

FEWER POLICE AND FIREMEN FOR CITY

Mayor Proposes to Adopt Economy Plan by Cutting Out Unneeded Minions of Law Since Prohibition Cuts Out the Drunks They Handled.

Altho the financial condition of Montana cities, as affected by closing of the saloons and the resulting loss of moneys formerly received from sale of liquor licenses, is generally considered a serious problem, the impression is obtained from Mayor A. J. Fousek following his return from a convention of the Municipal League at Helena, that the matter of making municipal expenses conform with municipal income is in reality rather simple. In fact, the mayor

has a recipe that could safely be recommended as a panacea for any city's financial ailments. It is this: "When a city's expenditures are larger than its receipts, cut down expenses." "There is no other plan for the cities of Montana to adopt," said the mayor. "The loss of liquor license receipts and fines is going to be greater at most places than can be secured thru any other source, and nothing remains except to cut down expenses until they can be met from such funds as remain available. The legislature will probably pass

a law allowing municipalities to increase tax levies two mills, but I do not expect it will be larger than that. If we get the two mills it will place Great Falls in fairly good shape, altho it will be necessary even then to lop off expenses here and there.

"Great Falls has an assessed valuation of something over \$16,000,000 and if we are allowed to add two mills to our tax levy we can increase the city's income \$32,000 thru taxation. We will lose \$26,000 annually because of the prohibition law and the absence of saloons will probably mean the loss of at least \$6,000 every year heretofore collected in fines. The proposed increase in the tax levy will just provide a means of plugging the hole made by these two items, but the city will still be compelled to eliminate the \$2,000 per month deficit that has existed during a portion of the past year.

"This can be done only by reducing the running expenses of the city, and I do not doubt that a comprehensive plan of retrenchment will be adopted by the council. My recommendation will be that the membership of the police and fire departments be cut down. By reducing the police department from 26 to 20 men and the fire department from 33 to 26 I think a start will be made towards getting around the monthly deficit. In this I am supported by the views of officials of other cities in the state. Missoula, next in size to Great Falls, has a police department composed of only six men. Helena is about the same, and the capitol city also found a way to reduce the expenses of its fire department. It consolidated all its fire stations, which permitted the release of a number of firemen and eliminated much of the maintenance cost. I do not think it will be possible in Great Falls to cut out the north side and west side stations, but I do think a way can be found to dispense with the services of seven or eight firemen. And I am confident that the city can get along with the police department reduced by six members. With this pruning of the city's budget, I think we will have no trouble in putting our finances back in excellent shape."

Mayor Fousek said he would the use of the police patrol wagon would be discontinued entirely. If this plan is adopted the three drivers now regularly employed will no longer be required and a big item of expense will be eliminated by putting the big machine on the shelf. "We will find a safe place to store the wagon," said the chief, "and put it away and leave it there. The greater use to which it was ever put was that of hauling drunks who could not walk, and now that there are no drunks there isn't very much necessity for keeping it in commission. Since the saloons closed the drivers have never left the station during some of their shifts, and if the wagon had not been at hand such prisoners as were arrested at any time, could have been walked in by the arresting officers. I think it is safe to say that within a short time the patrol wagon will be placed in storage."

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HE ALLEGES WIFE GOT TOO ROUGH

Human patience reached its limit with Allen R. Sharp when his wife, after allegedly calling him "a lazy old cur," striking him once with a crutch and again with a cane, calling him vile names and saying she would "get a gun and blow his old head off," threatened to "give him a pill and put him away."

Just for that he wants a divorce, altho he had opportunity during 29 years to get used to Mrs. Sharp's little ways. They were married at Minneapolis. October 10, 1890, and during the past 10 years have lived in Montana.

Mrs. Sharp's attitude towards her husband, the complaint relates, has caused him grievous mental suffering, allegedly due to her deliberate maliciousness. The defendant says he is a cripple and has come to live in fear of his wife. She was repeatedly threatened and attacked him with a gun, he says, and has used language implying lack of faith in his chastity. Once, the complaint continues, Mrs. Sharp told him she would be glad if he would leave the ranch of which he is himself the proprietor.

The action became of record in district court yesterday.

MURPHY STAYS LONGER

Mike Murphy, a vagrant who was committed some time ago to serve a jail sentence for vagrancy, has been again taken before Justice of the Peace P. E. Lamere and once more ordered confined. He will serve 30 days this time.

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ENGLAND IS RETURNING TO OLD HOME IN NORWAY

Gunder England, one of the prominent ranchers near Big Timber, was in Great Falls yesterday while en route to Lewistown where he will spend a short time visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson. From Lewistown he will go to New York from whence he will sail on February 1 for his old home at Stavanger, Norway, where he will visit for some time and may possibly locate there. Mr. England has been in Montana for the past 10 years and is one of its most successful citizens.

CHANCE FOR POSITION

An open competitive examination for forest and field clerk is announced by the United States civil service commission to be given in the local federal building January 25. Both men and women may enter the service at entrance salary of \$1,100 or \$1,200 a year. Applications will not be accepted from persons who do not show that they have had at least one year's actual experience in clerical work in a business office. Further information may be obtained at the office of the postmaster.



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