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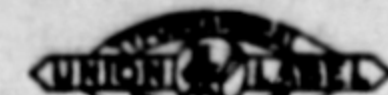
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VANCOUVER AND COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

Vancouver, which is famous abroad for its lead in embodying the principle of the single tax in civic affairs, is also keeping well abreast of the advancing times by appointing a charter committee to consider the commission form of government, and draw up the necessary amendments to the city charter.

These have just been submitted to the Mayor and Council and a special session of the Finance Committee has been called to discuss the proposed amendments. The proposal is made that Vancouver should pass from council government to commission government at the end of the ensuing year.

The amendments provide for the abolition of all wards and the election at large of a mayor and four councilmen at the January election in 1913, the mayor and two councilmen having the highest number of votes to hold office for four years, the other two councilmen to hold office for two years, and thereafter two councilmen to be elected every two years, the mayor and councilmen to have the same qualifications as now prescribed.

The various affairs of the city administration are to be divided up among the five members, each to be the head of a department or a number of departments, for which he is responsible, and to devote their time and attention to city work.

Daily executive sessions are to be held, taking up the work now done by the council committees, and weekly legislative sessions, taking up the work now done by the council in session.

The salary of the mayor is fixed at \$10,000 a year and the councilmen at \$7500 each to give bonds, in a surety company, for \$25,000.

Nominations for mayor and councilmen are to be made at a mass meeting to be held in the city hall, any number of candidates being allowed. On the ballot first, second and third choice is provided for.

The initiative, referendum and recall are provided for. A petition signed by 25 per cent of the electors voting for mayor at the last election, proposing any law, shall compel the council to pass that law within 40 days or put it up to a vote referendum of the people, and a 15 per cent petition shall likewise put the question up to a vote of the people, but not call a special election for that purpose, the matter being taken up at the regular election.

By-laws passed by the council shall not take effect for ten days after passage, and if within the ten days a petition signed by 25 per cent of the voters protest, then the matter shall be submitted to a vote of the people, or the law be repealed by the council. The council may also submit any by-law without such petition.

On a petition signed by 25 per cent of the electors voting at the last election, or 12 1-2 per cent of the voters' list, to recall a member, on grounds stated in the petition, the council shall order a special election, at which the incumbent shall be a candidate unless he voluntarily withdraw, and other candidates may come in and the election be conducted as in the case of regular elections. Not more than one election shall be held in any six months.

PASSING COMMENT

The comedy of the Council and the City Solicitor engaged in a mutual admiration over the hydro-electric by-law is one of the funniest things in municipal history. It was calculated to impress the ignorant.

The true nature of the by-law is seen in the fact that it requires a private bill to validate it. At present it is not valid.

The bank's solicitor showed his opinion of the real nature of the by-law, when he made the provision that if the Executive Council should withdraw their promise to pass special legislation ratifying the by-law, that the bank should have a petition of right.

After moving a special vote of thanks to the City Solicitor for getting his hydro-electric by-law tinkered up, the Council should move a vote of thanks to the City Treasurer and the City Collector for not decamping with the city funds, while the Council is neglecting to get fidelity bonds for them.

Sensational Exposure of the WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC in motion pictures THE MAJESTIC THEATRE TO-NIGHT With illustrated Lecture by Mr. Jack Martin. Positively nothing objectionable. Special invitation extended to the ladies and all others interested in social reform. Come Early on Account Crowds Popular Price - 25c

THE Pillar of Light

By Louis Tracy

"Now, Mr. Pyne, you next," cried the chief officer, addressing the young Philadelphian, who, mirabile dictu, had found and lighted a cigar.

"Up with him," shouted the captain, fiercely, himself helping to loop Pyne to the fourth officer.

All others had gone. The officers were leaving the ship in order of seniority, the juniors first. Just as the quartette were about to swing clear of the ship the captain grasped Pyne's hand.

"Thank you, lad," he said, and away they went. There were left on the vessel the third, second, and first officers, the purser, and the captain. The others wanted the captain to come with them.

"Dear me, I should have thought everybody would be fully satisfied in that respect." "Well, that's curious," he cried. "I imagined you were the other young lady. The water is needed in the hospital."

"That isn't what people are saying," exclaimed Mr. Pyne, whose approach was denuded by the outer noise. "There's a kind of general idea floating round that this locality is an annex of heaven, with ministering angels in attendance."

"I'm real glad you're pleased," said slowly, "my sister has asked me several times if you had arrived, and I imagined that I must have missed you by some chance."

"I'm glad it's shining on yours now," he said. "You must go two floors below this," said she, severely. "I will bring you some cocoa and a biscuit as quickly as possible."

CHAPTER VIII. AN INTERLUDE. A lady, who had already appropriated the lower bunk, raised herself on an elbow.

feet as they climbed down the top-most flight. "If I fall," he assured her, "you will be the chief sufferer." "All the more reason why you should not fall," he said here a moment. I must have a look at the hospital."

"Do you want me?" asked the stranger, with a new interest, and still wondering if the smile were self-cultivated to hide that faintly caught suggestion of the bird of prey.

"I know nothing," she murmured. "I was all so horrible. Oh, God! I shall never forget that scene in the saloon. How the people fought. They were not human. They were tigers, fierce tigers, with the howls and the baleful eyes of wild beasts."

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