

CHANGE IN CITY RULE IS FAVORED

Amendment for Managerial Form of Government Approved by Special Committee — Acting Mayor Wilson Counsels Delay.

Following the unanimous approval last night of the proposed amendment to the city charter to provide for a commissioner-manager form of city government, as prepared by a sub-committee, the special committee appointed by Acting Mayor E. M. Wilson recently, two members of which were not present, the next step in the movement to bring about this radical change in Medford's municipal government is problematical.

At last night's committee meeting, where the sub-committee, con-

sisting of Councilman J. C. Collins and Judge W. E. Crews submitted its draft of the proposed amendment, the committee also approved the plan of the sub-committee, which had also drawn up the form of petition to have the amendment submitted to the voters of the city at a special election on October 1st.

According to this plan if the amendment carried at the special election, candidates for the three commissioners would have until October 25th to file for those jobs, and the people would vote on the matter at next fall's election. Then the new form of government would be inaugurated on January 2nd next.

Acting Mayor Wilson Objects. However, Councilman and Vice Mayor E. M. Wilson, who is the head of the city administration in Mayor A. W. Pipes' absence from the city, does not favor this method of procedure and urges that inasmuch as the proposed change is a very important one it should be given very careful study, and above all should be submitted to the city council for discussion and further study so as to have it as near perfect as possible; and for that body to formally pass upon the measure before submitting it to a vote of the people.

It has long been a well known fact that Mayor Pipes and all the councilmen are in favor of a commissioner-manager form of government of some kind. There are various types of that kind.

Acting Mayor Wilson, who was present for a short time at last night's meeting declared this noon that he did not agree with all the features of the amendment as drawn by the sub-committee—in

fact was opposed to several of them, and that further study and deliberation might develop more. However, he commended the earnestness and good faith of the sub-committee in their arduous work of preparation, but thought the matter should be given to Mayor Pipes and the city council for most careful further deliberation before being submitted to the people, either by the direct petition method or by council resolution, to bring about the special election.

Favors Five Members. Acting Mayor Wilson's chief objection is that he favors a commission of five members instead of three, as the sub-committee plan provides. According to the latter plan the three commissioners and the municipal judge would be elected by the people, and the commissioners in turn would appoint a city manager, who would appoint all heads of departments. Mr. Wilson holds that a board of five commissioners would be more representative than a board of three.

Then, too, he is opposed to the city manager naming all heads of departments and declares that the commissioners should themselves appoint the city recorder and city treasurer, along with the city manager and municipal judge, instead of the manager himself filling these two important offices.

In view of Mr. Wilson's objections expressed above, it is probable that the matter of the method of further procedure will await the arrival home of Mayor Pipes today and tomorrow, and when he arrives, the councilmen and committee will probably confer as to the next move to be made.

The brief outline of the sub-committee's draft of the proposed amendment, published by The Mail Tribune the other day, did not state the compensation of the commissioners. The draft provides that each will draw \$10 for each meeting he attends. The city manager would not be paid for attending meetings, other than his regular salary, which will be decided upon by the commissioners, if the new government plan goes through.

The members of the special committee named by Acting Mayor Wilson are the following: J. C. Barnes, W. W. Allen, C. A. Meeker, J. A. Perry, T. W. Miles, J. C. Collins and Judge W. E. Crews. J. A. Perry and J. C. Barnes could not be present at last night's meeting.

WILDCAT PETE IS BEATEN IN SALEM

SALEM, Ore., June 19.—(P)—Arnie Arthur defeated Wildcat Pete, Eugene wrestler, here last night when Pete was unable to return to the mat after both wrestlers had fallen to the floor while grappling for the third fall. Arthur took the first fall in 22 minutes with a pinfall. Pete won the second in 16 minutes with a double wristlock and head scissor. Jimmy Donohue, Eugene, defeated Earl Baker, Salem, in the semi-final.

YOUNG SEES NO SUB FOR SMUDGE POT

Orchardists Must Continue Warm Up All Outdoors, Is View—Wind Machines, Artificial Fog Valueless Fight Frost.

EUGENE, Ore., June 19.—(P)—The fruit grower, who, in combating frost is obliged to "smudge" his orchard, must for some time to come continue "to warm up all out-of-doors," in the opinion of Prof. Floyd D. Young of the U. S. Weather Bureau, Pomona, Calif. Prof. Young today addressed members of the American Meteorological society, held here in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

After describing the many schemes for frost protection that have been suggested and discarded, Young declared nothing has been found to take the place of the common orchard heater now in wide use, admitting its inefficiency. Such heaters are generally used in southern California, he said, and are equipped with drafts and pipes to eliminate the smoke nuisance. Oil is in favor as fuel.

Other Methods Fail. "Huge sums of money have been spent in developing gigantic machines designed to create artificial winds in the orchards," Prof. Young said. "Central" heating plants with pipes radiating to every part of the orchards, have been set up, tested and removed; overhead sprinklers have sprayed water on the trees until the weight of the ice has broken them down in many cases; chunks of iron have been hung in the trees to 'absorb' the frost, and the use of airplanes has been urged to lay down smoke screens over entire districts. Steam boilers have been set up in the groves and a choking mixture of steam and ammonium chloride has been shot in among the trees to create an artificial fog. The use of dynamite has even been suggested to break up the frost by explosions set off in the air above the orchards."

An Old Custom. Orchard heating, he said, or the actual heating of the air through fighting a large number of small fires throughout the frost area, dates back to 1897 when the use of coal baskets was begun in the orange groves of southern California.

Since that time improved oil burners have largely replaced other heat-disseminating devices. Prof. Young said the disastrous freeze of 1913 stimulated interest in orchard protection, and that since that year improvement had been rapid. Use of antiquated equipment, he said, created much smoke which caused a black pall over all of the larger citrus growing communities for several days. "The smoke drifted westward over Los Angeles," Young said, "interfered with the movement of shipping in and out of Los Angeles harbor, and even caused complaints from coastwise ships at sea."

The weather bureau in 1917 undertook establishment of a fruit frost service, he said, with gratifying results to growers.

STORY 2
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Mannel and Joe Mariano rented a house in Dearborn, Detroit suburb, to establish a base for kidnaping operations. Begeman and Cohn were kidnaped and taken to this house.

Duties Told. Laman said Hartman was the "finger man," or one who identified the victims for the "pick-up men" who did the actual kidnaping. Laman said he was leader of the latter group.

Mariano, he said, was the keeper and torturer, and DeLong the "voice," whose duty it was to negotiate for ransom of victims. Shortly after he was "double-crossed" in the Cohn kidnaping, Laman said, he formed new connections with Edward Wiles and Fred Hohfer, who are serving life terms for the murder of young Cass, and "Jimmy" Walters, owner of a night club, who was slain by gangsters two months ago.

These men, he said, engineered the kidnaping of Cass. Laman was shot and captured by police while attempting to collect a ransom from Cass' father. He said Wiles and Hohfer became frightened then and decided to kill young Cass. The body was found near Lopeer, Mich., last October.

Laman said the prominent attorney was partly responsible for the murder of young Cass in that he delayed ransom negotiations in the hope of obtaining a larger "split" in the division of the money.

Lawyer Plans Crime. He said the lawyer later became more actively involved in kidnaping and actually planned the kidnaping of Matthew Holdreith, Jr., Notre Dame student and son of a wealthy restaurant owner.

Laman told of methods used to make victims write ransom letters. He said lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes were applied to their bodies. Eyelashes were pulled out. A hot iron was held close to their eyes or used to sear arms and legs. They were shown open graves

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and in several cases trussed up and made targets for "fancy" shootings, with bullets grazing their bodies. Nearly all of the victims were tortured before they were asked to sign letters, Laman said, and most of them were eager to sign.

STORY 1

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Then, turning to the reporters, he spoke of what his expedition had accomplished in the Antarctic.

First, he said, they had discovered and explored 125,000 square miles of land, existence of which had only been surmised

before. They found rock formations indicating great coal deposits, of commercial significance. They photographed miles on miles of ice covered terrain and definitely established the need in Antarctica of a permanent weather station.

All Return Safely. The thing for which he was most thankful, he said, was that he had brought all his expedition safely home.

"All my men have come back safe," he said feelingly, "for which we must thank providence."

The admiral said he had no future plans and would not undertake further explorations until a \$100,000 debt remaining from his expedition is cleared away.

"There's not much left to explore, is there?" he was asked.

"Oh, yes," he answered quickly. "There are thousands of miles of unexplored lands in South America and Antarctica and as long as there is land no one has seen, man will continue to seek it."

Mrs. Byrd, who was prefaced by high seas from boarding the City of New York last night from a specially chartered tug, was not down the bay today to meet her distinguished husband.

Relatives said she had not returned from the futile trip out to Ambrose light until 3 a. m. this morning and had decided to postpone her greeting until later. She was expected to join the admiral after the reception at city hall.

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