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City Manager Plan Worth Considering.

If the people are to be asked to vote on the question of the adoption of a city manager plan for Prince Rupert it will be necessary to do a lot of educative work between now and election day in order that the people may be in a position to understand what is meant.

Already the method of civic government has been discussed by a few local clubs and societies but this might well be followed up by an educative campaign which would help people to realize the need of the change and the benefits of the system to be introduced.

The city manager plan has been successful elsewhere and there is no reason why it should not be a success here.

Alderman and Mayor Would Serve Free.

Under the scheme the duties of the mayor and aldermen would be so much lightened that it would be unnecessary to pay them as at present. Meetings fortnightly or monthly would be held instead of almost every night of the week as at present. All matters of detail would be handled by the manager while the mayor and council would deal only with questions of policy. The money saved from paying members of the council would be devoted to securing a good man for manager. In that way there would be very little increase in the overhead expenditure, as claimed by its opponents.

Present System Makes Politicians.

Under the present system people are always worrying members of the council for jobs or for favors of some kind. Some aldermen like the feeling of importance that comes from being able to dispense favors. Also it gives them a political advantage. The manager system is designed to take the management of the city out of politics altogether. If it will do that it will be worth a trial.

System Has Passed Experimental Stage.

The system of government under a city manager is not any longer experimental. It has passed that stage. It can be seen in successful operation in dozens of cities today, large and small, and in every case, it is said, the change has been justified. It is a reasonable system in that it prevents overlapping of duties and correlates all the activities of the city thus making for efficiency.

All Eyes Still On British Election.

The American presidential election is completely overshadowed by the interest taken in the election in Great Britain. In the republic there is no great principle at stake, neither is there anything outstanding or spectacular about it. In Britain, however, there is the first Labor government the country has ever had struggling for its life and in danger of being overwhelmed by the other two parties working in collusion. It is almost a life and death struggle, speaking politically. A lot of interesting sidelights enter in and the result is being watched by the whole civilized world.

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GIRLS used to giggle, gabble, gobble then get. Now they smirk, smash, smile and set their net.

MANY a girl is saved on the principle that if you save the surface you save all.

THE old fashion of kissing a lady's hand would be looked on today as a fearful waste of time.

THE more hardboiled the egg, the easier the shell comes off.

IT is reported that what the Prince liked about American girls were the things they said and did and failed to wear.

THE other day I met a man who said he understood the war in China. I left him abruptly.

IF the short skirt returns it will be like the second run of a motion picture. It will have lost much of its interest.

WHAT I like about both the British and American elections is that they are a long way off.

THE more laws are passed the more lawless a nation becomes.

VERSE TOO LATE FOR THE COMPETITION

Two verses arrived too late to be entered in the competition. One is a little too personal for publication. The other follows:

Honk, Honk! The gray geese swam on a glassy bay.

Towards the wooded shore-line making way; A hunter skulks behind the trees, With ready gun across his knees.

Nearer approached the unwary flock; Upon the pebbly beach they stalk, A hail of lead upon them pours, Across the bay the echo roars.

The screaming birds take fearful flight And wildly scatter to left and right.

Their bleeding friends left on the shore In fluttering pain, will honk no more.

ENGLAND'S GRANARY

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The United States is no longer the chief exporter of wheat to the United Kingdom. The largest supplies of this grain to the British Isles now come from the Dominion of Canada, with the United States second and Argentina a close third.

It is only in barley and oats that the United States has retained its hold on English imports; in the case of oats the importations have slightly increased.

Raymond Fisher, field agronomist for the provincial department of lands, who spent the summer in the Stuart River district north of Vancouver, is at present spending a month in the Cranbrook district before returning to Victoria where he will spend the winter at departmental headquarters.

SMITHERS

M. Gonzales, of Prince Rupert is a business visitor in Smithers arriving here on Friday morning.

Geo. McBean who has been at Hazelton for the past week looking after his affairs in that district returned to town on Thursday and is again a guest at the Bulkeley Hotel.

The Bonanza, Babine Mining Co.'s claims are to receive an inspection and for this purpose, L. E. Drummond, a mining engineer of Edmonton arrived in town on Wednesday and started on the trip for the mines the next day. Considerable work has been done on these claims under the supervision of James Cronin, and a most favorable report is expected.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid of St. James Anglican Church was held at the home of Mrs. Oekleshaw, on Wednesday afternoon. The ladies are very busy these days preparing for their annual Bazaar which they intend holding about the end of November.

John A. Aldrich, miner and prospector, who has been a patient in the Smithers hospital for the past month has now been discharged from that institution and is well on the road to recovery. Mr. Aldrich is taking the Insulin treatment and as he must be on a diet for a couple of months yet, has rented a house on Third Ave, where he proposes to do his own cooking, it being most important that he use only specially prepared food stuffs.

The many friends of Mrs. Geo. Kidd who has been taking Insulin treatment, will be pleased to know that she is continuing to gain in health and strength since leaving the hospital some weeks ago.

Mr. Welch, the Provincial assessor for the Omineca Assessment District, and Mrs. Welch, returned to Smithers on Thursday morning's train after a holiday of six weeks spent in eastern Canadian cities.

JAPANESE ARE GIVING MILITARY INSTRUCTION IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS

TOKIO, Oct. 20.—Military instruction in middle schools, higher schools and universities in Japan, along the lines of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps in American colleges, will be instituted shortly, according to plans of the War Office.

Officers of the regular army on active service will be attached to each middle school and higher school in the country. Since the army is planning a re-organization that will decrease its units by four divisions, about 2,000 officers will be released from duty with the troops for this service.

Military drill is already part of the curriculum of Japanese schools, from grammar grades up, but theoretical instruction is not given, and in the higher grades the training is not compulsory. The new system would make the training compulsory for three hours a week.

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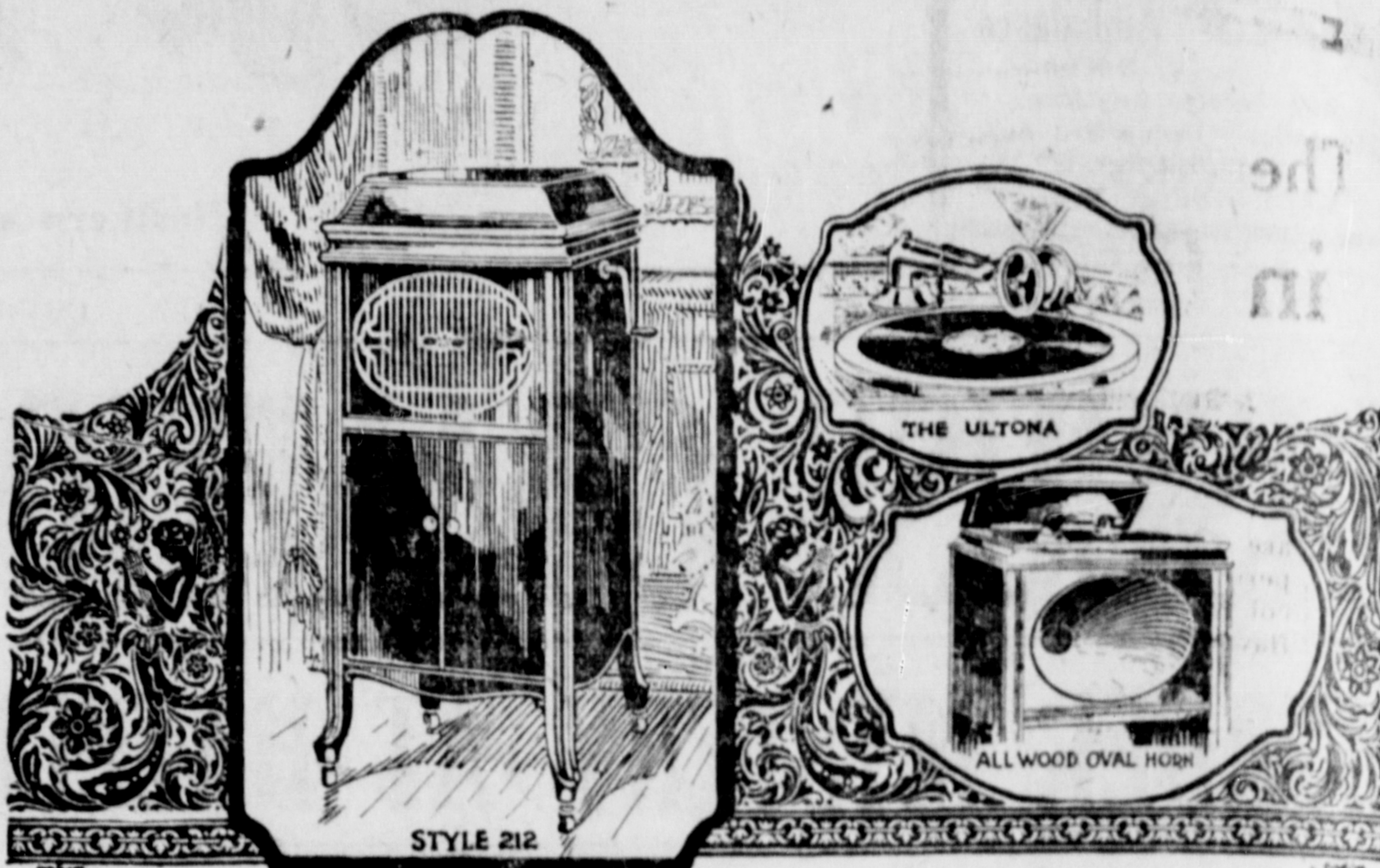
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As a result of Ald Basso-Bert's criticism last week, a report on the change in the Woodworth Lake dam site was submitted to the city council last night by City Engineer Mason. Ald. Basso-Bert maintained his stand but the discussion was amicable.

H. Johnson, Seal Cove boat-builder, yesterday morning found a small open boat with an Evinrude engine attached to it upturned in Shawatlans Rapids. It is not yet known if there was a fatality.

ADVANCES IN RADIO

FRANKFORT, Germany, Oct. 20.—True and undistorted radio transmission of the music of large orchestras is claimed by the manager of a local theatre.

An absolutely faultless reproduction of the most complicated orchestra compositions has been reached, it is declared, by installing two small ribbon microphones in front of the orchestra and a third one upon the conductor's desk.

S.S. PRINCE GEORGE TIED UP

C.N.R. steamer Prince George is now tied up at the Grand Trunk Pacific dock at Vancouver with a couple of officers watching her. It is expected she will return here later in the winter to undergo overhaul at the local dry dock.

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