

SALEM CHARTER FEATURES

Information About the Old and the New

Some Attention Will Be Given to Vital Statistics

A municipal charter, to truly serve the city of which it is the organic code, must expand, symmetrically, with the growth of the community it stands for. It varies from a constitution in that it deals with the active potentialities of public life, rather than with basic principle of law only. A city grows at a swifter pace than a state or nation, and the fundamental law under which it operates becomes restricted and unworkable unless it is amended frequently, and kept to the full standard of advancing requirements.

The original charter of the city of Salem, which has undergone six changes at the hands of the Oregon legislature, in the course of 39 years, will soon be again submitted for amendment, and it is hoped the new instrument will fully meet the expectations of municipal life, as represented by the flourishing little capital of Oregon. The present charter, known as the "Citizens' charter, was apparently adequate for the greatest needs of Salem at the time of its passage, but the remarkable progress made by the city since 1858, leaves a good deal to be desired in the way of charter authority, and it is to supply this bias that the charter commission appointed, jointly, by the common council and the Greater Salem Commercial Club, is now faithfully working.

The existing charter contains many provisions that will call for the enforcement of policies absolutely new to the people of Salem, and the most of them have worked for the public good; this, after all is said and done, is the paramount purpose of all such codes, and when the charter commission shall have reported new amendments, there will be a better and broader basis upon which to construct the manifest destiny of Salem among the cities of the great Northwest.

In the remarkable detail of city business it is exceedingly difficult to frame a charter that shall cover every phase of action, and the weakness of many a provision is not discovered until deliberate effort is made to operate it under the guise of an ordinance. These failures must be made good by amendment, though the original purpose of the provision is not disturbed, and this class of amendment is entering largely into the work of the present commission; but there are numbers of new elements of civic law engaging its attention.

It would be of immense benefit to the municipal corporations of Oregon if a general law could be framed by the legislature conferring upon councils, subject to the approval of citizens interested, the right to amend their charters without reference to the law-making power of the state. This could be done by prescribing certain limits of operation by cities of various degrees of population and by enforcing constitutional observances, and would relieve the legislature of a burdensome task, and give the people of towns and cities a closer grasp upon the organic law in which, as taxpayers, they are, solely interested.

The ten men now at work upon the charter of Salem are seeking, disinterestedly, to put the law of the city in such condition that nothing shall be lacking in the expediting of public affairs safely and creditably, and are endeavoring to cover all the lapses apparent in the present law. They are dealing with some very important features bearing upon the boundaries, distance, adornment and safety of the city, and will soon submit a group of amendments that have been drawn with the utmost care, to the end that Salem may advance readily and confidently her general business securely, without the hampering incident of inaction and irresponsible interference, though it is certain no such instrument can be so nearly perfect as to escape criticism and legal attack together; but the opportunity for expediting the work may be reduced to a minimum.

Among the newer provisions being set up by the commission, is that regarding the maintenance of vital statistics, the public record of births, deaths, disease and sanitary inspection, a safeguard no city of the size of Salem should be without; and the modern operant prescribed will entail no heavy and costly charges in the establishment of a health department, but will be so arranged that the cost will be only at such intervals as epi-

demics shall menace, or afflict the city. The record of vital statistics will be added to the work of the recorder's office, and cost the people practically nothing, except the payment of the penalties for violation of the law. Another valuable adjunct will be the authority to bond the city in redemption of accruing bonded indebtedness, without going to the legislature for specific authority, a provision that will confer no power to create additional debt, without the command of the people therefor, but still save the credit of the city by permitting the council to promptly and honestly dispose of her recognized obligations, when they shall mature. Still another proposition of worth is to establish a popular park commission, that will insure the proper appreciation and treatment of the municipal park lands, and at no cost to the taxpayer, save that which is voluntary. Again, the commission will put the city in her proper position in the matter of roads and streets, and the resources incident thereto, and give her the requisite authority to collect and administer all taxes in this regard. The commission will recommend expanded boundaries for the city, and file its reasons therefor, and explain the probable results of such expansion, as to population, income and cost of maintenance. They will also provide the requisite power for the acquisition of all the great local utilities, such as water, gas, electric service and other public conveniences, under a system in which the people shall have the sole direction, and, when taken possession of, the absolute ownership and control of these valuable elements of municipal life. Besides these things, there will be many minor changes, correcting the shortcomings of the present charter, and supplying many details that will enhance the administration of public affairs.

The entire charter commission meets again on Monday night to hear reports from sub-committees.

A CAUSE OF HEADACHE

One Very Common Cause, Generally Over-Looked

Headache is a symptom, an indication of derangement or disease in some organ, and the cause of the headache is difficult to locate because so many diseases have headache as a prominent symptom; derangement of the stomach and liver, heart trouble, kidney disease, lung trouble, eye strain or ill fitting glasses all produce headaches and if we could always locate the organ which is at fault the cure of obstinate headaches would be a much simpler matter.

However, for that form of headache called frontal headache, pain back of the eyes and in forehead, the cause is now known to be catarrh of the head, and throat; when the headache is located in back of head and neck it is often caused from catarrh of the stomach or liver.

At any rate catarrh is the most common cause of such headaches and the cure of the catarrh causes a prompt disappearance of the headaches.

There is at present no treatment for catarrh so convenient and effective as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, a new internal remedy in tablet form, composed of antiseptics like red gum, blood root which act upon the blood and cause the elimination of the catarrhal poison from the system through the natural channels.

Miss Cora Ainsley, a prominent school teacher in one of our normal catarrhal headaches and eulogizes Stuart's Catarrh Tablets as a cure for them. She says: "I suffered daily from severe frontal headache and pain in the back of my eyes, at times so intensely as to incapacitate me in my daily duties. I had suffered from catarrh, more or less for years but never thought it was the cause of my headaches, but finally became convinced that such was the cause because the headaches were always worse whenever I had a cold or fresh attack of catarrh."

"Stuart's Catarrh Tablets were highly recommended to me as a safe and pleasant catarrh cure and after using a few fifty cent boxes which I procured from my druggist's I was surprised and delighted to find that both the catarrh and headaches had gone for good."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are sold by druggists at fifty cents per package under the guarantee of the proprietors that they contain absolutely no cocaine (found in so many catarrh cures) no opium (so common in cheap cough cures) nor any harmful drug. They contain simply the wholesome antiseptics necessary to destroy and drive from the system the germs of catarrhal disease.

YOUNG RIP VAN WINKLE

Played at Salem by Thomas Jefferson

Immense Audience Turns Out at the Grand

A house packed, and with seats in the aisles, greeted Thomas Jefferson in the play immortalized by his father, the world-famous Joseph Jefferson, in the dramatization of Washington Irving's "Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Without much preliminary heralding, the people showed their appreciation of a good play that attempts no great amount of morality, and yet pleases all. The temperance man and the tippler see their side of the case presented. The hen-pecked husband and the abused wife get about equal satisfaction. As Rip, the younger Jefferson, is more demonstrative than his father, but in many places approaches near to the perfection of art attained by the senior, who played the part of Rip going on half a century.

To most persons not up in the traditional refinement of the elder Jefferson, the acting of the younger man will be more satisfactory, for the reason that Joseph Jefferson floats along in an atmosphere of mystic idealism created out of the tradition that he is the one and only man who plays the part to perfection, and, therefore, leaves the mind of the audience to fill in and supplement his almost palpable touches. While he suggests, Thomas Jefferson acts and carries the thread along in a most masterly manner. In the second scene, after returning from the long sleep, and asking questions of the inn keeper who succeeded Nick Vedder, he reaches the high-water mark of his art, and was given a curtain call, something very rare with our people. The part of Rip's wife was best in the first scenes; but as Deldrich's wife somewhat stilted. The children were admired by all for their splendid work, except that Meenie, aged twenty-six, talked as a girl of 16. In all the play was well staged, except that the thunder was too plainly artificial for general enjoyment. But we cannot have all these matters perfect at a one-night performance. There was a large attendance of some of the best people of the surrounding towns.

SOCIETY PLAY AT THE GRAND

Next Tuesday, "Friends" to Be Presented

The patrons of the Grand will enjoy the production of "Friends" that opens on Tuesday night, Dec. 16. The story is a simple one. The adventures of two young men, "Friends," who share the one dress suit between them and who sacrifice everything, one for the other. One is a struggling pianist, the other a poet. When the woman comes, they still are all in all.

Cured

My Wife of Heart Disease and Myself of Nervous Dyspepsia With Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and Nervine.

"If I had but known what medicine and what physicians were reliable I would be about \$1,000 ahead today. For years my wife had been troubled with fluttering and palpitation of the heart accompanied by weak, nervous spells. We consulted several different local doctors and tried nearly every patent medicine I heard of and my wife had almost given up in despair when my druggist advised her to give Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and Restorative Nervine a trial. After taking one-half bottle of the Nervine she felt better than she had in twenty years. She bought three bottles of each and is today enjoying better health than she did in all her life. I know it is all due to Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and New Heart Cure. I think Restorative Nervine is the best medicine on earth. As a stomach remedy it cannot be beaten. It cured me of nervous dyspepsia and it from any cause I feel nervous and I think my stomach is going to trouble me I just take a few doses of Nervine and Serré and Liver Pills, and I soon feel all right again. Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills are the best remedy for headache and pains I have ever used. I always keep a box in my house. One Pain Pill will knock any pain in thirty minutes. I have been using Dr. Miles' Restorative Remedies in my family fifteen years and think they are the best in the world."—ISAAC HEADLEY, Station Master, Santa Fe R. R., Wichita, Kan.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

NEW GOLF VESTS WITH SLEEVES \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 EACH.

Dalrymple's THE QUALITY STORE

DENT'S Gloves for MEN and WOMEN \$1.75 and \$2.00 pair.

GLOVES

The usual Holiday Line is here. We always carry the best \$1.00 and \$1.50 values. Also a complete line of Dent's Gloves for Men and Women at \$1.75 and \$2.00. Men's silk lined kids in all sizes and shades.

Cloaks and Suits

The entire line at

SALE PRICES

We want to close all of our Ladies and Misses Jackets, Suits, Skirts, Silk Waists and Walking Skirts before Jan. 1st, and in order to do so offer the greatest values ever known.

\$6 Values	\$3.95
\$10 Values	\$6.67
\$15 Values	\$9.90
\$20 Values	\$13.35

PURSES, BAGS, Chattelaines, Etc.

New Chain Purses 35c to \$4.00 each

New Postilion Belts, made of Fine Taffeta and Peau de Soie; trimmed with small buttons, fancy buckles.

Fine Furs

Marten, Mink, Fox, Nutria, Beaver Scarfs, make good Christmas gifts.

\$1.50 to \$30.00

SUIT CASES CLUB BAGS, etc.

Dent's Gloves for men and Women \$1.75 and \$2.00 pair. A fine assortment of leather bags of all kinds just in. Prices of Grips start at \$1.25

Suit Cases at \$3.50, \$4.50, \$7 and \$10.00

MEN'S SUITS

Want to dress up for the Holidays? We'll make it easy for you if you will take time to look.

Fancy worsteds \$12.00 to \$15

Meltons in Oxford \$12

Black Clay Worsteds \$10, \$15, \$20

MEN'S and Boy's SWEATERS

New line of colors: Green and Pink, Red and White, Green and White, Red and Green, Old Gold and Cardinal.

\$1.25 to \$2.50

RAREST SHOW CASES

One Made Especially for Cut Glass Ware

Solid Walnut and French Plate Glass

One of the most attractive places about any city at this time of the year is its jewelry stores, especially when they are filled with holiday displays, and the one place in Salem just now that is attracting the multitudes is Barr's jewelry store. Aside from all other attractions, they have put in the finest show case for cut glass ever brought to the coast. It is made of the heaviest plate glass, with solid walnut trimmings. Inside the shelving, the back and the bottom are made of French plate mirrors, which reflect and display the stock in a magnificent manner. It is filled with a superb stock of cut glass of the finest manufacture, including scores of designs, and all of a useful, as well as an ornamental nature.

Barr's store, by the way, has struck the happy medium of a stock that is within the reach of all, and yet there are articles fit for the finest. Aside from having all the cases filled with goods on display, the large vault is packed chock full of reserve stock, such as silver and table ware of all kinds. The throng of Christmas buyers is sure to be found at Barr's, and a careful inspection of the stock justifies the prophecy that they will not come away disappointed.

The Excitement Not Over.

The rush to the drug store still continues and daily scores of people call for a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Kemp's Balsam, the standard family remedy, is sold on a guarantee and never fails to give entire satisfaction. Price 25c and 50c. 2

Highest Cash Prices For chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese. Willamette Hotel.

OMITTED FROM THE CODE

Important Section of the Law About an Office

Attorney-General Blackburn has rendered an opinion to the effect that the state land board and the office of state land agent are both authorized by the laws of the state, and are to be maintained for the performance of the duties that are prescribed in the statutes. The section relating to the state land agent and his duties was omitted in the compiling of the new code by Judges Bellinger and Cotton who, it is presumed, concluded that the house bill creating the state land agent was repealed by the senate bill which provides for the state land board. The latter bill was passed and approved one day after the enactment and approval of the house bill, and it was inferred that the subsequent act repealed the former legislation on the same subject, but it is the opinion of the attorney-general that the second and subsequent act did not contemplate the repeal of the law authorizing the appointment and prescribing the duties and compensation of the state land agent. In passing on the case, the attorney-general says that the validity of the act has been recognized by the executive and legislative branches of the state government; by the governor in the appointment of the land agent and sanctioning his acts, the state legislature by making appropriations for the support of the office, the secretary of state by auditing claims from that office, and the state land board by giving the actions of the agent an effect. The opinion on the subject was delivered to Secretary of State Dunlap on Friday afternoon.

Asking For More Pardons

A petition for the pardon of William and George Baldwin, who are serving sentences of two and one year, respectively, for manslaughter, having been convicted in Multnomah county, has been filed with Governor Geer. The petition is strongly signed by Portland people, including 10 of the trial jurors that found the men guilty. Mrs. Baldwin, the wife and mother of the two men, accompanied by another son and Attorney Spencer, of Portland, was in the city today and personally presented the petition to the governor. George Baldwin was found guilty of manslaughter for having caused the death of a companion in a street fight, and his father was convicted and sentenced as an accomplice to the killing.

Miss Lena Holcomb, a nurse in the Salem hospital, arrived yesterday to remain for some time with her sister, Mrs. Marion Davis, of Springfield, who is quite sick.—Eugene Register.

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