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CORPORATION FORM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

The Statesman has advocated in three different elections the commission form of government—

And the writer still believes in this form; but the latest commission form is now termed the corporation form; after the style of the efficient American corporation; with the mayor in the place of the president, and with the city council in the place of the board of directors, and the city officials responsible to the mayor, with the authority and advice and confirmation and ratification of the city council.

This is practically what the cabinet form of government amounts to in the states that have adopted it, like Illinois and Washington—

And like Oregon should adopt— Like George A. White, one of the candidates for Governor, proposes for Oregon.

It follows, therefore, that the charter amendment putting the Salem chief of police under the appointment of the mayor, with the confirmation of the city council, should be adopted at the polls next month.

If we cannot have the commission or corporation form of municipal government for Salem adopted as a whole, by one vote, let us approach this form by piece meal, whenever we have a chance. Here is a chance. Let's take it, and keep on till we have the whole form, making for greater efficiency and economy. Salem is doing very well, comparatively, with her municipal affairs; but this is no reason why we should not seek and strive to do still better.

THE DOCTRINE OF SELF-HELP

There is the clearest kind of economic truth in the first of a number of principles set forth by allied experts as essentials for the reconstruction of Europe. This principle declares:

"The essential requisite for the economic reconstruction of Europe is the achievement by each country of stability in the value of its currency. No country can gain control of its own currency so long as there is a deficiency in the annual budget which is met by the creation of paper money or bank credits. It is for every country to overcome such deficiency by its own independent efforts."

The ancient doctrine of self-help is thus well stated, although perhaps with more verbiage than necessary. "Spend less than your income," is what the allied experts are trying to impress upon all European countries as a prerequisite to restored stability.

There is no great mystery about sound national finances. Government business is based upon exactly the same fundamental principles as individual business. The manufacturer, the farmer, the wage earner, soon learns by experience, if they do not by reason, that any man who spends more than his income is headed for bankruptcy. The man who finds his expenditures exceeding his income has one of two alternatives—to increase his income or reduce his expenses. Failing to adopt either course, his credit soon disappears and financial disaster results.

The same thing is true of governments. In an unusual emergency either an individual or a government must incur

debt, but on the passing of the emergency the first thought and effort should be directed toward reduction of the debt. This important end some of the European governments have been slow in attempting to attain. Instead of reducing their debts, some of the nations have been adding to their burdens, apparently trusting to fate to get them out of their difficulties.

Doubtless some of the nations of Europe have felt that by some means the United States would be induced to lift a part of their burdens and this hope may have encouraged them to postpone the task of getting their finances in good shape—

But the United States has been busy getting our own house in order— And our country has made a worthy showing on the first principle set forth by the allied experts—

For Senator Henry Cabot Lodge remarked the other day: "A nation that has paid off in two years more than the sum—\$3,000,000,000—that represented the total national debt of the United States at the close of the Civil war is a pretty solvent nation."

Perhaps Adam's temper, when he tried to spade the Garden of Eden, had something to do with his downfall.

Bill Hayward wants American coal miners to help him develop Siberian mines. He will find plenty at leisure now.

Conan Doyle announced he would tell what he knew about the future life, but so far he has only told what he thinks.

Governor Reilly of Porto Rico will retire in May. Everybody thought his enemies would persevere until they got under his skin. F. Mont can return to that dear old Kansas.

There may be something, after all, in that story about the discovery of a Pleistocene monster in Patagonia—that country has not yet adopted a prohibition amendment.

"Free as the air" is an expression that is going out of date, as any one of the new radio fans in the Salem district will be ready to testify. There will have to be control and regulation of the air, in order to protect the rights of the broadcasters and the receivers of the sounds of the human voice harmonized into sweet music or formed into words carrying news and instructions and information. The ships of the air, too, and their rights, are demanding and will demand with increasing insistence the mapping out of the cerulean domain and the making of rules for the protection of the lives and property that travel on mechanical wings over our heads. There is a new heaven and a new earth, and we are at the beginning of the making of new rules and regulations and laws to protect the rights of those who make use of the upper spaces that were once as "free as the air you breathe."

PLAY THE GAME

"Pop" Anson, one of the veterans of American sport, has retired definitely, at the age of 70

years, from that game in which everyone is a player and there are no spectators, the game of life. One of his admonitions to his men on the field has become a moral maxim. Whether in victory or in defeat, whether well out in front or several runs behind, regardless of bad breaks and adverse decisions, even in the midst of what seemed overwhelming defeat, his men were always steeled by the sharp reminder, "Play the game!"

And Anson himself always played the game. He wanted no victory that did not come clean. A player who sulked on the field, even though he be a star, was sure of dismissal. He told his players at the beginning of every season, "We can afford to lose a pennant; but we can't afford to play dirty ball. We want our pennant to come clean."

Another of his maxims has become a rallying cry of all branches

FUTURE DATES

- April 16 to 22—"Better Music" week in Salem.
- April 24, Monday—Prof. Panunzio lecture at Willamette university chapel.
- "Profiles of Presidents," 8 P.M.
- April 27, Thursday—100th Anniversary of birth of U. S. Grant.
- April 28, Friday—State tax committee to meet in Salem.
- April 29, Saturday—Hospital banquet at Marion hotel, evening.
- April 30, Sunday—Hospital Sunday; kick-off of hospital fund campaign.
- May 1, Monday—W. W. Ellsworth, noted editor and literary man, to address Willamette students.
- May 4, 5 and 6—Cherrin Cherrigno, "It Pays to Advertise," Willamette university.
- May 5 and 6, Friday and Saturday—Junior week-end festival at Willamette.
- May 6, Saturday—Founders' Day celebration at Champego.
- May 7, Sunday—Blossom Day.
- May 12, Friday—Concert by Mary Schultz, violinist, Grand theatre.
- May 18, Saturday—Junior week-end entertainment at O. A. C.
- May 19, Friday—Primary election.
- May 19, Friday—Open house, science department of high school.
- May 20, Saturday—Marion County school athletes meet.
- May 26 and 27, Friday and Saturday—May Festival, Oregon Creation Friday in memory; living pictures Saturday night.
- June 3, Saturday—Automobile races at state fair grounds.
- June 5, Monday—Track meet, Willamette and Pacific University at Forest Grove.
- June 14, Wednesday—Flag Day.
- June 16, Friday—High school graduation.
- June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marsh field.
- July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday State convention of Artisans at Woodburn.
- September 13, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem.
- September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton reunion.
- September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State Fair.
- November 7, Tuesday—General elec-

es of American sport: "A game isn't over until it is finished." That was the Anson spirit—always on your toes, always fighting. His teams played not as nine men, but as one. The men learned the lesson, not only of self-reliance, but of interdependence. It was the team that won. About the circuit they were known as Anson and his cubs; and the Chicago Nationals retain the name of "The Cubs" to this day, a tribute to their old leader.

Baseball became under Anson the national game; and during his time it was the cleanest of all professional sports. After his retirement others came who cared more for the pennant than for the manner in which it was won; and they came near wrecking baseball as a national pastime. But during all the years that Anson was in baseball there never was a scandal in the National league. Such a thing as throwing a game was not believed to be possible. But baseball still retains the tradition that it is not the game but the winning of the game that counts; and that tradition was strong enough to purify baseball after it had been sullied by the throwing of a world series.

In Chicago last Sunday there was a gathering of former notables of the diamond about the pier of this fallen chieftain; men who have made names for themselves in various business pursuits by the application of the maxims they learned from Anson on the diamond. The common tribute which they all paid to his memory was, "He always played the game square."

No higher encomium can be paid to any American. It breathes the spirit of our national, our social and our business life. So long as we as a people, individu-

ally and collectively, in whatever position fate and our qualities or defects have cast us, so long as we continue to "play the game square" we shall not be without honor in this world and need to have no misgivings about the next.

GREATEST OF SPRINGS

Not far from the town of Twin Falls, in Idaho, is a spring that runs a big electrical plant. It is called the Thousand Springs, and there is nothing like it to be found anywhere else in the world. What a tremendous spring it is may be judged from the fact that it delivers almost 1000 cubic feet of water a second—enough water to supply all the needs of the city of New York! It flows out of a lava cliff at a considerable height, like the waterfall of a stream, and furnishes power which, converted into electricity, is distributed for lighting and other purposes over an extensive area.

NEVER BE MISSED

Because her husband seized his razor and threatened to cut off her ears a wife is asking a separation from her husband. She must be particular. For all we know half the wives we meet on the street may have had their ears cut off by their husbands. At any rate, the ears are not to be seen.—Los Angeles Times.

LOAFING ON THE JOB

Moody, the economic evangelist, says there are too many industrial slackers in the world. There are a lot of men who are loafers from choice. They not only fail to hunt for jobs, but if they see work coming in search

of them they will hide behind the barn until it passes. The tales of unemployment are exaggerated. A large percentage of the workless are idle from choice. If men would take the jobs that are available and stick to them without indulging in strikes and controversies the country would be on a fine productive basis from one end of the other. There is too much loafing on the job.

SIMPLY CORKING

The city of Cork has offered a site to Henry Ford for an automobile plant and it is understood to have been accepted. Henry will have Cork buzz wagons as well as tin ones. They keep getting lighter and lighter. Probably the finished car will be equipped with a corkscrew instead of a monkey wrench.

EXCUSING THE JAZZ

A gathering of supervisors of music reports that there is good jazz and bad. Did anybody ever get a helping of the good? Possibly there is also a good and a bad St. Vitus dance.

PLANE SAILING

Blon Arnold, the traffic expert and city planning engineer, is devising a landing stage program for the air service of Chicago. His plans call for the construction of vast platforms high above the business streets and buildings of Chicago. He would have them supported by towers or by existing buildings and have elevator communication with the ground. In that way planes could effect a landing in the heart of the city. Some sections of the down town district may not see much of the sun, but what do Chicago folks know about the sun, anyhow?

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Speaking of radio again— No, Maud, the inventor of the radio was not the fellow who often said: "I'll tell the world." One of the horrors of radio activity is the thought that we may involuntarily give ear to a barrage of hot air by Bill Borah or Eli Johnson or Tom Watson, or any one of a score of local compositers of the trio. You know them all.

Radio outfits are being sold in the United States now at the rate of 100,000 a month; and the volume is increasing fast.

This radio business is bringing back the ears of our women. They cannot hear the wireless while their ears are buried under a mat of hair and so their hearing apparatus is once more being brought to light.

The radio service is seeking men and women with red hair and large ears. Humans thus enriched by nature make the finest wireless operators. The red-head is alert and resourceful, and the generous ear is a part of the stock in trade. The bigger the ear the easier it is to hear. Therefore those who are endowed with fiery conks and elephant ears may easily give themselves up on the altar of radio transmission.

The nurseries hereabouts are going to be able to supply, next year, tens and scores of thousands of filbert trees. And every one will be sold. The filbert boom is on, and the Salem district is the filbert center of the United States and of the world. Going to be one of the biggest things we have, and one of the best, too. This whole section is going nutty on filberts. If it has to be nutty, this is the best possible way.

SCHOOL STUDY SPORTS

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HUMOR PLAY WORK

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FOR GIRLS TO MAKE

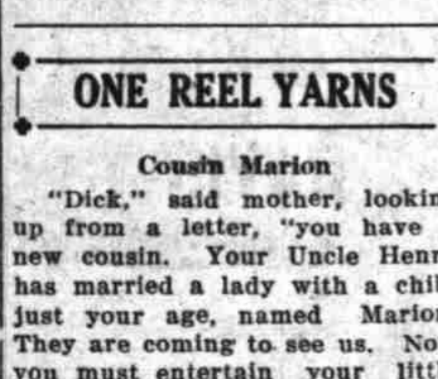
A funny little turtle met a funny little man upon the dining table one fine day. Said the funny little turtle to the funny little man, "Pray tell me, sir, how did you get that way?"



The funny little fellow said, "I'm simply made of prunes; tw large ones for my body's what it takes, with two to form each hand and arm and two to form each leg; a smaller one each most neatly makes. "Judicious use of toothpicks me held together well, a blow was used to make My features as you are made of bits o my looking man am little turtle flapped lid with scora. "You a wonder, for, you a nice fat raisin die feet of cloves and and tall—and there Why and What ... rabbits see in the dark? can see in the dark like the blackness of their they cannot see. b sense of smell and touch dem. Their eyes are so con- that they can collect rays from what to human eyes would be darkness.

FOR BOYS TO MAKE

In the barn lives Big Chief Corncob, bold and strange old chief is he; rules his tribe and knows no mercy, just as fierce as he can be. Made him on one rainy morning; took a cob of suited size on the larger end I charcoaled nose and mouth and beady eyes. Cheeks were red with crushed cranberry, wound round husks his clothes to form, bonnet made of chicken feathers, got him blanket bright and warm. In a quiver made of corn husks arrows made of twigs are found; with a bow of cord and willow Big Chief Corncob scouts around



Seals on the March The Alaskan fur seal that breeds on the Pribilof Islands passes the winter far south of these islands, then in March migrates north once more. They travel in herds, in regular military formation. As many as ten or fifteen thousand are seen traveling together in the open sea. A keeper of the lighthouse on Parallon Island, west of San Francisco, says he has noticed these huge herds advance in line several miles long from the south and when they reach the island they halt for a minute and then swing round like well-trained soldiers and swim off toward the northwest. The Pribilof Islands, their home, are north of the Aleutian Islands in the Bering sea. They belong with Alaska.

ONE REEL YARNS

Cousin Marion "Dick," said mother, looking up from a letter, "you have a new cousin. Your Uncle Henry has married a lady with a child just your age, named Marion. They are coming to see us. Now you must entertain your little cousin. I shall depend upon you to see that Marion has a good time."

"Gee," sighed Dick, "why couldn't she have been a boy? Now I spose I can't go swimmin' or anything."

During the next days Dick looked out upon a world of gloom. The Boy Scouts were going camping, and you couldn't take a girl to a Boy Scout camp. And there was a circus coming. Would Cousin Marion be "game" to get up at dawn and watch them unload the elephants? Dick decided that the best way to handle Cousin Marion would be to scare her to death the first day. So, on the day scheduled for her arrival, Dick retired to his room, donned his cowboy outfit, grew himself a fierce set of burnt cork whiskers, loaded both his cap pistols, coiled his clothesline lariat on his hip, and calling down

TODAY'S PUZZLE

"Lionel and John Put a circus on. Reba, Jane and Beth Watched and held their breath." What animals did they represent? Answer to yesterday's: Tame meat; teas, east.

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SALE

CROWDS

ALL DAY YESTERDAY

Hundreds of people thronged the store eager to participate in this

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