hereby give notice that I have sold the Newtown bakery to Bobber & Sharp.

AN UNFAIR DEAL

It is with regret that we note the opposition of a progressive citizen like J. S. Howard to the new charter. The opposition of the pessimists is expected, but a cheerful old optimist like the father of Medford ought to be welcoming any change that means the progress of the city.

Charter critics will do well to familiarize themselves with the present charter before assailing the new charter. In nearly every instance features objected to in the new charter are in still more drastic form in the present charter.

All through the instrument are the finger marks of a rich man's charter and the oppression of the working man who is trying to maintain his humble home amongst us by imposing a ten and twelve per cent interest on his deferred payments on city utilities.

The treatment accorded the poor working man is very much more lenient in the new charter than in the present charter. Section 80 of the present charter gives the majority of the council the power to order an improvement and to assess the cost, notwithstanding any protests that may be made by the property owners.

Both the present charter and the new follow the state delinquent tax law, charging the usual penalty—one per cent a month. The new charter, however, is much more lenient. Under the present charter, sections 85 and 86 provide that if within ten days after notice of the assessment is published the assessment is not paid, the council can order a warrant issued for the collection of the assessment and direct the constable to sell the property and then to proceed according to the state law as to delinquent taxes.

Under the new charter, no sale can be made for six months and no costs are charged. The following is a comparison of the charters:

Present Charter: Sec. 85. If within ten days from the service of the notice of the final publication thereof... New Charter: Sec. 90. At any time after six months shall have elapsed from the date when any assessment became delinquent as aforesaid, the lien thereon shall be assigned by the city to the first person who offers to pay and pays the city therefor, the amount of said assessment, together with all accrued interest.

Which is the most lenient and best for the poor man? Regarding the provision for acquiring city parks and public amusement grounds, if the city grows, as we hope it will, such recreation grounds will be necessary some day, no matter what the charter reads.

The people under the present charter trust the mayor to select city engineer, chief of police, street commissioner, water superintendent and other officials. If the mayor can be trusted to name all these, why cannot the city manager, under direction of the board?

Regarding the recall, Mr. Howard says: The whole recall provision is a farce, as a recall petition to be effective must contain 25 per cent of the voters and not contain more than 25 per cent of the voters, so the limits are precisely restrictive to exactly an exact number, even one defective name on the petition would nullify it.

Let us see how this statement squares with the truth. Under the present charter there is no provision at all for the exercising of the recall. It is an open question whether or not, if the matter were taken to the supreme court, a recall could be made effective against any officer of the city because the constitution, which is the only means laid down for exercising the recall, provides that the number of signers shall be 25 per cent of the vote cast for supreme justice.

The new charter removes all doubt on this subject by providing the machinery for recall. The statement that exactly 25 per cent must sign the petition is simply untrue. The petitions must contain at least 25 per cent, but may contain as many more as those circulating the petition are able to secure.

Here is the state constitution and the new charter provision—compare the latter with Mr. Howard's assertions:

New Charter: Sec. 141. Recall Petition.—A petition, signed by qualified electors of the city equal in number to at least twenty-five per cent of the total number of votes cast in said city in the last preceding municipal election... State Constitution: Art. II, Sec. 18. There may be recalled twenty-five per cent, but not more, of the number of electors who voted in his district at the preceding election for the justice of the supreme court to file their petition demanding his recall by the people.

Concerning the liquor regulation clause, Mr. Howard says:

There is a great big nigger in the wood pile in that liquor provision in the charter, so I will wager that if the proposed charter should be adopted, and a wet council elected for 1916, that the saloons will be licensed again as now.

The state prohibition amendment nullifies any city law not in conformity therewith. No matter what the city charter reads, no saloons will be licensed after January 1, 1916. But if it was intended to violate the state law, the old charter would furnish a better excuse than the new, as it contains the clause granting the city liquor regulation, "irrespective of any general law of the state."

Present Charter: Sec. 13. To license, tax, regulate or prohibit bar rooms, drinking shops, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, dance houses and all places where spirituous, malt or vinous liquors are sold or kept for sale... New Charter: Sec. 11. To license, tax, regulate or prohibit bar rooms, drinking shops, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, dance houses and all places where spirituous, malt or vinous liquors are sold or kept for sale, subject to the constitution and general laws of the state of Oregon.

Give the new charter a square deal—not an unfair one. Analyze any and all of the criticisms. Compare it, clause by clause, with the present charter. The advantage is all with the new charter—a complete instrument, every feature of which has been tried out in some other community and proven a success—not a quilt work of patches and repairs by special elections for ten years past, necessitated to make the village into the city.

The present charter was sufficient for the unpaved, unimproved town that adopted it. But the city has outgrown it. Medford is up-to-date in everything else; it should also be up-to-date in government. The new charter will make it.

Let us begin the year aright by doing things. Let us get out of the mud rut of pessimism leading to the cemetery of apathy and depression, and on to the paved highway of optimism that leads to the land of opportunity and accomplishment.

J. S. Howard on the City Charter

To the Editor: The first assertion is false, the fact of it. The twenty-one citizens to draft the charter were not appointed by the city council; they had nothing to do with it. Furthermore, they hesitated through several sessions before they were willing for the city to incur the expense of publishing it and placing the same on the election ballot.

How many of those twenty-one citizens were present at any one session of this creative board. Were there even six? Did any more than four of said committee formulate one single section of this proposed charter? Did any more than five of said committee know anything of the provisions when they approved it?

The city manager is appointed by the city council. He may or may not be a resident or taxpayer of the city. He may be imported from Portland or from the east. The people are given no opportunity to vote or express their preferences for this most important office of the city. He is given the power to appoint his subordinates, such as street commissioner, water superintendent, city engineer, building inspector, sidewalk inspector, plumbing inspector, electric inspector or any other office he sees fit to create, and all other employees of the city.

The assertion has been made that the charter was wholly copied from the charters of other cities. If so, I think there have been many objectionable features incorporated in the proposed charter, conditions that do not apply to our city, and there are also many omissions of provisions which should safeguard and protect us, and in consideration of its many defects I feel it my duty, as ever, to oppose its adoption as inimical to the best interests of our city.

ward to the merits of the charter, most, if not all, of whom have honored me with their friendship. I trust this honest different of opinion will not disturb the pleasant relations that have heretofore existed between us.

As to Ben Sheldon, the chief booster, I will say that his many activities in behalf of southern Oregon are deserving of the highest praise, but he is so impulsive that I fear he has made a mistake of throwing his energies in favor of the charter without due consideration.

"Medford, O my Medford, the darling of my heart, I will defend you and protect you in every vital part." J. S. HOWARD.

The Old Song

(Ben Lampman in Gold Hill News.) Come into the parlor, honey—play us a little tune, with sadness lifting in it like a haze across the moon. An airy, gossamer longing, soft as the film of lace, to summon the vagrant memories and herd them back to place.

Under the gaudy raffle—a tattered sheet or two—"Maxwellton's brass are bonnie"—dear Lord, her eyes were blue; her eyes were blue as heather—"Where early fa's the dew"—dew on the green home valley—"Gave me her promise true"—never to be forgotten—"Which ne'er forgot will be"—Pity the old man, Annie!—"I'd lay me down and die."—"Her brow is like the snow-drift"—O, but her throat was white. Don't play no tango, honey—kiss your old dad goodnight.

SOIL EXPERT EXPRESSES VIEWS ON BEET SITUATION

There is no sentiment among landowners of the valley against the sugar beet proposition but it is essential that they are thoroughly familiarized with beet growing before the required acreage can be signed up.

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construction of a \$600,000 beet sugar factory in the valley. After visiting the various sections of the valley Mr. Storey states that the farmers seemingly take the wrong attitude, thinking that where sugar beets are grown irrigation is necessary.

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