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## REVISE CHARTER BIG DELEGATIONS AT GREAT SUCCESS

"Charter Should be Changed Whether We Have Commission or Council," Says Mr. Clizbe.

Mr. Edrork: The charter should be changed in several matters whether we have a commission or a council so my vote to be "Yes." One change necessary is to have the polls open until 8 o'clock P. M., and another is to have a primary caucus so the electors can cast their choice for candidates for office from two to eight P. M. Then we will never again see a caucus that is held in the schoolhouse recently, where less than a dozen electors, all of whom were delinquents to the village, brought in a complete slate, which they had made the night before and relying upon the former respectability of some of these delinquents, tried to smash it through before the people could see the game. Then to keep the people's eyes closed, the chairman, in the rankest possible parliamentary form, prevented any discussion of a full set of resolutions referring to the reforms of the past year and to a man, voted not to ratify them.

Now, it is announced that Mr. Daines and Mr. Parks, whom they succeeded in nominating, will seek to overturn some of the policies and change the ordinances back to the old ways, now fully discarded. If the people want free water taps and service to the mains, where the laws say the consumer must pay unless excused by an ordinance, and if they wish to repay out of a depleted treasury for all water taps and service put in all over town during the last two years, they should vote for Messrs. Daines and Parks.

A communistic socialist wants all improvements made at the expense of the public even when he gets all benefits. Has it not come to the point now, with our \$22,000 general bond indebtedness, where each should bear his natural and legal burden? The attorney for these few misguided citizens, who are scrapping for a free water taps and service, said in a written opinion, that his clients should pay for taps and service to the mains on the street. They are not asked under the ordinances to pay only about five or six dollars more than that. This great noise is over nothing. This effort to overturn the ordinance is not born of loyalty to the town. There, some of these gentlemen are in it only because they signed a peculiarly worded paper for which they cannot escape without.

Finally, I have written as above because it seems to be a duty. Messrs. Daines and Parks and most of the others are my best friends, but they are in bad on this. Their taps and service will be assessed against the property this summer. The village must start a litigation. We have no money for litigation. To carry out the sentiments here expressed, a cross should be placed before the names of Messrs. Van Every, McIntee, and Trumbull, and a line drawn through the names of the three names on the ticket for councilmen or trustees.

W. D. CLIZBE.

## COUNTY CONFERENCE.

When in Lansing during the past week County Y. M. C. A. Secretary Verburg succeeded in getting a promise of Herbert Straight, right guard of the winning football team of the Michigan Agricultural College for the past two years, to come to the Annual Conference of older boys which is to be held at Rochester, March 24-6. Straight is one of the most popular men on the campus at the M. A. C., and is prominent in Y. M. C. A. work as well. Oakland boys consider themselves most fortunate in getting this man to speak to them.

Mr. Straight will be on the program Saturday evening on "Clean Athletics." He will also be present throughout the Conference to get acquainted with the men and boys. He is a boyhood friend of Mr. Verburg and together they have played basketball and other games while in preparatory days at Hope College. Straight played a prominent part in the sensational A. C. - U. of M. game at Ann Arbor last fall when M. A. C. beat the University 22-0. An advanced folder, announcing the conference and a few of the main speakers, will be sent to the various towns and communities throughout the county during this week. Plans are under way for housing and entertaining about one hundred and fifty boys and fifty men from every corner of the county. At a conference of county leaders, local committee men and older boys in Birmingham on Friday evening, it was the consensus of opinion that the Rochester Conference would be the greatest religious demonstration this county has yet seen.

Charles F. Smith of Detroit, has started his 10th store for the sale of groceries in the Wooster Block. Look like we are about in Detroit, now. Many of our people can now trade at home, huh?

Church Members Will go to Highland Park to Attend Services in Forsythe Tabernacle, March 10.

On Friday night, March 10, members of the Royal Oak churches will go to Highland Park in a body to attend the services in the Forsythe Tabernacle. Spectra are according to the number who will make the trip, will be provided and members have been urged to notify their pastors at the earliest moment that satisfactory transportation arrangements can be made.

The following week Birmingham night will be celebrated. On these special delegation nights seats are reserved in the center of the auditorium, for the visitors and everything is done to make the visit attractive. A representative of the Forsythe party visited pastors in Royal Oak and Birmingham last Friday to make arrangements for the special delegations.

The Birmingham Baptists have had planned to go to the Forsythe Tabernacle on Friday night so they will join with their brethren from Royal Oak.

Many Royal Oak and Birmingham people already have attended the services in the Highland Park Tabernacle which are attracting thousands nightly. Last Sunday night, the Congregationalists of Royal Oak, went down together and enjoyed a powerful service. The Sunday afternoon meeting for men only also was largely attended.

## OBITUARY.

A shadow of gloom was cast over the community as it was announced on Wednesday morning of last week, that George Purdy had suddenly passed away at a late hour the previous evening. Very few knew anything of his illness and his death came as a shock to all.

Mr. Purdy had lived in this community since boyhood, and in partnership with his brother, John, carried on an extensive business as cattle dealer. This, necessarily, brought him in touch with a large circle of people, but he was not in the habit of talking say a word against his honesty, and many had a preference to do business with him, because of his friendly disposition and Christian principles.

His experiences in life were wide and varied. He was a widower, and widow, sets before his children, the most mysterious problems of life, that through their experience and study, they may know him and love him in the "Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth." Few have felt a rod of chastisement more frequently or more severely than has Mr. Purdy; no man loved home or family more than he; but one after another, the objects of his love and care were taken from him in different ways. His wife, he mourned, the loss of loved ones, his wife of earlier years, and eight children have passed on before, and now he has gone to join them in the mansion above. It may rest satisfied that he has left behind him a fine, noble, and successful man, who was never life's lessons unfruitful. He realized that those who had gone, had been privileged to enter upon bliss, sings more glorious and enjoyable than earth can give, and at an early age gave his possessions to God, as a blessing, while to himself the blessings of this life are only temporary and imperfect. "And he looked for a city that had foundations whose builder and maker is God." In a conversation with Mr. Purdy, soon after his death, he said, a few months ago, with a heart filled with grief, he spoke of the mystery of the present shadows, and gave assurance that some day, beyond that, he would see God's infinite wisdom and love revealed, for he would take his place in a reunited, redeemed family, in the presence of the King. He has left a vacant place in the home on earth, but has gone to fill a more important place in the home and family above. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and when possible, his seat was seldom vacant at the hour of service. He had a deep interest in the prosperity of the church, and whenever Christ's duties devolved upon him, he was always willing to do his part.

He leaves to mourn his departure, a wife, and three sons, Lester, Hugh, and Maxwell, together with a large circle of friends, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy, and pray that God in His love may give grace in this time of trial and sorrow.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. McGeary of Pontiac, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Presentation of Comic Opera Cap- tivates Enthusiastic Audiences at Temple Theatre.

The presentation, by local talent, on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week, of Arthur Sullivan's comic opera, "Contrabando," captivated enthusiastic audiences that taxed the capacity of the Temple Theatre on both occasions. Under the able leadership of Miss Taylor, members of the choir of St. James' Church, assisted by several from Pontiac's musical circle, have industriously rehearsed for a month, and the resulting performances pleased and surprised our community. The charming music, which is artistically rendered, and the humor of the lines brought plentiful applause from the audience.

Miss Taliaferro, after planning the affair and selecting the opera, gave her efforts a touching and touching appeal to the principals and chorus, and it is owing to her energy and large musical experience and ability that the effort resulted in so successful a conclusion.

We are indeed fortunate to have in our midst so talented an artist. Mrs. C. W. Harris as "Rita," sang and acted to a point of perfection. Her lovely voice has never been heard to a greater advantage, and her solos were warmly encored each night. Her beautiful stage appearance, and the singing would have been most creditable to even an experienced professional. As "Inez," Mrs. Reinhart was both good to look upon, and enchanting to hear. Her work, from a vocal and dramatic standpoint, was most artistic, a fact which was appreciated by her hearers, who demonstrated their approval by their warm applause. Mr. Quayle, who, at a such short notice, assumed the roles of both "Vasquez" and "Griggs," displayed a versatility quite unusual, as the characters are utterly unlike, and he was equally successful in the portrayal of both. He charmed all with the beauty and tenderness of his "Vasquez," and shrieks of laughter and applause, and a unanimous admiration of "Griggs." An artist of versatility, who won all hearts and left behind him a host of admirers and friends. Miss Katherine Sibley, as "Carmenita," the Spanish dancer, the grace and charm of whose dancing is too well known to need extended notice, won fresh laurels with her solo casted, Messrs. Baum and Plumstead, "Sancho" and "Jose," respectively, acted and sang their parts creditably and acceptably. Mr. Coe, who assumed the role of "Vasquez" in the final scene, displayed a sweet tenor voice of promise. Mr. Alexander, as "Captain Zamore," was a gallant and charming officer. Miss Helen Shaw, an ideal singer, sang "The Bird Song," an excellent attendant upon the "Queen." Mr. Lick, as "Pedrillo," was all that could be desired, and Mr. McFawcave his lines with fidelity and fine expression. The chorus of dancing girls, composed of Mrs. C. W. Harris, Miss Taliaferro, Mitchell, Sibley, Wilson, Knapp, Hayes, Shaw, Harris, and Ferguson, made a gay picture in their lustrous satin skirts, velvet hoppers, and lace head-dresses.

The chorus was composed of Messrs. McFawcave, Wright, Langstaff, Clark, Davis, Lick, Rainey, and Alexander, arrayed in short, velvet breeches, and bowlers, cross-garters, sombreros, and sashes, stuck full of knives and pistols, and with their rifles, and a fascinating array of "cut-throats" as could well be imagined. The Pontiac High School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Henry Luckner of Detroit, played with much brilliancy, and with nice regard for the music, and their accompaniment and delighted everyone. Mr. Luckner is a very able conductor, violinist, and artist, and it is to be hoped that an orchestra will be formed here under his leadership. It would be a great thing for Birmingham to have such a capable orchestra. There are enough performers upon the different instruments necessary to compose a well-balanced orchestra, so it would seem a great pity if action in this matter should be further delayed. The orchestra contracted at the piano, was a host in herself. She is an exquisite accompanist, graceful, intuitive, and temperamental. A short program preceded the opera, and several numbers were interpolated between acts. Mrs. C. W. Harris, sang several stirring marches. Mr. Dudley, a cornet solo, "Stella Polka," with Mrs. Dudley at the piano, which was most enjoyable. Mr. Dudley is a prime favorite here, not only as an artist, but as a man, whose courage for good, whose high ideals left a lasting impression upon the community, and especially the boys, who miss him and need just such a friend. Miss Emmeline Mitchell delighted her friends and admirers, (and that means everybody) by her reading of Bert Bart's "Reverie after the Ball." Her work has charm and distinction, and a certain spiritual quality which argues well for her talent. Mrs. C. W. Harris, sang in costume by Miss Betty Taliaferro, was charming and effective. Mrs. Reinhart's two songs, "O, Sole

Mie" and "Don't Let Go," was her warm applause. Miss Taylor's impromptu speech in answer to the enthusiastic certain call at the close of the Opera, was most gracious and comprehensive.

Such an entertainment given by our people, puts Birmingham upon the musical map, and gives rise to the hope that we may have more of the same kind.

Mr. Thomas Cobb kindly looked after the box-office and great credit is due him and the ushers, Messrs. Luzaombo, Hulbert, Chapin, Miner, and Frank Cobb, for the splendid way in which every one was seated quietly and so quickly.

Last, but not least, the committee in arrangement, who were so successful in their big sale of seats for each night, are to be heartily commended for this tremendous piece of work, also for all the splendid arrangements made for them, which helped to make it an occasion long to be remembered.

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Mr. Andrew Porter and Mrs. Andries of Detroit, enjoyed the musical given by Mrs. W. J. McKinney, Jr., on Brown Street, last Saturday.

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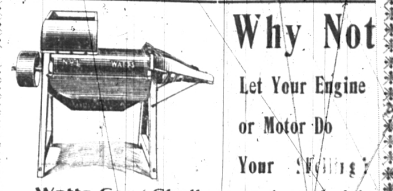
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