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Mrs. E. T. Taylor entertained a few friends at a bridge party at her home Thursday afternoon, Mrs. James Pollock taking the honors.

SYNOPSIS OF ALLEN LAW

The Commission Plan Act Condensed For Use of Busy Readers

IT SHOULD BE STUDIED Aside From Improved Management Changes From Present Law Are Slight

On November 20, the voters of Aberdeen will decide whether they will continue the present form of government or adopt the Commission form under the Allen law. This law enacted at the last session of the legislature, has been given very limited publicity and its provisions are not so generally known as they should be for an intelligent decision upon its adoption at the polls. To publish the act in full would prove too long for the patience or understanding of the average reader, and it is the object of this article to give a synopsis of the law in plain language and as briefly as may be consistent, with giving the substance of the act for the use of the busy man, who may have neither time nor inclination to wade through the legal verbiage of the statute.

Who May Adopt

Any city with 2,500 and not more than 20,000 may organize under the provisions of this law, when a petition is signed by 25 per cent of the vote cast at the last election, requesting a special election for the purpose of deciding if the people so

desire. This has been done in Aberdeen and the election takes place November 20. At this election, the voters will vote, "For Organization as a city under commission," or "Against organization as a city under commission." If a majority decide for a commission, the city will hold an election within sixty days of such adoption to elect a mayor and two commissioners, to serve for three years from the first Monday in December following their election. The new commissioners will assume office on the second Monday after election, at which time the present mayor and councilmen shall retire. The other officers shall continue in office at the pleasure of the commission.

How Elected

Primary elections are held two weeks prior to the regular election for the nomination of candidates, all the names being printed upon one ballot. To be placed upon this ballot, the prospective candidates must, not less than 15 nor more than 25 days before the primary election, file his declaration with the clerk, which must be supported by a petition of at least 100 qualified voters, and each petition must be verified as to qualifications and residence, and must give the street number of each signer. The names of the candidates must be published twice in a daily news paper before the ballots are printed.

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for Mayor, and the four highest for commissioners, are the nominees at the regular election at which the three officials are chosen from the six candidates. Any person who shall agree to assist any candidate for money, or anything of value, or attempt to bribe any elector, or who shall solicit or accept such bribe is liable to fine and imprisonment.

Vacancies and Bonds.

Any vacancy occurring in the commission shall be filled by the remaining members for the unexpired term, and each commissioner shall give a bond in five times the amount of his annual salary, for the faithful performance of his duties, and they may require any of the appointees to give bonds.

Duties and Powers.

The powers and duties are divided into three departments, viz: Department of public safety, of which the mayor shall be chief; the department of finance and accounting, and the departments of streets and public improvements. They shall, by ordinance, determine the powers and duties to be performed in each department, as well as the duties and powers of officers and employees. They shall appoint a city clerk and such other officers and assistants as may be required, who may be removed by a majority vote of the commission at any time, and whose salaries shall be fixed by ordinance.

The commission must maintain an office at the city hall, and hold public meetings at least once a week. All meetings, regular or special, shall be open to the public. The mayor shall be president of the commission and preside over its meetings, and shall oversee all departments. The commissioner of finance and accounting shall be vice president, and shall act mayor during the absence or inability of that official.

Salaries

The mayor shall receive a salary of \$2,500 and the commissioners \$2,000 each, per annum, payable monthly. (This is based upon a population of 14,000, which the Herald believes Aberdeen has, although the federal census was 240 short of this number.)

Legislative Powers and Restrictions.

Every ordinance appropriating money, or ordering any street improvements or sewer, or granting any franchise to use streets, bridges or public places must be complete in the form in which it is finally passed, at least one week before its final passage, and be on file with the clerk for public inspection. No franchise or right to occupy or use the streets, bridges or public places shall be granted, renewed or extended except by ordinance, and every franchise for interurban or street railways, gas or water works, electric light or power plants, heating plants, telegraph or telephone systems, or other public service utilities shall not be operative until approved by a majority of the electors at a general or special election.

The Referendum

No ordinance passed by the commission, except for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, which must contain a statement of its urgency and receive the unanimous vote of the commission shall go into effect within 30 days of its passage, during which time a petition containing 25 per cent of the voters at the last election, protesting against its passage, may be presented to the commission. Whereupon the ordinance shall be suspended from going into operation, and it shall be the duty of the commission to reconsider it, and if it be not repealed, they must submit it to the

voters at a special or general election, and it shall not go into effect unless it receives a majority of the votes cast. Provided, this does not apply to local improvement districts.

Officers and Employees.

No officer or employe shall be directly or indirectly interested in any work performed or materials furnished the city, nor shall they receive any free transportation or service of any kind from any public utility corporation under penalty for misdemeanor. Provided that free transportation shall not apply to firemen or policemen in uniform. Any official who shall exert his influence with other officers or employes to favor any particular candidate for any city office, or shall in any manner contribute money, labor or other thing of value to any person for city election purposes, shall be discharged.

Must Publish Expenses.

The commission must publish each month, in pamphlet form, a detailed itemized statement of all receipts and expenses of the city and a summary of its proceedings for the preceding month. At the end of each year they shall cause a full and complete examination of the books and accounts of the city and publish the result. The first commission is given power to revise the appropriations made for the current year if deemed advisable.

The Recall.

Any of the commissioners may be recalled, after he shall have served six months, in the following manner: A petition signed by voters qualified to vote for his successor equal to 35 per cent of the entire vote cast for mayor at the preceding election, demanding an election of a successor of the person sought to be removed, shall be filed with the clerk, which petition shall contain a general statement of the grounds for which the removal is sought. Each paper of the petition must contain the affidavit of one of the signers of that paper, that the signatures are genuine, and each signer must give his (or her) street address.

The clerk is given ten days in which to verify the petition. If found insufficient it may be amended within ten days, and when sufficient, the commission shall call an election not less than 30 nor more than sixty days after receiving the certificate of the sufficiency of the petition. Should the clerk wrongfully declare the petition insufficient, any taxpayer may secure an order of the superior court directing the commission to call the election. A primary election is then called, to nominate one candidate to be voted for at the regular election, in opposition to the incumbent sought to be removed, and the person receiving the highest number of votes is elected.

The Initiative.

Any proposed ordinance may be submitted to the commission by petition signed by 25 per cent of the voters, the petition to be signed and verified as provided for the recall. When the petition is found sufficient, the commission may pass the ordinance without alteration, within 20 days, or call a special election, unless a general municipal election is to occur within 90 days, and at such election submit the ordinance to the voters.

Any number of ordinances may be voted upon at the same election, but there shall not be more than one special election in six months for such purpose, and upon receiving a majority vote the ordinance, or ordinances, shall become valid and binding. The commission may submit a proposition for the repeal or amendment of such ordinance to the voters at any general election, and in each case, the ordinances must be published in a daily newspaper not more than 20 nor less than 5 days before election.

Existing Laws Remain.

All existing laws governing cities of the second class, not inconsistent with this act, and all city ordinances and resolutions in force under the former organization are to remain in force until altered or repealed.

For Six Years.

Cities adopting this system may after six years abandon such organization and accept the provisions of the general laws of the state applicable to cities of their population, upon a 25 cent petition being filed demanding a special election for the purpose of submitting the question of such abandonment to the qualified electors.

If a majority favor the proposition, the city shall become organized under the general law.

W. C. Lloyd, of Raymond, arrived in this city last week to make this his residence.

Mrs. Charles F. Drake, who has been seriously ill at a local hospital, is reported recovering.

CITY MESSENGER COMPANY. TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGED. The City Messenger company has installed two telephones, Nos. 5931 and 5941, one of which is always open. Call either number and "Central will get us." K. L. ZEEK, manager.

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