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## BACK-YARD VEGETABLES.

The back-yard vegetable garden next summer will be no joke. When potatoes, onions, cabbage, etc., are selling at prices two to five times above the ordinary figures, it is time for the consumer to do something other than read the papers and curse the middlemen.

Conditions like these seem bound to continue while the war lasts. Many of our food products are being deposited at the bottom of the ocean by the German submarines. It is time for the man who has money enough to buy a hoe and energy enough to wield it to get busy in the back yard.

It is commonly complained that after you pay the expenses of a back-yard garden, there is no profit left. That may be true where the householder hires all the heavy work done. Also he would better ask a little advice of experienced gardeners at the various stages of the ramp. But the earth is fruitful. If properly encouraged with good seed and patient care, quite a dent can be made in the grocery bill.

## THE CITY-MANAGER PLAN

More than ten million American citizens, resident in four hundred-odd municipalities distributed over forty-one states, are living under a form of government which for ten years has been providing a workable formula for breaking up political machines and installing independent public opinion in the seat of power. What is coming out of this experience specifically for the cities involved need hardly be rehearsed. The point is that, beginning with the first application of a new principle of government in the rather crude organization known as the "commission" plan, American political thought has been taking bold and unprecedented liberties with the cherished theories of the "Fathers". And signs are not lacking that commission government (as a dynamic idea, not as a rigid formula) is to be the thin end of a wedge which is to broaden its own meaning and force its way upward into the larger civic divisions.

Thus, at Dayton three years ago, commission government took on a deeper significance, not as pointing the way toward more simple and direct popular control, but toward the enforcement of that control through efficient administration. In the issue of this magazine for June, 1914, Mr. L. D. Upson described the operation of the new charter of that city. This instrument preserved the features of commission government which involved the shot ballot and concentration of municipal powers in the hands of

a single elective body. It abandoned, however, the practice of undertaking to secure heads of departments by the elective process. Furthermore, it enunciated the idea (a thoroughly radical one in this country) that the chief executive of the city should be treated as an arm or instrument of the governing body and be chosen by it with sole reference to his professional qualifications.

The charter was a death blow to the vote-getting "good fellow" tradition; it went even farther than commission government in the way of simplifying election issues; it paved the way for the expert in city administration. On the strength of its new charter the city fathers stunned the local politicians by going outside the limits of Dayton for their first manager. They thereby undermined the greatest stronghold of the old order, the popular political habit which conceives of a local office as a local industry rather than as a public trust. They also struck a harmonious chord in the hearts of the independent citizens everywhere.

In the space of three years forty-two cities scattered impartially over the maps of Ohio, California, Michigan, Texas, New York, Iowa, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Oregon, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Michigan followed Dayton in its break with the past.

The last important accession to the list of cities to be operated under this plan is Grand Rapids, Mich., which voted in the new system on August 29, 1916. As these lines are written a lively propaganda for the adoption of the new plan, sponsored in every case by an influential body of citizens, is under way in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Kansas City. From "Running States and Counties on Business Lines," by H. S. Gilbertson in the American Review of Reviews for February, 1917.

Musical Comedy  
At Medford Tuesday

That two-fold delight, "The Princess Pat", with Henry Blossom's humorous libretto and Victor Herbert's beautiful score, will be the attraction at the Page, Medford, Tuesday, March 6. Clean, clever, bright and fascinating, with multitudinous pointed epigrams which cannot fail to tickle the risibilities of an auditor, furnishing snap-a-plenty between the lovely, haunting strains which dominate the score, this comic opera comes with practically the complete original cast, which was seen during the long run of the play at the Cort theatre, New York, the Park Square theatre, Boston, and the Garrick theatre, Chicago.

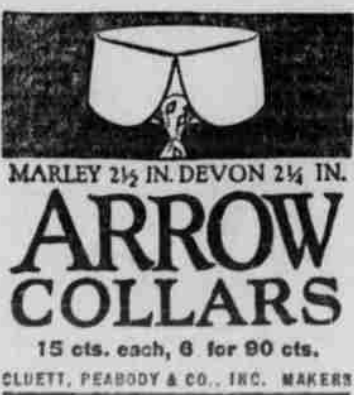
"The Princess Pat" has a tangleable plot. The young person in question is a sparkling, vivacious Irish lass. Her particular girl friend, Grace Holbrook, is engaged, for financial reasons, to a widower of 60 years, a millionaire. She does not love him, but is infatuated with his son. In order to arouse her apparently indifferent husband and at the same time help her friend escape from a distasteful engagement to wed, Princess Pat decides on a flirtation with the widower. Her plans prove successful, and, as is characteristic in comic operas, all ends happily.

Each one of the 20 musical numbers is a gem. Among the most popular are "Allies", "Love is Best of All", "Two Laughing Irish Eyes", "I'd Like to be a Quitter, but I Find It Hard to Quit", "In a Little World for Two", and "Shoes of Husband Number One as Worn by Number Two".

The mountings and costumes are in full keeping with the general excellence of such a production, and the cast will include such artists as Blanche Duffield, Oscar Figman, Ben Hendricks, Eva Fallon, Alexander Clark, Louis Casavant, David Quixano, Wm. Quimby, Jack Thomson and Isabelle Jason.

China gets 2400 miles of railroad in 1917 built with American capital. It is to be hoped this year will see conditions that will invite capital to go into American railroads.

A Portland broker was robbed of a roll of bank notes while sleeping in a chair car and trying to save a \$2 Pullman fare.



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## Heard and Overheard

(By Lynn D. Mowat.)

## Limerick Contest.

Miss F. W. had a bad attack of limerickitis, and as a result we found the following gathering of verses upon our desks the other morning. The charter was a death blow to the vote-getting "good fellow" tradition; it went even farther than commission government in the way of simplifying election issues; it paved the way for the expert in city administration. On the strength of its new charter the city fathers stunned the local politicians by going outside the limits of Dayton for their first manager. They thereby undermined the greatest stronghold of the old order, the popular political habit which conceives of a local office as a local industry rather than as a public trust. They also struck a harmonious chord in the hearts of the independent citizens everywhere.

Each morning to work I must go,  
I also wade through the snow,  
But you bet I don't pray  
For the bright summer day,  
For this is the "Carlsbad," you know.

We know 'twill be jolly good fun  
When the limerick contest is done,  
To see the surprise  
That will come to the eyes  
Of the guy whom the prizes has won.

I really don't look for a prize,  
I'm young and I'm small for my size,  
And I'd much sooner fight  
Than such verses to write,  
And wear beefsteak on both of my eyes.

The writing of verses is bosh.  
If you want one about a mustache,  
Just give me a pen

And I will begin.  
Now wasn't it easy, by goosh!  
—F. W.  
I'm going to Morrow today,  
But how can that be, tell me, pray.  
If tomorrow I go,  
Then today 'twon't be so,  
So to Morrow I'll go right away.

The maid looked so stunningly cute  
In her new zebra striped bathing suit.  
That he asked for the bliss  
Of one sweet little kiss,  
But he got the tip end of her boot.

These limericks give me a pain;  
I think they have gone to my brain—  
They spin in the air,  
And they hide 'neath my chair,  
So I'll stop or you'll judge me insane.

A. L. must have some Latinish  
troubles of his own, from the spirit of  
sincerity which seems to suffuse his  
effusion on the subject.

A high school student once took Latin  
To try his intellect to fatten,  
But, strange to say,  
On this very day  
He sleeps in a box lined with satin.

L. F. A. sends us a bunch of three,  
two of them limericks pure and well  
bred, and the third must have passed  
through an awful storm of bullets  
to get a couple of lines shot out. If  
is what we would call a limping limerick.

## What Kind of Tires

do you use? If you are using a standard tire or any other auto accessory of reputable make, we can supply it to you at prices that will make it worth your while to investigate. We are the representatives of many of the large accessory makers. Our service is our boast.

## Ford Garage

Ashland Oregon

There was a young man named Black,  
Who tried his ability at track,  
But the very next day  
He heard the doctor say,  
"Pull those spikes right out of his back."

There was once a sport shirt king,  
Of whom all the girls did sing,  
But a bad rainy day  
Washed his complexion away,  
And the girls all returned his ring.

The darkening skies foretold a storm,  
The pigs were grunting shrill,  
Old granny crept beneath the bed  
And took a liver pill.

Mrs. E. F. A., of Coquille, writes from that seaport town as follows:  
"We have these attacks of poetry, so-called, every spring, along about first straw-hat time. We don't think they're contagious, but let us know in case of serious complications."

We note your offer of a year's subscription to the Tidings for a prize limerick, so here it is—two of it, in fact:

## Do You?

The name of our town is Coquille,  
If it's said right it rhymes with  
"er yell.

But we sidestep the deal  
And pronounce it Ko-Keel  
Tho we don't think it sounds half so well.

## Ouch!

We told that young editor Mowat  
To print this or we'd have his goat,  
But we fled from his look  
'Ere his hand reached the hook  
So 't's printed this column will show it.

(Note—To preserve the meter, we must take poetic license and call it "go-at"—like that.) E. F. A.

There is a nice little town in our state,  
With scenery that is perfectly great.  
She has fine mineral springs  
And some other things,  
That she is booming right up to date.

A maiden all togged out complete,  
Took a walk with her beau in the sleet.  
The sleet was all ice  
And so in a trice  
They both sat down hard in the street.

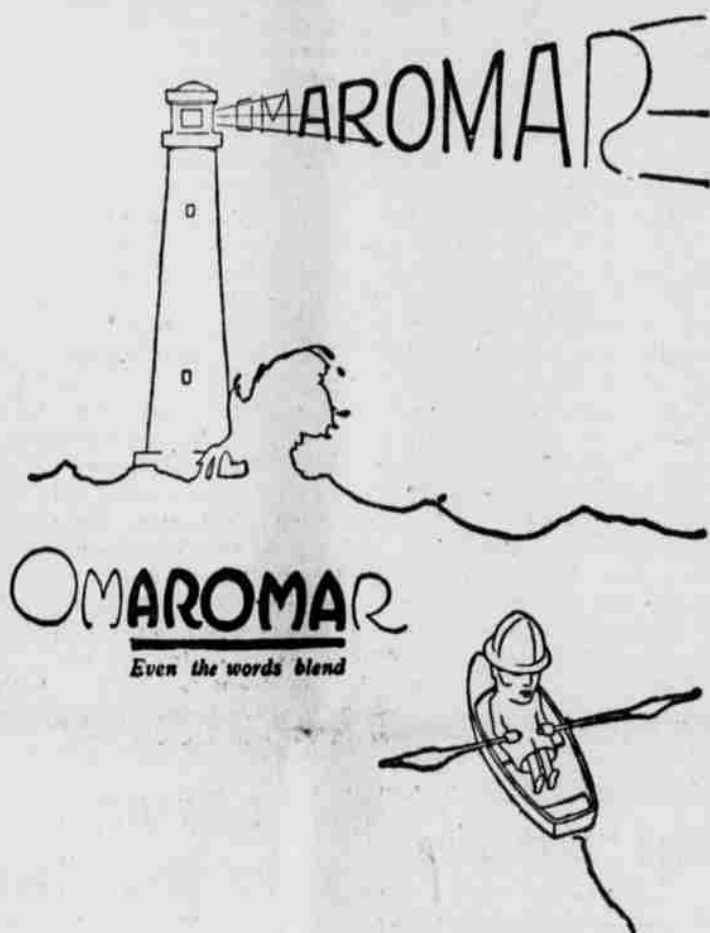
(And here we get it in what the Icelanders call the hanakki!)  
When these editors we try to chaff,  
It's enough to make anyone laugh,  
For they won't print a joke  
Unless it awoke  
In the brain of some one of the staff.

## "Poor Fido"

There was a young lady named Mido  
Who made some very nice pie dough,  
It made her so mad,  
To think it was bad,  
She threw it all out to poor Fido.

C. G. Makes an indirect to "feed the birds" as follows:  
Very brave birds are the Junkos  
Who come every day to the windows  
Of Gilmore and wife  
Where they make much strife,  
In carrying away all of the "Jumbos"

—C. G.



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Bill Day, writing up the recent Kilgore autopsy for the Medford Mail Tribune, refers to us as "Lynn Mowat, expert reporter in coroner's cases." We sure ought to be an expert in this kind of case, after putting in nigh on to two years and a half writing about the dead ones in this town.

Here is a justified wall from the Livermore Herald that fits a good many places besides the Alameda town:

"After preaching a trade-at-home policy for fifty-two weeks in the year and adhering strictly to that policy during the same period, it is mighty trying on the country editor to find among its statements some printed by out-of-town printing concerns, which never spend a cent in town and never will. This is not the spirit that builds up communities."

Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. will soon have Marshfield connected with Eugene by fine line, giving first-class service.

Clatsop county lets a contract for four miles of grading and paving at cost of \$62,000.



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