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PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS UNITE TO ADVOCATE PASSAGE OF NEW CHARTER

DOCTORS, LAWYERS, CLERGYMEN MERCHANTS, COUNCILMEN, CITIZENS UNITE IN RECOMMENDING CHARTER

Medford Ministerial Association Joins W. C. T. U. in Urging Adoption for Moral Influence on Community—Professional and Business Men and Legislators Commend It for Its Advantages in Administration—Good Points Brought Out From Many Sources—Physicians of City Favor It—Good Points Set Forth in Brief Communications.

To the People of Medford:
Having studied the old City Charter, and the New Charter proposed to the people for their adoption, we can say frankly that in our judgment the New Charter is a vast improvement over the old one.
It provides for a more business like administration of the city's affairs; it more fully guards the interests of the tax payer and the ordinary citizen, and provides for a more truly representative council in the preferential voting. The City Manager, and the required book keeping is like up-to-date business. Without question the New Charter will tend to and make possible the promotion of the moral interests of the city as the old did not, and we hold that morals are worth more to this city than dollars. Each should study the New Charter and the old without prejudice and vote his best judgment.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDFORD.

PHYSICIANS OF MEDFORD ENDORSE CHARTER

To the Editor:
Physicians are not supposed to be specialists in city affairs; but any proposal tending to make Medford a better city, with a more efficient and economical government, with a wide-flung reputation for progressiveness, will help any business or profession as well as all our people.
Regarding the new charter, can it not best be considered as an entirety instead of in minute sections? No one pretends it is perfect, but is it not far better than our present one; and if, if necessary, be easily changed? Does it not introduce strictly business methods into city affairs? Is it not a fact that in every city where such a charter has been adopted, a decided improvement has followed?
Can we not, therefore, as good citizens with the best interests of the city at heart, loyally support this plan for improving our city government?
R. W. STEARNS, M. D. F. G. THAYER, M. D.
R. J. CONROY, M. D. R. W. CLANCY, M. D.
E. H. PICKEL, M. D. E. R. REELEY, M. D.
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S. A. LOCKWOOD, M. D.

HAS ALWAYS PROVED MOST SUCCESSFUL

To the Editor:
In governments, as in nature, the same cause produces the same effects. The things which have been put to severe test are the things we believe and advocate. The commission form of government has long since passed the experimental stage. It is here to stay, and wherever it has been given a fair show it has proved successful, and won the confidence of its bitterest opponents. That it is the very best form of city government goes without saying.
A comparative study of the old and new form of government long ago convinced me that it is the cheapest, the best, the safest, least complicated and more satisfactory to all concerned than any other form.
The fact that cities which have adopted it for many years, through good and evil report, stick to it, should convince every unbiased mind that it is worth trying here. Political economists, politicians of authority, statesmen of repute, and our leading periodicals and newspapers endorse it. Under it the condition of both rich and poor is better, and everything pertaining to the city's best interests is on a safer basis. Let Medford fall into line. To live she must be progressive.
The arguments of Mayor Purdin, and the majority of our city council, favor it, and this should be sufficient to give it a splendid majority at the coming election.
DR. J. LAWRENCE HILL.

COUNCILMAN PORTER NAILS CAMPAIGN LIE

To the Editor:
May I use your paper to voice my protest against the campaign of misrepresentation which seems to characterize the efforts of those opposed to the new charter.
Not satisfied with criticizing the new charter itself, which they find pretty hard to do, nor with willful mis-statements concerning it, they must spread untruths concerning the men who have had to do with it.
One of the latest exhibitions of this policy is the report, industriously circulated, that I am opposing the charter. Precisely the opposite is true. I favor the charter because I am convinced, from my two year's work on the city council where I have seen the handicaps we have been under with the old charter, that it will help produce more efficient, economical and honest government. It is a long step in the right direction, and I earnestly recommend to all friends of good government that they give this charter their hearty support.
GEORGE W. PORTER,
Councilman First Ward.

STATE LEGISLATOR DISCUSSES LEGAL MERIT

To the Editor:
From a legal standpoint the proposed manager form of city government is not new. It is but the twin sister of the private corporation which has so largely thrown old ways of conducting business enterprises into the discard. Continental Europe and especially Germany have had their burgomasters for years and no lawyer who has studied these but will say their city legal machinery has made for efficiency and economy. Had the committee not seen fit to call the new council, directors, the recorder, secretary and the city engineer, manager, it would take a microscope to tell the new from what we now actually enjoy, which I notice has saved some \$20,000 over last year.
The legal safeguards of the old charter are in the new with a great many new ones added, and while some of the phraseology is not altogether happy and possibly provisions from the charters of other states might have been a little better adapted to our state laws, these are minor considerations and to a lawyer familiar with the old patchwork there is no comparison whatever.
Many are objecting to provisions as new which have been in the laws of Oregon for years or are being proposed by the 1915 legislature to remedy unmistakable evils, such as city budget, accounting, recall, registration, liquor regulation, delinquent assessment provisions, park law, etc. I can think of no better wish for Medford (except best sugar factory) than to elect efficient men and give them the modern legal machinery of the new charter to work with.
JOHN H. CARKIN.

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DOVE OF PEACE FLUTTERS OVER BLOODY MEXICO

Gutierrez Announces to Convention in Mexico City That Problem of Pacification Practically Solved—Details Withheld Until Arrangements Completed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Progress of negotiations between the warring factions in Mexico by which "the problem of pacification of Mexico has practically been solved," were announced last night to the convention in Mexico City by General Gutierrez.
This was reported in a dispatch to the state department today from American Consul Silliman.
"It would not be opportune at this time," said General Gutierrez, "to give details, but their publication will be made in due time." He added he had been in touch with all armed groups in various parts of the republic, including forces in the state of Chihuahua, and two proposals had been made to him which seemed satisfactory.
General Gutierrez made no reference to General Carranza, but his statement covering "armed groups," taken to mean that a reconciliation between the warring factions of the once united constitutional army was in the making. Gutierrez also said delegates from some armed groups hitherto not represented were expected to attend the convention.
The convention elected new presiding officers and decided to hold daily sessions.
Applause greeted Gutierrez' statement that the convention would not be dominated by "any chief or person."

MARTIAL LAW WEIGHS HEAVILY UPON ALSATIANS

BASEL, Switzerland, Jan. 9, via Paris.—German martial law is described by Alsatians in Basel as "weighing heavily" upon their countrymen at home.
They declare that the speaking of French is classified as an offense under the orders issued by the commanding generals of the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and twenty-first German army corps, who cite the imperial laws of 1878 and 1882 to support their contention. The testimony of the children and servants is taken before court martial as proof of guilt of talking French.
Personal feeling between pro-

ACTRESS WIFE OF GUY BATES POST ASKS FOR ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE



Wife of Guy Bates Post, the actor, who was seen in Medford last summer in "Omar, the Tent Maker." She asserts she unwittingly committed bigamy when in 1907 she became Mrs. Post, believing she had been legally divorced from her former husband, the late Arthur Cecil Gordon Weld, musician. She was Miss Jennie Van Norman, daughter of a Chicago broker. Her stage name is Peyton.

FATHER ELOPES WITH BRIDE OF HIS SON ON WEDDING NIGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Franklin D. Wood, a young hospital interne, named his father as co-respondent in a suit for divorce from his wife, brought to trial in the supreme court. It was alleged that the young man's father eloped with his bride on the night of the wedding and took her to Chicago. Young Wood's mother testified in the suit that she had found her husband and her son's wife occupying apartments together in Chicago.

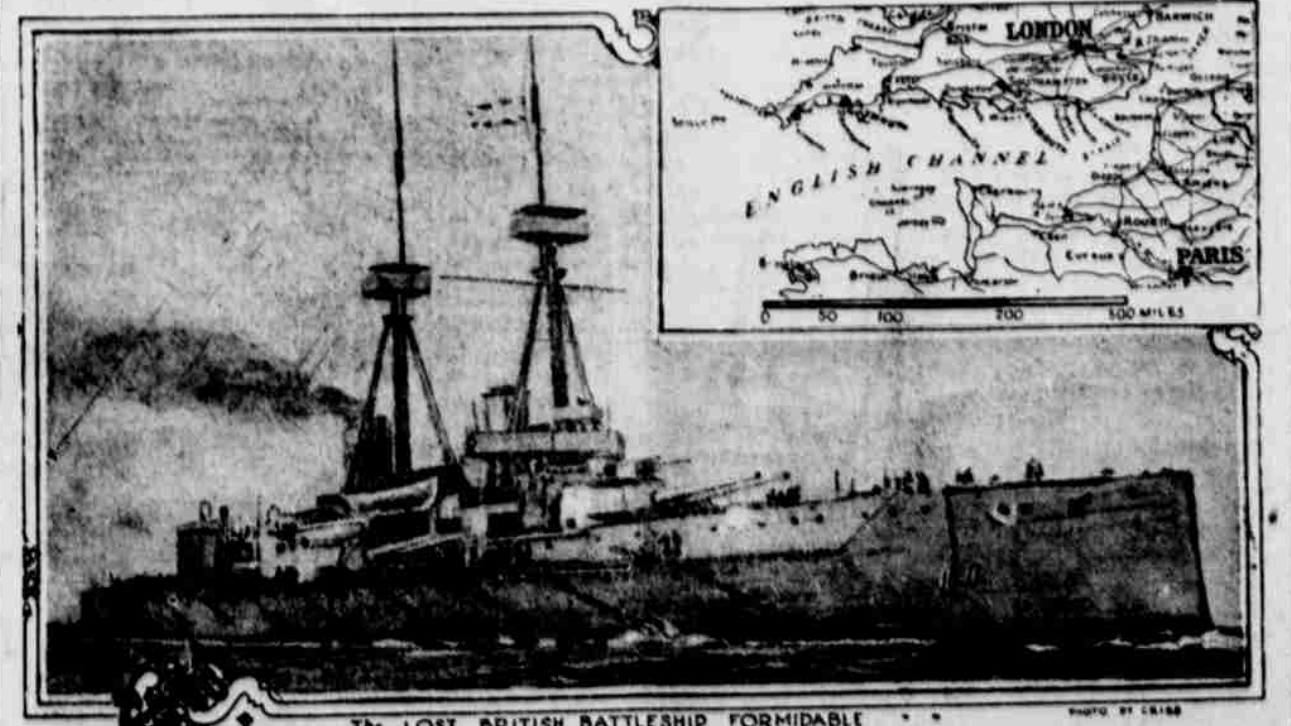
French and pro-German Alsatians is running high, visiting Alsatians declare. The local courts have granted divorces recently to husbands and wives unable to live harmoniously because of their opposing national sympathies.

POLLING PLACES FOR CITY ELECTION TUESDAY NAMED BY RECORDER

Polling places for the city election to be held next Tuesday have been named by the city recorder as follows:
First Ward—Sparta building, rear room.
Second Ward—Moore Hotel.
Third Ward—City Hall.
Arrangements are being formulated whereby the registration board will set in the lobby of the Nash Hotel.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—That the federal reserve bank law invests too vast a power in the hands of one man, the secretary of the treasury, and thus presents an element of danger which should be dealt with by congress, was the assertion made today by Charles G. Dawes, former comptroller of the currency, at a special meeting of Chicago financiers and business men.

BRITISH BATTLE SHIP BLOWN UP IN ENGLISH CHANNEL.



Herein is shown England's fifteen ton dreadnought the Formidable, which was sunk through the explosion of a mine or through the launching of a torpedo from a German submarine, which entered the English Channel. The battle ship, which cost Great Britain \$3,000,000, carried a crew of eight hundred, and it is believed that some seven hundred of her sailors perished when the ship went to the bottom of the English Channel.

BLEASE ISSUES BLANKET PARDON 1500 CONVICTS

Governor of South Carolina Grants Full Pardon to 1500 Convicted of All Crimes—Breaks Pardon Record—Total of Pardons Reaches 3165 During His Term.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 9.—Full pardons to about 1500 persons convicted in South Carolina of various crimes and paroled since January 1, 1911, were granted today by Governor Blease.
In addition to a number who were included in a blanket pardon, and none of whom is now in the penitentiary or in prison camps, the governor also granted clemency to thirty-four convicts in state prisons or engaged in public work.
Eighteen were pardoned, ten paroled and six were given commutations of sentence; seven had been convicted of murder and ten of manslaughter.
The governor had prepared a special decree granting full pardons to those paroled since January, 1911, and with one sweep of his pen he restored citizenship to approximately 1500 men and women, who collectively had been found guilty of violating virtually every law of the state.
Governor Blease signed the blanket pardon in red ink. He accepted as correct the estimate of his office attaches that his action today would increase to 3165 the total number of pardons, paroles and commutations of sentence which he has granted since he became governor four years ago.
According to information obtainable here that places Governor Blease's record for granting pardons above that of any state executive. He will retire from office on January 15.

NEW CHARTER BIG ADVERTISEMENT FOR MEDFORD

The following letter, from the editor of the leading magazine in America on Municipal affairs, is self explanatory. It indicates the immense value to Medford the new charter will be, from the standpoint of advertising alone:
"Benj. C. Sheldon,
"Medford, Ore.
"Dear Sir:
"I have read with much interest the copy of the Medford Mail Tribune of Dec. 20 containing the proposed new charter for Medford. It so happens that the current issue of American City contains an editorial reference to this most important step forward in American municipal government. I very much hope, as you no doubt do also, that the proposed charter for Medford will be adopted at the election Jan. 12th. If it is, Medford will receive a great deal of favorable publicity throughout the United States. It occurs to me that this fact, if it was understood, would have some favorable weight among your townspeople as a reason for a favorable vote on the charter in addition to the great inherent merits of the work itself.
"Please notify me promptly if the charter is adopted as we wish to have an article thereon in the American City. It is not at all unlikely that we will have an editorial mention thereon also.
"Awaiting with interest advice from you as to the result of the election, I am, Yours very truly,
HAROLD S. BUTTENHEIM,
"Editor."

GERMANS AGAIN HACKING AWAY AT POLISH LINE

Kaiser's Army Resumes Attack Upon Warsaw in Several Places—Russians Sweep Through Bukovina Unchecked—French Advance in Alsace Checked.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Coincident with their new movement from the north, the Germans have resumed their violent offensive operations to the west of Warsaw. They are hacking their way forward at some points, only to be in turn driven out from their positions by Russian bayonet attacks. This leaves the situation in Poland as a whole about what it was a fortnight ago.
Meanwhile the Russian sweep through the Austrian crownland of Bukovina continues unchecked, according to news dispatches reaching London, and this army is expected by British observers soon to be well over the mountains forming the boundary into Hungary.
Serbia with her army more or less rehabilitated is described in London as attacking the dual monarchy from the south with renewed vigor. Austria declares that the latest Serbian attempts have been repulsed.

French Checked in Alsace
The French advance in Alsace apparently has been checked. Both the French and German official statements of today tell of the recapture by the Germans of Burnhaupt le Haut, the town south of Steinbach, capture of which by the French was announced yesterday.
In the Argonne violent fighting is again in progress. In one charge the French lost a number of men as the result of a trap set by the Germans, who permitted them to occupy a trench and then blew it up. Fighting has been resumed in the Aisne region, where the allies claim to have captured three lines of German trenches, covering 600 metres of the front.
The German statement, however, says that French attacks in this region were repulsed.
Rumania to Mobilize
Coincident with the Russian sweep through the Austrian province of Bukovina, plans are under way in the adjacent country of Rumania for mobilization of the army. Unofficial advice state that the entrance of Rumania into the war is expected.
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DRAKE ARRESTED FOR SWINDLING AFTER HIDING YEAR

Charles Drake, wanted by the authorities for over a year on a warrant charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was arrested by Constable A. B. Hammond Wednesday and now lies in the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury.
Drake for over a year has been hiding in the upper reaches of Evans creek, a district almost impenetrable, particularly in the winter time. All last Tuesday night the officer of the law lay in the woods waiting for the coming of Drake. In the morning smoke was seen to arise from the chimney of the cabin under surveillance. The officer entered and found Drake cooking breakfast. At first he refused to return, but reconsidered.
The case of Drake is unique. About a year ago he went into the goat business, purchasing a number of goats from a man by the name of Taylor. He bought what goats he could, according to the allegations. Then, it is asserted, he mortgaged the entire lot to Hiram F. Meador for \$350. Upon securing the money, it is alleged, he departed, and eluded detection until this week.