

COMMISSION PLAN PUT UP TO COUNCIL

CHARTER SUBMITTED

BY VOTERS WHO WISH TO GIVE PEOPLE CHANCE TO VOTE ON IT AT THE COMING CITY ELECTION

After working for about a year on a new city charter for commission form of government, the proponents have it ready for presentation tonight to the meeting of the city council, at which time it may bob up alongside the one which Mayor Fred T. Henderson and City Attorney Horace M. Manning have been working on for some time.

It will be accompanied by a petition signed by a large number of voters and taxpayers of this city, about 200, all told, who are weary of the present method of fighting to get a desirable city administration and keep out of debt at the same time. Among the petitioners are representatives of some of the leading property owners as well as business and professional interests of the city, and some of the best legal talent in Klamath Falls has inspected and passed on the provisions of the document, which fills a pamphlet of about sixty pages. In its paragraphs are embraced the regulations which could be obtained from charters of about a dozen cities of the country, including Berkeley, and Des Moines, which would be applicable to a town of the size of Klamath Falls in a situation like the present. The charters from which the conditions have been taken are instruments which have been tried and not found wanting, having been demonstrated as reasonable, working charters by practical tests of eight or ten years.

Commissioners are to be three in number, elected at large, each one to have a department of his own, but all to work in conjunction on city business which is not strictly departmental. The commissioner in charge of department No. 1 will be ex-officio mayor, salary \$2,000 per annum. The commissioner in charge of department No. 2 will be ex-officio city clerk, salary \$1,500 per annum. The commissioner of department No. 3 will be ex-officio city treasurer, salary \$1,500 per year.

The men elected to these offices shall pursue no other business or avocation during their terms of office. All are to be chosen, provides the instrument, at the next election, the mayor for three years, the city clerk for two years, and the city treasurer for one year. Their successors are to be elected for three year terms the object being to give the people a chance to change the personnel of the board in rotation.

The charter, which the accompanying petition asks the city council to submit to the people for their approval on the ballots at the coming election, provides for the eventual ownership of public utilities, and would have every proposed ordinance subject to the initiative, giving thirty days for voters in which to make their objections. No franchise shall be granted save by vote of the people at special election, and those seeking the franchise must deposit with the city the cost of the special election.

The instrument provides for a budget to be prepared by the commission by November, which is to contain the expenditures for the following year, and this amount must not be exceeded in the tax levy. The amount appropriated in the budget and raised by the taxation must not be exceeded in the year for which it is proposed. The object of this is to get the city on a cash basis, so that there will be no debts contracted further than those in existence at the time of the adoption of the charter. The articles are as follows:

Prefatory provisions; name, boundaries, powers, rights and liabilities; elections; recall of elective officers; executive and administrative departments and duties of commissioners; municipal courts; officers and employees; franchises and public utilities; commission and boards; direct legislation by the people; general provisions. Three administrative departments are provided: Public affairs, health and civic beauty; finance and supplies; highways water, lighting, sewers, parks, cemeteries, public buildings and grounds. The mayor is to be judge of the municipal court. City ward officers are abolished by the charter.

JOHN BULL'S ANGER IS AROUSED BY THE ITALIANS

England is Urged to Send a Cruiser Against the Red Sea Italian Fleet, Which Had the Audacity to Seize British Craft

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Italy Red Sea fleet today seized a British launch off Hobeida, according to advices to the British consul.

He urges the government to send a cruiser. The Italians are threatening to bombard Hobeida. A telegram was sent to Rome demanding an immediate explanation.

BIG BUILDINGS FOR EAST END

ON ESPLANADE RUMORED, AND MUCH TALK OF REALTY ACTIVITY IN HOT SPRINGS ADDITION

One of the reasons for the activity in Hot Springs real estate is the assurance from good authority that there are in contemplation for that district eleven buildings to be constructed the coming spring. Excavations for some of them have already begun, it is said, on the Esplanade, just northeast of the William Gitt electrical office, which is at the corner of Pine and Esplanade.

According to the story the cost of the structures will run in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, and one of them will be a theater, another an

apartment house, and a third an office building. Some of the new blocks are to be on Main street, east of the White Pelican.

The story goes that the Klamath Development company has induced certain men with capital to come and build. No authentic idea of the actual intentions or extent of possible operations could be learned today for the reason that all the officers of the Klamath Development company are out of the city. Secretary D. O. Williams has been absent for weeks, while W. Paul Johnson, treasurer, is in San Francisco, and will possibly be here the middle of this week.

It is a fact that there has been a considerable crop of real estate stories running about transfers in the neighborhood, and it is a fact that the Klamath Development company has recently raised prices on some lots after purchasers had made payments. One report has it that land has been sold near the White Pelican on Main street at \$140 per foot, and just east of the S. P. boarding house, land which was offered last fall at \$115 is now being held at \$150 by the owner.

This real estate gossip seems to have some intimate relation with the recent offer of \$40,000 made by Major Charles Elinor Worden for the Central school property, which was later bid up to \$75,000 without a sale.

The real estate men in the city generally say business is rather quiet, although they expect an active movement in city land in a short time. It is asserted that if the city park plan around Klamath avenue and Third street is carried out and the Second street boulevarding accomplished there will be as much activity in that vicinity as there has been in other sections of the city.

ATTORNEY SLAPS ANOTHER'S FACE

CALIFORNIA PLEADER MAKES PRIZE RING OF COURT ROOM, AND JUDGE IMPOSES FINE OF \$25, WHICH IS PAID

TURLOCK, Calif., Jan. 29.—The aggressive belligerence of District Attorney Maddux during the Jacobson divorce proceedings in the superior court at Modesto, when he slapped Attorney W. H. Hatton's face, proved to be expensive. Judge Rector of the staid community of Merced, holds that an exhibition of physical prowess in the court is not in consonance with the eternal fitness of things, and accordingly fined Maddux in the sum of \$25, with the alternative of spending 12 1/2 days in the county jail. Attorney Hatton magnanimously imperturbed the court to refrain from fining Maddux, but Judge Rector was inflexible, and the fighting prosecutor was compelled to return \$25 of his salary to the county.

TRUE AS MAGNETIC NEEDLE IS FAMILIAR, BUT UNTRUE

Adage, Says Coast and Geodetic Survey Experts, Asserting That Only on Small Part of Earth Does It Point Accurately

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—"True as the magnetic needle to the pole," is a familiar but most untrue adage, according to the coast and geodetic survey bureau.

On only a small part of the earth does the compass point direct to the north pole, the government experts declare. Wobbling of the compass is caused by the variant magnetic attraction, they assert. Christopher Columbus, on his celebrated voyage in 1492, first discovered the infidelity of the needle. His sailors were terror stricken to find their compass pointed a few points west of the north star after reaching the western hemisphere.

To record exact declinations of the compass congress appropriates money for the coast and geodetic survey for the magnetic observatories, of which there are 300, and past and present and future variations of the compass are recorded by what are known as "isogonic maps."

DAM BACKS UP WATER IN RIVER

NEW STRUCTURE AIMED TO DIVERGE CONTENTS OF LOW STREAM NOW IN WORKING ORDER

With the Lost River dam practically completed by the contractors, George C. Clark & Co., the purpose for which it was constructed has begun to be realized in a measure. This purpose is to back up the water of Lost River, which is below the level of Klamath river, so that it may be driven through a canal into the Klamath river, and enable the government to drain and reclaim Tule Lake.

The water has backed up as far as Olene, which is almost five miles from the dam.

Project Engineer W. W. Patch went today to the dam to inspect the work and the progress being made in some of the minor details which are being attended to. The estimate for the contractor will run up to about \$100,000, while the cost of materials furnished by the government will put the total to approximately \$150,000.

Work for the coming season to be done by the reclamation service embraces some expenditures on the second unit laterals, which are aimed to reclaim about 7,000 acres and this work depends somewhat on the securing rights of way, which it may take some little time to arrange. The course includes Poe Valley down along the west side of Stukel mountain to Merrill. There will be a flume crossing at Olene, to get to the high land in that vicinity.

It is not known just how much money will be expended during the coming season. The amount totally available for the Klamath project is about \$750,000, not all of which may be used this year. Of this amount about \$600,000 is the proceeds from the sale of bonds, which is to be used at the rate of \$150,000 per year. The \$150,000 for this year and the \$180,000, makes a total of \$330,000.

SISTER'S STORY IS GIVEN DENIAL

MRS. MARY WEBBER NAMED AS THE CORRESPONDENT IN MRS. SCHWERTFEGGER'S SUIT, TO FIGHT CASE

The following item from the Turlock Daily Journal of January 19 is self-explanatory:

"Mrs. Mary Hannah Webber, residing near Irwin City, has, through her attorney, R. R. Fowler, filed an answer in the superior court of Merced county, denying specifically all of the charges set forth in the complaint of her sister, Mrs. Ethel Schwertfeger, against the latter's husband, A. F. Schwertfeger, for divorce.

"In her complaint filed by Mrs. Schwertfeger during last November, she charges her husband with having committed adultery with her sister, Mrs. Webber. Mrs. Webber at the time of the filing of this complaint by her sister, was with her husband, G. W. Webber, at Klamath Falls, Oregon. Mr. Webber has for years held an important position with the government, and it was while engaged in the discharge of his duties, which called him to Klamath Falls, that the complaint above referred to was filed against his wife. Mrs. Webber, who is apparently of a refined, sensitive nature, of middle age, feels very keenly the force of the charge that her sister has brought against her, and she and her husband declare that they will leave no stone unturned to clear her previously good name from the accusation which has been made against her, and she insists in most emphatic terms, is false and without the shadow of a foundation.

Mrs. Webber's attorney, R. R. Fowler, informs the Journal that he has carefully investigated the case, and will have no trouble whatever in proving the falsity of the charges at the trial.

"Mrs. Webber and her husband have come all the way from Oregon to clear Mrs. Webber of the charge

which has been made against her. Mrs. Webber has always borne a good name, and her many friends deplore the fact that she has been compelled to suffer the unpleasant notoriety brought about by what they term a malicious and untrue accusation.

"Mr. and Mrs. Webber have prominent friends in Klamath Falls, among them the mayor of that city and his family. While in Klamath Falls the Webbers were the guests of the mayor, and while there a copy of a Turlock paper, containing an item relative to the filing of Mrs. Schwertfeger's complaint was forwarded to the mayor, and also to one of the newspapers published there. Evidently these papers were forwarded for the purpose of injuring Mrs. Webber in the estimation of her friends there.

"People living and about Irwin City say they have no confidence in the statements made reflecting on Mrs. Webber's good name, and every effort will now be made to show the improbability and falsity of the accusation made against her."

TAFT SPURRED TO REPLY TO ATTACKS OF CRITICS

Is to Give Complete Answer to Attacks in Speech at Tippecanoe Club's McKinley Banquet in Forest City This Evening

CLEVELAND, Jan. 29.—President Taft arrived this morning. Tonight at the Tippecanoe Club's McKinley banquet he will completely answer attacks on the Taft policies and politics.

BISHOP DENIES HIMSELF A RACE

ANNOUNCES THAT HE'S NOT GOING TO CHASE SHRINIVALT—B. S. GRIGSBY PRETTY SURE TO ENTER

B. St. George Bishop, democrat, has abandoned all expectation of entering the race for sheriff. He declined to state his reasons, but it is understood that after sounding the situation he came to the conclusion that he did not care to enter the scrap. One guess made is that he found that there would likely be such numerous aspirants in the open for the place that he did not care to undertake to "rattle" them all. The fact that Chester Avery announced himself as a democratic aspirant before Bishop made up his mind is given as a guess on the cause, while the almost certain tip that has been going the rounds that B. S. Grigsby, who was once before a republican candidate for the nomination, would go into the campaign soon, is another.

Grigsby gave Sheriff William B. Barnes a rattling good "run for his money" when the present sheriff first hit the trail of the sheriff's office, and when started can go so much faster than the proverbial snail that there is no chance for an argument. Lindsay Sizmore, the Fort Klamath democrat who was in the city for two or three days, returned to Fort Klamath this morning by stage. He has been spoken of for the place, and is understood to have come to the same conclusion regarding the advisability of running as Bishop, although he could not be seen to get an authentic announcement.

WAR INSURANCE ACTIVE AMONG EUROPEAN PEOPLE

Large Policies Written by Lloyds on Risk of War Between France and Italy and Between Great Britain, France and Germany

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The activity of Italian war vessels in the Mediterranean and Red Sea is causing increasing uneasiness in shipping insurance circles. Several large policies have been effected during the last few days at Lloyd's in this connection. A premium of 3 per cent was accepted to cover the risk of an outbreak of hostilities between France and Italy in the course of the next four months, and although there is no apparent reason for such an occurrence, a premium of 6 per cent

COOL AND SMILING AS DEATH IS NEAR

was paid on the risk of war between Great Britain and France and Germany within the next six months.

The Italian action in stopping steamships irrespective of their nationality and searching them for Turkish officials and contraband is believed to be an evidence of the determination of the Italian government to put an end to Turkish resistance in Tripoli as speedily as possible.

It is thought that the Italian activity may give rise to complications with those European powers whose shipping is put to inconvenience.

So far, no action has been announced by the British government in regard to the seizure by Italians of a number of Turkish officers, including the famous Colonel Riza Bey, from the British steamship Africa in the Red Sea. As, however, the declaration of London, which would permit such a seizure, has not been ratified by Great Britain, a move may be made at any time.

The stoppage of the Austrian Lloyd steamship Bregenz in the Red Sea is regarded here as likely to lead to an exchange of views between Austria and Italy.

GABY DENIESHARRY IS HER HUSBY TILL DEATH DIVIDES

Former Pacemaker for Young King of Portugal Asserts That She is Not Married to Pilcer, Who, She Says, is Nice, But More Child

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Gaby Deslys has arrived. She denied her reported marriage to Harry Pilcer, American dancer. She would not explain how New York friends got the cablegram. She said, "Monsieur Pilcer is nice, but he is a mere child. I shall return to America in September.

EVANGELIST IN REVIVAL SERIES

METHODIST CHURCH AWAKENING BEGINS WITH LARGE TURN OUT AND MUCH INTEREST IN VISITING SPEAKER

Rev. C. M. Van Marter, Pacific coast evangelist who works under the direction of the Oregon conference of the M. E. Church, who has come here to conduct revival meetings in the Grace M. E. church, and the people of the congregation are greatly pleased with the success of the inaugural services.

The revival began yesterday with two meetings, one in the morning and one at night, and at the latter service the church auditorium was filled. The audience was greatly interested, and apparently deeply impressed with the occasion. Each weekday afternoon there will be a meeting at 3 o'clock, and evening services will also be held every night. Rev. Feesee extends a cordial invitation to everybody to attend tonight's meeting.

Alexander Martin, III, Will Orate With View To Joining Debate Team

EUGENE, Jan. 29.—Alexander Martin III, better known on the campus as "Jorry," a Junior in the Economic department, who is registered from Klamath Falls, will be one of the contestants in the oratorical contest to be held next month. At this preliminary trout an orator will be selected to represent the University of Oregon in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest to be held at Salem next month.

LADY wants practical nursing or work by the day. Inquire at the Herald office.

GIRL'S SLAYER PAYS

ALBERT WOLTER SHOUTS FAREWELL TO OTHER CONDEMNED PRISONERS AS HE GOES TO FATAL CHAIR

United Press Service BING BING, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Albert Wolter was smiling and cool when electrocuted here this morning for the murder of Ruth Wheeler, in New York.

"Good bye, boys," he shouted to the other eighteen condemned murderers in the "death row," as he was led away to the fatal chair.

Three hours before his death he wrote a statement declaring that he was a victim of circumstantial evidence.

BANK EXAMINERS INACTIVE? COMPTROLLER'S AWFUL HINT

Chief of "Coin Movement" Bureau Goes So Far as to Indicate That Some Hiredlings Earn Not Their Strips—Wants Daily Reports

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—It is hinted in the treasury department that some of the gentlemen engaged in the pleasant and genteel work of bank examining at a comfortable salary haven't been earning their keep. And that is a dreadful thing to say about any person with the hater and bearing of an average national bank examiner.

But Comptroller of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray, who has direction of the examiners, sent them all a most disconcerting letter last week. In it he ordered the innovation of having each examiner, at the close of each week, fill out a blank accounting for how he spent the time each working day, and telling what he is probably going to do the next week. "This letter will also be an aid to the office in determining why the work of some bank examiners is not kept up to date," is the significant concluding sentence of a statement given out by Murray with the letter.

STRIKERS IN ZERO PARADE BREAK TROLLEY CAR GLASS

Fifteen Thousand Mill Operatives Who Walked Out March Streets With Women and Children Ahead, Protected by Best Flag on Earth

United Press Service LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 29.—Placing women and children ahead under the protection of American flags, 15,000 strikers paraded in zero weather, singing the "Marseillaise" as a protest over the mill owners' refusal to negotiate.

The windows of sixteen trolley cars were smashed and the occupants ousted. Seven arrests were made.

The Central barber shop and the Oregon Harness company have moved to the store room in the Jacobs block, Sixth and Main streets, formerly occupied by the Owl pool room, the room having been divided for use separately by the enterprises.

McNamaras' Attorney Quizzed By Grand Jury, Excitement Is Result

United Press Service LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Following an examination of Attorney Lecompte Davis by the Los Angeles county grand jury, it announced that it would report late this afternoon. There was suppressed excitement. Sensational developments are expected. McNamara knew what he was doing when he pleaded guilty. He took his medicine and is satisfied," said Lecompte Davis, regarding the Hilton statement. Davis was one of the dynamiters' counsel here.

Hilton Stirrs Old Story

United Press Service DENVER, Jan. 29.—Judge Hilton addressed the Denver Trades and Labor assembly here Sunday. He requested an executive session, saying he didn't want his knowledge of facts to come to the attention of the Los Angeles grand jury. He declared John McNamara innocent of the Times dynamiting, and that he would be proved innocent soon. He said John pleaded guilty through fear that he might be convicted and hanged. Hilton declares he interviewed McNamara, who declared his alleged confession was false.

WANT MONEY TRUST PROBE RESOLUTION TO BE FAVORED

House Rules Committee Declares Themselves in Its Behalf, Instead of Congressman Lindbergh's Instrument

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The house rules committee declare that the money trust probe resolution as a substitute for the Lindbergh resolution be favorably reported.

A Toronto cablegram says the Duke of Pife died in Cairo.