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"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln.

**Salem Beats Salem**

Western Debaters Win Both Ways

The Salem, Oregon, high school debate teams defeated the teams of Salem, Massachusetts, at both places, the decision here being unanimous and two-to-one in the east. The question for debate was "Resolved, that the child labor amendment, as submitted by congress to the state, should be ratified."

Congratulations are due both to our capital city and to her debaters. It is no mean honor, and has served to attract national attention to our state.

It is reported that the Oregon teams were superior in logic, the eastern teams in delivery. It is well that the emphasis has been on matter rather than manner. The west ever emphasizes practicality, not empty form, grace, and fluency.

The question debated does not seem longer to be a live issue. The states seem determined not to grant to the federal government the great additional powers provided by the proposed amendment.

**An Empire's Quarrel**

Titanic Strike in England Brought To Conclusion

After all, it makes our local bickerings a fly speck when we consider the life and death struggle between the British government and British labor, now happily ended, for a time at least.

England and Scotland have a combined area of 80,000 square miles, a combined population of 40,000,000, and an average population per square mile of 500. California, Oregon, and Washington have a combined area of 324,000 square miles, a combined population of 6,300,000, and an average population per square mile of 19 persons.

Our three Pacific states have four times the area, one-eighth the population, and one-twenty-first of the population per square mile.

In that crowded area, labor and the British government were engaged in a struggle which the government was pledged not to give up, and which labor carried on with a determination which cannot be measured. It might have meant the death of the British empire, or at least of the form of government now existent in the empire.

Certain it is that if the struggle had continued long we should have felt it in this country, yes, right here in Klamath Falls.

Americanism: Figuring out a way to take on something else on the easy-payment plan.

If a man reaches his thirtieth year without learning everything he is ready to begin learning something.

Now what about a poll in Chicago to determine what degree of crime the majority favors.

**Organized Labor and the City Manager Plan**

**Organized Labor Endorses Plan in Beaumont**

Beaumont, Texas. (Pop. 40,422) City Managers' Association, Gentlemen:

Yours of the 12th inst., asking for a short statement of the city manager plan, received.

In my judgment, the managerial form of government is far superior to the aldermanic. At least the same has been proved so in our city. More results have been accomplished in the last four years under the manager form than have been accomplished in the last ten years under the aldermanic form.

Yours very truly,  
C. A. WEBBER,  
Secretary Beaumont Trades and Labor Assembly.

**Return to Old Form Unthinkable, Says Pasadena Board**

Pasadena, Calif. (Pop. 45,354) City Managers' Association, Gentlemen:

Your letter asking some statement from me as a labor man, as to my views regarding the workings of the manager plan as operated in Pasadena is at hand, and I have hesitated to answer for my lack of familiarity with the inner workings of government and with the personnel of our city officials.

In a general way my impression of our plan is very favorable indeed. So far we have had broad-minded, public-spirited directors as needed for this time of rapid growth and development of the city, and Manager C. W. Koerner has evidently made good at every point. He still retains the confidence of the public now as city manager which he earned years ago as manager of our municipal light plant.

Several things I regard as gained through the manager plan so-called, among which I mention:

1.—Much needed harmony among the official heads of the city and corresponding co-operation among employees and departments.

2.—Much more scientific and systematic system of work than ever could have been obtained under any previous system used.

3.—Better trained and more expert leaders and advisers with less political pull.

4.—Strengthening of the public utility for service of the people rather than benefit of a few financiers. This idea always pleases labor, and our manager seems bent on having "service" either for the people or by them.

5.—Since the manager government went into effect some four years ago our officials have been compelled to solve problems belonging to a large city and correct plans formerly made for a village. The work has required some hard thinking and some live propaganda to get our people to make needed advances. Street opening and widening; sewer system and disposal; public parks and recreation facilities; transportation; street paving and storm drains; zoning ordinances; civic center with public buildings adequate to our growth, and other big plans have taken wise management and reached away beyond what our older citizens had dreamed of heretofore, and the manager system has proved most adequate so far, to my mind.

For myself, I am frank to say that I am proud of our city and of its safe progressive management. I have not always supported every move made, but I regard the manager government, so called, here so far superior to either commission or mayor form that a return to either would be almost unthinkable to the majority of citizens of Pasadena.

Respectfully yours,  
R. M. SCHOONMAKER,  
President Pasadena Board of Labor.

**Bluefield Labor Leader in Unqualified Endorsement**

Bluefield, W. V. (Pop. 15,282) City Managers' Association, Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., making inquiry relative to the operation of the city manager plan in this city, I am glad to advise you that it meets with my approval in every way.

During the two and one-half years in which the manager plan has been in operation in this city the tax rate has been reduced from \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation to 85c. At the same time this reduction in taxation has been taking place the city has rendered greater service by way of street improvements, sewer construction, garbage collection,

health and sanitation improvements until now we feel that we are experiencing the most economical and democratic administration this city has ever had.

This plan, as carried out in this city, is not a rich man's or a big business man's government, for the man who has to depend upon his daily wage for his living gets the same consideration at the hands of the present administration.

I do not hesitate in endorsing the city manager plan of government without any qualifications whatever. Very truly yours,

D. S. SAGE,  
Chairman Central Labor Union of West Virginia.

**President of Typographical Union Endorses Plan**

Kalamazoo, Mich. (Pop. 48,478) City Managers' Association, Gentlemen:

I think it is beyond dispute by those who keep themselves informed on city affairs that the manager form has been more satisfactory than previous council form. The reasons are:

That responsibility can be placed directly, and requests are granted or refused.

The city has inventories of the city property, something it did not have before.

Practically all purchases are made through one source, and materials and machinery have a storage yard and are kept under close check.

Street and other improvements are laid out on a regular schedule, and carried out in that manner as nearly as may be.

Better and more prompt attention is given to small affairs of service asked by citizens on matters coming under the scope of city departments.

Undisputably better service for the money expended is given. City taxation and expenditures are more systematically handled, resulting in giving the city a more intelligible financial standing.

W. H. STEWART,  
President Kalamazoo Typographical Union No. 122.

**Central Labor Body Investigates and Recommends Plan**

Muskegon, Mich. (Pop. 36,570) City Managers' Association, Dear Sirs:

Referring to your communication of August 13th, my connection with the city started in 1915 under the council form and continued until the change of administration, or to the city manager plan in 1920. I have been able to make comparisons, knowing the methods that would pursue, and am able to criticize both the council form and the city manager plan and balance same, the various improvements that have been made in the city since the year 1921 in comparison with those made from 1915 to 1920.

The labor movement called for an investigation of the city and a committee was appointed to bring in a report from the different organizations from its members who had been making comparisons between the two different forms of government.

In 1922 a majority report was brought in in favor of the manager plan. The idea of this report was to give out notices to different organizations or committees who from time to time were writing to the body for such information and up to this time the Central Trades Council and its affiliated organizations have been in full accord with its present form of government. The matter of wages, of course, has been the most important part from the viewpoint of organized labor, and the present wage scale paid by the city is as much as could be expected under present conditions. The 8-hour day has been established, which is in conformity with the established scale set by the organized labor of this city.

Hoping that this gives you the desired information, and if there is any further information that I can give you in the future, you may call on me.

Yours very truly,  
E. F. PLUNKETT,  
President Central Trades and Labor Council.

Labor Votes Its Approval  
Dubuque, Iowa (Pop. 39,141) City Managers' Association,

Dear Sirs:  
Labor, after investigating the manager form of government, was anxious to have it in Dubuque, and

would not now go back to the aldermanic form after four years of the manager form.

Labor is a big taxpayer, directly or indirectly, and knows now where the taxes go, because it can see in the papers a monthly financial report.

Labor has a voice in the city government, which is absolutely out of politics. A trained man is secured to look after the city's business, which is just as necessary as in any other business.

Public health conditions are improved and last, but not least, a dollar's worth is obtained for every dollar spent in the way of taxes.

Yours very truly,  
T. P. GABRIEL,  
Trades and Labor Congress.

**HUGE ENGINE AND SIX CARS WRECKED**

ROSEBURG, May 12.—(United News)—A bad freight train wreck occurred Wednesday afternoon at Dole, when an engine and six cars went into the ditch.

Dole is located 15 miles south of Roseburg. The engine, which is of the large mountain type, remained upright after being derailed, but the cars were badly smashed.

Reports received here say no one was hurt. The wrecker left for the scene shortly after two o'clock.

Northbound trains will be held up until the wreckage has been cleared away. M. S. Allen was engineer, and H. E. Baldwin fireman, of the wrecked train.

**PELICAN CITY**

Horace Bridgford has a new Cadillac sedan.

There have been several new cars bought the past few weeks. Among them Lee Smith has a Pontiac, Glenn Parker has a Pontiac coach, and Noel Turner has a Chevrolet coach.

George Jennings of Shippington was visiting in Pelican City yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Meyer and Mrs. George Jennings motored to Lamm's Mill recently and spent the day.

Mrs. Jack McCandless and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer motored to Kirby, Oregon, Saturday, returning Sunday evening. While there they visited with Mrs. McCandless' parents.

Mrs. Earl Tilton, Mrs. H. C. Smith and Mrs. W. J. Uhrin attended the Rebekah lodge at last session.

Little Billie Trehemeyer had his tonsils removed Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tilton and Mrs. Jack McCandless and children visited the Oregon caves last Sunday, the opening day. While there they saw the cave men taking motion pictures.

**Goddard Has Platform for Timber Cruise**

The Political Gadfly

There has been a bunch of fast balls tossed over the political diamond during the past few days. County Judge R. H. Bunnell has been doing the catching. Ed Murray has been catching them behind the mask, all right. But Fred Goddard, at bat, has failed to score a hit. The Gadfly has been keeping score.

A howl of rage went up when Bunnell gave Goddard the dam bridge ball. There was a reason. Goddard had been going to shoot that at Bunnell when he took the mound. For months Ed Murray had been grooming Goddard on the bridge matter. Murray had fought the good fight for that bridge. Copco wanted the bridge below the dam, and damned if that was where it was going to be. Legal complexities had arisen. Bunnell, then umpire, side-stopped with grace worthy of a member of the interstate commerce commission. But at the proper moment Bunnell unbound himself and let go.

For several days the Gadfly has been waiting for Murray to present Goddard's line-up to the people. It was to have read about like this:

"I—I pledge myself to give the people what they want.

"II—I pledge myself to work, after my fashion, to put the Rock creek bridge above the dam where the people want it.

"III—I pledge myself to give the people bigger and better jails.

"IV—I pledge myself to cruise the timber throughout the county. The people want this and they should have what they want."

So when Bunnell put over the bridge order his opponents became angry. It was all right for Goddard's platform, but for Bunnell to have beat Goddard to it was foul play.

Perhaps the Gadfly gives Bunnell too much credit for political fancy curves. But he should have learned something of the game after eight years. If it was politics it was really funny. The Geary Brothers of Wocus fame left the county court room tickled to death with themselves for having convinced Bunnell and his commissioners that now was the time to play ball. They were called down by Murray for having dared to introduce the subject just when Goddard was to have scored a hit with it.

As to the second plank in the

platform arranged for Goddard—having to do with the jails the people want—C. C. Brower was allowed to do a bit of preliminary warming up. He said that Bunnell acted like a child for not letting the people build all the jails they wanted, or something like that. Bunnell had a plan, maybe it was political, for depopulating the jail. Murray gave him hell about that—stealing more stuff from the Goddard platform. Brower, having a district attorney's complex, fitted prettily but innocently into the picture.

The people want the timber cruised, of course. And Goddard and Murray know that they don't mean maybe. Goddard has been talking it, so it is reported to the Gadfly to whom Goddard himself never dares talk. It may be said to Goddard's credit that he admits he does not know much about timber, but just the same he believes in giving the people what they want. He has been instructed how to talk on the subject, having carefully read The News for the past several months. He will know just how to make Bunnell take the bench. Guess whether that last is political or baseball persiflage. To make it easy, let's add that this is only a first inning occurrence—the ninth will be played off in November with Goddard on the bench. Now guess again as to parlance.

G. A. Gilkinson, parliamentarian, extraordinary, had a lot of fast facts slipped over on him when he appeared before the building trades council Tuesday night. He was invited there by C. D. Long, council secretary. Gilkinson admits privately that he was crucified together with the commission-manager was to charter, on behalf of which he was to educate the uninformed or organized worker. "But they were very nice about it," he says.

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