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THE CITY MANAGER.

As a development of the commission form of government the office of city manager is attracting considerable attention, and several cities, large and small, have placed their affairs in the hands of such a public servant.

The essential features of the plan, as worked out in most cases, are the creation of a commission, this being a small body of representative men, usually elected at large, whose functions correspond to those of the directors of a corporation, and the employment of a manager whose duties are substantially those of the manager of a private corporation manager, who devotes his entire time to work, and who is responsible for all its details.

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responsible for the manner in which its work is performed, but it may happen, and often does, that one or more of the commissioners are out of harmony with the majority, and there arises a clash between the board as a whole and the administration of some of the departments.

The manager system tends to avoid this trouble. The board acts as a whole on the outlining of policies, and the administration of affairs is in the hands of a single individual. Statements are being published for the purpose of showing how successful this plan has been where it has been tried. It is likely, as in most such cases, that there is a good deal of exaggeration.

ALCOHOL AND PREPAREDNESS.

A writer in opposition to the national prohibition of the manufacture of intoxicating liquors wants to know what would become of the preparedness program if prohibition became a national law. He points out that alcohol is one of the important ingredients in smokeless powder, and that if all the distilleries were put out of business there could be no alcohol with which to make powder.

The wisdom of national prohibition is a debatable subject. The handling of liquor is now within the exclusive jurisdiction of the states, and there are very many advocates of the entire suppression of the liquor traffic who believe that the states should continue to control. But the argument above referred to is an absurd one. We know of no proposal to prohibit the manufacture of alcohol except to be used as a beverage.

HOTTEST WEATHER OF YEAR IN CHICAGO

Chicago, July 25.—Chicago witnessed the hottest weather so far this year when the thermometer reached 93 at 11 a. m. Yesterday there were a number of prostrations reported, but none serious. Owing to the great number of people bathing in Lake Michigan in days to escape the heat and the death of three persons last week at public beaches, the Chicago life guards were examined as to fitness and given instructions in the best methods of preventing drowning.

drinking purposes. We prohibit the indiscriminate use of opium as a drug. We prohibit its importation and sale for that purpose, as we prohibit the handling of cocaine, chloral, and a number of other substances for similar purposes. Yet there is no interference with the production or use of these substances for legitimate use. It will be so with alcohol, no matter in what form prohibition is brought about. Those who are trying to stem the tide in favor of prohibition by the use of such foolish arguments as these are destroying their own case.

THE FAIR OPENS.

Today is the opening day of the Grand Forks Fair. The exhibits and the entertainment features are there; the grounds are in the best of condition; local transportation has been arranged for; everything has been done that could be done to make the fair a success. Now we need good weather, of which there is an excellent prospect, and good crowds, of which we are certain provided the weather conditions are at all favorable.

The railroads are aiding materially, as they always do, in bringing people to the fair, but attendance is no longer dependent upon the railroads. If anyone were in need of enlightenment on this point a glance at the pennants borne by the automobiles in the city would be convincing. These pennants indicate the presence in the city of autos which have come from all over the northern part of the state and of northwestern Minnesota. Even rainy weather does not stop auto traffic. A heavy rain at this season merely delays operations for a few hours, and then the roads are as dry and hard as ever, and it is safe to say that more people will be brought from a distance by automobiles than by train. This is one of the wonderful developments in transportation within recent years.

It ought not to be necessary to urge on the people of the city of Grand Forks very liberal patronage of the fair. As a means of education and entertainment it is as valuable to them as to any others. Because it is located in their city the element of local pride should stimulate them to an enthusiastic support. And because the fair brings to the city directly and indirectly a vast volume of business, its liberal patronage by the people of the city is merely a matter of good business. Let's all go, and often.

THE FOREIGN DEMAND FOR ALL KINDS OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS IS KEEPING UP REMARKABLY WELL.

Obtained through the courtesy of the Russell-Miller Milling company of Grand Forks. Prices for Wednesday, July 26. No. 1 northern... \$1.11 No. 2 northern... 1.07 No. 3 northern... 1.01 No. 4 northern... .94 Rejected... .87 No grade... .82

THE MARKET WORLD

LAMBS WEAK TO QUARTER LOWER

Market for Young Sheep Gets a Jolt—Estimate 400.

South St. Paul, July 25.—Lambs which occupied a shaky position as noted in this paper late last week came in for further discount yesterday and were quotable as weak to a quarter off. Top kinds were let down to a \$9.75 basis practically while others were weak although seconds continued to clear around \$8.00.

Grand Forks Markets.

Table with columns for various commodities like Wheat, Corn, and Flax, listing prices for different grades and regions.

LOWER PRICES MARKED CLOSE

Sharp Advance During Session Fails to Maintain Level.

Minneapolis, July 25.—July wheat closed 2 7-8 lower; Sept. wheat 3c lower; Dec. wheat 3 1-4 lower. The wheat market was lower at the start this morning, prices being down about 1c per bushel. After the opening the market turned very firm and the sharp advance was then registered, but the advance did not hold and the market broke nearly 4c per bushel for the September with final figures about 1-2c above low points of the day.

Market Quotations

Table with columns for December and July Wheat, and September Wheat, listing prices for different grades and regions.

HOGS SAME AS ON SATURDAY

Average Practically Unchanged for Porkers—Spread Broadens.

South St. Paul, July 25.—Hog trade was rather slow in getting under way yesterday but eventually swung off on a practically steady level compared with Saturday's. Price spread was widened although high spot at \$9.50 at the close of last week was not duplicated and \$2.50 was reported as the best regular sale booked.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Table with columns for Chicago, Kansas City, and Omaha, listing receipts for Hogs, Cattle, and Sheep.

CATTLE MARKET ABOUT STEADY

Killer Grades in Plentiful Supply—Choice Kind Lacking.

South St. Paul, July 25.—After having hammered beef cattle values with considerable success last week at all markets, buyers relented from their cost cutting campaign appreciably yesterday. Locally sellers successful in getting release for their stock on terms closely resembling and in most cases duplicating those realized on late sessions last week.

CARS RECEIVED.

Table with columns for Duluth and Carleton, listing receipts for Wheat and Flax.

MARKET NEWS

Liverpool: Spot wheat two higher. Corn unchanged. On passage, wheat, three to nine higher. Corn 1 1-2 to 4 1-2 higher.

Stocks and Feeders.

Last week's break of 25 to 50 cents in stocker and feeder prices failed to bring out any very large attendance of countrymen in quest of finishing cattle here yesterday, pressing field work still having first claim on farmers' attention generally.

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