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THE RECALL.

ATTORNEY General Wickersham has had another relapse into political pessimism. He is now satisfied that the recall is a "spasmodic intervention of popular uprising."

If the attorney general would only stop to consider he would see that periodical elections are also "spasmodic interventions of popular uprising."

Why have any term at all for public officials if every so often the people are going to be aroused to a change?

The recall merely makes the term of service indeterminate instead of fixed, and in that respect is copied after the oldest and best form of parliamentary government we know.

It may be admitted that the recall should be intelligently used and to that end should not be made available to the purposes of mere malcontents.

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NEW FIRM FORMED.

Reed, Janelle & Company of Gardiner Incorporated.

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 8.—Articles of Incorporation were filed with the county clerk by the Reed, Janelle & Company, of Gardiner.

A NEW OLD HOTEL.

Old patrons of The Windsor Hotel, San Francisco, will be glad to hear that this famous house is now open in a fine new six story building right down town.

The Story of the Short Ballot Cities

A Series of Articles on the New Commission Form of Municipal Government

By RICHARD S. CHILDS

II.

The Success of the Commission Plan

IT is no easy matter to prove conclusively and in true scientific fashion that one city is better governed than another.

The total list of cities which now have the commission form of government numbers sixty-eight.

Tennessee—Memphis. Iowa—Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Sioux City.

Of these seventeen cities nine have had the plan in actual operation so short a time—a year or less—that accurate comparison of the results of the new regime as compared with the old is not yet possible.

Brief as the trial has been, the evidence nevertheless is startling. In every one of these cities there had been waste, some corruption and much inefficiency.

Gloucester—Commission plan in effect 1909. The first year's report showed all bills paid and a reduction in the city debt of \$18,000.

Haverhill—Commission plan in effect in 1909. The first year's report under the new plan showed a saving of \$97,000 in running expenses.

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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 degree eventually goes without saying.

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 previous year under the old government.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Commission plan in effect in 1908. The commission has reduced the bonded indebtedness by \$112,950, while the tax rate has remained stationary.

ways defied the law and allowed the saloons to exist, subject to periodical fines which brought in \$80,000 a year.

Dallas, Tex.—Commission plan in effect 1907. In its first two years the commission wiped out a deficiency of \$200,000 and established a credit balance.

Houston, Tex.—Commission plan in effect in 1905. The commission reduced the tax rate 10 per cent and established a policy of so regulating expenditures as to further reduce the rate 10 per cent each year.

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 allegation of graft.

The phenomenon of the commission plan of government which gives the most satisfaction to many people is the complete disappearance from the scene of the typical ward politician.

Under the typical old style city government with its multiplicity of petty elective offices, elaborate political machines are necessary.

Goodby, old friend! You have contributed 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.

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.

BOYS PLAY BALL.

West Marshfield Lads Defeat South Marshfield Team Saturday.

By a score of 22 to 17, the West Marshfield boys team defeated the South Marshfield team Saturday afternoon on the South Marshfield grounds.

West Mid. Pos. So. Mid. Amel Ruekman e Jack Bowron Ed. Johnson p Oliver Johnson Harold Chapman s.s. Eddie Bolt

Milton Johnson 1 b Verl Johnson 2 b Norm Wilson 3 b Harold Haglund 4 c f Angel Johnson 5 c f Norris Farrin 6 c f E Nordstrom 7 c f

Farmers increase their crops by planting tested seeds. Merchants increase business by selling quality merchandise and advertising.

After the show try a Turkish bath Phone 214-J.

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WATCH! NOTICE!

Homer Manzey, one of the dryers and the solicitor for us is out for laundry. Watch him! he is liable to stop you on the street and explain all details of Laundry and also to be at your home any time.

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400 TRAP NESTED BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Our matings have produced standard-bred specimens of exhibition quality with records of 242,227,222 eggs in 365 days.

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We must move these goods to give room for changes we will make this spring. Now is the time to get a bargain.

Coos Bay Wiring Co. PHONE 237-J.

SAFE INVESTMENTS.

For information concerning high-class bond investments, bearing 6% interest net, write O. B. Hinsdale, care J. H. Adams and Company, Los Angeles, California.

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For bargain in City, Bunker Hill and Farm Property. See AUG. FRIZEN Real Estate and Insurance Agent. 68 Central Ave., Marshfield, Ore.

Good Livery Service

Fancy new rigs, good horses and careful drivers are now at the disposal of the Coos Bay public at REASONABLE RATES.

Rigs or rigs with drivers ready for any trip anywhere any time. Horses boarded and rigs cared for.

New hearse and special accommodations provided for funeral parties. W. L. CONDRON'S LIVERY AND FEED STABLES PHONE 273-J

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To bring a customer here the first time, after that he comes of his own accord. You know why.

REMEMBER There is no kink, or cue that we can't do.

"THINK IT OVER MARY." Coos Bay Steam Laundry PHONE MAIN 57-J

FOR GOOD WORK

Bring your clothes to us. Cleaning, pressing and repairing a specialty, by experienced men. Satisfaction guaranteed.—BLANCHARD & DODSON, Alliance Bldg. Front St.

Have That Roof Fixed NOW See CORTHELL Phone 8121

CONCERT CHAMINADE CLUB. MRS. WM. HORSFALL, JR., DIRECTOR. PRESENTING Mrs. Elfrida Heller Weinstein, Soprano AND Mrs. Delphine Marx, Contralto OF PORTLAND AT Masonic Opera House, May 17th AT 8:30 P. M.

\$2,000,000 FOR NEW ELECTRIC SIGNS

According to "Signs of the Times," the leading periodical of outdoor advertising, this was the amount invested in one year alone—1910.

Isn't this proof sufficient to the business man that electric advertising pays the advertiser?

Where \$2,000,000 went into new electric signs in 1910 it is safe to say that many times this sum came out of them in business that would have gone somewhere else.

Let our New Business Department prepare SPECIAL DE-SIGNS for YOU.

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