

CHARTER FIGHT STIRS VOTERS

Active Opposition Has Created Unusual Interest

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the city's margin for bonded indebtedness by five per cent, casting the figures from 15 per cent to 10 per cent.

This review is correct regarding the changes sought in the proposed new charter. Whether they are sufficient to justify a lot of work in their behalf has been a question in the minds of some.

The campaign swung into action with little interest. Councilman Butler started with opposition to the new charter. Just what his opposition is based upon has not been made clear. Some say Butler would like to be mayor, but he has never so indicated.

Then came MacLean into the fold of the anti-charter boys and "Mac" admits that he would not shrink from the job of mayor, but he insists on that job being served to him under the present charter. Police Judge U. S. Balentine was leading the forces against the charter for a while. Naturally Balentine is opposed to the charter, for its passage would abolish his elective office, and he would have to serve as police judge by appointment, if he served the city at all.

Morie West, in his address before the Kiwanians, rather upset some of the support for the anti-charter boys when he addressed the chair saying:

"I desire to read paragraphs taken from the audit by Robinson, Nowell & Co., certified public accountants: Here is what the accountant says:

"It has not been possible to verify the deposits of fines collected by the police judge because of lack of records.

"During the year 1929 the police judge has not kept adequate records of fines imposed in the police court. The procedure has been to place all moneys received on fines in a separate drawer and at various times, when desired, deposit in even amounts with the city treasurer.

"In order that a proper audit of fines may be made, it is necessary that a chronological record be maintained at the time a fine is collected. This record must be a public docket, so that verification may be made of the collection of any individual payment of fine. As a general check we have totaled the amount of fines as recorded in the jail record, which amount to \$21,392. In addition to this, a great number of traffic violations fines have been made, for which we have no proper means of verification.

"While we were making this audit, we designed a police court blotter, which should answer the audit purpose of the police court, and this was being properly maintained by the police judge at the time the audit was completed. We wish to state that we have no reason to believe that the present police judge has not deposited all fines collected, but we have had no proper record with which to verify transactions. For that reason it is necessary for us to qualify our audit as to the deposit of fines."

Taxi drivers are opposing the charter, and they are showing some fighting ability.

Charter Supporters Not Active

While the new charter is doomed to defeat Tuesday, it is admitted by everyone that there has been a heavy swing to the charter the last few days. That swing will not be sufficient, in the opinion of many on Main street, but nevertheless, it is plainly felt during the last few hours of the campaign.

Proponents of the charter are in the majority in the city, according to those who observe things, but as usual they are showing little interest and will not take the bit in their teeth and hit out from the shoulder.

Where officials are to lose their jobs, where taxi drivers have a common cause, and a few others have grievances, it is easy to observe fighting strength, but where "Mr. Citizen" just sits along attending to his own affairs, favoring the charter but keeping still, the outcome of an election is easily predicted.

Veterans Opposed

Veterans of Foreign Wars, at their last meeting, passed a decision opposing the proposed new charter. A similar resolution was passed by the Improved Order of Redmen at their recent meeting.

Tonight a meeting, starting at 8 o'clock, will be held in the Mills school auditorium, and William Ferguson, member of the anti-charter committee, will preside. A calm discussion with both sides presented has been requested, Ferguson stated. Members of the anti-charter committee have issued a special invitation to George Canning, secretary of the charter committee, and Mayor Tom Waters to be present at the meeting and present their views.

Last Public Meeting

This will be the last public meeting to be held, since the polls open tomorrow morning.

In addition to the city charter the matter of enlarging the city limits will come up for election. Whether or not territory beyond Hot Springs addition should become a part of the city will be decided at this election.

The voters in the territory which petitioned to become a part of the city will also vote on this question.

14 LIVES LOST IN ACCIDENTS

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Mrs. D. F. Parks, Kennewick, killed in auto crash; husband badly injured in auto smashup. Speed and cause.

W. E. Hedley, Missoula, killed

ed, three children hurt when auto smashed into fallen tree across highway.

Walter Robertson, Yakima killed when car wrecked against bridge.

Don Burke, Tacoma, probably fatally hurt in auto crash at Shelton.

Four Die in South SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11. (A P)—Four were killed and five injured in the Bay region in week-end traffic mishaps.

The dead:

Felix Donofrio, 27, San Francisco, thrown from his auto in a collision at Redwood City.

Charles Kohler, 23, Pleasanton, who fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a pole.

J. McGlasson, Santa Ana, Calif., killed by a railroad train in Huntington.

Robert J. Fritz, son of a retired naval officer, was killed Saturday in a collision with a hit-run driver. His girl companion, Miss Jane Wagoner, was said to have an even chance for recovery.

SMITH FIGURES IN PRIMARIES

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will be the first time in more than 30 years that the democratic senatoria is coming face to face with the republican contest at the general election.

NORRIS HAS FIGHT The Nebraska race offered as its chief interest opposition to Senator George W. Norris, who left the republican fold to support Smith in the campaign. However, farm relief, tariff and prohibition are numbered among the issues in the republican contest here. Norris is opposed by W. W. Stebbins, state treasurer, and Aaron Reed. The Stebbins campaign has been directed at Norris for failure to cooperate with the administration. The veteran senator carried to the voters a claim for vindication of his party, asserting "events that have transpired have cleared me of criticism."

The democratic primary in Nebraska offers a candidate who deserted the ranks of that party to support Hoover in 1928. This is Dr. Jenpie M. Calhoun, opposed by former Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock.

Robinson Leads Dry Cause

In Arkansas, Senator Joseph T. Robinson, the democratic leader, has conducted a strenuous campaign against Rom W. Campbell, Little Rock lawyer. Robinson has championed the cause of national prohibition in vigorous fashion in a manner that has led to general belief he sought to counteract any effect of his having shared the national ticket with Smith.

Ohio Democrats Wet

Robert J. Bulkley of Cleveland, a former representative, advocates dry law repeal, and George S. Myers of Cleveland favors modification. The other candidates in the democratic senate race are W. W. Durbin, for many years leader of his party in the state; former Representative John McGraw of Wooster, and Charles V. Traux, once state director of agriculture.

No primary opposition faces Senator Roscoe C. McCullough, the republican incumbent, who is a dry.

Oklahoma Race Bitter

Ending a whirlwind two-week campaign of bitter personalities, Oklahoma democrats will go to the run-off primary polls tomorrow to nominate a governor and United States senator.

For their gubernatorial nominee, heretofore always elected, they must choose between Frank Buttman, Oklahoma city oil millionaire, and colorful William Henry (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Tahomah, constitutional author just returned from an ill-fated Bolivian colonization attempt, who had a 65,000 vote plurality in the first primary July 29.

Charles J. Wrightman of Tulsa also made wealthy by petroleum's favors, and blind Thomas P. Gore, for 12 years United States senator, will contest for the democratic senatorial nomination. They finished the first primary on virtually even terms. The winner faces a stiff general election contest against Senator W. B. Pine, republican, and an independent field including J. C. (Jack) Walton, ousted as governor in 1922, when he ordered martial law to quell Ku Klux Klan disturbances.

Births Gain on Deaths in July

Vital statistics compiled at the office of the county health unit show 41 births in the county during the month of July, and 20 deaths, less than half the number of births.

Several cases of typhoid fever were reported during the month, and while there was one case at the isolation hospital, no new cases were reported last week.

Measles led the list of communicable diseases in July, with nine cases on record. Scarlet fever was next in number, with six cases reported, four cases of mumps and one of diphtheria complete the list of contagious diseases for July.

Leader Instructs County Calf Clubs

County Club Leader Frank Sexton and Assistant County Agriculturist Vic Johnson coached the Langell Valley and Pine Grove calf clubs in judging beef and dairy cattle Sunday afternoon. In Mr. Johnson's group there were 15 members who were coached in judging short horn, beef cattle at the L. O. Mills ranch and jersey cows at the U. E. Reeder ranch.

Dairy cattle were judged by Mr. Sexton's group of club members, of which there were 30.

Calf club members are being coached in cattle judging in preparation for work at county and state fairs as well as the Pacific International Livestock Exposition held annually.

Polling Places And Boundaries Of Wards Given

Ward 1, consisting of Precincts No. 1, 2 and 3, all Riverside and Buena Vista addition, bounded on north by government canal, on east by Urilings street, on second street, and second street; Polling place, Baldwin hotel.

Ward 2, consisting of Precincts Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7, between sixth street and second street, and limited on north by Urilings street; Polling place, city hall.

Ward 3, consisting of Precincts Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and No. 22, consisting of territory bounded by Oregon avenue on north and following government canal to Eleventh street; thence down Eleventh street to Commercial street; thence along Commercial street to Sixth street, and north on Sixth street to Urilings street; thence north to junction of Stukel street and Oregon avenue; Polling place, basement Methodist church.

Ward 4, Precincts Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, consisting of Mills addition, Darrow addition and Mills second addition and Hot Springs addition and that portion of Hillside addition now incorporated in Klamath Falls; Polling place, Mills addition school.

Ward 5, consisting of Precincts Nos. 20, 21 and 22, including North Klamath Falls, Buena Vista addition north of canal, Hot Springs from railroad to Crescent, second addition and Fairview No. 1; Polling place, Fairview school.

Special annexation voting places —For Hillside, 2025 Lawrence street, Keith Cramer residence. Those voting at above address will be residents and property owners of Hillside, the Terraces, Beaumont addition.

For Dixon addition: Voting place, John Yadon residence, at junction of Alameda and Old Fort Klamath road. Those voting at above address will be residents and property owners of Dixon addition, those residing in Beaumont and the Terraces may vote at this polling place if desired.

For 503 Enterprise tract: Polling place, Mt. Shasta garage on sixth street. Those voting here will be residents or property owners in Sixth street addition and 503 Enterprise tract.

Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 8 p. m.

Southern Oregon Pioneer Dies at California Home

Word of the death of W. Chambers, pioneer of Southern Oregon, and the father of J. Chambers of this city, has reached here. The aged pioneer died Thursday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. W. Foster of Hill, Calif.

Mr. Chambers came across the plains in 1852 with his parents. They took six months to reach a point where Central Point now stands. He spent most of his life in Oregon, teaming from Crescent City to Jacksonville in the early days. He also carried freight from Redding north to Jackson county over the Old Oregon trail.

Surviving him are seven children, J. Chambers of Klamath Falls, Mrs. A. Tuttle of Tucson, Ariz., Mrs. Florence Spencer of Portland, Mrs. Wally Turpin of Medford, Mrs. Eva Bateman of Seattle, Mrs. Myrtle Foster of Hill and W. Chambers of Butte Falls.

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has many members who do not agree with the opinion of its committee which directed the fire on Clifford and Clark.

Charges Recounted

Kendall's brief recounted the charges made in testimony, an 870-page transcript of which is before the commission.

Robison, defending Clark, who is seriously ill and was unable to be present at today's hearing, declared the opposition to the chief deputy an outgrowth of personal differences of disgruntled sportsmen or grudges of discharged deputies.

FARMERS SEEK COUNTY'S AID

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came to Wilmington and demanded that the county do something to do to tide them over the present period. The commissioners fixed a rate of pay for the laboring farmers—50 cents an hour to a farmer who uses his own team of horses, and 25 cents an hour to all others.

Louie Polin Lauds Klamath Country

Louie Polin, Chillicothe, merchant, was given a royal welcome when he reached Tonopah, Nev., according to the following item from the Tonopah Bonanza. Mr. Polin is in the Nevada city visiting his brother who is in business there. The article states:

"The green hills, the redwoods, the firs and the pines are all right in their places," declared Louie Polin, former Goldfield newspaper editor, who is spending ten days or so in Tonopah and Goldfield greeting old friends after an absence of six years, "but when I want to give my lungs a treat, let me have the good old Nevada desert air."

Polin, who looks prosperous, and is prosperous, has a deep regard for Goldfield and southern Nevada, for it was here that he "got his start." He owns and operates the largest sporting goods and stationery store in Chillicothe, Oregon, and is now opening a similar store in Klamath Falls, representing an investment of \$35,000. He is sold on the Oregon country, and believes it has a great future.

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BACKBONE KEY TO HEALTH CHIROPRACTORS CLAIM

The human spine has a wonderful meaning. In length it measures considerably short of three feet, extends head to hips, attaches the ribs and pelvis, the bones of the arms, and is itself composed of segments which are of limited motion and play a most important part in the home of health and disease. A principal function of the spine is to systematically distribute the nerves on their way from the brain to the body. It performs its full duty in this respect when its joints are in natural position. In a situation like that it provides free passage to the nerve trunks which will insure to the human system throughout the maximum of health and immunity from disease.

The first unit of the spinal column proper, the one forming a rest for the base of the skull, is called the atlas. If there is even a slight displacement of the atlas to cause deviation of any of its points of articulation contact with the cranium with the axis, its nearest neighbor below, the changed shape will press the nerve lines dependent upon it. The effect will be some one or more of those physical incoordinations that are distinguished from health by calling them diseases, such as headaches, facial paralysis, epilepsy, affections of the eyes and ears, as well as other parts of the anatomy of the head and body that are controlled or influenced by the nerves involved.

In like manner every joint in the spinal column gives off nerve trunks of either side. Where there is disease in any body part it is traceable to a causative derangement in the spine, which cause in the science of chiropractic may be readily located and definitely removed by specific adjustment of the offending spinal joint. This in brief is the chiropractic theory of the cause of disease and the way to remove it.

The mind of civilized man has been trained for centuries to believe that disease is a THING, a tangible something, an entity as it were and that it can be cured by a drug—or by taking something into the human system through the stomach or otherwise that holds some strange and magical power to change disease into health. This idea, like many others, has prevailed through time largely because of its mysteriousness.

As long as people live they will subject their bodies voluntarily and accidentally to conditions of unusual burden on the spinal column and any of these stresses the column is physically unable to withstand will effect displacements of its parts. And inasmuch as the vast majority of human ailments result from compression of nerves caused by spinal subluxations, adjusting by the chiropractic method is the most important thing that can be done to improve the health of any suffering individual.

Modern science has clearly demonstrated the importance of the human spine in health and disease. It is known that the backbone of man is the key to his health. It has been proved to the entire satisfaction of many leading health scientists who have investigated the science of chiropractic that where the spinal column is realigned by specific adjusting it will insure the return of health to any ailing body part; contrariwise, it is now known beyond doubt that the displacement of any segment of the spine will produce disease in the part of the body that is reached by the nerves it impinges.

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Here Are Some Facts About the Charter

We have been somewhat entertained by the various interviews that have been published, in which so-called "leading citizens" have voiced their approval of the new charter. They tell us what a wonderful instrument it is and how the city will be benefitted by its adoption. There is a very serious doubt in our minds if any of these men have read that charter in its entirety or comprehend the vicious provisions it contains. When that charter was prepared the one purpose of it was to hide within its provisions powers that make it possible to hand over to special interests rights that they could not secure under our present charter. If you have any doubt as to this, your attention is directed to Chapter III, Section 46, on page 14: It provides for the election of a mayor, and the last five words of that section provide that the mayor "SHALL NOT HAVE VETO POWER." This provision is slipped in there, it would seem to the uninitiated, to escape observation, instead of having it incorporated in Article II, which defines the powers and duties of the Mayor.

What would have happened to Klamath Falls a few years ago if we did not have Fred R. Goddard as head of our city government and he was not possessed of the veto power? You can recall the bitter fight that was made to prevent the handing over of this city to the Southern Pacific and other private individuals and corporations, and stop its being bottled up so that the Great Northern could not get in. Without that veto power, what would be our condition now? The people of this city owe, and will owe, to Mayor Goddard undying gratitude for the magnificent fight he made and for his unbending refusal to be coerced by the very people who are today advocating this new charter. And right here we make the flat statement that back of this charter looms a sinister plan to give away rights equally as valuable now as those then saved to the city by Mayor Goddard and the power of his veto.

Now turn to page 31 and read section 83 and to page 32 and read section 86. These provide for the granting of franchises by the Commission. If four of the five members of the commission grant a franchise that it settles it. There is no mayor to veto it. Therein lies another of the reasons for the proposed change in city government. If one of the schemes responsible for this new charter—in case it is approved by the people—is attempted, it will be fought to the bitter end.

The whole attempt of this charter seems to be to transfer the administrative rights of the city to the City Manager. The powers of the city are vested in a Commission of five, but the charter immediately divests this Commission of practically all of its administrative authority and transfers it to the City Manager. The powers vested in this office are enormous, and apparently are not safeguarded or limited. Section 102, page 38, provides that "The administrative powers of the City of Klamath Falls, SHALL BE VESTED IN THE CITY MANAGER." Read section 103, same page, and see if you can bring yourself to give any man such unlimited authority.

Then take section 104. Therein you will find that "he—the City Manager—shall purchase all supplies needed by the city." Further down in that same section you will find the provision that "Wherever it is PRACTICABLE AND ADVANTAGEOUS, the City Manager shall advertise by CIRCULAR LETTER OR OTHERWISE for competitive proposals." As one man aptly put it, this is an invitation to an honest man to become a crook. Why by "circular letters?" Why by "otherwise?" Put in a City Manager and you will find out. Already there is a well planned raid on the city and when it is completed, you will then know how "modern" this City Manager plan is.

I charge the advocates of the proposed charter with the grossest misrepresentation. They tell you that "the City Manager may be discharged by the Commission at its pleasure." They quote the charter to that effect. But let me point out to you the dishonesty of their purpose, for they stop short of quoting the very next sentence that follows that provision. That sentence says—section 103, bottom of page 38: "IN CASE OF SUCH TERMINATION THE CITY MANAGER MAY DEMAND A WRITTEN CHARGE AND A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION." Why didn't they quote that sentence? Because therein lies the impossibility of getting rid of a City Manager until he sees fit to resign. Doubtless you wonder why this is so. Let me cite two instances:

A few years ago the City of Astoria sought to fire a City Manager who had rode rough shod over the Commission and everyone else. Under the "written charge" provision he carried on his fight for over a year and only stopped when he had secured an appointment from another city. That man nearly wrecked the finances of Astoria.

Then take the City of Sacramento. In all of their advertisements advocating the adoption of the charter, you have been told about the large number of cities in the United States under the city manager plan. They told you of over thirty cities in California, and named many of them, but if you will notice nothing was said about Sacramento. That was a little too close and too easily reached. For nearly a year prior to last February the commission of that city tried to fire its city manager. "Written charges" were drawn up by the commission, and the city manager demanded a hearing. His lawyer appeared before the commission and when he got through with them they threw out the charges. Then every conceivable plan was tried to get rid of him without avail. Then they reduced his salary from \$15,000 to \$10,000. Still he stayed. Then they dropped it to \$5,000 and he remained until they threatened to wipe it out altogether. But this fight lasted over a year.

In making charges, one has to be careful. The law of slander and libel is very drastic, and few are the men who are willing to risk a damage suit, even though he knows he will win.

And speaking of Sacramento, where this wonderful city manager plan is in full blast. What do we find about the economy and business management of the thing? Here is a city that pays \$15,000 a year, and one might suppose that this salary would command the services of a first class man, ONE OF THOSE "BUSINESS EXECUTIVES" THAT THE ADVOCATES SO GLIBLY TALK ABOUT. But what do we find? That city has run over \$200,000 short of money to meet its budget. A committee of business men appointed by the commission to find out what was the trouble and how to get out of it, stated in its report to the commission: "THE MATTER OF THE CITY'S FINANCES IS A MATTER OF VERY GRAVE CONCERN TO ALL OF US." The suggestion that the charter be amended so that a large number of the offices filled by appointments by the City Manager might be ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, was met by the spokesman of the Commission with the insolent statement: "The charter is all right as it stands and we see no need for its amendment." That's city manager politics for you. Do you want it here?

If the advocates of the charter were honest with you, they would tell you of these incidents; they would tell you of the weak points; they would tell you that the only way to make a city manager form of government successful, is for you to take an active part, an intelligent part in the affairs of your city and that unless you do it would be a bigger failure than our present charter. But they have not told you so. Rather they have sought by generalities to tell you what a beautiful plan it is and lead you to believe that its adoption by Klamath Falls will end our troubles. All they want is to get this charter adopted by you and they will take care of the rest of it and you can go to—well, anywhere you please. That is what I call dishonest misrepresentation—misrepresentation of a type that you should resent by going to the polls tomorrow and voting "NO" against this charter.

Let us say a word about the city manager plan in Warrenton, Oregon. Doubtless you have forgotten it. The advocates have not, for you cannot find Warrenton in their list of cities where this plan worked so beautifully. It is too close to home. Under the city manager plan that city was bankrupt financially. So complete was the wreck that the state stepped in to see if it could not save the good name of Oregon by finding some plan to save the holders of Warrenton bonds. That's what may be called "fine business management," we presume. Do you suppose it is the kind of management that our "leading citizens" have in mind when they tell you what a wonderful thing this new charter is—a document that most of them have never read?

In Saturday's Herald they compare the power of the city manager with that of the mayor under the old charter. They say: "He—the mayor—makes all appointments of heads of departments and employees of the city with the approval of the council." They go on further and say that if the council turns down the appointments the mayor can appoint for five days at a time. But under the old charter there is a check on the mayor when his appointments must receive "THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL." Under the new charter there is no such check, and the City Manager does not have to appoint for five days at a time if he is in conflict with the Commission, but he can do as he pleases, for the charter gives him ABSOLUTE CONTROL, and if the Commission interferes with his appointments it is exceeding its authority and he can tell the members to go to blazes and go right ahead with his appointments without fear. That's the sort of thing that is passed up to you for your approval. Did you ever see such unmitigated insolence in all of your experience with the affairs of Klamath Falls? Oh! these birds thought they had the bit in their teeth and the way was clear. For the past four years everything has been rosey, with not a peep of protest above a whisper. So they thought they would get an ironclad cinch now so that for all time the pickings would be just as good and there would be no danger of interference on the part of the people. But we have half a belief that their time has come and their rule is about at an end. Let us start in that direction tomorrow by knocking this charter into a cocked hat.

We could fill this newspaper with other provisions of this charter that are equally as vicious as those cited, but you can see that it is manifestly impossible to cover it all, even should we have published a dozen articles. We are only sorry that we did not get started sooner, so as to have time and space to cover more ground. But what we have cited is, we believe, enough to place you on your guard and to let you know what is afoot. We believe the charter will be turned down by an overwhelming vote—BUT

It is up to you, Mr. Citizen. If you value your rights, if you respect your citizenship, if you have the welfare of yourself and your neighbor at heart, if you want to take a hand in the start towards a house-cleaning, then you will go to the polls tomorrow. If you don't go, then keep still if this city goes to the devil, for you helped to start it on the road to perdition when you failed to do your duty as a citizen and vote. Whether you are for or against the charter, do not fail to vote tomorrow.

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