

## TO REORGANIZE CITY GOVERNMENT

A Plan That Will Wipe Out Office Of Mayor and City Councilmen.

SUBSTITUTES A COMMISSION.

Washington, D. C., and Galveston, Texas, Planned to be Successful Patterns to be Guided By.

Believing that the westward spread of the national movement for civic improvement will take in Salt Lake, the Civic Improvement league last night launched a plan for a reorganization of the city's government. The plan contemplates doing away with administrative expenses to the largest possible degree, and thus releasing all funds available for street improvements and all other kinds of city development.

It will do away with the city council and the mayor, and substitute a board of directors, called commissioners, and a president. There will be five of them in all, and they will be paid good salaries, and will be in session all the time, so that a man having business with the city can transact it in business hours, the same as with any business corporation.

The source of the inspiration of the plan, for which the league believes public sentiment is now ripe, is the city of Galveston, and the city of Washington, D. C., where it is said to have worked successfully.

### WHERE SAVING COMES.

In presenting the case to the board of directors of the league last night, H. Hewlett said that in other cities it had saved 5 per cent in salaries of clerks, accountants, assistants, and general office forces. It has resulted in making the duties of each administrator officer of the city definite, and made his responsibility so fixed that there can be no confusion of duty. The mayor as their president, one member would act as street commissioner, another as commissioner of water and sewerage, another as commissioner of finance, revenue and public property, and the final member as police and fire commissioner. Each officer would receive a salary sufficient to justify a responsible business man in giving his entire time to the work, and the office of auditor, and city attorney would be appointive.

### IN GALVESTON.

In Galveston, Mr. Hewlett explained, the great amount of money saved in this direction had been spent in making remarkable progress in civic improvement in lessening the taxes, and in reducing the bonded indebtedness. The item of taxes appealed to the large officers as an important one, as Mr. Hewlett explained that taxes are so high here at present that they act as an impediment for prospective sections and investors to stay away, instead of coming into the country. A list of six other cities was presented, showing that Salt Lake was well in the front with tax lists among the very highest.

### COMMITTEE NAMED.

The plan decided upon for launching the movement for civic reformation was to appoint a committee of five members to draft a bill to be presented to the city legislature. President Frank E. Stephens named on this committee O. H. Hewlett, M. H. Walker, William B. King, George N. Lawrence and E. L. Pritchard. The matter of the present condition of Salt Lake's streets was considered, and it was decided to send a letter to the city council, thanking them for the action taken in regard to widening the paved district, and to urge them to make all practicable improvements in repairing the streets for winter.

It was decided also to urge that the ordinance relating to cutting down trees be enforced, and that property owners be required to clean the sidewalks in front of their premises.

### THE ANCIENT POLL TAX.

The method of collecting poll taxes came in for a roast. It was urged that the tax now does very little good, as wages are above the value of the poll tax. Instead of a boy or a man pollable of doing a good day's work, it substituted, and very little is accomplished, whereas if paid in money, and this money spent in giving capable officers for the good of the city, it would make a good showing. It was taken on the matter, and it was not deemed advisable to enforce payment by urging anything more than the fact that the bill to allow of the first class to elect members of the legislature, instead of the present officials.

In the legislature the matter is almost sure to be chiefly left to the Salt Lake City members, as there is a generally followed custom which accords recommendations from one delegation, affecting only their constituents.

### TO MEET AGAIN.

The board of governors of the league adjourned last night for two weeks, and will hold regular meetings throughout the winter. One plan that is under development is to adopt a similar scheme for making the city beautiful. Mr. Pritchard last night pointed out that we are undoing now many things we did 10 years ago, because we did not then know what was best, and builded conditions of the future. Five years from now we hardly want to undo this year's work, through the lack of a general scheme to follow.

### IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Charles M. Robinson has done a great deal of work for several American cities during this time, and is rated as being successful as Burnham who did work for San Francisco and Washington. It was proposed to Mr. Robinson, as he has over many other cities, to submit a report showing what is most needed, what plan will be most practical, and what improvements can be adopted as a part of a scheme in part or in whole. A committee consisting of Mr. Robinson, D. H. Christensen and H. Hewlett will have charge of the matter of employing Mr. Robinson before the city council.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Therese—Willie Collier attracted another large audience at the theater last night and the vote was as unanimous as ever that Collier is a monarch among fun makers. The engagement runs this afternoon and evening.

Optimism—Despite strong counter attractions, the Orpheum is holding its own this week. May Boley and her mate condensed a lively and interesting act of the best turns the State

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Each street vaudeville house has had this season.

Tomorrow evening only, the favorite artist, Jane Corcoran, will present the "Freedom of Suzanne" at the theater. This play is one of last winter's New York successes, and Miss Corcoran has bought the rights for the west. The leading man is James M. Brophy.

The advance sale for Digby Bell opens at the theater box office this morning. "The Education of Mr. Pipp" will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings with a Saturday matinee. The two Gibson girls in the cast will be filled by Phyllis Young and Elise Scott. Miss Young was formerly a Salt Lake girl.

Grand—Tonight sees the final presentation of "A Royal Slave." Tomorrow evening a new play entitled "Shadows of Sin," will be presented.

Lyric—"The Millionaire's Wife" is running to good business at this house, and will be seen up till Friday evening inclusive.

When the Stewart Opera company appears at the Salt Lake theater next week, our theater-goers will have an opportunity of seeing the complete production of the light opera "The Two Roses," "Dorothy" and "Babette," just as when presented at the Broadway theater, New York City.

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Tonight Miss Pearl Pierce and Howard Eugene Smith will be married at the Congregational church, with Rev. E. I. Goshen officiating, and the ceremony will be followed by a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Snow. A large number of invitations have been issued for the church service, but the home supper will be limited to the relatives and near friends. The bride and groom will be Miss Pearl Pierce and L. R. Fuller will be best man.

Today at Pacific Grove, Miss Margaret Donnellan and Robert W. Glendinning, both of this city, will be united in marriage, and after a trip to this city and Spokane, will make their home in Mexico.

Miss S. J. Balthier of Indiana and A. E. Peterson of this city were married last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Keiser, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. A. Patten, and Mr. and Mrs. Peterson leaving later for a trip after which they will return here to reside.

The reception given by the Unity Circle yesterday at Unity Hall was a delightful affair, comprising a program of recitations by Miss Flora Baldwin, and piano selections by Miss Ruth Tesch, tea being served afterward and a pleasant social hour passed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. DeWolfe of Beaver will arrive tomorrow to be the guest for a time of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Roberts.

The Cleofan gave its annual luncheon yesterday, a program of toasts being introduced. The rooms were decorated in the club colors, royal blue and white, the table having a centerpiece of the blue flowers while smaller vases of white asters were about the board. The chandelier was festooned in blue ribbons and white crepe paper, and these colors were in all the rooms. About 40 were present. The regular meeting of the Cleofan will be held next Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smart announce the marriage of their daughter, Mabel, to Earl Bonner, Sept. 18.

Miss Kate Wells entertains today in honor of Mrs. Eva Y. Davis.

At the bridge tea given yesterday by Miss Anderson about 30 friends were entertained and prizes were awarded Mrs. D. S. Murray, Mrs. A. C. Ewing, Mrs. O. B. Meyer, Mrs. June Donnell and Mrs. Webster.

About 30 guests enjoyed the bridge party given by Mrs. W. E. Fife yesterday and prizes were awarded the winner at each table. American Beauty roses and white asters were used in the decorations.

A large party will go to Saltair tonight for the skating party.

A pretty affair of yesterday was the luncheon given by Miss Ruth Beesley for Miss Jennie Earls of Idaho. The rooms being decorated in autumn leaves and sunflowers and a game of backgammon following the luncheon. About a dozen guests were entertained.

## E. H. HARRIMAN'S LATEST BIG COUP

Railroad Crises in the East Are Greatly Stirred up Over It.

### LINE FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

His Undertakings Place Him in Position of Being Worthy Successor To Jay Gould.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.—Railroad crises east have been greatly stirred up for the past week over the purchase of a large block of B. & O. stock held by the Pennsylvania Railroad company by the Harriman interests. The confirmation of the rumor also that Mr. Harriman had bought the Pennsylvania holdings in Reading shows to the railroad world that E. H. Harriman is one of the commanding figures in the business life of today and a worthy successor to that remarkable financial genius, Jay Gould.

It has been the dream of Edward Harriman ever since he became a factor in the Union Pacific management to own and operate a line of railroad reaching from ocean to ocean. After his purchase of the Union Pacific he gradually absorbed the Central and Southern Pacific, the Oregon Railway & Navigation company and the Oregon Short line. With close traffic arrangements with the Chicago & Northwestern Harriman became a power in the west. Not satisfied, however, with operating nearly 6,000 miles of railroad in the west and northwest, Mr. Harriman has been intensely ambitious to reach the Atlantic ocean and through the purchase of the B. & O. and Reading stock it will be but a little while before a man can leave San Francisco en route to New York without leaving his car at Chicago and ride the entire distance on lines owned and operated by the Harriman interests.

The coup which Mr. Harriman brought about in advancing the Union Pacific stock for a share in a single day illustrates the genius this man has for large things. The Union Pacific, it must not be forgotten, was built largely by the people, the direct debt to the national treasury for aid extended to the enterprise amounted with accrued interest to upwards of 50 millions of dollars after its reorganizations and its emergence from the receivership. The government realizing the potential character of the "Overland" system aided the building of the line from Council Bluffs to Ogden by giving it an empire in public lands. It has been selling these lands at prices but it still has left about 4,000,000 acres with land assets valued at nearly 10 millions of dollars. Realizing that the railroad would be infinitely stronger if the government debt was wiped out a plan of payment was arranged and the treasury agreed to the extent of the upset price agreed upon. Edward Harriman was the directing force to bring this condition of affairs to pass and with bulldog persistence he has gone ahead until the goal of which he is now so near has been reached. The stock market to the tune of many millions, while his acquirement of the B. & O. and Reading holdings makes the Harriman properties among the very richest in the world. What boots it if the Hepburn maximum rate bill is on the statute book when the market can be manipulated as in the Union Pacific case while the fellows on the inside take the profits. The masterly manner in which Edward Harriman has secured an eastern outlet is the largest achievement in railway manipulation for a decade.

### SHORTER HOURS.

Switchmen File a Petition for Better Pay and New Schedule.

The local union of switchmen yesterday asked for higher pay and fewer hours of daily work. Representatives of the union waited upon officials of all railroads here and presented their request. This move is universal all over the country west of Pittsburgh, Pa. The demand is universal and the same request is made in every case. The unions ask their wage schedule to be elevated to 42 cents per hour for night foremen and 38 cents per hour for helpers, making their wages average \$4.04 for foremen and \$3.56 for switchmen. They ask that no discrimination be made between day and night work, and eight hours constitute a shift.

Up until now switchmen have been required to work 12 hours. The advance sought in wages is an effort to get no reduction in pay with the lessening of the hours at work.

Under the present schedule, night foremen receive 33 cents per hour; day foremen, 31 cents per hour; night helpers, 28 cents per hour, and day helpers, 25 cents per hour. The wage scale on a 12-hour basis is \$3.96, \$3.72, \$3.69 and \$3.36, respectively. The men deny that there is any possibility of a strike. They believe that their request will be granted. In asking for this raise they affirm that while switchmen's wages have been advanced 13 per cent in the last 10 years the cost of living has increased 61 per cent.

### TROUT FOR UTAH.

Rio Grande is to Bring 1,000,000 Fry For Utah Streams.

A consignment of close upon 1,000,000 trout fry coming from the government fish hatchery at Montezuma, Colo. Of this number more than half are consigned to the Rio Grande Western and will be planted in Provo river and other streams along the Rio Grande system.

In a letter to Frank Groesbeck, traveling passenger agent of the Rio Grande, W. T. Thompson, superintendent of the hatchery, says: "Our recent trips through your territory have interested the residents to such an extent that there will be 25 or 30 small consignments to citizens along the line."

It would suggest that the Salina Commercial club be given approximately 15 cans of natives for waters in their vicinity. This will leave 27 cans natives, six cans rainbow and eight cans brook for the Provo or such other waters as you may think proper."

Mr. Thompson expected to come to Utah with the fish fry, but was advised at the last moment of the movement of one of the government fisheries cars from the west with a load of

the golden trout from Volcano Creek, Cal., which is due in Ogden about the same time that the Utah consignment leaves Malta.

WESTERN PACIFIC.

In a summary of the progress on the Western Pacific, the Railway and Engineering Review has the following: "Construction work on the Western Pacific is progressing well in California, although there is a great shortage of labor. The contractors are using every inducement to secure men, and advertising in the east for 5,000 men, promising to secure low transportation rates. The chief difficulty in keeping men at work on the grading contracts is the high wages to be had in other occupations. Tunnel work is going ahead very satisfactorily on the entire length of the line in California. The Spring garden tunnel, which is to be the longest in the state, 7,800 ft., is in 1,062 ft. on the west end and 460 ft. on the east end. The Niles tunnel, a few miles east of Oakland, is making favorable progress underground, and massive concrete portals have been completed. Although forces for bids for most of the grading of this line through the state of Nevada were sent east some time ago, no contracts have yet been let for the work. The projected route through Nevada presents but few serious engineering difficulties, and the road hopes to have the line open for business from San Francisco to Salt Lake City in two years. The track in Utah has now reached a point 42 miles west from Salt Lake City, and could be extended at the rate of a mile a day across the desert, but for the prevailing floods. The country has been visited by unusual rains in the dry season following an exceptionally severe and long winter. The first track-laying of any consequence in California will be done at Oroville. It is the intention to lay 11 miles of track east from Oroville to the middle fork of the Feather river so that steel can be delivered for the bridge during the winter. Track will also be laid between Oroville and Marysville, on the west. On this section grading has been completed for 15 miles and five miles additional almost completed. The first shipment of the Western Pacific flat cars has been delivered at Reno, Nevada, for use on the Boca & Layton road, which has been acquired by the Western Pacific as a feeder.

The announcement has been made that the Western Pacific has acquired control of the Virginia & Truckee railway, which will build into Reno, Nev. The transfer of the property has not been made formally, and it will not be turned over until the Western Pacific is completed."

ERIE AFTER THE TOLEDO.

New York, Sept. 26.—It is authoritatively denied that the Erie Railroad company is negotiating for the purchase of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad company. It is admitted that the Erie Railroad company had in contemplation a possible purchase of the "Clover Leaf" road, and officials of the Erie railway made a trip of inspection over the line, but no further progress toward the deal has been made. It is understood that the Erie would not be averse to taking the property if it could be secured on what the Erie considers reasonable terms. The latter company has for some time had in view of possible extensions, and one of the points which it desires to reach over its own lines is St. Louis. This could be accomplished by the absorption of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western, which connects with the Erie at Ohio City. Up to the present time, however, nothing has been accomplished to assure the carrying out of any such deal.



THE "LAKE GEORGE."

Illustrated above, is a popular sailor brought out by Banks, 116 S. Main St. They are in velvet and felt, all colors at from \$2.50 to \$5.00. Plain, but tastefully trimmed.

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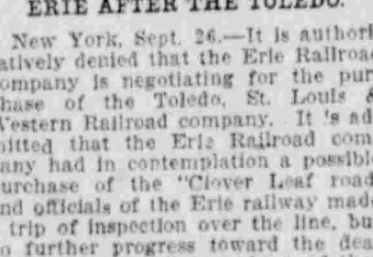
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### SALT LAKE OPERA COMPANY

Excursion to Logan.

September 25th, via O. S. L. Round trip from Salt Lake \$2.50. Special train at 3:30 p. m. Tickets good for return until September 30th.

PET ANGORA GOATS "CHILDREN go wild over them. We now have a big more on hand ready for sale; are well broke; can pull 10 times their own weight; give better service than Shetland ponies and require less care and feed. It is a scientific fact that the Angora goat kept around children will prevent disease; are intelligent, kind and beautiful; are king of pets. A big profit is made from their long silky mohair; are in no way obnoxious; if each, two for \$12; delivered at your nearest depot free if ordered before Oct. 25th. J. R. Hamilton, Kanab, Kane Co., Utah. Telephone ring, 2 long, 2 short.



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### COLORADO MIDLAND.

Geo. Valley's Management Makes a Splendid Financial Showing.

Under the able management of George W. Valley the Colorado Midland apparently is now on the high road to prosperity. According to the annual statement the gross earnings of the road were \$2,132,655. Despite the big increase in earnings, the operation expenses were reduced nearly \$30,000.

Gross earnings, 1905, \$1,974,463; 1906, \$2,132,655; increase, \$158,202. Operation expenses, 1905, \$1,571,938; 1906, \$1,527,910; decrease, \$44,028.

Net earnings, 1905, \$402,524; 1906, \$604,736; increase, \$202,231.

Income on securities in treasury, 1905, \$23,296; 1906, \$38,055; increase, \$14,759.

Total net income, 1905, \$436,920; 1906, \$642,811; increase, \$205,891.

### SPIKE AND RAIL.

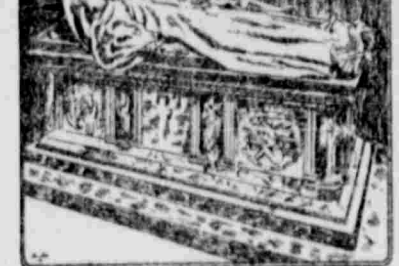
W. J. Tollerton, the new superintendent of motive power and machinery on the Rock Island Oklahoma lines, has come west in his private car to look after the removal of his effects to Topeka, Kan.

The Japanese repair train on the Short Line was searched by officers on Monday with the result each car was a regular drug store. Soap by the hundred weight and perfumery was recovered. It had been stolen from the Highbridge wreck.

"The Old Redhead" special on the Rio Grande Western brought the company of bad actors down from Ogden yesterday morning in something like 50 minutes by the watch. It was a great run and everybody had plenty of time in which to take the last car home in comfort.

### THE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL IN HAWARDEN CHURCH.

The picture shows the fine new memorial to Gladstone recently dedicated by the bishop of St. Asaph. It is in St. Deiniol's church, Hawarden, and it



represents the recumbent figure of Gladstone and his wife with their hands resting on the cross. It is the work of Sir William Richmond, the eminent English sculptor.

The only thatched church in the United Kingdom is at Markby, a little village three miles from Alford, Lincolnshire.

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