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Tacoma Adopts the Commission Plan.

By a vote of over four to one Tacoma Saturday adopted the commission form of government. The Tacoma charter, although by no means perfect, is a vast improvement over the old document, which is like the present Spokane charter. The new document is a consolidation of the good points contained in the various commission plans now in force in Galveston, Des Moines, San Diego and other progressive cities.

Spokane, leading Tacoma in about everything else, should have been the first to adopt the new idea of municipal government. But let's adopt it now, as soon as possible. The Spokane Press introduced the movement here, and in a splendid series of articles last spring, describing the workings of the plan in other cities, educated the people on the subject.

Spokane is ready for it. The time is ripe. The campaign should begin immediately.

Councilman Schiller.

It will be hard to find a more able "city father" than Jacob Schiller, who, as announced in the night edition of The Press Saturday, has resigned as councilman from the Third ward. Mr. Schiller gave unsparingly to the city his energy and his brains, and he accomplished much. His friends feel that criticism leveled at his head has been substantially unjust.

In losing him from the council, however, the city should not lose Mr. Schiller's services. If he indorses the commission plan of government, he should prove one of the most capable leaders in the movement.

"Taps" at the Fair.

When the lights went out at the Seattle exposition Saturday what was probably the most successful exposition in history, from a financial standpoint, ended. The stockholders will receive \$200,000 in profits. Usually the stockholders have to dig down into their jeans, and even then the situation is not clarified.

The Seattle fair, as far as it went, was very beautiful, and interesting and valuable. It did not pretend to be as large as world's fairs. The exposition accomplished its purpose, and the northwest and Alaska have received splendid advertisement. Besides this, Seattle itself probably will receive a tremendous additional impetus.

As time speeds away from exposition days, memory of them will remain sweet, always.

THE BIG WEST.

The chamber of commerce of Cleveland, Ohio, has arranged for a nice little junket for its members, who, it is announced, are going to "invade the west," in the interest of trade extension, visiting the cities between Chicago and Omaha. The location of Omaha and Chicago in the west in these days will make real westerners smile.

Recently a very able lawyer of the east, in making a speech, referred to the 1000 miles of Pacific seacoast that was practically at the mercy of foreign invasion. The state of California alone is over 850 miles long, to say nothing of the coast of Oregon and Washington.

Probably nine out of ten easterners picture Denver as just over the mountains east of San Francisco. It is closer to Chicago than to San Francisco.

It is wonderful the amount of error or misconception that possesses otherwise well informed people as to the western part of our country.

Those chamber of commerce junketers who will invade the west at Omaha will only take a trip five miles longer than Californians take in traversing their own state. If those junketers wanted a real junket, they might travel a little matter of 1780 miles farther and find themselves really on the western side of the Rockies.

That lawyer, if he wanted to see the whole of our unprotected Pacific coast, might tackle the 1558 mile journey from Seattle to San Diego and still have a few miles southward from San Diego and northward from Seattle to cover. It would take him longer than to go from Chicago to New Orleans and back.

The west is big. It is too big every way for any excuse for big ignorance about it on the part of big people. It's time for the east to wake up.

PENCIL POINTS

The New York World is supporting Justice Gaynor for mayor, although it says that it believes Mr. Danaher, republican nominee, is a very able man, and it is not "prejudiced" against Hearst. All who want to see Hearst mayor, raise their hands.

You have to beat to windward of a car of carriage now, the dust is so thick. But never mind. The street department and the traction companies may be asleep, but the rain gods will soon assemble in convention. Hold your breath and cheer up.

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T. R. will be 51 years old October 27.

Press Humor--Most Anything--Have a Smile

MOST ANYTHING

JOSH WISE SAYS:



After being an Indian chief for 40 years, Two Braids learns he is Thomas Stringfield, a white man. Is some one stringing poor old Lo?

Knicker—Time brings strange changes.

Bocker—Yes; the boy whose mother can't make him wash his neck grows up to be a rich man who goes abroad for baths.

A Trenton, Neb., woman wants a divorce because her husband kisses

"Th' listener is usually exhausted afore th' ordinary man's argument is."

her too much, and a Trenton, Del., man is now paying alimony because he didn't kiss his wife enough. How many are "too much, and how few are "not enough?"

Austrian mines produce 15 grains of radium in 18 months.

Lottie—At the charity fair he gave me \$5 for a kiss.

Dottie—Yes; there's nothing he wouldn't do for charity.

"The climax to his wooing was very romantic. He proposed to her on the verge of a mountain gorge."

"What did she do?"

"She threw him over."

An Indian boy at Hampton wrote the following in a composition on Patrick Henry: "Patrick Henry was not a very bright boy. He had blue eyes and light hair. He got married and then said: 'Give me liberty or give me death!'"

A CRAZYLOG. AS LISTENED BY FRED SCHAEFER.



I have the dreadfulest time keeping up with the changes in the styles.

There my wife is different. She is so changeable that she naturally keeps abreast of the fashions.

She noticed the other day that back hair was in favor again. So she decided to get some.

I might add that there's a lot of difference in getting back hair and getting hair back.

Well, what I wanted to say was that she sent me out to match one of her switches.

Well, I did. I matched it for the drinks.

I lost. "Well, what will you have?" I asked the bar.

"Bay rum," it said, just as devilish as you please.

"Why?" I asked.

"Because its bark is worse than its bite," was the answer.

I studied over that quite a while before I realized that "bark" is the same as "bay." For instance, a person could say he barked his shins against a rocking chair in the dark. Also a bark louse might be a boy louse, although, no doubt, some are sorrel and some are pfe-bald.

Another thing—if someone tells you a bay went down in the bark, he really means a bark went down in the bay.

For my part, I never go near the water, although I used to be a gondoller. But that was when I navigated in a gondola car.

And that was just before I got poor eyesight from exercising my sense of vision on a cedar track.

And that reminds me that the arctic explorers complain about snow blindness. This surprises me. They should have made use of the aurora borealis, because it is one of the greatest spectacles known.

All of which reminds that women are funny creatures. My wife told me to bring her some thing home, and tied a string around my finger for me to remember it by—as if I would forget my finger!

A CONTROVERSY AVERTED



First Old Maid—Sh-h-h, Samantha, there's a burglar in the room! Second Old Maid—(with a sigh)—Well, Matilda, I suppose he's yours by right of discovery.

A CORDIAL INVITATION



"Hello, old man, it's an age since I last met you. What are you doing now?" "Bossing a contractor's job on a sewer."

"Well, glad to have seen you—drop in some time."

MAJOR BYERS INTENDER

BY FRED SCHAEFER

While partaking of his coffee and rolls in Jim's lunch wagon, Major Byers finally got on the nerves of his host, and he implored Major Byers to open up and display the wares in his thought tank.

"I was pondering over the acclaim won by Wright and Curtis and Cook and Peary and such other spectacular performers in the matter of achievement," said the major.

"Yes; those fellows have about cleaned up everything in the sensation line," observed Jim. "Nothing left to be done now that would attract any attention."

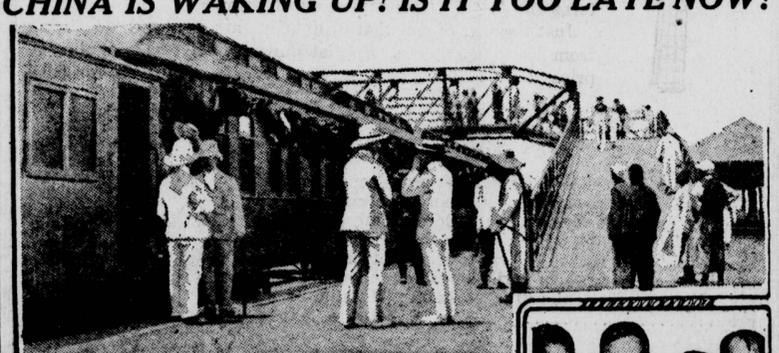
"Not so, James, not so," said Byers, with a gleam in his eye. "Even now I have formulated an intention that will be novel in the annals of action, and which will make my name crowd that of the small fry off the front page. Remember the first cable which it was attempted to lay across the Atlantic? It was in 1857 that they paid it out from a ship from the coast of Ireland, when it snapped and the end was lost many leagues from land. It has never been recovered."

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"Well, what of it?" asked Jim. "This of it," continued the major, banging his fist down on the counter so hard that the very doughnuts rattled. "I intend to go out in a submarine, find the loose end of the cable and tell the world of my discovery by flashing the first news of it to shore from the broken end by means of a Morse instrument. THAT will be something worth talking about."

Jim said he thought it would be.

CHINA IS WAKING UP! IS IT TOO LATE NOW?



AT A STATION ON THE KALGAN RAILROAD. NOTICE THE ROAD OVER THE TRACKS.

ENGLISH MILITARY EXPERT TELLS HOW A NEWLY OPENED RAILROAD WAS BUILT ENTIRELY BY CHINESE—EMPIRE NOW HAS AN EFFICIENT, MODERN ARMY OF 70,000. STILL DOING THINGS ON THE REVERSE.

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WILLIE'S DEDUCTION

"Pa!" "Well, Willie?" "Do buttocks and breadfruit grow on the same tree?"

The Plain Truth

Digesting food alone does not cure indigestion or other stomach troubles any more than a cathartic cures constipation—is temporary relief only. But digesting the food, healing and cleansing the stomach and intestines does restore them to the normal condition, and in that way a permanent cure can be made. Powell's Stomach Remedy does this. It is the only product that will do this; it relieves the first dose, and is very pleasant to take. Powell's Stomach Remedy can be depended upon; it does make permanent cures. Do not accept of any substitutes. All up to date druggists sell it.

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When the trains slide into the stations, there is always a group of "newsboys" waiting for newspapers or to sell some of their own city journals. All the newsboys are old, gray-cued men. Instead of

TO TRY BOOKMAKERS. NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Cases against the 19 men indicted by the Kings county grand jury on charges of bookmaking on the races are set for trial today. Attorneys for the prosecution say they will try each of the indicted men, regardless as to whether a conviction is secured in the first case tried.

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