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ple are going to be aroused to a dence nevertheless is startling. In change?

The recall merely makes the term of service indeterminate instead of fixed, and in that respect is copied trol and had been maintained in runafter the oldest and best form of ning order at the public expense parliamentary government we know, through political favoritism in the the English house of commons where a ministry may be recalled within a week after it is elected.

should be intelligently used and to "gangs," could afford to ignore them. that end should not be made available to the purposes of mere malcontents. It should also be recog- fect 1909. The first year's report nized that the recall contemplates a showed all bills paid and a reduction large extension of authority in the in the city debt of \$18,000. It is public officials who are thus given indeterminate service. But this exten- annual expense. The city bookkeeping sion of authority made and the re- has been reformed, and the commiscall well guarded, why is the recall sioners point to a reduction in the ex-

every one of these cities there had been waste, some corruption and much inefficiency. In all of them party machines had been in complete con-

making of appointments. How much the "gangs" cost the cities was revealed when the government passed into the hands of men who, having obtain-It may be admitted that the recall ed office without the help of the Galveston's experience has already been described.

Gloucester-Commission plan in efclaimed that the roads and streets have been better kept at \$6,000 less ot the best invention of the times? pense of caring for public property. | tered cities of Europe. The It is still too early to demand much in the way of tangible results. Haverhill-Commission plan in effect in 1909. The first year's report under the new plan showed a saving of \$97,900 in running expenses. When the commission took hold the financial status of the city was very bad. It had reached both its debt limit and tax rate limit and was steadily fallthis extension has now become unnecessary. In addition the city has voted no license, the revenue from the satoons being no longer needed. The commission has been fighting a big It is proposed to lay a tax of a doi- battle against the gas and electric light monopolies to obtain lower rates for the city and for private consumers, and has obtained from the people permission to resort to municipal ownerpolitical opposition to the commission at the expiration of its first term, but it was re-elected. Party lines in Haverhill, which was formerly a Republican city, have been completely broken. Cedar Rapids, Ia .- Commission plan in effect in 1908. The commision has reduced the tax rate and the debt. while making certain big improvements, such as the acquirement of a big Island in the river, out of current expenses instead of bond issues. The island is for municipal buildings in a handsome park setting, in accordance with a "city beautiful" plan devised by an expert. The police and fire ROSEBURG, Ore., May 8 .- Ar- department forces have been enlarged despite the reduced tax rate. Des Moines, Ia .- Commission plan in effect in 1907. In its first year the commission saved \$184,000 in running expenses, as compared with the pre-It made better bargains for the city in est on city deposits for the first time. cleaned streets and alleys better, (the alleys had formerly not been cleaned at all) and wiped out the "red light district," the effect of which has since been shown in reduced crime. A system of periodical fines which were practically licenses levied in this district formerly brought in a huge yearis revenue and the financial results above noted were obtained despite the Leavenworth, Kan. - Commission without your friendly intermediation! plan in effect in 1908. The commission has reduced the bonded indebtedness by \$112,950, while the tax rate has remained stationary. Kansas is a prohibition state, but Leavenworth had al-

More remarkable than the fact that every one of these cities has bettered its financial condition-the surest proof of efficiency-is the fact that in none of the whole sixty-eight has there yet been reported a single serious al advertising pays the advertiser? legation of graft. Any instance of graft, whether proved or merely al Where \$2,000,000 went into new electric signs in 1910 it is leged, would have been seized upon triumphantly by the enemies of this safe to say that many times this sum came out of them in type of government and magnified and exploited to the utmost, but thus far the objections have perforce been business that would have gone somewhere else. mainly theoretical. Let our New Business Department prepare SPECIAL DE-

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tising herself to attract new industrie-Houston states "her city hall is a business house; she has no wards, no ward politicians and no graft"

A type of these theoretical object tions has been the frequent statement that the commission plan is "un-Amer ican." Yes, thank Heaven! A city government in which graft is not even suspected is decidedly un American. It looks like the splendidly adminis can Americanize this un-American thing the better!

TOPICS OF THE TIMES ٠

********** If the Panama Canal can make so flattering a showing proportionately at the end of 40 years of operation as has just been made by the Suez Canal, there is reason for believing ing behind in its payments. Appeals that it will not be so unprofitable a were being made to the legislature for venture as has been predicted. A re- an extension of the tax rate limit, but port showing the business of the Suez Canal for 1910 has just been issued. in the 12 months the caunt dues yielded the sum of \$24,000,000.

lar a ton on shipping passing through the Panama ditch and undoubtedly when commerce once gets to going through it, it will be a paying propt- ship if necessary. There was fierce sition.

Whilst the opening of the Panama Canal will not probably affect the trade of the port materially at once, that it will do so, to a greater or less The commission consists of two Demdegree eventually goes without say- ocrats, two Republicans and a Soing, and we, of this harbor, should cialist. see to providing facilities in the way. of dockage, aids to navigation as soon as may be so that we may be ready for what may come to us.

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The phenomenon of the commission plan of government which gives the most satisfaction to many people is the complete disappearance from in fluence of the typical ward politician The whole field of "pennut politics" seems to have disappeared. In Gal veston, for example, the nominations which are recognized as emanating from the politicians who formerly controlled the town, get only 20 per cent of the votes. In all the cities it is claimed that the city service has been put on a nonpartisan basis, with a great increase in efficiency. Certain it is that under the commission plan. candidates have repeatedly been elected without the help of political machines, while the voters are casting their ballots without relying upon the guidance of the machines either.

Under the typical old style city goverament with its multiplicity of petty elective offices, elaborate political machines are necessary. The govern ment cannot go on without them. They have supplied a real deficiency in our governmental plan, filling a gap between the people and their public servants which had to be filled somehow. We have no right to curse the politicians, for they have been highly useful to us. Rather we should pity

them! The politician has one of the hardest jobs in the world. In return for his service in applying the necessary cohesion to our ramshackle government and keeping our impractical form of democracy from collapsing altogether, we have forced him to make a catch-as-catch-can living, giving him

small, insecure offices in the government, and bouncing him without ceremony or justice with every change of administration. We have put him in a position where he could acquire wealth by having an easy conscience and could earn nothing but defeat and discourtesy if he were honest. Con sidering the power he has had to do evil without getting caught at it, it is astonishing that he has served us no worse.

Goodby, old friend! You have cortributed to our American life a unique type, unknown elsewhere in the world -genial, picturesque, human and useful-but the people are beginning to learn how to do without you, and in days to come they will arrange their business directly with the candidates The sound short ballot theory upon which the success of the commission is based, in opposition to certain of our pet political superstitions, will be dealt with in the next paper.

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