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principally upon two considerations, first a desire to avoid the physical cumbersome of the long ballot, and second to fix the responsibility for administration upon the executive department.

This concentration of responsibility has made its most notable advance in municipal government as seen in the commission form.

Example of the shortened ballot is manifest in the new municipal government in Portland. It puts administrative officials in the open, where their work is easily recognizable.

It is a sound plan, and in the time to come, it will undoubtedly afford a basis for working out some similar form applicable to state government.

FOR OVER SEA BATTLES IF THE war lasts long, the United States will be comparatively horseless.

In the Pacific Northwest, many buyers are rummaging the country districts for purchases for the various European nations.

The number of horses in the United States in 1913 was 20,567,000. The number in 1900 was 13,507,524.

The poor, unfortunate brutes, is the universal expression of feeling with which there is contemplation of the departure of these helpers and dumb friends of man for the battlefields over the sea.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION THE Portland Chamber of Commerce asks that more attention be paid to the marketing of by-products from northwest orchards.

The letter is timely and important. According to Hood River statistics, it costs above 60 cents a box to grow and prepare apples for shipment.

When Cleveland was inaugurated in 1893 the Senate was Democratic by 44 to 38, and the House Democratic by 220 to 126.

Mr. Taft entered the presidency backed by both houses under control of his own party.

MEYER LONDON, elected to congress from an East Side district in New York city, is an ardent and active Socialist.

Mr. London is proposing some novelties in the way of legislation, but in a recent interview he showed ability to estimate public opinion in his district.

REDUCED WATER RATES COMMISSION government has yielded Portland a welcome cut in water rates.

Under meter rates, the small user had formerly to pay 16 cents. Now he pays 10, and there is a similar reduction in flat rates.

THE SHORT BALLOT NEW YORK is soon to have a constitutional convention and as one of the results of that convention it is predicted by the New York Evening Post that the short ballot will be adopted.

Whether it will go so far as to make governor and lieutenant governor the only state officers, other than judges to be elected, is uncertain.

Two other proposals that will likely be considered by the convention are the lengthening of the governor's term to four years and the substitution of the biennial for the annual legislature.

The development of sentiment in favor of the short ballot has been rapid. It seems to be based

in his policies, in turn holding him accountable for results.

OUR CHILD OF SORROWS SPEAKING of conditions in Mexico, the Oregonian says: "In fact, conditions have grown worse since Huerta's downfall, and Mexico is now in a more pitiful state of chaos and misery than ever."

Sad, isn't it? What a pity that the wicked Wilson and the pestiferous Bryan don't get a few tips on foreign policy from somebody that knows, says the Oregonian!

Think of the awful sorrow and incurable grief that sadden the great heart of the Oregonian over conditions in Mexico!

Of course, it is President Wilson who is responsible for every civil war that happens in Mexico. He was responsible for the Madro revolution that happened in Taft's term.

What the president ought to do is to adopt a foreign policy of the European brand. These peaceful presidents who think our young men should be spared for producing food stuffs, keeping the industries going and making prosperity through the arts of peace, are utterly wicked and perverse.

Think how much more fortunate Europe is than we are—all due to utterly stupid "watchful waiting!" We are the only great civilized nation not at war, and we could just as well as not be in the thick of the conflict, but for the incorrigible spinelessness of President Wilson.

The Prayer of a Horse. Portland, Nov. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal—Would you be so kind as to print this little "horse prayer" in The Journal? I think when the people read this it might help them to be kind to the poor horses, that try to do their best.

BECAUSE EMANCIPATED THE future holds out unusual promise. Such was the declaration of speakers at the meeting of the American Investment Bankers' Association at Philadelphia yesterday.

To Keep the Journal Filed. Albany, Or., Nov. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will the Journal, or someone of its kind, kindly send me an idea how to make a file to file the Journals in their proper order—something that will be an ornament to the living room, and one of the oldest papers can be removed without disturbing the others?

PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE JUDGE THOMAS BURKE, president of the Pacific Northwest League of Municipalities, in his annual address at Seattle Tuesday, warned against public indifference at the polls.

Judges. Portland, Nov. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal—I noticed in Monday's Oregonian an article on its first page detailing English newspaper comment on American politics.

Life Preservers on Warships. Four Toronto Mail and Empire. Three-fourths of the crew of the British cruiser Hermes, torpedoed in the Strait of Dover, were saved.

franchise right seriously. Except where there is a lively fight between candidates, many voters refuse to be interested in an election.

They stay at home, and after election raise a whoop about the way things went. They wait, they ululate, they condemn the system. They rail at other men, while they themselves, by refusing to go to the polls, are responsible.

Government is what men make it. The ballot box is the only known means of self government. It is an absolutely safe system if citizens will make use, full use of it.

The main, if not the only reason, why there is misgovernment, or weak government, or ineffective government, is because thousands of so-called good citizens stay away from the polls and let the politicians run things.

The Prince of Wales has sold his personal belongings and furniture in his rooms at Oxford to raise money in aid of Great Britain in the war.

Letters from the People. (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side, not exceeding 100 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, who will be held responsible for the name published, he should so state.)

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A FEW SMILES An illustration of thrift is contained in the story of a Scotswoman who had been promised a present of a new bonnet. Before she made the purchase she asked the good woman, "Would you rather have a felt or a straw bonnet, Mrs. MacDuff?" "I'll take a strae ane, it'll maybe be a mouthful to the coo when I'm done wi' it!"

Mr. Golden had a new office boy. A few days after his arrival some money was missed from the cash drawer.

Calling the new boy into the private office, Mr. Golden said severely, "There's \$10 gone from my cash drawer, Albert, now, you and I are the only people who have the keys to that drawer."

"Well," replied the boy, cheerfully, "I suppose we each pay \$5 and say no more about it?"—Harper's Magazine.

In a certain machine shop an apprentice was one day swinging his hammer somewhat languidly when along came the boss. An angry expression over his face, he observed the performance of the boy and said, "You're not swinging the hammer from the box and delivered himself of the following: "When I see a man that takes his hammer by the end of the handle, like this, and that, like that—I pay the man anywhere from \$18 a week up. But when a man takes his hammer by the handle, like this, and strikes gently, he gets only \$9 a week, and he's the first to be laid off when work's slack."

Then the boss returned the hammer to the boy, thinking that he had taught him a lesson, but the shrewd lad came back with: "Would you mind showing me, sir, where I ought to hold the handle for \$5 a week?"

purport of happiness, turned to enraptured, he quickly saw the fearless dignity and stuck up poise of your judicial tyrant look like a stoic washing dishes in a suffragette kitchen. We are signing on. J. HENNESSY MURPHY.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE Man's mission in life is to pay for what woman wants.

The most difficult part of drinking songs is the refrain. Let her talk and she cares not who does the thinking.

A wise physician sometimes flatters a man by telling him he has brain fag. A woman who marries a man to reform him doesn't find life so monotonous.

There is one thing a man never fails to find when he looks for it and that is trouble. It isn't always safe to judge newspapers, cigars and women by their wrappers.

Love often laughs at locksmiths and subsequently has occasion to keenly regret its hilarity. If a man knows more than his wife it is up to him to keep her in ignorance of the fact.

A newly married woman is easily entertained. All one has to do is let her talk of her husband. Some persons, of course, are born foolish, but there are others who will attempt to argue with a policeman.

But of course a woman thinks she can't do it all. Her own vanity is a hindrance to the kind of neighbors she has. And many a girl who thinks she is making a man after her heart discovers later that he was only after her money.

Often a man who talks to his friends in a basso profundo voice switches to the eastern dialect when his wife wants to know what kept him down town so late. From the Boston Globe.

The place occupied in the Christian mind by the Sermon on the Mount and the drama of the crucifixion is filled in the Moslem soul by the narrative of Mahomet imposing his will by fire and sword, plundering the caravans of his enemies and exterminating whole tribes. COMRADES, the Mahometans were rather mild.

The Koran divides the world into two great realms—the realm of the Faithful, that is, Islam, and the realm of the Unbelievers, that is, the realm of eternal war exists between these two great divisions of mankind—but only a theory. In true Moslem opinion Islam is the only religion, along the lines of an "audible voice"—is more than a revelation. It is a miracle. It is a code of precepts and directions for all men at all times and under all circumstances. No other book can claim it in thought or in expression. It possesses completeness and finality. It constitutes a perfect foundation of religion and of civil government.

Islam does not distinguish between church and state. They are one. Country and religion are twins. In the Koran, therefore, are all the laws, be they social, moral, political or religious.

Nevertheless the Koran contained within itself the germs of discord. As soon as a sect or a doctrine is copied into its meaning, difficulties arose which led to schisms and to sects. Caustics and hair-splitting theologians sprung up and disputes were kindled on the conception of God, predestination and free will. Islam has had its Luther, its Calvin, its Knox and its Jonathan Edwards, besides others who declared that they had received the custody of the holy word, as set, Aga Khan, the spiritual leader of the Mohammedans in India, Central Asia and East Africa, has openly condemned the sultan's course and challenged his authority over Islam. From the frontiers of Northern India to Sudan, and all through the dominions in Africa where Arabs come under British rule, Aga Khan's message will be spread, declaring that the duty of Moslems to "remain loyal and faithful to their temporal and secular allegiance."

Not only in Asia, but in Syria and Morocco and along the eastern coast of Africa, the Aga Khan, as the spiritual leader of Mohammedans in India, has many followers. He has traveled widely in foreign countries and, unlike the sultan, is known personally to the Moslems under his religious authority over Islam. From the frontiers of Northern India to Sudan, and all through the dominions in Africa where Arabs come under British rule, Aga Khan's message will be spread, declaring that the duty of Moslems to "remain loyal and faithful to their temporal and secular allegiance."

These sectarian differences, originating in the brains of theologians and the sects during the Arabian, we non-Moslems are apt to smile—may help to determine the fate of Europe. They are more than likely to prevent the different Moslem races from uniting for any common cause against the allies. The Turkish sultan claims the title of Calif, or successor of Mahomet as head of the Moslem state and keeper of the faith. But his claim is disputed by the Mahometans in India, Persia, Arabia and East Africa, who regard him as little better than a heretic and a usurper, and who hold that according to true Moslem tradition the Calif must be one of the Arabian tribe and of the posterity of the Prophet. The leader is Aga Khan, who has enjoyed both an oriental and a European training and who has a modern mind. He is the friend of Great Britain, and his influence is said to be powerful among all the Mahometans under British rule.

Like all institutions, Mahometanism is changing. It is not today the mighty political and religious force that carried all before it 13 centuries ago and founded, within two generations, an empire that reached from Baghdad on the eastern domain, to the southern shores of the Mediterranean and the Pillars of Hercules and into Spain. That empire split, like Christendom, into rival powers. Bagdad, the capital of the eastern domain, was for centuries the richest, most splendid and largest city in the world. Cordova in Spain, capital of the western Mahometan empire, or Califate, was equally rich and splendid. Rivalries, though both were loyal to the Koran, and by their disunion the danger to Christian civilization was averted. Racial, political and theological differences became powerful agents as today the Moslems under Turkish rule are quite distinct from other Mahometans. The followers of Mahomet are not united among themselves as savagely as have the followers of Christ.

Ever since Sultan Selim I conquered Egypt 400 years ago, and carried from Cairo to Stamboul a straw-mattress and an overcoat said to have belonged to Mahomet, the Turkish sultans have assumed the title of Calif, because of the proximity of the holy city of Mecca. Kissing it is the feature of the grand annual festival of the Turkish Mahometans to this day.

Islam has today calls himself the successor of the prophet and the Shadow of God, he is as powerless outside his domain as the Mahdi of the Sudan or the Emir of Afghanistan. His subjects, however, are about 600,000 Moslem subjects, but his trumpet call to arms will hardly be heeded across the frontier by the Mahometans, who consider him a usurper.

Besides, Moslem fury, like certain pestilential diseases, has mostly spent itself in the course of centuries. Moslemism is becoming modernized. Telephones, telegraphs, railways, American and European manufactured products are too much for it to resist. There could be no holy war in the real sense of the word, for there is no Moslem state with a Christian nation like that of Germany would of itself make the war unholy in the eyes of the Moslem. If, however, they should take sides in the fight among Christians, it will be for some more substantial and vital reason than for the spread of their religious faith. It will be because they think they see therein a chance for worldly profit.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS The Coos Bay Harbor reports that something like 30 homesteaders have filed on lands recently opened to settlement in Coos county and northern Curry county.

All ordinary financing means having failed, the local lighting of Gardner's streets, the company operating the lighting plant has announced that some type of strawberries. It is these plants of the town that need them worst.

The United States forestry people at Grants Pass are making arrangements to buy a new trail, from Heppner in worst places along the lower Rogue, the Devil's Backbone and the Devil's Stairway. The location of this trail is near the mouth of Mule creek.

Late autumn horticulture at Heppner as reported in the Herald: "A local nurseryman has been shipping flowers, grown in the open air, from Heppner in large quantities the past few days. Only a short time ago a rancher sent us some ripe strawberries. As these men has ripe loganberries growing today in his yard."

Burns Times-Herald: The Times-Herald calls attention to the statements of the two national banks in issue. The most interesting showing of any time in their history with most substantial footings. Pretty good for the third time—some people would like to make you believe we are having.

C. C. Carpenter, a Hood River rancher, makes an original suggestion, to which the News gives publicity, regarding a leading name carried by Hood River. The name is that of a person named by the local and its famous industry, naming the name of the powerful apples of that region.

Majazine Articles GENERAL VON PATKEN-HAYN—Life career of the Kaiser's new military chieftain and successor to General von Moltke.

THE WAR AND BUSINESS—An expert on economic subjects talks with optimism regarding the effect of the European war on business.

WHAT IS THE BEST JOKE?—This question is answered by the world's leading laugh-producers. An out-of-the-ordinary feature that is found to please.

THE TREY O' HEALTS—After a series of wild adventures, the characters in this stirring story by Louis Joseph Vance conclude their activities in a manner as surprising as the entire story has been.

Special Features WHAT WELL-DRESSED WOMEN WILL WEAR—Anne Rittenhouse discusses the newest turn that fashion has taken and shows the effect of the war situation on the dress question.

Ann Rittenhouse writes with a thorough knowledge of her subject and in a manner that is pleasing to all readers.

Already The Journal has received compliments on the addition of her weekly fashion letter and is anxious that every woman reader should make its acquaintance.

HERBERT COREY'S JEWS LETTERS—Herbert Corey, the well-known correspondent, is in the news once again as the representative of the Associated Jewish papers with which The Journal is allied.

A page in next Sunday's Journal will be devoted to a series of news letters written by Mr. Corey from several places in Europe that are striking new pictures of the epochal tragedy now being enacted.

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AMERICA—An eight-column map accompanied by text shows the business opportunities open to the United States in the South American markets.