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CITY COUNCIL VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO ABDICATE

COMMISSION PLAN OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BY COUNCILMAN ELLIOTT

BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL HEARTILY INDORSE IT AND VOTE TO KILL THEIR JOBS

City Attorney Is Instructed to Draw Charter for Commission Form of Government, With Three Commissioners to Act in Place of Council, in Conjunction With the Mayor---Boards of Trade and Business Men Asked to Appoint Committees to Act With Committee From Council in Drafting Charter.

Impressed with the merits of the commission form of government in use in Galveston and Des Moines, and believing that it is far superior to the form of government in vogue in Salem, Councilman Elliott last evening, at the meeting of the city council, presented a resolution, signed by all of the councilmen save two, requesting that the city attorney be instructed to draw a charter for a commission form of government for Salem.

There was no discussion indulged in with relation to the motion, and it was passed by a unanimous vote. After the resolution had carried Councilman Elliott moved that copies of the resolution be sent to the Business Men's League and the Board of Trade, so that these bodies, should they see fit, may appoint committees to co-operate with the council in drafting a charter. The resolution provides for the appointment of a committee by the council, but none was appointed last evening. The two councilmen who did not sign the resolution were Councilmen Durbin and Moffitt, and Councilman Elliott assigned as the reason that they had not been given an opportunity to do so. The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, By the Salem city council that the city attorney be requested to prepare an amended city charter to carry into effect a commission form of government for the people of this city.

"Resolved, That we favor submitting to the voters at the next regular election, or a special election, if the charter can be prepared for submission under the provisions of the initiative method of enacting laws for the people, a commission form of government, to consist of not more than three commissioners and a mayor, with full powers of initiative and recall in the people.

"Resolved, That the city attorney be authorized to employ such clerical assistance as may be necessary to prepare a complete charter, and take all necessary steps in preparing notices for such election as required under the provisions of the present charter and laws of the city and state.

'Resolved, That a committee of three members of this council be appointed by the council to co-operate

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TO INVOKE THE INITIATIVE ON STATE PRINTER

The committee having in charge the launching of petitions for the enactment of an initiative law having for its object the putting into effect of the Miller law prior to the expiration of the term of the state printer announced today that the petitions would be put into circulation next week.

The Miller law provides that at the expiration of the present term that the state printer shall be placed on a flat salary of $4000 a year, instead of a fee system, as at the present. It was the intention of the committee to reduce the salary to $3000, but at a meeting held recently that plan was abandoned and the salary will remain the same as provided for in the law, and the sole object of the initiative law will be to put the Miller law into effect immediately after the next election. Under a clause in the Miller law it will not go into effect until the expiration of the term of the state printer.

HAVE THE BANDITS IN CLOSE QUARTERS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Roseburg, Or., June 20.—Reports this afternoon from Elkton, northwest of here, say that the posse pursuing the bandits who robbed the mail on the Shasta limited late Friday night are rapidly overtaking them. Bloodhounds are trailing them closely, and it is believed to be only a matter of a short time before the robbers are caught. This afternoon the posse was 17 miles west of Elkton, and the two bandits were only five hours ahead of them.

The desperadoes are working toward the coast. It is believed that they will have small chance to escape, as Elkton is the last setttlement until the ocean is reached.

Running Mate for Lorimer.

Madison, Wis., June 20.—The lower house of the state legislature today concurred in the resolution made by the state senate declaring that United States Senator Isaac Stephenson had been elected through bribery and corruption, and asking investigation by the United States senate.

When the resolution has been signed by officers of the legislature it will be forwarded to Washington.

NEW BLIGH CROWDED AND SHOW FIRST CLASS

The new Bligh theater was opened last night under the most favorable auspices. The crowds were there, the bill was all that was advertised, the house was satisfactory to the public, the opening was graced with short addresses by Mayor Lachmund, Judge D'Arcy and The Journal editor acted as master of ceremony with a great deal of dignity until the drop curtain was let down on top of his head and he vamoosed amid great applause. The speakers eulogized the enterprise of Mr. Bligh who began business in Salem three years ago with a nickelodeon theater and has today a business as fine as any on the coast. The orpheum and vaudeville acts were high class refined entertainment, including Italian opera, a violin soloist such as has never been heard here, the Hungarian quartet, and other features of the best quality. The new motion picture service is equal to anything seen in the larger cities. This theater and hotel are a great addition to Salem entertainment capacity and were appreciated by a thousand delighted people. Every room in the hotel was taken.

Panic on Trolley Car.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 20.—Thirteen persons seriously hurt and one fatally injured as a result of a panic on Nigara Falls trolley car when the controller burned out, are being cared for today in local hospitals. Most of the injured were pushed off the car while it was going at a rate of 20 miles an hour.

JAPAN IS SWEPT BY HURRICANE

Tokyo, Japan, June 20.—The terrific storm which began late Sunday night raged the whole day Monday. Telegraph wire were prostrated throughout the portion affected, which extends from Tokyo bay to the Bungo channel, a distance of approximately 500 miles. Reports today are meager and the full extent of the damage is not yet known. The heaviest damage, today' reports indicate, was along the coast, although meager advices from the Yamanhi Ken indicate heavy damage as far inland as Kofu.

Shipping along the entire coast was imperiled and heavy loss is reported. The most severe damage, so far as ascertained, was sutained by fishermen whose frail craft were outside the harbors when the typhoon struck.

MEXICAN BOY LYNCHED BY ANGRY MOB

Austin, Tex., June 20.—Word was received here today of the lynching of a Mexican boy by a mob at Thorndale, in Milan county last night. The lynching followed the murder of Charles Zeitung, owner of a garage, by the youth. Zeitung had ordered the Mexican, whose name is not given, to cease whittling a stick in front of his place of business. For answer the boy stabbed Zeitung to death with his pocket knife.

Following the murderer's arrest a mob stormed the town jail and took him to the center of the town. While waiting for some members of the party to bring a rope, a Mexican farmer drove by with a load of watermelons. His team was unhitched and the trace chains fastened together. One end of the chain was placed about the boy's neck and he was hanged to a telephone pole.

SMALL WRECK SOUTH OF TOWN LAST NIGHT

Three loaded freight cars on the front end of extra freight train No. 2542, south bound, left the track and went into the ditch, a mile south of the Salem depot about three o'clock this morning. Traffic was tied up for several hours. The remainder of the long freight train was brought back to the siding at the Salem depot until the wreckage was cleared away. The accident occurred near Litchfield's field, just south of the city limits. No one was injured in the mix up. The north bound passenger train, due here at 8:30 this morning, was delayed 40 minutes. Trains came through about 8:30, and the passenger was one of the first to get through after the track was cleared.

Killed by the Oregon Electric.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Portland, Ore., June 20.—Mrs. W. H. Lerchen is dead today and physicians state that W. H. Lerchen, her husband, is in a serious condition as a result of injuries received last night when an inbound electric car from Salem struck and wrecked an automobile in which Mrs. Lerchen, her husband, H. D. Maynard, his wife and an infant daughter were riding. The accident occurred at the intersection of Hood and Gibbs streets. Lerchen was driving the machine. He declared today that the car struck the automobile without warning. Motorman Burnett, in charge of the electric car, asserts he blew the whistle when a block from the street crossing.

The Maynard infant sustained concussion of the brain, but is expected to recover. The other occupants of the machine were badly bruised.

Mrs. Lerchen was removed to the hospital following the accident, and died this forenoon.

To Try Boy Bandit.

Vallejo, Cal., June 20.—That Fred Melville, the boy bandit, will be tried in the Sacramento courts was the announcement made here by Chief of Police Sanford and District Attorney Raines, after they had attended a conference with the authorities of that county. Melville was arrested in Benicia after a two-days search by posses.

BOND ISSUE GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT

Failure of the Bridge Committee to Take the People Into Their Confidence Was the Principal Cause of It.

MADE VOTERS SUSPICIOUS

With the Whole Matter Placed in the Open and Location of Bridges Given at the Start the Bond Issue Would Have Gone Through With Flying Colors—Information Furnished by Committee at Twelfth Hour Failed to Counteract Distrust Raised.

The vote by wards:

	For	Against
Ward No. 1	50	25
Ward No. 2	109	48
Ward No. 3	50	17
Ward No. 4	102	54
Ward No. 5	56	55
Ward No. 6	73	62
Ward No. 7	50	56
	490	317

Speaking for the second time on the question of the issuance of bonds for the construction of bridges in the city the people in the election held yesterday voted against it, and it cost the city approximately $300 to have them speak. Add to this amount $154.80 paid to Engineer Leahy, in May, for the drawing of plans for the bridges, and about $100 due for the same work for this month and there is a total of $554.80—just about what it cost to have the people voice their sentiments on the subject the second time. Figure on to that sum $250 for holding a previous election on the question, and the total leaps up to $804.80, and by the time there is added the expenses for incidentals connected with the holding of the election there will be a lump sum of $1000 as the amount expended by the city fathers in ascertaining if the people wanted to issue bonds for the construction of bridges in the city.

Why It Was Lost.

There is a disposition to charge the defeat of the question up to the people—to their lack of progressiveness, but those conversant with the subject say it must properly be laid at the door of the bridge committee. For reasons of their own the people voted the question down the first time, and when it bobbed up the second, with the bond issue increased and also the rate of interest, they demanded an explanation. Councilman Durbin, of the bridge committee, declined to provide it at first, and then, seeing disaster before him, furnished it. The delay in furnishing it, however, together with the increase of the amount of the bonds, the rate of interest, and the fact that Mayor Lachmund and Councilman Durbin were championing the issue had bred distrust in the minds of the people, and they voted against it. That is the version given the election by those conversant with the questions entering into it.

Was a Severe Blow.

The defeat came as a severe blow to Mayor Lachmund and Councilman Durbin. Both had posed as reflecting the sentiment of the people on all questions, and being especially interested in this one had labored hard to carry the election. It brought home to the mayor the realization that his boast that the people were back of him on all questions was at least, in this instance, a great mistake, and he was downcast, and so was Councilman Durbin, and for the first time in the history of the council his chair stood vacant in the council chamber.

Councilman Manning alone of the bridge committee was present, and about the middle of the proceedings he made a motion that further services of Engineer Leahy be dispensed with, and it was carried.

QUESTIONS WOMEN'S RIGHT TO SIGN PETITIONS

Whether it is lawful for women to sign recall petitions is the question which has been submitted to Attorney-General Crawford, together with other questions relating to the petitions filed with the school board asking for the recall of School Trustee Millard.

The petition was filed with the board last Saturday, and referred to the attorney for the school district for his consideration as to its legality. Finding that some 25 or 30 women had signed the petition, he passed the legal phase, as well as the others, up to the attorney-general. The law says that in recall petitions 25 per cent of the voters voting for the members of the supreme court shall be required as signers before the petition is valid. In this state women are not allowed to vote, and hence the question of the legality of their signatures.

AUTOMATIC CALL SYSTEM TEST TONIGHT

At 7:30 this evening there will be the first test of the Automatic Call system of fire alarm that has been installed in the Bligh hotel. This is said to be the only automatic call system in the world and the first complete outfit, connecting every room in the new hotel direct with the fire department at the city hall, has been installed at Salem. At 7:30 a general alarm will be turned in to the fire department. The boys have had no notice whatever except in the columns of the Journal, and will be expected to make a record run and there will be an immense crowd on the streets at that hour to witness their performance.

This automatic call system is an Oregon invention, manufactured at Portland, where the home office is located.

HIS STATEMENT WAS CORRECT BUT PREMATURE

Mrs. Adam Wurms is hurrying to this city from Medical Lake, Washington as the result of a telegram sent to her by her husband, under the signature of James Smith, saying that Wurms had been blown up while dynamiting stumps out of Kingwood Park addition and killed.

Wurms was identified yesterday as the man who sent the telegram, but states that he has no recollection of doing so, and asserts that he had nothing stronger to drink on the day than soda water. Upon receipt of the message the wife immediately wired back to hold the remains, pending her arrival. She was expected to reach Salem last night, but did not get here until this morning. Mr. Wurms' idea that he was "blown up in an explosion" probably proved correct, only his announcement of it was premature—as it probably did not occur until after the good wife's arrival, but not long after.

SEE CLAIMED TO BE THE LIVING GOD AND SO GAINED UNDISPUTED POWER

SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE "BOOK OF ABSOLUTE LIFE" ARE READ IN OPEN COURT

They Prove Attorney's Contention That See Held Himself Out to His Followers as Divine---He Taught a Sort of Modified Free Love Doctrine, He Being the Principal Actor on the Male Side of the Transactions---Testimony Exposes His Bestiality.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Chicago, June 20.—Asserting that Evelyn Arthur See, revealer of the "Absolute Life" cult, claimed to be the living God and so gained undisputed power over his followers, Assistant District Attorney Burnham today read excerpts from the "Book of Absolute Life." This manuscript contained lengthy quotations from the "Book of Truth," both of which were written by See, and are saturated with ideas of mysticism.

Attorney Cantwell, for the defense, imposed stubborn objections to the introduction of this evidence. He was overruled, and the reading began. The first excerpt was a quotation from the "Book of Truth," which is declared to be "the spirit's declaration of himself and his service."

"I am universal; I am law, my will is the will of the Lord; I work in the hearts of all men, I am the Lord; my service is to lead them to the Lord," was the quotation that immediately followed the definition of the book itself.

Again Cantwell interposed an objection. See, he asserted, did not clai mto be a spirit. Burnham said that he did, and that he would furnish abundant proof of the fact.

"The spirit's revelation came in 1905," Burnham read. "Five years prior to that had been an experience of every phase of mortality. I proved myself to be what I am in myself. I know I am the spirit. I love the world and ask the world to recognize that I am from God, but the world does not know this."

Then Burnham turned to the writing concerning "Perfect Motherhood." See's cult, he had claimed was to prepare a race of perfect mothers. Referring to mothers, the "Book of Absolute Life" says:

"Because I require the perfect purification of those in whom provision for the incoming of a new race, I have multiplied the spirit's body, from whom the new race is coming. Those who are that body will garner fruit, advantages of social life, personal purity, by experiencing among themselves all that society will experience. There shall be born a new race. It has awaited its day; now the day is here. Through His son, whom God sends to the world, he is redeemed, and becomes perfection, which can yield in-

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HE SHOOTS EVERY ONE HE MEETS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Pocatello, Idaho, June 20.—Shooting every one he meets, a lone bandit, believed to be Harry Whitney, eluded a posse near here today, and has started for Willow creek, in the wildest district of the Jackson Hole region in Wyoming. The bandit is one of those who Saturday shot Conductor Kidd and Deputy Sheriff Milton, near Highbridge, Idaho, on an Oregon Short Line train. The desperado who was with him, it is believed, has been killed by the bandit himself.

A number of persons today were wounded by the fleeing outlaw. The whole section of the state through which he has fled is terrorized. Unless he is located tonight by the posse which set out in pursuit of him after his escape this morning, it feared he never will be captured.

SPAULDING FRONTAGE TO BE PAVED

To give the street a more finished appearance, Contractor Kehrberger has been called back to put in concrete pavement in front of the Spaulding property on South Commercial street. Although the street was accepted by the city engineer three weeks ago, and the contractor had taken all his machinery to another part of the city, at the request of the mayor and city engineer he started in again today to finish the Spaulding frontage, so that both sides of the street will be the same. That leaves only the width of Mill street at the end of the South Commercial viaduct unpaved and that cannot be undertaken until the Oregon Electric lays its tracks at that point. On all his street and alley work Contractor Kehrberger deserves credit for using the best material that can be obtained.

PAY VISIT TO BOHRNSTADT PROPERTIES

BIG PARTY OF SALEM BUSINESS MEN PAY VISIT TO THE IMMENSE TRACT BEING SET TO ORCHARD IN THE WALDO HILLS.

At the invitation of A. C. Bohrnstedt company, which is comprised of capitalists who have taken over and are transforming a large portion of the Waldo Hills into a model orchard farm and vegetable garden, over 40 prominent Salem people visited the large tract yesterday afternoon and after being shown about its spacious tracts, were tendered an elegant afternoon dinner at one of the farm homes.

The development being carried on in the Waldo Hills, especially on the large tract controlled by the Bohrnstadt company, is progressing at a wonderful rate. Never before in the history of the Willamette valley has there been such a change in the old orchards and farm lands as that seen today by many of the old residents of Salem, who accepted the invitation to view the farm, where, instead of brush and weeds, there is now growing young fruit trees and strawberry plants in straight, regular rows of several hundred acres of land, and the entire farm is managed in an up-to-date manner, and with the most modern methods and appliances. It is a demonstration of practical business methods applied to farming.

After a tour of the farm, the party was escorted to one of the farm homes, where a sumptous spread awaited it. After the repast, Max Buren, of Salem, made a fine impromptu address, at the conclusion of which R. J. Hendricks, editor of the Statesman, was introduced, and following him State Treasurer Kay gave an interesting talk upon what development means to the Willamette valley and to Salem especially.