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Has Proved Highly Successful

The Initiative and Referendum and Recall is Admired by Majority of Citizenship of Spokane

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 26.—Seven months' experience with the commission form of government in Spokane, which is under the control of the people through the preferential election system, the initiative and referendum and the recall, has proved highly successful. Direct efficiency has replaced irresponsibility and incompetency, party bossism has been eliminated, the laws are enforced, the tax-payers are obtaining 100 cents' worth of work for a dollar, municipal improvement bonds command high premiums and the city's credit is gilt edge in the financial centers throughout the country.

Charles M. Fassett, commissioner of public utilities, speaking for the commission, says the people, as a rule, are satisfied with the change and that it is doubtful if even those who were most active against the present charter would vote to return to the old system. There are some, of course, who honestly believe the old form is better, he added, but the chief opposition to the adoption of the charter and its continuance comes from those whose private selfish interests are being interfered with by the beneficial change in administration introduced by the present government.

Enumerating the chief points of advantage of the commission form of government over the party system, Mr. Fassett says:

"For the first time in its history the community is not disturbed by political wrangling at the city hall. Our commissioners often do not agree on various measures, but differences are soon healed and there is harmony and good feeling between them.

"Each commissioner has charge, under the authority of the whole body, of his departments and the tax-payer knows to whom to apply for his needs. The result is that business is dispatched in hours and days, where it formerly required weeks and months.

"Street and other improvements are made for from 20 to 40 per cent less than in recent years, without reducing the city wage scale or decreasing our standards of quality. The contractors ring is broken and most of our work goes to those who have done the best work in the past. For the first time in our history a contractor has been fined for delaying public work.

"Our tax levy will be the same as last year, notwithstanding a deficit of about \$90,000 left by the former government and the settlement of many claims and complications neglected for years.

"The various departments are being managed with efficiency and common sense. The water department, which has been permitted to run heavily in debt, has been placed upon a business footing; free water has been cut off, the number of meters has been doubled in seven months, wastes have been stopped and an adequate supply of water furnished for all purposes during the hot months, where every year heretofore there has been a famine in certain districts.

"Our streets are well paved and kept clean and sewers are maintained; the health of the city is never so good; public service corporations are encouraged and enforced, when necessary, to give good service; back franchise taxes are collected and the affairs of the city generally are conducted along modern business lines.

"The preferential system of voting, the short ballot and the election of commissioners at large, who select one of their number as mayor, are other features which have strong arguments in their favor. Hereafter not more than three commissioners will be chosen at any election, giving the voter no excuse for ignorance of the men or their duties. We require a non-partisan affidavit and restrict the use of money for election purposes to \$250 for any candidate.

"By our system of voting the results of the election express the will of the majority much more closely than could be obtained by caucus, convention and ward representation. On the whole, we believe Spokane has the most advanced and characteristic commission charter yet adopted by any city in this or other countries."

NOTICE

For reasons best known to ourselves, The Advocate will be discontinued with this issue, unless immediately transferred to someone wishing to continue in Batesburg. Otherwise the paper will be removed to another point or consolidated with the Leesville News.

Last week it was fair (Tr.-County) and bright; this week is fair, but colored in Batesburg.

It is announced that the express rates are to be reduced approximately 15 per cent. We will wait and see how much it will affect us. The express companies are not fighting it. We guess the "pckings" are still good and they don't care to endanger them by making a noise. Wise old guys, they are.

We have but one regret about Governor Harmon's visit to Union. We were unable to be there. Judging from accounts he is a big man well capacitated to fill the office. President should be called upon to position. What he will be is an improbability.

"The Southern Railway shows increased earnings of \$1,000,000 over the earnings of the previous fiscal year."—The Progressive Farmer

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