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LIONS LEARN FACTS ABOUT NEW CHARTER

Walt Waggoner Tells Of Merits of Proposed City Government

Walter Waggoner, past president of the Lions club and member of the committee which drafted the proposed new city charter, yesterday outlined the provisions of the plan before the regular weekly luncheon at the Pelican Grille.

Mr. Waggoner told first of the organization of the committee and the effort expended, and then stated that the best plan in the minds of the committee, might be presented. Then he outlined many of the popular arguments against the proposed charter.

Waggoner for Charter
 Dean Collins, who presented several piano solos, and W. A. Barron who entertained the meeting with two amusing stories, were guests of the club. Bob Robinson was chairman for the day.

Mr. Waggoner pointed out that the commission-manager form is the most modern form of city government and is being adopted now by four out of five cities that are changing their charters. He also pointed out that it shortens the ballot and that the proposed charter is very largely the same as the present one.

Comply With Laws
 Five commissioners, he stated, are elected by the voters. They hire a city manager and a police judge. The manager is subject to the orders of the commission and can be fired at any time, although he has the right of a hearing.

The city treasurer and police judge are combined in one office to give the city employe enough to do, he stated.

The bonded indebtedness limit was reduced from 15 per cent of the valuation of the city to 10 per cent to comply with the state law, it was explained.

Hits "Ring" Charge
 The manager appoints all city employes except the police judge, subject to the commission which is elected by the people. Mr. Waggoner sees no greater chance for graft or a "political ring" to be formed under the proposed plan than under the present charter, he stated.

"It is recognized today that city business is a big business, involving a million and a half dollars a year. They are spending more money on lights, sewers, airports than they formerly did," Mr. Waggoner stated.

He said that there would be no more one man rule under the proposed plan than under the present.

Present Inadequate
 Speaking of the inadequacies of the present charter he pointed out that the city now should have, under the present charter a "city teamster" at \$1,500 a year. He also mentioned that the present charter does not provide for the keeping of any engineering records, and said that many never had been kept.

The new charter also provides for the permission for property owners wishing to do so to form an improvement district to secure the improvements which they wish, that is not now provided.

"Instead of a mayor who gives only a few hours a week of his work for a salary of \$115 a month you have a full time employe. He must be trained in his work," it was pointed out.

Endorse Main Line
 Mr. Waggoner pointed out that through the proper marketing of bonds and investment of funds the manager could more than save his salary each year.

President Fred Houston asked that the Lions give the charter careful consideration and express their ideas at the polls on August 12.

Following a report by Lion Lynn Roycroft the Lions voted to petition the Great Northern railroad to build a line through Main and the rich territory surrounding that city. Many other organizations have also endorsed the plan.

Today in Klamath's Theatres



America's most popular pair of sweethearts, five beautiful songs and a fast moving story loaded with romance and comedy, led the winning combination revealed by "High Society Blues," Fox Movietone musical romance, which opened at the Pelican theatre last night.

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell are the leads and they have again been directed by David Butler, who piloted them so brilliantly in "Sunny Side Up" when they made their musical comedy debut.

The song numbers are tuneful and catchy and are sung charmingly by Miss Gaynor and Farrell. Joseph McCarthy and James F. Hanley contributed these lyric hits.

The story, written by Dana Burnett, is a mixture of high finance and high society with a delightful rom a nce running through it.

Fine performances were given by the strong supporting cast which includes William Collier, Sr., Joyce Compton, Hedda Hopper, Louise Fazenda and Lucien Littlefield.



"Under a Texas Moon," Warner Bros. first 100% talking, singing, outdoor picture in natural color, opened last night at the Pine Tree theatres.

Frank Fay is cast as the gallivanting two-gun lover who causes ructions in the hearts of numberless señoritas; corrals stolen cattle and brings the thieves to their reward, all with the most captivating whimsicality.

Senoritas who momentarily stir the heart of the roving caballero are played by Raquel Torres, Myrna Loy, Armida, Mona Marie, Betty Boyd and others. Screen heavies who play cattle men, good and bad, are Noah Beery, Tully Marshall and Charles Sellon. The two ludicrous guitar-strumming cronies of the hero are played by George Stone and George Cooper.

The colorful effects capturing the radiant hues of all outdoors—the bright garb of Indians and Mexicans—and the tint of hair, eyes and flesh—are restful to the eye and utterly gratifying and there is a theme song of haunting beauty, sung by the hero and by others during the exciting action of the play.

"Under a Texas Moon"—first of outdoor pictures in natural color, is unquestionably the most pleasing of the year. The theme song which has the same title as the picture is one of the most melodious and haunting melodies of the year. It is heard many times during the action of the gay story.

AT THE VOX
 "Some day you're going to be sitting on top of the world," adoring little Mamie told Bill in the days when the only entertainment he got was his own and her belief in him. Bill was trying hard to be a fighter, but the only record he had achieved was an unbroken one of defeats. And then Mamie won a goodly sum in betting on a fight and secretly used it to get him started right in the fight game.

Bill and Mamie are the young lovers of "Sweethead," the Tiffany all-talking picture playing today at the Vox theatre and they are portrayed by Johnny Walker and Marion Shilling. James Gleason heads the cast in the role of Johnny Tramp, whose wise management and love and admiration for the youngsters finally make Bill a champion.

But, as Bill's fame and wealth grows—so grows his head until it gets so big that, instead of himself sitting on top of the world, he finds the world sitting on him—sitting hard!

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

Judge Benson late Tuesday afternoon signed an order which will prevent for a time, at least, the looting of the city treasury by the present council on the advertising proposition.

The proposed robbery was called to the attention of the court by an action which was started by W. O. Smith, proprietor of the Herald, against the officials of Klamath Falls. After consideration of the facts set forth in the complaint, Judge Benson issued a restraining order directed against the city, the Mayor, Acting Mayor and Police Judge.

Word has been received from Washington that ample funds will be available soon for improvements in Crater National Park.

The civil sundry bill, carrying with it a large appropriation for the park has been passed, and the funds will soon be available.

For the first time in the history of Klamath county, a drunken woman occupied a cell in the county jail last night. She was released this morning, and no formal charge was placed against her.

The woman had what is known as a "crying jag" and was grieved over the death of her mother's grand-mother, and could find consolation only in dropping crockery on the floor of a local restaurant. An officer was called to subdue her, and she was placed in the county jail. No effort was made to ascertain the identity of the unfortunate, but it has been learned that she came here from Weed.

Editorial Comment—Fortunately Judge Benson stepped in just in time to prevent any quarreling about the split-up of the city advertising graft.

There is always the chance that temporary restraining orders may be made permanent.

And while the subject of circulation is up for discussion, it might be well to mention the fact that during the past three weeks the Herald has scored so many scoops on the Northwest that about all that paper has been able to print has been history, and some of it pretty ancient.

As one of the first steps in a campaign for the city beautiful movement, the Klamath Falls Civic League has decided to offer prizes to the old and the young with a view of beautifying the yards of the homes in the city.

Daily CAPITOL News Letter

Ballot Measure Utility Districts Grange Argument Argument Against

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 6. (UP)—Should citizens of Oregon localities be empowered by a constitutional amendment to combine their resources without submitting to control of private utilities, municipalities or the state government?

THE OREGON state grange believes such a law should be enacted. It has submitted arguments in support of the people's water and power utility districts constitutional amendment because it would "develop payrolls, industries and cheap power."

Ballot Title
 THE GREATER Oregon and State Taxpayers' associations, W. R. Upton of Portland and 192 individuals from various parts of the state wish to prevail upon voters to reject the measure because it would create "higher taxes and greater bonded indebtedness of the districts."

OFFICIAL ballot number 325, which will confront the citizen when he enters the voting booth, reads: "To authorize creation of people's utility districts within and or without municipalities, to develop, dispose of and sell water, water power and electric energy."

Could Create Districts
 PASSAGE of this amendment would authorize creation of a district board of directors composed of five members. The board would "manage, call elections, levy taxes on taxable property, issue, sell or assume evidences of indebtedness and develop water, water power and electrical energy for sale and distribution within or without the district."

"THE LATE George W. Joseph frequently referred to this amendment, saying: 'It will make possible the carrying out of my platform, provide the means by which the state or municipality may develop our water power resources without cost to taxpayers and provide cheap power in abundance for industrial enterprise and domestic use throughout our rural communities and cities,'" proponents of the measure quoted.

Not Public Ownership
 THE QUESTION of public ownership is not an issue here, arguments of the taxpayers' association read. If the people desire to own and operate water and power plants, that is for voters to decide.

BUT IF such plants are to be operated under authority of the constitution, good business judgment and prudence demands that such districts shall be subject to the same limitations of tax-levying and bond issuing powers as are imposed in other districts, it was said.

Present Negative Side
 THE AMENDMENT does not put the state in the power business, affirmatives declared. It will be the means of developing water power without cost to the state government or any of its political subdivisions.

UREN presented three reasons for demanding that voters

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"It is necessary to have political parties to maintain our form of government. The countries which we speak of as backward countries do not have well organized political parties."—Calvin Coolidge.

"Women never seem to realize that the poet is first of all a world-lover."—Le Baron Cooke.

"The radio will save family life from disruption by the automobile."—Walter Damrosch.

"Men are not making enough money these days to keep wives and cars, so they are keeping cars."—Cosmo Hamilton.

"The world is suffering at the moment from two things; first, disorganized production and distribution, and second, gloom."—Lord Riddell.

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The Vanishing Packets

THE last Mississippi river packet steamboat line has gone from Memphis, Tenn.—and if you have any feeling at all for the color and romance of a by-gone generation, that announcement is guaranteed to make you a little bit melancholy.

A few days ago the Valley Line Steamers, Inc., sole survivor of the Memphis packet lines, put its three steamers up for sale and discontinued operations.

Memphis, as a result, is without packet steamer service for the first time in more than a century—for the first time, as a matter of fact, since the Mississippi had any steamers at all.

Of course, there is still traffic on the river. The big barge fleets are said to carry a greater volume of freight annually than the old-time sidewheel packets did in their heyday. Furthermore, this kind of trade is increasing. Enormous cargoes come down the river each month to spill into the funnel at New Orleans for shipment to the east coast, to California and overseas.

But who can get excited over barges and tugboats? Those old steamers represented a bit of romance left over from a more leisurely and colorful era than our own. They were survivors from a generation which, in retrospect, sometimes looks more attractive than ours. And Memphis was lapped in the glamour that they gave.

Trying to imagine Memphis without packet steamers is like trying to imagine Gloucester, Mass., without fishing schooners. It just isn't right. The picture looks wrong. Memphis ought to do something about it.

Probably it's a mistake to get sentimental about it. After all, the Mississippi valley is a greater artery of commerce now than it was in Mark Twain's day. Its cities are more prosperous. Life is easier for a bigger percentage of its people. The railroad and the automobile, which slew the packets, have certainly been blessings to the valley, as to the rest of the country.

But we have lost something, just the same. Our modern age is efficient and progressive—but it gives us no substitute for the gleaming, white-paint-and-brass-work packets of the old days. It is, in fact, just a little bit dull. The loss of Memphis' river steamers symbolizes the tendency of the age.

Cyril Tolley, former British golf champion, is considering locating in Chicago. Probably in an effort to improve his shots.

Now that Denmark has decided to dispose of its only two cruisers, opponents of disarmament will be expected to laugh it off with the remark: "There's something rotten in Denmark."

Sir Oliver Lodge, British scientist, said in a broadcast the other day that the police force of the world will ultimately be in the hands of the United States. Well, we could stand developing a bulls market right now.

Since the government has announced it will not pay for liquor dispensed in United States embassies, American diplomats can no longer be expected to begin their toasts: "It's on the house."

Now that whisky and brandy have been approved as necessary medicinal agents in the practice of dentistry, it won't merely be a figure of speech hereafter to refer to a person suffering with toothache as having a swell time.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

A KING'S ILLNESS EXPENSIVE
 Rock Island Argus: It is said that the recent illness of King George V of Great Britain cost the royal exchequer about \$200,000.

In Buckingham Palace a private pharmacy was established where drugs for the use of his majesty were compounded. This caused an expense of not less than \$15,000, as the pharmacist had two assistants.

Lord Dawson of Penna gave all his time to the king for several months and his bill was \$50,000. Stanley Hewitt received \$2,500 a month.

Sir Hugh Rigby performed three operations, and, strange as it may seem, received a fee of only \$25 each.

Lionel Whitby, a bacteriologist, treated the king's blood and his bill was \$10,000.

The patient received several ray treatments at a total cost of \$10,000.

A staff of six nurses was employed—reduced to four after the crises had passed—and the nurses were paid usual fees, with a bonus of \$500 each when they were dismissed.

A ventilating system for the royal bed chamber was built by engineers, who received \$20,000.

Later as the king made progress toward recovery he was removed to Craigwell House, and this removal was at an expense of \$7,500, as the king was conveyed to his new abode in a specially constructed ambulance.

Some express wonder that the king survived all these ministrations—and doctors' bills.

GOING TO SCHOOL AT 70
 Ottawa, Can., Journal: Isaac Pedlow, South Renfrew retired merchant, sometime M. P., is packing up his books, going to university. Going to school at the age of 70. He will take a classical course, then study law. "It all depends," he says, "upon your mental attitude."

Mr. Pedlow is right. If a man has leisure, health, and the right mental outlook, he may go to school as profitably at 70 as at 17. And the reason is obvious. It is that education, learning, is not merely to fit a man to make money, but to act as a tonic upon his moral, spiritual and intellectual health, to open to him new vistas of enjoyment; to give him a higher and a deeper life. There is as much reason for claiming more of these things at 70 as at 17. Perhaps more reason.

Mass Meeting Will Be Held Tonight to Discuss New Charter

For the benefit of the Klamath Falls public who will next week go to the polls to vote on the proposed city charter amendment, a meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, Ninth and Walnut avenues, this evening at 8 o'clock.

C. D. Long, president of the Central Labor Council, announced last night that members of the audience would not be called upon to talk, but speakers will be present to argue for and against the proposed change from a councilmanic form of municipal government to a city manager plan. The meeting will be conducted in much the same form as a debate.

George A. Canning, secretary of the voters' charter committee, and U. S. Balentine, secretary of the anti-charter league, will supply the various speakers.

Both men and women of the city are invited to attend the meeting. The large hall of the temple has been secured for this purpose. Mr. Long announced.

TO STOP DRIVERS
 LONDON.—Tests taken in England show that the ordinary auto driver is not apt to stop at stop lights or stop signs, and that they are less likely to drive past a barrier of an illuminated line across the street pavement. Consequently, such illuminated lines are being installed in several streets as an experiment. The lights are buried underneath small glass lenses flush with the pavement.

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