

GOVERNED TOO MUCH.

A Decided Kick From the Settlers of the Oklahoma Capital.

GUTHRIE'S MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Is Running Local Affairs in a Somewhat Peculiar Style.

NEW OFFICIALS WITH HIGH SALARIES.

Have Been and Charters Granted Without Authority From the People.

A protest comes from Guthrie, Oklahoma, over the manner in which the Council of that newly settled city is running matters. It is asserted that they have adjusted claims and laid out streets in their own interest. Taxes to a considerable amount have been levied, and salaries officials appointed. A charter has been granted to a water company for ten years without the citizens having any voice in the matter.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Inspector Pickler of the Interior Department, now in Guthrie, Oklahoma, has sent a report to Secretary Noble, under date of May 18, on the situation in that city. In the course of his report, Inspector Pickler says:

For about ten days there has been a steadily increasing feeling here among the people against the City Council of Guthrie. This Council was very irregularly chosen, to begin with, and as the people understood, for the purpose merely of putting the machinery of the city in motion. The Mayor was selected by a committee of seven chosen by a mass meeting, and a committee of one from each State and territory became the Council.

At the time this Council was chosen it consisted of over 30 members, but now numbers about 15. Grave responsibilities were forced upon them, and generally they have assumed and settled them in a creditable manner. They have preserved order, surveyed the town, and practically cleared the streets. In these matters, they are commended by all.

THEY ARE KICKING.

They have, however, assumed other powers and undertaken to act in various matters for which they are very generally and very emphatically condemned. They have appointed an attorney at a salary of \$1,800 per year, and an adviser of the Council on arbitration at a salary in excess of that; a board of five arbitrators on settling the right of possession of lots; some being members of the Council, at \$10 per day, charging each contestant \$10 before cases could be heard, and returning only the \$10 to the party succeeding, and keeping the remainder.

Some times there have been five or six contestants for the same lot. They have granted, or pretended to grant, franchises for 10 years to a company to supply the city with water, build a bridge across the stream and grade the streets, and in a like manner have taken many such steps against which the citizens loudly protest. And further, they are now collecting large taxes—an occupation tax of \$5 per month, a survey tax, a recorder's tax, \$5 on 100, etc.

They have enacted harsh ordinances for violation of which severe penalties are imposed. They are recklessly spending money in paying officials, and are surveying the town on lines other than those recommended at the people's meeting in order to save their own jobs.

THE EARLY ONES.

Further, it is asserted that the members of the Council are among those who came in on Sunday before the 22d and seized all the best lots and that the city government has in all matters protected the interests of these men. This charge has been made more emphatic from the fact that the city Council has instructed its board of arbitration that in considering who is entitled to a lot, the board shall not take

into consideration the time of settling as before or after 4 o'clock, but that priority of settlement on Monday, the 22d, regardless of the hour, entitled the party to the lot. This the people considered in direct conflict with the residence proclamation. In the last few days the Council has selected two other boards of arbitration of five each, at a compensation of \$5 per day each, as claimed by some, and at \$10 per day as claimed by others. The Council has transacted much of its business with closed doors. The lawyers have formed a bar association and were the first to take action looking to an election of city officers and to the drafting of a charter to govern them.

A petition was circulated yesterday asking the Council to call an election to divide the city into wards and make a registry of the voters, and asking that the election be held Monday, May 27. Every body practically signed the petition. Independent of this petition the citizens held a large mass meeting last evening on the Government square. They were very much in earnest and very determined. After speeches by different persons they passed a resolution requesting the Mayor and City Council, and appointed a committee to notify them, and also passed a resolution appointing a committee of seven to call a city election, ignoring the present Mayor and Council. At this time there had grown to be considerable excitement, as the friends of the old Council were on the outside of the building during this action.

A PACIFIC SPEECH.

At this juncture, when a few men were urging an adjournment, leaving the resolution in effect to oust the present Council, there were loud calls for me from, I think, both sides or sentiments. I finally took the stand. I told them that in my judgment it was a mistake to not petition the Mayor and Council to call the election, and that it would most likely result in two conflicting city governments and great disorder and confusion, as well as great danger to the public good. That they must admit that the Council had done much to be commended, and that I was confident that an election would not be refused them. I agreed with them that they were entitled to a speedy election by ballot that they were entitled to a sworn statement from the present Council as to all moneys collected or paid out; that the incoming administration should limit the fees of all officers and boards; should be economical and should be very careful in granting to individuals valuable franchises of the city without due consideration.

FAVOR OF THE ACTION

already taken and declared the motion out of order, and the resolution and so little excitement the meeting was about to be adjourned, against the almost unanimous desire of those present to carry out my suggestion. They again called for me, and quickly mounting the stand, I very earnestly appealed to them to act coolly and asked them if the resolution they had passed prevailed, what would become of the city, without officers and without a government until they elected others.

The motion was again made to reconsider and was carried and a committee appointed to present petitions to the Mayor requesting him to call an election. The meeting then adjourned in good humor. I do not think such an emergency will arise again. The Council will grant the election—in fact, just before the close of the meeting it sent word that the election would be called for June 15. This, however, is too late to suit the people, and the meeting when we confer with the Council on this point they will fix an earlier date. The meeting was unanimous, however, that if the Council refused to call the election, then the citizens would call it.

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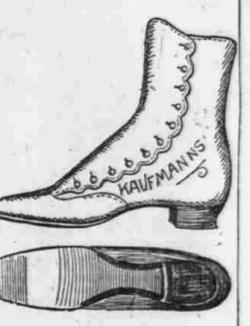
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