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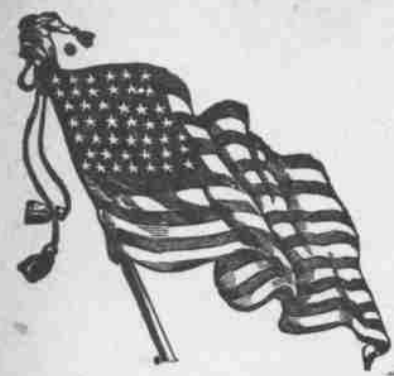
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"Flag of the free hearts' hope and home!  
By Angels' hands to valor given;  
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,  
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.  
Forever float that standard shght!  
Where breathes the foe but falls before us.  
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,  
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us."

—JOSEPH DRAKE

## GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Cabinet form of government is employed in several states among them New York, Illinois, Idaho and Washington. The term "cabinet" means, in general, a plan of administration with the governor as Chief executive and departments under his direction and responsible to him. The members of these departments vary in different states. In Illinois it is ten, in Washington the same. In the latter state the plan is operated under what is termed an "Administrative Code." And for purposes of description discussion in this article will be limited to this plan.

This Administrative Code was prepared under the direction of Governor Hart and was passed as an administrative measure by the 1921 legislature. Nearly eighty boards and commissions similar to those in Oregon at present, existed, overlapping each other in their duties and lacking in coordination or central control. Responsibility, as upon the more than seventy Oregon boards and commissions, could not be placed, while the expenses incident thereto was tremendous.

These boards and commissions by the Code were all combined and classified into ten departments each under a managing head directly responsible to the governor. Regular weekly conferences of these heads of departments are held with the governor and each month the elective officers of the state are brought into these conferences where policies of coordination and cooperation are worked out and which results in definite, effective procedure in the management of the state's business. There is under this plan almost no overlapping of duties and work, resulting in greater efficiency and saving of expense.

In the department of Agriculture there was, during the first eight months of the biennium period for which appropriations were made, a saving of \$21,135 indicating a saving of \$63,000 during this period and which is over 15 per cent to the good in the expenditures.

In the department of Conservation and Development, the saving during the same period was \$20,000.

In the department of Labor and Industries the saving was \$48,000.

In the department of Health, also, there was a satisfactory saving.

Reductions were made either direct or indirect and efficiency increased in each of the other departments inclusive of Taxation and Examination—including banking and corporations; Public Works with its transportation and other public utility problems; Fisheries and Game; Department of Licenses into which were combined (as an example of consolidation of boards and commissions) 15 different examining boards; Labor and Industries; and Business Control which has charge of the 12 state institutions housing 6000 wards. This board alone has thus far saved more than one third of the \$3,687,000 of present biennium appropriation for the department.

And these reductions have not been made at the expense of the inmates. They show what can be accomplished in tax reduction where there are fewer departments taking the place of seventy or more boards, bureaus and commissions which attempt to function without coordina-

tion or definite central authority over them.

Washington state treasury faced on the first day of April last when the Administrative Code went into effect a deficit of \$2,600,000, but at the end of eight months the elimination of this sum was in sight through savings from the appropriations.

In Oregon attempts made thus far to consolidate these bodies have come to nought. But legislature after legislature adds to their numbers.

With the recall and the initiative in operation as it should be the people themselves retain full power over their affairs and this plan of retrenchment and efficiency should find ready endorsement.

## CHARACTER BUILDING

In this day of vicious influences it is imperative that parents take advantage of every agency which tender to safeguard and develop their children's moral and spiritual lives. To train and develop the physical and intellectual life is not enough. A man or woman may be a Hercules of physical strength and a giant of intellectuality and yet be depraved and dangerous to the community and state. But with the mind directed to know and appreciate the good and the heart trained to acknowledge and obey the will of God and his direction the individual will typify in life's service the highest, noblest standards of the race.

The influence of the street, of the superficial, the immoral must be counteracted and the home, Sunday school and church must work together toward this end if the community and state is to maintain its best standard of citizenship.

Character is the most valuable asset of the boy or girl, man or woman, and the most powerful influence in character development is Christian training. And the greatest factors in this training, is the home and Sunday school.

### BANNER THOUGHTS IN POETRY

#### "RAGS"

(Humane Story)

We called him "Rags". He was just a cur,  
But twice, on the Western Line,  
That little old bunch of faithful fur  
Had offered his life for mine.

And all that he got was bones and bread,  
Or the leavings of soldier-grub,  
But he'd give his heart for a pat on the head,  
Or a friendly tickle and rub.

And Rags got home with the regiment  
And then, in the breaking away—  
Well, whether they stole him, or whether he went  
I am not prepared to say.

One day they took us budding M. D.'s  
To one of those institutes  
Where they demonstrate every new disease  
By means of bisected brutes.

They had one animal tacked and tied  
And slit like a full-dressed fish  
With his vitals pumping away inside  
As pleasant as one might wish.

I stopped to look like the rest, of course,  
And the beast's eyes leveled mine,  
And his short tail thumped with a feeble force,  
And he uttered a tender whine.

It was Rags, yes, Rags! who, was martyred there  
Who was quartered and crucified,  
And he whined that whine which is doggish prayer  
And he licked my hand—and died.

And I was no better in part nor whole  
Than the gang I was found among,  
And his innocent blood was on the soul  
Which he blessed with his dying tongue.

Well! I've seen men go to courageous death  
In the air, on sea, on land!  
But only a dog would spend his breath  
In a kiss for his murderer's hand.  
—Edmund Vance Cook in "Our Dumb Animals."

## PRIMARY DAY

The 19th of May will be Primary Day, When voters sincere, in anxious array Will go to the polls and have their say,  
As to who shall be first next election day.

A candidate fair for the Governor's chair,  
Who will rule our fair state without fear or hate  
And also the house and higher Senate  
Must choose their men, from good candidates.

New, ten men we are told some young, some are old,  
Have strong aspiration midst many temptations  
To lower taxes and thus save the nation.

And so with loud voice, we hear them proclaim  
"Our Primary Day. Put an x for MY name".

Says the first "Vote for me, my past record I ween  
Has been of the best—as is easily seen."

Says the second, "Tho late, I'm your best candidate  
As a business man I'll fulfill all your plans.

Says the third, "If elected I surely will be  
An advocate strong for economy."

Says the fourth, All farmers should the house of Rep' be

Who shovels the dirt? So vote for me."  
Says the fifth, "Too many lawyers already there be  
Who maketh such laws! So please vote for me."

Says the sixth, "Service for all, special favors to none  
Vote yes for me "I'm the very best one."

The seventh alas, doesn't believe that it pays  
To squander state's money in salary raise.

The eighth says, "Ye voters, our laws are too lax,  
To make schools self-supporting I'll cut millage tax."

Alas and alack! the poor voters say Which one would be best—pray show us the way  
For have they not promised the same, every one,  
By all that is good and great under the sun  
To lower taxation, whatever the station  
Be it farmer, or laborer, or Capitalization?

So these candidates strong in speech and in song  
Their platforms proclaim in truth or in name  
Tho' they shout loud their lay over house tops and trees,  
The voters in May will vote as they please.

—EMMY LOU.

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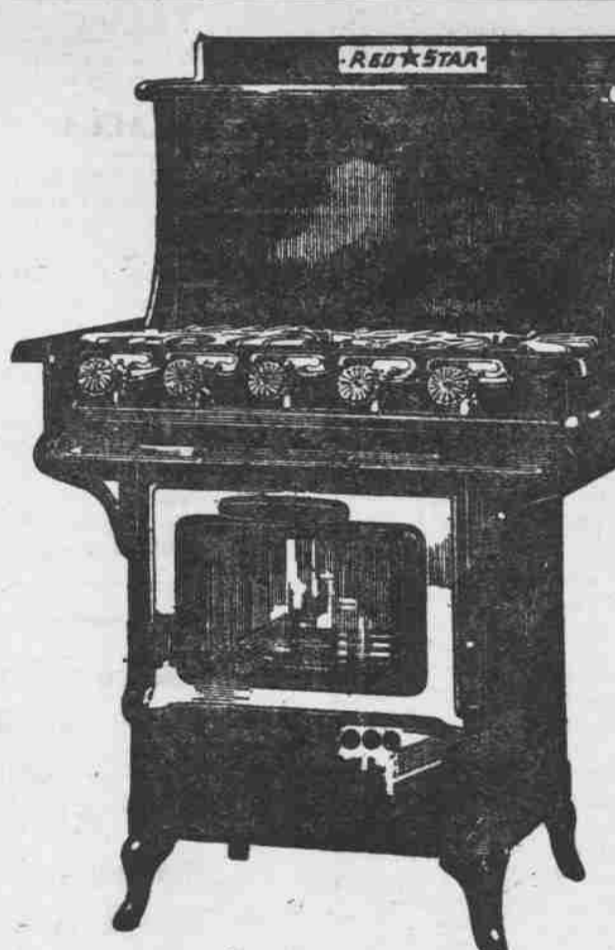
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