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COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT MEETS POPULAR APPROVAL

GRAND OPERA STARS REMAIN

WILL GIVE OPERATIC AND SONG RECITAL AT HIGHLAND HALL THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FOUR



Previous to the opening of their concert tour Miss Louise Le Baron, prima donna contralto from the Boston Opera House and Mr. Walter Wheatley, leading tenor Covent Garden, London, will present their joint operatic recital for the benefit of the Relief and Aid society of Highland Park on Thursday evening, September 24th, at Highland Hall gymnasium.

These artists after having delighted the audiences at Ravinia Park have been resting here before making a tour of the United States under a Chicago management. They will give an interesting program including scenes from Wagner's Tannhauser and Verdi's Aida with Mr. Leo Sowerby at the piano.

CONGRESSMAN THOMSON FAVORS POSTPONMENT

LET RIVERS AND HARBOR BILL WAIT

Believes in Cutting of needless Expenditure and Extravagances Instead of Passing a War Tax Bill at this Time

By Chas. M. Thomson.

In these days of the many necessities for economy in the conduct of the public business we hear much of what is called, in legislative slang "pork." This term may be defined as an appropriation secured chiefly for political purposes. In most cases many projects involved in "pork" bills, do not involve improvements that are needed,—except to get votes. There are two principal sources of "pork," one of which is public building appropriations and the other is appropriations for river and harbor improvements. The last general Public Buildings Bill was approved on the last day of the last Congress and there has been no bill of this character in the present Congress. The "Pork Barrel Bill" of this Congress is the River and Harbor Bill. This bill passed the House March 26th, last. I voted against it. Congressman Frear of Wisconsin, who led the fight against the bill, called for the eyes and noses. I argue with about twenty others in support of his demand, but we did not get a record vote as the rules require that at least one-fifth of those present shall support the demand for the eyes and noses if the demand is opposed.

This Rivers and Harbors Bill carries appropriations for \$53,000,000. Of this amount \$5,000,000 is for new projects authorized by this bill which will require \$32,000,000 more to complete. This makes a total expenditure of \$85,000,000 appropriated for or authorized in this bill. In addition to this there is \$52,000,000 now in the Treasury and available for River and Harbor improvement works under previous appropriations which makes a total of \$137,000,000 now in the River and Harbor Pork Barrel.

Some of the projects already appropriated for as well as some of those contained in this bill are, of course, entirely proper. Others are grossly improper. An example of the latter, contained in the present bill, is the appropriation for Kissimmee Creek, Florida. This stream has figured in River and Harbor Bills since 1903, under a project which provides for a channel 3 feet deep and from 30 to 60 feet wide from the town of Kissimmee to Fort Bassenger. The limiting depth of this stream now is about 2 feet. Up to this time there has been expended on the project about \$30,400. The present bill appropriates \$47,000 more for this creek. In 1907 there were eight months when this stream was practically dry. In 1908 it was dry for five months and as one member in

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REGULARS LOSE ELEVEN INNING GAME SATURDAY

CRESCENTS START NEW SERIES GAME

Regulars make eight Errors while Sykes Pitches Great Game. Loose Fielding Causes Trouble. Wahlbruck and Kilby Star.

By a Crescent "Fan."

The Crescents will again be up and at 'em when next Sunday they start a three-game series for the city championship with the Regulars at Central Park. This series ought to settle definitely the much mooted question of which is the better team, as well as the possessor of the city title. Let's hope so at least.

After several weeks' layoff on account of arm trouble, Potter, the Crescents' pitching mainstay, will again be on hand for slab duty. The team has a world of confidence in him, and when he works well the players behind him play their best game. As Potter works, so the men behind him work, it seems.

This series will, very likely, wind up the season for both teams, and the 1915 season is a long way off. That's one reason why every fan should try to attend each of these games. But the main incentive for the fans to turn out should be the great struggles that these contests are sure to furnish.

And let's not forget to lay off of the rough stuff at these games, to do so shows better sportsmanship; besides it's far more satisfactory to see the games decided on the players' merits alone. Not that any unpleasantries are expected to crop up, for Highland Park fans are well behaving, but a little precaution will do the sport a whole lot of good and no harm.

"By a Regular Fan."

The Highland Park Regulars lost to the Evanston Federals Sunday by a score of 4 to 2. It took eleven innings to decide the game, and goes down as a record for Central Park.

It was a pitching duel between Sykes, for the locals, and Helgeson, for Evanston, the latter having a shade, but not until the eleventh inning. Both twirlers worked the full eleven innings and each fanned twelve men. The Federals hit safely six times while the Regulars could get but four safe swats. The Evanston men were handed eight bases on errors, Christenson being responsible for three, Reed for three, Pettis for one and Sykes for one. Three of these were costly and enabled the visitors to score two of their tallies.

The Regulars scored a run in the first inning when Reed walked, Pettis sacrificed as did Duffy, R. Kilby walked and in stealing blinded Driscoll, the ball hitting Driscoll in the eye and dazed him, Reed scoring. Tearney fanned.

The locals held the one run lead until the fifth when the Federals scratched a run across in this fashion: Driscoll flied to right, H. Kilby making a great catch. Osborn struck out but Reed dropped the ball and threw to first too late to get Osborn, Heath towered to right and "Hennie" pulled it down. Stevens singled to right and Osborn scored all the way from first. Heilmann flied to Cal Christenson.

Nothing doing until the ninth. Heilmann was hit in the arm after Stevens rolled out, Tearney to R. Kilby. Johnson rolled an easy grounder to Cal who let it get away from him, both men safe. They advanced on a passed ball, Duffy fouled to deep left, Duffy making a good stab but threw wide at the plate to get Heilmann who scored after the catch. Helgeson fanned.

Our boys came right back and tied it up again like this: Pettis out to first who made a lucky stab. Duffy singled, stole second and then stole third and scored when Tearney singled. R. Kilby popped to short and H. Kilby popped to second. Up to this time each team had three hits apiece and each pitcher had ten strike-outs. Great battle up to this.

Eleventh inning: Heilmann fanned, Johnson out Cal to H. Kilby, Cassidy singled, Helgeson singled, advanced on a passed ball, Butts singled scoring Cassidy and Helgeson, Driscoll flied to left center, Wohlbruck getting the put-out after making a spectacular running catch.

Reed led off the home half with a clean drive, Pettis fanned, Duffy grounded to the short stop who forced

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NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

NEW COUNTY HOSPITAL UNDER WAY

South Siders Win First Game of Series in Waukegan. Proposed New Electric Line in Western Part of County

New County Hospital.

The new Lake county hospital, which is now under construction, will be a most complete one, and the best thing about it is that it is to be "free as air" to those in the county who cannot afford to pay for hospital care. Keen interest is being shown on all sides on the progress being made at the county institution. When it is finished, Lake county will have something of which it may well feel proud.—Waukegan Sun.

Southsiders Win 3 to 2.

Waukegan base ball fans on Sunday at the South Side base ball park saw what was unquestionably the most enthusiastic game ever played in the city. It was the first game of the city series between the West Siders and the South Siders. The bleachers and grandstand were filled to overflowing and the overflow filled the field back of first and third base.

There are to be three games in the series. The second game, according to the contract, will be played on the West Side diamond next Sunday. Should the South Siders win the game will conclude the series, but if the West Siders win the place of holding the third game will be decided by the flip of a coin. An even larger attendance is assured for next Sunday.

Increase in Salaries.

The supervisors at their closing session Tuesday afternoon gave the county clerk, the county treasurer and sheriff for the next four years, a small boost in salary, it being shown that the increased duties of the offices justifies the increase.

The changes and salaries as fixed by the board follow: Clerk from \$2,500 to \$2,800. Treasurer from \$2,500 to \$2,800. Sheriff from \$1,700 to \$2,000. Deputy Sheriff \$900 (unchanged). Judge \$2,500 (unchanged). Supt. Schools, \$2,000 plus \$200 for expenses (unchanged).

The clerk and treasurer also are allowed necessary clerk hire.

Proposed Electric Line.

People residing in the western part of the county are considerably interested in the proposed putting through there of a new electric interurban line and petitions are being circulated to feel out the sentiment on the proposition. The proposed line would extend from Chicago passing between Grayslake and Druce Lake, in this county and terminating at the north limits of Antioch. If feasible it is intended to have two stub lines, one running to Schaumburg and Shermerville and the other to Fox Lake.

Resolution Declined.

The supervisors Saturday afternoon formally declined by receiving and placing on file a resolution presented by County Treasurer Westerman, to accept his suggestion of including all county treasurers for the past 25 years in its suits to recover interest on public funds and inheritance tax. Mr. Westerman, who was made defendant in suits brought this week by State's Attorney Dady, formally asked the board not to pick him out in its action, but to go back a few years and include everybody who, like he, had kept interest on funds on the belief that it was their right to do so as long as they furnished a bond covering the county funds.—Waukegan Sun.

HUNTING LICENSE NECESSARY

Fines Vary From Twenty-five Cents to Fifty Dollars for Violation

Many well meaning citizens forget to take out a hunting license before they go afield with dog and gun. Others do not appear to know that it is necessary to have a hunting license before they can shoot game.

The hunting season is now open for ducks, squirrels, doves and shore birds. Men found hunting without a license are liable to be arrested by game wardens and fined from twenty-five to fifty dollars.

H. C. Wagner, District Warden.

MEETING AT MORAINÉ HOTEL ENDORSES NEW GOVERNMENT

ORGANIZATION FORMED AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Popularity of Movement Growing in Highland Park and Petitions are Being Circulated Asking County Judge to Call Special Election

A representative body of men and women who favor the Commission Form of Government met at the Moraine Hotel Friday evening and formed an organization for the purpose of posting themselves and all of Highland Park upon this subject which is now receiving so much attention. Mr. S. M. Hastings was elected chairman, Mr. E. A. Warren secretary and A. P. Van Schaick treasurer, after which the meeting proceeded with the explanation of the workings of the new government by City Attorney Samuel S. Holmes, followed by the reading of about twenty letters from Mayors of cities now operating under the Commission Form, all of which were favorable and full of enthusiasm for this new government.

After being instructed to appoint committees the Chairman announced the following chairmen, the committees to be announced later: Campaign, D. F. Kelly; Publicity, J. J. Brand; Public Meeting, W. E. Carr; Educational, Mrs. W. J. Fyffe; Finance, H. H. Hitchcock.

A copy of the following petition was given to all present: To the Honorable Perry L. Persons, Judge of the County Court of the County of Lake:

We, the undersigned qualified electors of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, respectfully petition your Honor to submit to a vote of the electors of said City, at an election, the following proposition:

Shall the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois, adopt the commission form of municipal government?

At a meeting of the Chairmen of Committees at the home of Mr. Hastings Tuesday evening the full Committees were appointed and permanent organization effected. Headquarters have been arranged for in Suite 5, 6 and 7 Erskine Bank Building, where literature on the subject may be procured or where any information on the subject will be furnished by the attendant in charge.

We reprint below a number of letters from mayors from cities now operating successfully under the Commission Form:

Dixon, Ill., Sept. 14, 1914. Mr. Sam P. Holmes, Chairman Investigating Committee, Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 2nd making inquiry in reference to the advantage of the Commission Form of Government at hand—and in order that you may get this information from others than myself, I will refer you to the editors of the two daily newspapers of this city, "The Evening Telegraph" and the "Dixon Daily News"—and I am sure they will comply with your request, and if you will ask them, they will no doubt mail you copies of papers giving comments on the commission form of government as they have made from time to time.

I will close by stating that there isn't any question as to the success of this form of government. First in your city, like others, you will get from different wards too many undesirable aldermen, because of the surroundings, while with the commission form of government, the entire city vote, and I go on the theory that more than 50 per cent of your city, or ours, or any other city, is composed of good people who want the best. However, modestly prevents my saying more.

Yours truly, W. B. Brinton, Mayor.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sept. 5, 1914. Samuel S. Holmes, City Attorney, Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your questions regarding the Commission Plan of Government, will say: First—That it is more economical than the old ward system. The city gets value for the money expended by reason of having the city's busi-

ness conducted on business principles; because politics are eliminated and because nothing but efficiency and qualification count in making appointments and promotions of employees.

Second—There is no more chance of graft in this system of government than there is in the conduct of private corporations.

Third—The Initiative, Referendum and Recall are essential because they are the weapons of the people who are the stockholders.

Fourth—The right kind of men elected will improve the government of cities of any size under this system.

Fifth—The strongest argument in favor of the Commission Form of Government is that it places responsibility where it belongs.

The Commission Form of Government is the best yet devised for the government of municipalities, providing the men elected are capable, honest and fearless. I do not say that the same results could not be obtained under the ward system or any other system that are obtained under the Commission Form of Government but the fact remains that it has never been done.

Yours truly, Louis Roth, Mayor.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1914. Hon. Sam S. Holmes, Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

Commission government has been a very decided success in this city. This is true from many standpoints. In the first place it has made a decided improvement financially. We are able to pay our current expenses out of the current revenues each year into which the city was never able to do before. Not only that but we have been able to put about \$100,000 out of the current revenues each year into permanent improvements, a thing which the city was never able to do at all before. Finally, we have been able to do this on a levy averaging a mill less than the average during the like period just before the advent of commission government.

Again, it has unified the city, making one united city out of seven contending wards. We unite on great municipal enterprises which all the city desires instead of dissipating our funds by the pork barrel method for the sake of returning the local aldermen from their respective wards.

The administration of affairs is prompt because of the lack of red tape.

Commission government fixes responsibility upon the respective members of the council, each for his own particular work.

Public opinion is brought directly to bear upon the city government. The councilmen cannot hide behind the party line or the ward line or the party boss or in any other way take refuge from the will of the people. It is a real democracy.

It has had a great tendency to clean up the town morally as well as physically.

It has given a great impetus to public improvements of all kinds.

There are many advantages which might be enumerated but perhaps these are the most vital ones.

Yours very truly, Jas. R. Hanna, Mayor.

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PARISH REUNION AT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thursday Afternoon and Evening. Dancing Free in the Evening

This afternoon and evening St. Mary's parish is holding a parish reunion at the Immaculate Conception School on Deerfield Ave. There will be games of all kinds for the children in the afternoon and refreshments such as candy, cracker jack, pop corn and so forth will be sold. In the evening dancing will be enjoyed by those who wish to dance free of charge.