

MUSHROOM MUNICIPAL CONDITIONS

DROUTHY KANSAS AND WINDY OKLAHOMA—TOWN LOSES \$0,000 IN TWO YEARS—CROP FAILURES FOR THREE YEARS—FUTURE EXPLORATIONS WILL FIND LAYERS OF PETRIFIED MORTGAGES.

Oklahoma papers have been very fast to publish all the stuff sent out by the Portland labor council, reflecting on Oregon. A. H. from Enid, Oklahoma, pays taxes there and in Oregon. He says taxes there are double what they are in Oregon. (Heaven help the victims!)

Our friend, Fred Rouse, of Hollywood, a suburb of this city, has given the Capital Journal an interview on conditions in Oklahoma and Kansas as follows:

"Everyone I know nearly, in Oklahoma sends me the Portland labor council slanders on Oregon. They ask, what about this business in one way or another. They live in glass houses and throw stones. I enclose clipping from Oklahoma City. The Wichita Kansas Beacon had an article on Oregon Land Swindlers. Many Oklahoma people are said to have been bitten in such schemes. 'Unscrupulous Real Estate Sharks,' 'Starvation Faces Them,' etc. are headlines.

The Farmers Mail and Breeze, Topeka, Kansas, published by Arthur Capper, candidate for governor, says of that section:

"Farmers having failed to raise a crop, have neither money nor credit with which to buy, and are seeing tolerably rocky times," and asks, "Ought not the state to help out in a case of this kind?" That much for Kansas.

The Oklahoma Hornet notes the fact that "People in the southern part of the state appeal for assistance to try it again, they having had THREE successive years of crop failure. Also that most of the old timers came there with nothing and have held their own admirably."

With the coming of grass, the wise ones will toss a sack of Oregon grown potatoes, several cans of Oregon cherries, a hunk of Oregon smoked salmon, and two bits worth of Oregon prunes into the wagon, throw water on the fire, call the dog, and hike back to wife's folks in Old Missouri. And as they pass through town, the man will get a bottle of tonic for the wife made from Oregon hops and treat the kids with "Big Red Apples" grown in Oregon. That much for Oklahoma.

"Oklahoma City is the third largest city in the United States in square miles!"

"New York has 300 square miles. Population, 6,000,000. Chicago has 216 square miles; population, 3,200,000. Oklahoma City has 211 1/2 square miles; population, 40,000.

The Oklahoma City daily paper devotes whole editorial pages to telling of the wealth that could be made if the farmers of Oklahoma City would only turn their attention to agriculture, advocating among other crops, the raising of medicinal plants, like digitalis an efficient diuretic. The city is sick, its blood refuses to flow, needs arterial stimulation. They know full well that digitalis will only grow upon land that has once been turned into town lots, covered with visions of future palaces and fertilized with the purchaser's tears. Some future antiquarian will dig up the city's remains from the geologic strata and find petrified mortgages on the lots.

"Yes, Oklahoma City has lots of lots, enough to last it a thousand years. Upon every page in the hotel registers east, south, west, is written Oklahoma, by some one seeking a new location. One Oklahoman, paying grocery bills, upon inquiry was told 10c for the oil and 15c for the potato that went on the spout."

(From the Farmers Mail and Breeze.)

Following the driest summer known for years, with the most se-

vere winter that has been seen for perhaps a quarter of a century, it is not to be wondered at that the people out in western Kansas, that is, a good many of them, are seeing tolerably rocky times.

They were forced to go into the winter short of feed. Then came the tremendous snow accompanied by intense cold. A great deal of the stock is short of feed and to make matters worse, the railroads have been blocked so that it was impossible for many days at a time to ship in either feed or coal. Many of the farmers are sufficiently forehanded, so that they could buy feed if it were to be had. Others less fortunate, having failed to raise a crop, have neither money nor credit with which to borrow money to buy feed.

Here is a case where, if we had a system of government money, the government could loan to the people of these counties sufficient to carry them over until the making of the next crop. These people do not ask or want charity. They have suffered from a temporary calamity and all they want is help to carry them until they can raise another crop.

During this trying time, they have shown superb patience and courage. Go among them and you will hear but little if any whining or complaining. Some of them are backed up against the wall as it were, but they are still ready to fight with the forces of nature.

And there is light ahead. I cannot help feeling that next year will be one of the most prosperous that section of the state has seen for a long time. But what is the man to do who sees his stock starving and who is without money or credit with which to buy feed and grain with which to plant his fields next season? Ought not the state to help out in a case of this kind?

January 27, 1912.

(From The Oklahoma Hornet.)

People in the southern part of the state appeal for assistance to try it again. Three years of crop failure has been a severe strain, especially to the renter class. It is always humiliating to ask for assistance and most people will almost starve before they will do so. Many of the early settlers in Oklahoma received government aid in order to get through and hold their claims. Some of the recipients of that aid are struggling yet, while others who were so poor then that aid was about the only thing that kept them from starving, have prospered and waxed rich and would today deny their own signature if confronted with a list of those who had received aid.

TWO HUNDRED CITIES IN REVOLT

The most remarkable political fact of the last decade is the rapidity with which American cities are changing their form of government.

Twelve years ago, Galveston, Texas, was practically wiped out by a tidal wave. When the water receded they left the island covered with wreckage, slime and debt. But that tidal wave wiped out more than a single city! It swept away—though no one dreamed of it at the time—the city boss and the corrupt politician from hundreds of American municipalities.

Galveston was left broken and bankrupt. The work of reconstruction—the great problem of making the city safe—called for the best efforts of the strongest and ablest men. It was no job for gang politicians, such as had ruled and despoiled the city—in alliance with big business—during the old days. In their extremity, the people of the city called upon the legislature and the governor of the state to help them. They asked that the old form of city government be suspended and that a commission of five strong men be appointed, who should have absolute charge of every department of the city government.

So—with no idea of forever ending the rule of the Boss—did commission government come into existence.

The governor's commission took hold of their great task like men. For two years they labored mightily, while the old politicians sulked and growled and starved. Then there came a chance for the politicians to take the whole question into the courts. The courts decided that because a majority of the commission was appointed by the governor, the whole body and its work was unconstitutional. Whereupon the people rose in their wrath and elected the same five commissioners by a vote

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that buried the gangsters deeper than the tidal wave.

So the original "commission" became a purely popular and elective body, though the name—now a complete misnomer—has stuck. It was five years before the Galveston anti-toxin for the city boss disease began to take. Houston, watching with jealous eyes the rebirth and rapid growth of its sister city, was the first to follow the Galveston example, and, on the heels of Houston, came revolution.

Between January 1, 1906, and February 1, 1912, no less than 186 American cities scattered through 33 states, adopted the commission form of government.

More than 200 other municipalities are now seriously considering the adoption of the commission and the "Galveston idea," while not adopted in its entirety, has materially affected the form of government in such great cities as Boston and Pittsburgh.

The essential features of the Galveston or commission form of city administration are these:

1. All power and responsibility must be centered in and confined to a small council or commission, usually of five members, who, by themselves or through their own appointees, pass all city ordinances, enforce them, and administer all city affairs. This commission is the city government.

2. The members of the commission must be elected from the city at large and not as representing any ward or district.

3. The members of the commission must be the only elective officers of the city (with the possible exception of an auditor or school board) and must have the power to appoint all the subordinate administrative officials.

4. The commission must have the power to remove at will any or all of the officials it has appointed. In this way only can the commission, itself, be held directly responsible for results by the people of the city.

The initiative, referendum and recall, while they form part of the charter in most commission-governed cities, are not an essential part of the plan.—Henry M. Hyde in April Technical World Magazine.

HUMPHREYS CONTINUES CONFESSING

CHARLES NOW CHARGES THAT HIS BROTHER, GEORGE, KILLED HIS STEPFATHER, WILLIAM KING, NEAR DAYTON, OR., 12 YEARS AGO.

Corvallis, Or., March 20.—Confined in separate jails, two brothers, George and Charles Humphreys, are awaiting the fate that the machinery of the law may deal them, both being charged with murder. Charles Humphreys was brought here yesterday by Sheriff Hancock, of Washington county.

In a second confession yesterday, Charles accuses his older brother of slaying his stepfather, William King, near Dayton, Or., about 12 years ago. According to Charles, this was George's first crime.

King had quarreled with his wife and left her, going to a cabin on a rented farm. Actuated by a spirit of vengeance and a desire to obtain money he thought his stepfather possessed, George visited the cabin and choked King to death. He secured the money, but was disappointed to find that it amounted only to \$5. The neighbors buried the old man, under the belief that his death resulted from natural causes.

Another Murder Attempted.

Charles further says that in August, 1910, George determined to kill one Ole Oleson, living in Hayhurst Valley, by choking him to secure some money, less than \$100, possessed by Oleson. He assaulted Oleson, but received a savage beating, and the brothers decided to leave Douglas county. They moved to Benton county, buying a small farm near Philomath.

It was in 1908 that Charles says George killed George Selby, a Dallas farmer.

THEY WANT 200 ACRES OF OUR FLAX

Recognizing the superior quality of Willamette valley flax, Western Manager Smith of the American Linseed company, and H. A. Brewer, of Portland, yesterday afternoon conferred with Eugene Boese, the pioneer flax

enthusiast of the valley, with relations to securing a contract for 2000 acres.

As Mr. Boese is ill he was unable to assure them that he would be able to secure that large amount for them, but promised to obtain from 200 to 300 acres. For years Mr. Boese has sought to place the flax industry on a solid basis in the valley, and he often predicted that the day would come when this would be one of the paying industries in the valley, and it looks now as though manufacturers are beginning to realize the same thing, and that his prediction may be fulfilled.

Liberty and Pringle Notes.

Mr. Sarff, of Salem, has moved on his place south of town.

Miss Eva Wiltsey is visiting in town a few days.

Mr. Wilkening and son, George, visited Salem Saturday.

Mr. Wiltsey has been plowing for Mr. Wain.

There will be a dance at Dr. Mott's place three miles south of Salem Saturday night.

Chester Hoffmann, of Liberty, visited Salem Saturday.

Mrs. Deshazer's father, mother and

MOTHERHOOD SUGGESTIONS

Advice to Expectant Mothers

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

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Mrs. J. Innes, of 221 S. Benton Street, Baltimore, Md., says: "I wrote you about nine months ago, telling you of my condition. I have a fine baby girl—she weighed nine pounds when born. She is my third child and the strongest of them all. My suffering was only for two hours. I took several bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and one of Dr. Pierce's Sarsaparilla. I never had a dull day before I took your medicine. I was surprised how well I felt—could eat—was always hungry, and never had a sick stomach. The nurse who was with me said the medicine was wonderful because I got along so nicely after having had so much trouble before. She intends to recommend it to all her suffering patients. Everybody is astonished at me because I only weighed 102 pounds before and now I weigh 126. I have had several ladies come to me and ask about Dr. Pierce's medicine. I am willing to recommend it to all who suffer and want help. If any want information I will be glad to give it to them."



Mrs. J. Innes & Child.

slater have just arrived from the day. Mr. Albert and Orton Hilliker visited Salem today.

Mr. Albert Hastings, of Portland, arrived in Salem today. He intends to work for Mr. Wain.

Miss Esther Halvorson, of Salem Heights, is now clerking in the Salem Heights store.

Mr. Westenhause visited Salem Saturday.

Mrs. Werdon, of Hazel Green district, is visiting old friends at Liberty.

Mr. Sumpter is busy plowing.

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3.00 values, now	-----	1.75	
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7.50 values, now	-----	5.00	
5.00 values, now	-----	3.00	
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\$6.50 values, now	-----	\$ 3.50	
1.50 values, now	-----	.90	
Sugar and Cream Sets			
\$14.00 values, now	-----	\$8.50	
10.00 values, now	-----	5.50	
4.00 values, now	-----	2.25	
Berry Bowls of Perfect Design			
\$12.50 values, now	-----	\$7.00	
7.50 values, now	-----	5.00	
5.00 values, now	-----	3.00	
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