

THE STAR, ST. JOHN. N. B., FRIDAY, JUNE 14 1907

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## GALVESTON, TEXAS--THE CITY OF THE NEW IDEA.

Results of the Experiment in Government by Commission Have  
Proved Most Gratifying in Every Way -- Other  
Cities to Adopt Same Plan.

The problem of obtaining good city government, everywhere, has probably never been so nearly solved as in Texas, where several cities are now enjoying exemplary administration under the commission plan. Galveston was the first to put the plan in operation, and the results were so gratifying that two years ago Houston obtained from the legislature a similar charter. The success of the Houston government has been equally as pronounced as that of Galveston and now Dallas, with a population of 80,000; Fort Worth, with a population of 70,000, and several smaller cities, have followed suit, and others are preparing to do so. Memphis, Tenn., has also adopted the plan, and other large cities throughout the country have it under consideration.

At the time the commission form of government was adopted, the city was practically bankrupt, having defaulted in the payment of its interest. There was also a very large sum owing for current expenses, and a great deal of city scrip outstanding. What the present commission has accomplished for the city, under the most adverse conditions at the first meeting, is a record.

The floating debt of the city on Jan. 1, 1901, according to the city auditor's report, was \$204,874.54. This has been entirely paid. The commissioners secured the services of a board of three eminent engineers, who resulted in obtaining plans for the seawall and grade raising, rebuilt the city hall, rebuilt the waterworks' pumping station, built a fine engine house on 22nd and Market streets, repaired the different engine houses damaged by the storm, repaved with brick the streets throughout the entire business section of the city at a cost of about \$150,000, built rock and shell filled roads at a cost of \$40,000, retired a large part of the bonded debt, and also provided a large amount of permanent drainage. During the year just ended the city expended for public improvements \$200,000.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.  
The strongest feature of the commission plan of city government is its directness and simplicity. There are only four elective officers--a mayor and four commissioners--elected by the city at large without regard to subdivisions. The business of the city is divided into four departments with the mayor president as the executive head, he being charged with the duty of seeing that all the city laws are enforced. The commissioners at the first meeting after their election, or as soon thereafter as possible, by a majority vote designate from among their number a commissioner, who shall be known as commissioner of finance and revenue, and under whose direction is placed the office of city assessor and collector, the city treasurer, and the city auditor. He is also charged with the duty of examining into and keeping informed as to the finances of the city and with the advice and assistance of the other commissioners prepares the annual budget of the city. Another commissioner is designated as commissioner of waterworks and sewerage. He has under his special charge the construction, maintenance and operation of the waterworks and sewer system and departments. The superintendents of these two departments and the joint secretary and all employees are under the direction of this commissioner.

The city secretary and city attorney are officers with whom the mayor-president is closely associated. All officers and employees are nominated by the commissioners, who are elected by the respective departments and are elected by a majority vote of the entire board. MEETINGS ARE EXPEDITIOUS.  
The city charter requires that the board shall meet in regular session at least once every week. These meetings are conducted in the most business-like manner, and are free from wrangling or disputes. The commissioners sit around a directors' table, the mayor presiding. The city attorney and the heads of the various departments are always in attendance. Little speech-making is indulged in, and the presence of idle spectators is an exception rather than the rule. All important matters are discussed and decided in the early part of September. The city charter requires that the board shall meet in regular session at least once every week. These meetings are conducted in the most business-like manner, and are free from wrangling or disputes. The commissioners sit around a directors' table, the mayor presiding. The city attorney and the heads of the various departments are always in attendance. Little speech-making is indulged in, and the presence of idle spectators is an exception rather than the rule. All important matters are discussed and decided in the early part of September.

Under the commission form of government, the powers of the commissioners are joint and several, "every act stands on its own bottom," and the shifting of responsibility is impossible. The mismanagement of a department is promptly laid at the door of the delinquent commissioner. This knowledge of personal responsibility causes each commissioner to feel a special pride in the proper management of his department, realizing as he must that merit, as well as defects, is easily recognized by the public. The commission form of city government was actively inaugurated in the early part of September, 1901, and therefore has been in existence for five years and eight months, and yet in all that time the success has been such as to make it daily increase in favor.

After the various city departments became thoroughly organized under the commission plan and the services of competent city employees had been secured, the duties of the different commissioners became largely directory, and with the exception of the commissioner of finance, the public plan is very simple and direct. The commissioner of finance has charge of the management and business affairs of the city of Galveston. The commissioner of finance, who is elected by the city at large, is the head of a large financial institution, and yet he finds time to look after his department in most efficient manner. He, of course, has the assistance and advice of the city attorney, the city treasurer, and the city auditor. The financing of the grade raising was a splendid achievement. During the past three years \$2,000,000 grade-raising bonds have been issued by the city. These bonds are being rapidly retired with the state donation. The city has been rid of numerous lawsuits and a number of serious claims, among them the Alta Loma suit, which threatened the water supply of the city. Tax collections have been pushed in a businesslike way. Old, long-standing damage and law suits and other litigation have been settled, as has the wharf company controversy, with its several features, insuring the city \$80,000 for additional drainage to the channel supply of the city.

The commissioners have worked faithfully and industriously for the restoration and upbuilding of the city, and their success has been beyond the greatest expectation. The city budgets covering the annual expenditures are prepared by the commissioner of finance and revenue and presented to the board for adoption. In preparing this budget the commissioner of finance and revenue exercises great care. In no instance has the city expended more money in one year than is provided for by its budget. The streets of the city are kept scrupulously clean.

# CLASSIFIED ADS.

ONE CENT PER WORD per issue is all it costs to insert advertisements like those appearing below in the lively columns of THE STAR or STAR. This ensures them being read in 6,500 St. John homes every evening, and by nearly 8,000 people during the day. SUN and STAR Classified ads. are veritable little busybodies.

6 Insertions for the price of 4

## ARTICLES FOR SALE

FOR SALE--Motor Cycles and side car attachments, new and secondhand machines. See CURTIS, the Motor-Cycle man, 133 Main street, care Exchange Line Store. 11-6-11  
FOR SALE--Top Buggy, \$25, set single harness, \$10. Apply 77 St. Patrick street. 12-6-11  
FOR SALE--Cedar row boat, 15 ft. long, with sail and fittings complete. S. W. PALMER, 62 Princess. 8-6-11  
FOR SALE--Saw mill edge, good as new, latest improved, made by St. John Iron Works. Also 400 ft. sawdust chain. Inquire of Chas. T. White & Son, East Apple River, N. S. 12-5-11

## SECOND HAND PROOF PRESS

For sale in good condition. Size 20x30. Apply Sun office. 12-6-11

## FOR SALE--New Bait Wagon and others

Sold cheap. 300 Charlotte street, West. 12-5-11

## FOR SALE--A set of short-handled instruction books

(These Pitman systems). Only in use a short time. Will be sold at a bargain. Box 120, Star Office. 20-11

## FOR SALE--At Duval's Umbrella Shop

Self-opening Umbrellas, 80c. up ordinary, 90c. up. L. S. Cane. We use no other in our chair-sewing. Performance of the various departments are always in attendance. Little speech-making is indulged in, and the presence of idle spectators is an exception rather than the rule. All important matters are discussed and decided in the early part of September.

## FOR SALE--About twenty new and second-hand delivery Wagons

2, 4, 6 and 8 horses, carriages, different styles, ready for use, glass front coach, new trimmings, well painted; a first class coach very cheap; also three outboard carriages; best place in the city for painting and greatest facilities for carriage repairing. A. G. EDGECOMBE, 115 and 119 City Road. 12-5-11

## MISS WASSON--Pianoforte teacher

Will take pupils after June 10th. 10th Broad street. Tel. 1885 ring 21. 12-5-11

## FIREWOOD--Mill Wood cut to stove lengths

For big load in City 112; North End \$1.00. Pay the driver. This wood is just from mill. MURRAY & GREGORY, LTD., Phone 251. 6-6-11

## JOS. WHITELEY, Piano and Organ Tuner

138 Carmarthen St., St. John. Phone 1567. 25-5-11

## J. D. McAVITY, dealer in hard and soft coal

Delivered promptly in the city. 29 Brussels street. 6-6-11

## WM. L. WILLIAMS, SUCCESSOR TO M. A. PLAN, Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchants

Established 1874. 112 Prince Street. Write for price list. 12-5-11

## I AM NOW LANDING Minnie Soft Coal

Old Mine Sydney Scotch Anthracite, Hard Wood \$1.15 a load. JAMES S. McGINNIN, Agent, 6 Mill St. Tel. 42. 6-6-11

## D. FITZGERALD, 25 Dock street

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## ST. JOHN PUBL. CO. can give you cheaper dry wood than any other fuel company in St. John

We also keep in stock the celebrated Springhill Coal, especially adapted for cooking stoves, and also both Scotch and American Hard Coal. Prompt delivery with our own teams. Telephone 1284. 6-6-11

## WILLIAM H. PATTERSON, Graduate Doctor of Optics

55 Bruns street. Glasses perfectly right, two years ago. May be far from right now. We will examine your eyes FREE and only recommend a change if absolutely beneficial. 3-3-11

## E. LAW, Watchmaker, 3 Coburg St.

12-6-11

## LOST AND FOUND

LOST--On Wednesday morning in the city or on train between St. John and Arthurton Station, a Gold Sunburst Brooch set with pearls. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at Star office. Centenary St. 6-6-11

LOST--Gold breast pin, set with pearls. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to S. W. McMACRIN, 335 Main street. 12-6-11

LOST--A large bunch of keys. Finder will kindly leave same at the Star Office and oblige owner. 14-6-11

## SITUATIONS VACANT--FEMALE

WANTED--Girl for grocery store, with knowledge of bookkeeping preferred. Address Box 166 Star. 12-6-11

GIRLS WANTED--Girl wait makers wanted, also to learn trade. Paid while learning. A. LEVINE, 54 Union St. 12-6-11

WANTED--A second class female teacher for School District No. 8 in the Parishes of Sussex and Hammond. "District Poor." Apply stating salary to WM. H. McFARLAND, Secy., Trustees, Markhamville, Kings Co., N. B. 12-6-11

WANTED--Girls to learn pants and vest making. W. J. HIGGINS & CO., 182 Union street. 12-6-11

WOMEN WANTED--Two good fancy ironers for ladies' fine clothes. The best of wages to good workers. Apply to H. D. CHURCHILL, The Pines, Digby, N. S. 10-6-11

WANTED--Girls wanted at once. Apply UNGAR'S LAUNDRY, Waterloo street. 12-6-11

WANTED--Girls for labelling tea packets, experience necessary. Also boy with some experience in printing room. UNION BLEND TEA, Mill street. 12-6-11

WANTED--Competent girl for general housework. Apply 133 Princess St. 8-6-11

WANTED--Girl waitresses for Rockwood Park. Apply at FRANK WHITE CATERING CO., 80 King street. 14-11

WANTED--Knee pant and overall makers to take work home. Steady work. Apply 36 Dock street, D. Ashkins & Co. 22-5-11

IF YOU WANT male or female help or a better situation in St. John or Boston, try GRANT'S Employment Agency, 20 St. James street, West side. 12-6-11

## DOMESTICS WANTED

WANTED--Chamber Maid for ROYAL HOTEL, also Bell Boy. 14-6-11

WANTED--Young girl to assist in care of child and for light housework. Apply to 40 Garden street. 12-6-11

WANTED--A housemaid at No. 1 Chipman Hill. 12-6-11

WANTED--Housemaid to go to Rethesda for the summer months. Apply to MRS. THOMAS McAVITY, 192 King street east. 12-6-11

WANTED--A good girl for general housework in a family of three. Apply at once to MRS. A. PIERCE CROCKRETT, 50 King Square. 12-6-11

WANTED--AT PARK HOTEL, Dining Room girl. 12-6-11

WANTED--At once, general girl. Apply 75 King street, over Macaulay Bros. 12-6-11

WANTED--At Clifton House, one dining room and one scrub girl. 5-6-11

WANTED--Housemaid. Apply MRS. JAMES S. HARDING, 244 Germain street. 12-6-11

WANTED--A capable girl for general housework, can always get best places and highest pay. Apply MRS. H. G. McBEATH, 128 St. James street. 27-5-11

SERVANT WANTED--Girl to do general work. Good wages paid to a capable person. References required. Apply 188 Germain street. 12-6-11

BOSTON HOUSE--14 Prince William street. Very pleasant rooms, excellent table. Terms moderate. 29-5-11

ROOMS WITH BOARD for gentlemen in private family can be had by applying at 203 Main street. 22-5-11

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TO LET--Furnished rooms at Tremont, suitable for light housekeeping, at very moderate rates. 22-4-11

TO LET--Two large rooms, centrally located, with separate entrances, suitable for offices, show rooms, or lodging. Apply to A. W. BAIRD, Pugsley's Bld. 11-6-11

TO LET--Comfortably furnished rooms. 11-6-11

TO LET--Nice summer cottage partly furnished at Renforth, Apply C. VAIL, Globe Laundry. 6-6-11

TO LET--Barn with six stalls and good hay loft. Apply GEO. DICK, 46 Britannia street. 14-6-11

TO LET--Three rooms furnished, or unfurnished, separate or together. 40 Horsfield street. 20-5-11

NEW YORK, June 13--Nichols Cultus, a young candy maker of Stamford, Conn., is in jail tonight charged with having fired three shots from a pistol and fatally injuring Tony Banks, a Green restaurant keeper. He is said to have admitted the shooting.

Letters were found on Cultus from a Bangor, Maine, girl.

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WANTED--Strong boy to work in confectionery store. Good wages. Apply in evenings at 67 Main street. RAMSAY BROS. 14-6-11

WANTED AT ONCE--A boy to work at mattress making. Apply to C. J. ELDERKIN, City Road. 12-6-11

WANTED--A boy to learn the barber trade. Apply to WM. TINGLEY, 306 Charlotte street. 12-6-11

BOY WANTED--Capable boy about 15 for general work about store. A. GILMOUR, 88 King street. 12-6-11

WANTED--A gang flier to go to Tracadie, New Brunswick. Apply at once to the undersigned, giving references and wages. J. B. SNOWBALL COMPANY, LIMITED, Chatham, N. B. 12-6-11

WANTED--Apprentices to go to London, Ont., to learn boiler making and moulding trades. Fine opening for young men. Good wages. Apply GEO. H. EVANS, Engines and Machinery, 82 Water street, St. John, N. B. 10-6-11

WANTED--Young man for bakery. Apply ROBINSON'S BAKERY, 104-11

WANTED--Subscription agents to secure subscriptions to the Canadian Courier Canada's National Weekly. Call write P. O. CAMPBELL, Dufferin Hotel. 12-6-11

WANTED--Smart, neat porter for saloon. Apply 186 Union street. 12-6-11

WANTED--1 Yard Man at VICTORIA HOTEL, King street. 3-6-11

WANTED--Young man having two or three years' experience at type setting. Apply SUN PRINTING CO., LTD. 12-6-11

## Wanted at Once

Machinists, Rough Painters, Cabinet Makers, Foreman Tailor, First-class Painters, Washmen, \$1.50 per day. No longer are the sidewalks of the city rented out to fruit stands and like establishments by adjacent property owners.

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As there is no standard shape of face and figure, so no snaps of hat will suit all men. That is only one reason why we have in stock HATS of all the different shapes, styles, grades and prices.

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