

Charter Committee Submits Argument Favoring Proposed Manager Form of Government

To the voters of the City of Klamath Falls:
Affirmative Argument
In drafting and recommending this new charter, the charter committee of fifteen, appointed by the mayor and council, desires to briefly outline a few of the salient reasons for their endorsement and selection of a commission-manager form of city government.

We might state that the members of the committee were appointed to study and revise or draft a new charter, without any recommendations or suggestions from the city officials, as to the form or kind of charter. The result is the unanimous recommendation and decision of the entire committee after months of study and work.

The first question that confronted the committee was: What is the matter, if any, with our present form of city government, and cannot the old councilmanic charter, under which we have been operating since 1913, be modernized and revised to meet the needs of our rapidly growing city?

The committee was divided into three units of five members each, for the purpose of carefully studying the question. One was to study and report on the present form of councilmanic charter; the second to report on the commission form of government; and the third to investigate and report on the manager form of city government.

Old Form Outgrown

It was the opinion of all three committees that modern civilization has outgrown the old-fashioned council or town meeting form of government, where a few elected citizens meet once a week and hastily pass on the multitudinous needs of the community. The council form of government survives from early days when American cities had few and simple problems, and before large sums were expended, as now, in public improvements, involving much detail in financing, assessments and handling large amounts of money.

It was found that the city manager form of government is replacing the old councilmanic form everywhere, and that four out of five new charters now follow the manager form. This is mainly due to the rapid development of the cities and the increasing problems and needs of government, which necessitates having a trained, capable man on the job all the time.

Klamath Falls has been fortunate in having council members who have been upright and conscientious in performance of duty, but it stands to reason that the affairs of a growing city, like Klamath Falls, demand and deserve more time than the average councilman can give away from his private business. San Francisco, Oakland, Portland and Eugene on the Pacific coast are now studying the manager form, and thirty-three cities in California are already operating under this charter.

Not Undemocratic
There is nothing undemocratic, autocratic, radical or mysterious in the manager form of government. It simply gives authority to the elected representatives of the people to hire a trained, competent man to carry out their orders and policies. It co-ordinates the work of all departments and permits the carrying out of plans for the permanent development of a city.

The advantages of having a city manager are obvious to any business man. For counsel, many minds are needed; for execution, a single directing head is required. Universal business practice demonstrates this, as does also the superior success which we have had with our typical school systems, where a school board does all the work through a hired superintendent.

It is essential to the plan that the city manager shall be appointive. He must be completely the servant of the council, else it cannot fairly be forced to take responsibility for his acts. He must in no way be independent of it.

Yesterday Klamath Falls was a village of a few thousand people; today it is a town of nearly twenty thousand; in a few years we can envision a city of thirty or forty thousand. Now is the time to build and plan for that city which we anticipate, with its problems

of sanitation, city planning, transportation, aviation, beautification, lighting and water service, fire and police protection, etc.

Plan Recommended

There has been no attempt to make any radical changes in the new charter. All of the powers and authority of the council under the old charter have been retained and re-enacted. There are only five elective offices: those of the five commissioners, one from each of the five wards. The commission elects a mayor from its number and the commission elects the manager and fixes his salary, and may discharge him at its pleasure. The commissioners draw \$6 per day for each regular meeting, to be held once a week.

The city manager need not be a resident of Klamath Falls. In this connection it may be said that a large number of trained men throughout the United States have taken up city manager work, which has now become a profession.

Under the new charter the commission appoints the municipal judge, but the manager appoints all other officers and may discharge them at pleasure, although every officer, before discharge, must demand a hearing.

In the interest of economy, the office of treasurer and the present clerical duties of police judge have been consolidated in the one office of treasurer. This leaves the municipal judge purely a judicial officer.

City Manager's Duties

It should be kept clearly in mind that all legislative power is in the hands of the commission. The manager performs only administrative acts. All ordinances, resolutions and questions of policy must be passed on by the commission, the same as by the council at present. The city manager functions solely as the business head of the city.

The civil service amendments to the present charter have been retained.

Other changes have been made in the new charter in order to bring the Klamath Falls charter up to date. Among these are the following:

That prevailing wages in the community shall be paid to all city employees and to labor employed on all city contracts.

The limit of bonded indebtedness has been reduced to 10 per cent of the assessed value of the property in the city, instead of 15 per cent, as at present. General obligation bonds for any purpose must be voted by the people the same as in the present charter.

Many changes have been made in the charter, to provide for better handling of special assessment funds, and to protect the city against losses.

The charter has been broadened to allow the ordering in of sidewalks, to permit street widening, construction of bridges, improvement of the government irrigation canal, etc.

Favored by Labor

The manager form of city government has received the endorsement of both financial and labor leaders throughout the country where it is in operation. It has stood the test of political criticism and opposition for eighteen years, and has now taken its place

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as the most simple and successful form of city government.

The attitude of representatives of the workingman is expressed by W. G. Lee, national president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who says:

"I have personally investigated how the city manager plan has worked out in Dayton. I have asked railroad men about it. I don't see how any workingman can oppose the plan after investigating it."

"I see nothing undemocratic in having a city manager selected by the commissioners. A city manager doesn't rule anybody. He doesn't pass any laws. He doesn't determine any public policies."

"I am for the city manager plan because it makes possible for the elimination of politics from public business and that means better government and lower taxes."

In order to keep step with the times, Klamath Falls needs the best form of government. Experience everywhere favors the city manager plan. This plan insures trained business management of municipal affairs, and eliminates politics from city government, while at the same time reserving legislative authority to commissioners elected by the people.

"We respectfully ask the voters to read and carefully study the provisions of this charter, as we sincerely believe its adoption will be of benefit to every home owner and citizen of Klamath Falls."

Respectfully submitted.

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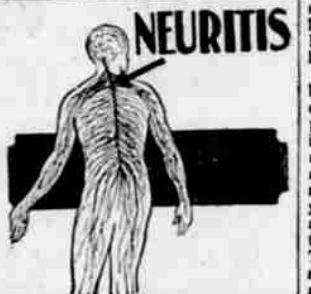
Jury Verdict Favors Porter Construction

A circuit court jury yesterday returned a verdict in favor of Louis K. Porter Construction company for \$3,846.67 against the Oregon Bank and Trust company, J. P. Duke and N. E. Berry, on a suit for an excavation bill.

An argument arose over the amount of excavation which had been contracted for and done.

Arthur Schaupp represented the plaintiff and Wilson S. Wiley the bank.

Members of the jury which heard testimony before Judge O. M. Corkins were: Sam P. Miller, Dan L. Gordon, Jr., H. E. Rosecamp, F. W. Abbey, C. E. Piper, Frank Driscoll, D. R. Jensen, D. G. Given, George Tugnot, James Blair, J. J. Keller and Will Humphrey.



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ORDERS GIVEN TO A. SCHAUPP

Committeeman Asked To
Cast Vote For
Meier

Arthur W. Schaupp left last night for Portland to represent the Klamath county republican central committee at the state committee to be held Friday at 2 p. m. at which time a party nominee for governor will be nominated. He has been instructed by 21 or 24 elected county committeemen, who signed a strong petition, to vote for Julius L. Meier throughout the meeting and to do all in his power to secure the nomination for Meier as candidate for governor. All committeemen seen signed the petition.

Mrs. Schaupp accompanied Mr. Schaupp and they planned to stop last night in Bend and to continue to Portland today. They will be guests at the New Heathman hotel.

Committee Meets

At a central committee meeting held Tuesday evening, at which a quorum was not present, several of the committeemen voted to endorse anything which Schaupp does in Portland and not to instruct him further than they have already done.

The Tuesday night meeting was called by Chairman Underwood Saturday morning and notices were ordered sent to committeemen, although some of the committeemen failed to receive notice.

Legal Minds Wonder

After being nominated by Loyd Delap a committee was elected to nominate men to fill vacancies on the county committee. Those elected were C. J. Prather, U. S. Valentine, Ralph M. Farmer, Glen H. Terrill and Harry Richardson. However, since a

HE SUFFERED FOR YEARS WITH PILES

Bleeding Kind Was So Painful He Slept on a Pillow

TELLS HOW FINALLY HE OVERCAME PILES

"It was no cinch for me to overcome my pile trouble because I suffered more or less that way for twenty-five years, but in a few weeks I was rid of piles and feeling like a new man and thinking it simply wonderful. I am writing to let the whole world know," declares Hugo Miller, a prominent paper-hanger of Abbotford, Wisconsin. "My piles were the bleeding kind. Pains in the bowels almost doubled me up sometimes and the pain was so bad that I couldn't lay in bed comfortably so I slept with a pillow under me. Of course I already had tried a number of remedies for piles through the years but they did no good until a couple months ago I ran across these wonderful Colac Pile Pills. The first couple bottles began to show results. The pain got less and then stopped. I kept on taking them for a full six weeks and it was marvelous the way they worked. I recommend Colac Pile Pills to everybody now," continued Mr. Miller.

Until the perfection of these pills which you swallow with a little water at meal times, about the only remedies known for piles were a surgical operation, salves or suppositories. Now nobody need suffer any longer. They are guaranteed to completely relieve you of every sign of piles or money back without quibble or question. At drug stores or by return mail on receipt of 75c in stamps or coins. Colac Chemical Co., Brentwood, Maryland.

quorum was not present, the legality of the election is in doubt. Some legal minds have raised the question as to whether or not Schaupp is a duly elected and qualified state committeeman, as there was not a quorum present when he was nominated and elected. They are wondering what would be the status should the state committee's nomination depend upon Schaupp's vote, with some of the legal minds here declaring that there is a question as to whether or not Mr. Schaupp has qualified. It would be regrettable should Klamath county's vote then be challenged of the nomination placed in question, they state, and would cast a reflection on the committee here, making the Klamath committee appear as meeting of school boys, the state.

The Hollywood Story

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On the beach at Santa Monica, Dan Rorimer proposed to Anne Winter. Rorimer was a Hollywood scenario writer, and Anne, who had started as an extra, was on the road to fame as a screen actress.

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SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark



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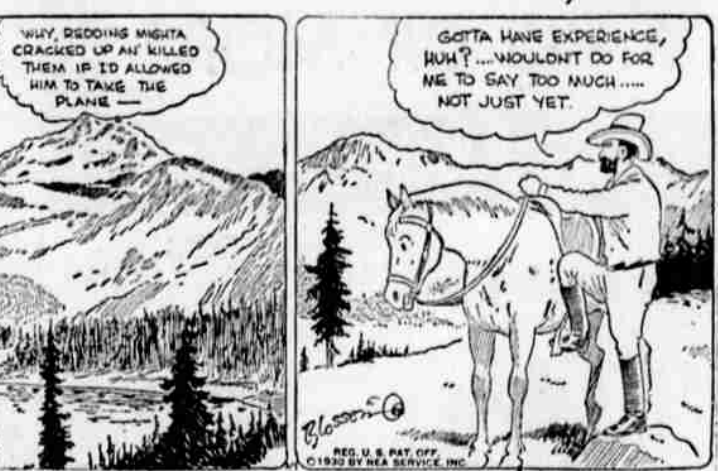
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