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 vertising bears to the realization of his
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 ance—he makes to his store advertising a
 vital and potent thing. He makes it focus
 upon the work he is doing; the attention of
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FELLOWSHIP BANQUET IS BRILLIANT

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present system of government, the
 Mayor and Council. He said:
 "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:
 I want to say to you, in the first
 place, that I am the victim of a
 conspiracy. I never intended to do
 it. I was forced into it."

"It was this way: Judge Sehlbrede
 came to me last Thursday and said
 the committee wanted me to take
 part in a debate here this evening
 on the question: 'Resolved, That
 Marshfield should adopt a commis-
 sion form of government.' But I
 said: 'I don't know anything about
 this commission form of govern-
 ment. What is it?' 'Oh,' he says,
 'no matter, we'll put some fellows
 on the other side who don't know
 anything about it either, so it will
 be an even break.'

"Well that sounded fair enough,
 but I told him I didn't like to try
 to talk about something I knew
 nothing about anyway, but he said
 the audience wouldn't know any-
 thing about it either, so I could just
 draw on my imagination and it
 would go off all right."

Well, I put him off and said I
 would let him know the next day,
 and the next day I tried to call him
 up by phone and tell him it was all
 off, and, so help me, he had taken
 the phone out of his office, and the
 next I knew my name was printed
 on the program.

"As the negro said when he was
 about to be hung, and they asked
 him if he had any last remarks to
 make: 'This is certainly going to
 be a lesson to me.' So you see, for
 what you are about to receive I am
 not really responsible."

"Generally, I am inclined to 'bear
 those ills we have rather than fly
 to others that we know not of.'
 "I know it is the fashion just at
 present to fall down and worship
 anything which is new. They used
 to sing, 'The old-time religion is
 good enough for me,' but that is
 played out now. It used to be the
 almost universal custom to obey the
 laws—now nobody does. Old things
 are done away. Even the ladies
 want something new every day—a
 new bonnet, or a new husband, or
 some little thing like that. Now, I
 think some old things are more sat-
 isfactory than new. I like old
 friends—and some of my friends
 tell me that old whiskey is the best."

"I have read somewhere that
 it is not a good plan to put new
 wine into old bottles.
 Commission government has been
 very little tried, and has not pro-
 ven very satisfactory. In Portland
 they are finding it expensive, and
 the results are very questionable.
 They have five Commissioners, each
 at the head of a separate depart-
 ment, and each pulling in "an op-
 posite direction. Lately three of
 the Commissioners seem to have en-
 tered into a gentleman's agreement
 to stand together against the other
 two. This is the old 'you tickle me
 and I'll tickle you' arrangement re-
 sorted to by the awful politicians.
 It has produced results—but the re-
 sults are long and continued howls
 from the people. The Commissioner
 in charge of the water works has
 forced through a measure requiring
 water users to install meters, and
 thereby nearly precipitated a riot.
 The combination three located the
 auditorium on the East Side, where
 it will be almost inaccessible, and
 started a great protest."

"I cite these instances merely
 to show that Commissioners seem
 to work in much the same way as
 Councilmen. I fail to see how or
 where there is any improvement in
 fact."

"Now in theory the commission
 form of government is wrong. It is
 'neither fish, flesh, fowl nor good
 red herring.' It is not a delibera-
 tive body like a Legislature or a
 Council, and on the other hand, it
 has no head—or rather, it has five
 heads. It is really a monstrosity.
 I am not going to dispute that good
 results have been obtained in some
 instances under a commission form
 of government, but in these cases
 it has always been on account of
 the men and not the system. The
 fact is that you can't invent any
 system that will run itself, and if
 you get the right men the results
 will be all right under any system
 that gives those men power to act.
 But here is where the trouble lies—
 we don't get the most competent
 men for the work. We will say for
 a moment that the question is, how
 can Marshfield be best governed?
 Marshfield is a corporation and has
 a large amount of business to trans-
 act. How can that business be best
 done and at least expense?"

Now men have been running big
 concerns for many years. Big cor-
 porations have managed big enter-
 prises successfully. Don't you
 think they understood their busi-
 ness pretty well? It is also a fact
 that every big concern is run by
 one man, and that man is well paid.
 No big job was ever accomplished
 in any other way. The Panama
 Canal was built by one man. Every
 big corporation is run by one man.
 You never heard of any successful
 enterprise that was managed by five
 men.

If the City Council of Marsh-
 field had the power to hire a gen-
 eral manager in place of the Mayor,
 we would get results. Of course a
 competent man would command a
 good salary, but you have to pay
 for what you get. The man who
 works for nothing gets all he is
 worth, and the man who is worth a
 big salary, costs you nothing in the
 end. The hired manager has to get
 results to hold his job. Perhaps you
 will say that a Mayor would do
 as well—but the difference is this.
 A Mayor is never elected because
 he knows anything about his job,
 but because he is in favor of sal-
 oons or is opposed to saloons, or is
 in favor of or opposed to this or
 that particular policy or fad that
 may be agitating the public mind
 at the time; or because he is a good
 fellow or Democrat (which is not
 the same thing) or for some other
 equally irrelevant and inconsequen-
 tial reason, and never—or hardly

ever—because he knows how to
 manage a big enterprise.
 I say then, that Marshfield should
 not adopt a commission form of
 government, because she can do
 better.

"If the time has come when
 Marshfield ought to change her form
 of government, let us make a change
 that will be an improvement. Let's
 not grab at everything that comes
 along, just because it is new. An old
 house that is well built, along cor-
 rect architectural lines, is better
 than a flimsy new structure hastily
 thrown together. Sometimes it is
 better to add a story or build on a
 wing."

This idea of hiring a general
 manager is nothing new. It has
 been in practice for many years,
 where results were considered more
 important than "isms." If Marsh-
 field is big enough, if her business
 is important enough, she can better
 afford to pay a competent man to
 attend to that business than she can
 to have an incompetent man do it
 for nothing. The City Council
 would then be like the board of di-
 rectors of other corporations. They
 can afford to act without compensa-
 tion, because they are stockholders
 and vitally interested in the corpora-
 tion and because all they have to
 do is adopt a few by-laws, hire a
 manager and go home.

In your commission form of gov-
 ernment, as in Portland, you have
 five Commissioners to pay. Why
 pay five? Why not have one?
 Senator I. S. Smith answered the
 negative speaking of the present
 system of government as a thing
 fast growing obsolete. "The busi-
 ness of any city no matter how
 large or small, should be conducted
 as a business man would conduct
 any business," said Senator Smith.

"You would not think of operating
 a business, especially a small busi-
 ness and meeting only once in every
 two weeks to discuss the business
 or transactions of that business. On
 the contrary, you must be attentive
 to that business early and late, and
 most important of all, you must un-
 derstand your business. Few men
 understand how to conduct the af-
 fairs of the municipality. We need
 experts, men who can devote all
 their time, energy and efficiency
 toward running the government of a
 city along broad business lines.

While at the Legislature last ses-
 sion, I investigated the plausibility
 of a commission form of govern-
 ment for the state. The endless re-
 tape to the conducting of the Legis-
 lature make it almost impossible
 for the inexperienced statesman to
 accomplish much until he gets on
 to the workings of the machine. If
 we had a commission form of gov-
 ernment the men we should place
 in these offices would know some-
 thing of the conduct of a state's
 business."

In conclusion Senator Smith said
 that he thought Marshfield would
 see this new form of government be-
 fore long.

The closing speaker for the nega-
 tive side of the question will de-
 cide this question and save the
 Council," said R. A. Copple, in call-
 ing on the next speaker, City At-
 torney Goss.

Mr. Goss spoke in part as fol-
 lows: "I believe this is a plot on the
 part of Councilmen and city offi-
 cials. Here I find myself seated
 in their midst to defend their sys-
 tem of government. If they were
 not all here to disprove what I am
 about to say, it would be different.
 But they are all present. Now the
 question is what is the commission
 form of government. Councilman
 Ferguson explained to me that he
 was put to considerable inconveni-
 ence in getting here this evening,
 saying, 'If there is any commission
 coming, I'm going to get mine.'
 These meetings of the Fellowship
 Club are so great a success to my
 mind because the speeches are in-
 terposed with melody or entertain-
 ment, something to relieve the mind
 and take the bad taste out of mouth
 in preparation for the next speaker.
 I think that this would be a good
 plan for the courts to adopt and am
 going to suggest to the court that
 we have a little vaudeville or other
 entertainment to occupy the minds
 of the jurors between pleadings of
 counsel. It's really a novelty and
 I am going to make the suggestion
 to Judge Coke. The question that
 presents itself this evening is not
 the commission form of govern-
 ment good for Galveston, Dayton, or
 any other municipality, but as we
 see from the printed announcement
 "Shall Marshfield adopt the commis-
 sion form of government." It
 has been said that the forms of
 government, other than the commis-
 sion form, are a means of lav-
 ish expenditure, graft, mis-manage-
 ment and a thousand other evils
 that are charged to any system of
 government under which we may
 live. If you want to adopt the
 commission form of government,
 you must engage the services of a
 man who is expert in the work of
 managing and operating a municipa-
 lity and these men are hard to find.
 They are scarce. Why, just look
 at poor old Dayton. After her
 flood she scoured the country in
 search of a man to manage the
 government of her city. I don't
 think she has found him yet. And
 here we are in Marshfield, where
 everyone knows everyone else, where
 we meet and talk with the city of-
 ficials, see them in our everyday
 life. We can discuss changes as
 we wish with the Councilmen. Why
 bless your hearts, I suppose there
 is no one here who has not been up
 to the City Council and had his or
 her little say. Where the Council
 has sat until the wee small hours
 listening to someone's tale of woe,
 if we were a big community where
 the different nationalities crowded
 to different corners of the city, and
 never discussed matters there
 might be reason for a different
 form of government, but not in a
 municipality as small as Marsh-
 field. The tendency of the age is
 to adopt something new. Hills are
 green far away. The people want
 a system of government which they

imagine will be automatic in its
 operation. We can have no such
 system as long as men are in charge
 of our system of government. Com-
 mission or Council, a government
 is no stronger than the men whom
 it comprises. The services rendered
 by the Councilmen is a personal ser-
 vice. Under our present system of
 government we are all a part of
 that system. Under the commission
 system we all become indifferent
 as to the destiny of the government
 and leave the matters in the hands
 of a few men either to rule or ruin
 the municipality."

At the conclusion of the address
 of Attorney Goss, the meeting was
 thrown open for popular comment.
 Edward H. Joehnk made a short
 address in which he stated that his
 view of the commission form as
 taught by actual experience was that
 it raised the cost of living. Mr.
 Joehnk related an incident that
 happened in the South Sea Islands,
 where he landed while on a sailing
 cruise. Eight natives of the islands,
 all the inhabitants, comprised the
 commission.

Judge Sehlbrede also made a few
 remarks stating that the commis-
 sion form of government was a ten-
 dency that the people were inclined
 toward simply because it is some-
 thing new. Judge Sehlbrede further
 stated that until proven otherwise,
 to his mind, the old form is the best.

A. R. Peck in a short talk defend-
 ed the commission form, stating that
 a city should pay for the manage-
 ment of its affairs as would any
 private corporation. Specialists in
 every line is the order of the day,
 was pointed out by the speaker.
 "How long to do think Copple
 would let an attorney run his dry
 goods store?" said Peck. "How
 long would it be before the attor-
 ney would run the dry goods store
 into the ground—or into his pocket?"
 Attorney Goss humorously ob-
 jected to this remark by stating,
 "Don't make any remarks about
 the profession."

Dr. Shaw made a few humorous
 remarks in which he commented
 on the council form of government
 as a failure. The speaker comment-
 ed on a part of the address of At-
 torney Goss in which he said the
 legal department of the city was
 economically managed, and he de-
 fied any to find graft. "I'm glad,"
 said Dr. Shaw, "that the legal de-
 partment of the city has been so
 good and efficiently managed that
 the City Attorney can defy us to
 find graft."

Duncan Ferguson, one of the
 Councilmen, addressed the body,
 saying that he did not understand
 this commission form of government
 and that he came down to be edu-
 cated. After hearing the remarks
 of the speakers, he advocated the
 the commission form, not for Marsh-
 field but for the city of the future
 —Coos Bay. Mr. Ferguson said
 that the present system of council-
 men was better, more efficient and
 less expensive, than any other form
 that could be devised. He conclu-
 ded with the remark, "I can answer
 any intelligent question on the wel-
 fare of Coos Bay from the seat of
 my dray, as well as any expert in a
 steam-heated office."

Banquet Excellent.
 The ladies of the advanced class
 of domestic science of the Marsh-
 field High School, prepared the ban-
 quet, which was served to the mem-
 bers of the club last night. The
 feast was pronounced the best yet
 offered at a banquet of the club.
 A rising vote of thanks was ten-
 dered the ladies of the class. Toast-
 master Copple remarked "If I were
 a young man in search of a better
 half, I would make a dive for the
 kitchen." The members of the class
 are: Dora Brown, Adelaide Clarke,
 Bertha Davis, Cora Dye, Marjorie
 Graham, Rena Haglund, Edith Kal-
 no, Evelyn Langworthy, Elsie Hall,
 Alice Mathison, Lucy Powers, Agnes
 Sandquist, Clara Sergeant, Olga
 Shutter, Jessie Trask, Nellie War-
 rick, Laura Watson and Wilda Har-
 ris, Miss Elizabeth M. Moore is in-
 structor.

The following was the menu:
 Consomme with lemon
 Olives Celery
 Salted Almonds and Peanuts
 Chicken in Aspic, Sauce Tartare
 Devilled Crabs Asparagus Salad
 Creamed Potatoes
 Hot Rolls Cranberries
 Pineapple Bavarian Cream
 Cake
 Crackers Cheese Bon Bons
 Cafe' Noir

Splendid Entertainment
 A splendid entertainment was ren-
 dered by local favorites. The pro-
 gram was as follows:
 Banjo Selections, Prof. Davis and
 Long. Accompanist, Mrs. J. W. Mot-
 ley.
 Parody on Alexander's Ragtime
 Band. Al Bowhay.
 Banjo Selection, Prof. Davis and
 Long.
 "You Can't Do It," monologue by
 Al Bowhay.

The committee prevailed on Mr.
 Bowhay to give his rendition of "You
 Can't Do It" and it was worth the ef-
 fort.

Service Committee Reports
 Chairman Jennings, of the ser-
 vice committee reported that through
 Mr. Doremus 75 men had been given
 meals and three men given beds
 at an expense of \$18.75, which was
 raised by the committee. Mr. Jen-
 nings explained that he did not
 want any of the members of the
 club to feel slighted for the reason
 that the service committee had
 raised this money personally, be-
 cause he would call on the members
 some other time. The report of
 the committee was accepted and a
 vote of thanks tendered them for the
 service they had rendered. Mr.
 Reid said that he hoped the work
 of the service committee would
 start earlier next year and provide
 reading room as well as meals for
 the unemployed.

Large Crowd Present
 The largest assemblage that has
 attended the meetings thus far was
 present last night.

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