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COMMISSION AND MANAGER PLAN

OMPARISONS may be odious. but at the same time they are a sure way of determining the merits of the old and new of anything. Applying this rule to the I used to be the meanest kid commission manager form of city government and the mayor-and-council plan, we find the former so far superior to the latter, that, strictly I'd play in school, an shoot a lot speaking, there is no comparison.

To begin with, municipal govern- An shin up trees, an scull my shoes ment by a council and an independent mayor is an ill-advised copy of national and state systems. It is But now I'm sick in bed, an' so based upon the "check and balance" (more properly, "hand-cuff and I can't tell just how sick I am straight-jacket") idea, with every official tied hand and foot lest he do I used to do Just what I pleased something. It creates the need for a political middleman, the "peanut I guess I min't a-dein' much politician." Political agitation is ever present and moves thick and fast to "turn the politicians out" and put perhaps I ought to try an' be a new political gang in.

The mayor and council system per- An' make my parents proud an glad mits political gangs to run riot to such an extent that able citizens I kind o' almost want a chance loath public office for its pettiness and lack of real opportunities to ac- But I won't know for sure until complish anything and it is like pulling teeth to get the proper men. Once in a while we do-at a great sacrifice to the man. Nine times out of ten the mayor is an untrained citi- employment on this earth that some zen who is executive for two or four years "on the side." Consequently he can not give public affairs the time and attention they should receive.

The mayor and council system permits the subordinate (or insubordinate) officials to run the city hall to suit themselves, and while this may all that is coming to him and then cities of certain size issuing bonds in be a good thing in some cases, it can be as much the contrary in many more cases. Every department is a law unto itself, resulting in needless duplication and conflict of authority. There is a steady increase in taxes. Every taxpayer in Marshfield kan bear witness to that. No matter what - Coos Bay woman more than beis done, everybody is "sore" at the . ing married is not being. administration and somebody is always getting ready to "start something."

Now note the smooth workings of the commission-managerial plan who do not agree with him. Government is by a board of directors called a commission—just like a trine of "fixed responsibility." It earn a living for her. gives the directors power and the people have so few men to watch that they can be easily watched, if a wise man equips himself with a para- afternoon. Of course everybody on public is inclined to watch its offi- chute. als. Nothing is more simple. The people elect a small commission and you can find to criticize and how very the commission hires and watches a few to commend. manager, who in turn directs all the rest of the officials.

there is no room for the existence of ting. the "peanut" variety. Popular in- The truly dignified man is never when intoxicated. Stewart is an arbody is relieved of technical adminis- sees it. trative detail and left free to frame The most effective criticism is sil- cated? ments running in harmony, cutting ly wrong with his work. out the waste of time and effort of the old system.

manager on the job all the time and more worthy of hatred than the moveverybody crowing about how pro- ing picture rich. gressive we are.

Now, then, which is better?

PUGET SOUND LUMBER TO HUDSON RIVER VIA PANAMA for her daughter!"

pression in Canada and the reaction from a general period of overcutting When drizzles and dampness sprinkle . had thrown Pacific Coast lumber a drug on an overglutted market the 1 gladly forego the thick ulster and SINGER COMPANY ON American-Hawaiian line, in Novemthrough Panama, and, without breaking bulk, through New York harbor up the Hudson as far as Poughkeepsie, where a Washington lumber firm storage eggs, according to experts-chine Works, has announced a rehas just expended \$300,000 on a new and most of us will agree with the turn of men on a full time schedule. tory of the United States river and worse, canal and ocean traffic have coordi-

enjoyed by the shipper. These inbound shipments are as long rest. significant as the outbound, They Overworked Merchant-But, docmean more than cheaper lumber to tor, I'm too busy to go away. the buyer. If Pacific Coast lumber | Doctor-Well, then, you must stop tar" preparations that cost the can be brought direct inland with advertising. St. Louis Times, out breaking bulk at the Atlantic seaports it means that the Atlantic MEN, 14 YEAR SOLD, LAYS scaports are going to lose a certain proportion of their traffis unless they can reduce terminal charges to such a level that breaking bulk will not Elsie Dobbins of this town is the need a cough syrup if you once add to the buyer's price. - A. C. Laur Owner of a hen which she believes use it. People come long distances in Review of Reviews.

ada?

Times want ads bring results.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING

of a rosy sunset into the life. of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God. - G. MacDona d.

DIVIDED ALLEGIANCE.

That ever wur I guess -Ed let my pup chase nil the eats And moddy sister's dress;

O' paper wads about.

An' bust the winders out!

I ain't so awful bud; Ner what I've gone an' had. But now, I'm tellin' you.

A whole lot better boy

I shouldn't ought to do.

An' fill their hearts with foy. To be as good's I kin:

The doctor has been in'

Coos Bay men are fond of.

Some Coos Bay men refuse to take cincts in Coos county. physical exercise for their health because it doesn't come in bottles.

But a Coos Bay married man gets

Don't bury the dead past-cre-

The only thing that worries a .

is something "funny" about those and is now ready for the signature of

Young man, don't take a girl's vote. private business corporation. This hand in yours and tell her you could government is based upon the doc- die for her unless you are willing to it works out very satisfactorily in

> Before starting for the top the It's surprising how many things

put a stop to globe trotting high so- morning the House had under con-

Every voter is his own politician. ciety is devoting its time to fox trot-

terest is in city policies rather than ashamed to lay aside his dignity for dent "dry" and manifested his conin personalities. The governing the purpose of doing his duty as he sistent trait by asking:

constructive policies. It is possible ence; also it is the most polite. Don't to hire an accomplished business man work yourself into a rage telling the to direct the affairs of the city and man how silly his writing is; say the city manager, having adequate nothing about it and he will soon repowers, keeps the operating depart- alize that there is something serious-

The people can't be blamed much for hating the rich; they get their Commission-managerial system ideas of them from the moving plemeans a well-controlled "budget," a ture plays. And I know of no class . Cassino, near here, where

After nearly every marriage the . neighbor women offer gratuitous in- . badly damaged by the recent sult to the groom by saying: "And . her mother had such high ambitions . on the point of collapse, and

At a period when the war and de- How dear to my heart is the rain- . contains. coat of winter.

the ground

ton cont ber, brought a shipload of lumber And long for the sunshine to spread itself round.

nated in the cheapest freights ever MUST GET A REST SOMEHOW. schedule within another month. Doctor You must go away for a

CALDWELL, N. J., Feb. 11.-Miss Have you tried The Times' want old and recently laid its three thous- colds, croup, whooping cough, bron-

SMITH BILL TO

If I can put one touch . Senate Passes Presidential Elector Measure-Saves State \$10,000

> SALEM Or. Feb. 11 .- A billaby I"Ren bill of 1910 densing the people the right to vote for more than one oriegate to a national convenelector, was song in the Senate when it pursed by a numerimous vote the tolof L S. Smith. The indications are abut it will be passed by the House by a decisive majority

Another feature of the present law which the Smith bill corrects is the absociation of the provision that the state shall pay the expenses of the delegates to the conventions to and while there. This totalled two years

age about \$10,000. Under the present system candidates at the primaries for the offices of electors and delegates are chosen at large with the result that large centers of populations may name The voter is permitted to cast his hallot for one aspirant for elector and enly one aspirant for delegate. Under the Smith bill each elector will have the right to vote for six delegates and four presidential electors as the state is now apportioned. It provides that two delegates shall be elected from each Congressional dist trict and four from the state at large and that each voter shall have the right to vote for four presidential electors. Parties having the privilege of electing delegates and electors are those that at the last preceding election polled 20 per cent of Working their friends is the only vote cast for presidential elector, mployment on this earth that some New bills introduced under sus-

pension of the rules included: H. B. 457, by Barrow-to prevent stock running at large in certain pre-

H. B. 458, by Barrow-To permit construction of bridge connecting Randolph Island in Coos county, with the mainland.

H. B. 459, by Barrow-to prohibit excess of \$50,000 without majority

Sign Peirce Bill. Governor Withycombe signed H. B. 93, by Peirce, of Coos and Curry, repealing appropriation for bubonic plague.

Peirce Votes No. With only one vote cast against it, Substitute S. B. 126, empowering the Industrial Welfare Commission to permit women employed in industries to labor more than nine hours a day Every Coos Bay man thinks there and more than 54 hours a week when emergencies exist, passed the House Governor Withycombe, Pefrce, of

Barrow's References.

Coos and Curry, cast the dissenting

"This bill is all right, I know that a good many states I might mention. declared Representative Barrows in the course of a debate upon a certain the floor did not think for a minute that he had reference to Ohio, Iowa Missuori, Kansas, etc.

Barrow's Bill. Representative Stewart of Fossil. Now that the European war has is consistent if he is anything. This sideration Representative Barrow' bill to punish drivers of automobiles or other motor vehicles who drive

"Since Oregon has voted dry, how can an automobile driver get intoxi-

ART TREASURES

ARE IN DANGER

learned today that the hisbearing his name, has been earthquake. The building is alarm is felt for the safety of . the historic art trensures it .

FULL TIME AGAIN

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 11 .- The assembling department, one of the There is this difference in cold largest at the Singer Sewing Maplant. For the first time in the his- experts-all are bad, but some are beginning today. At the office of the management it was said that the entire plant will be back on the old

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