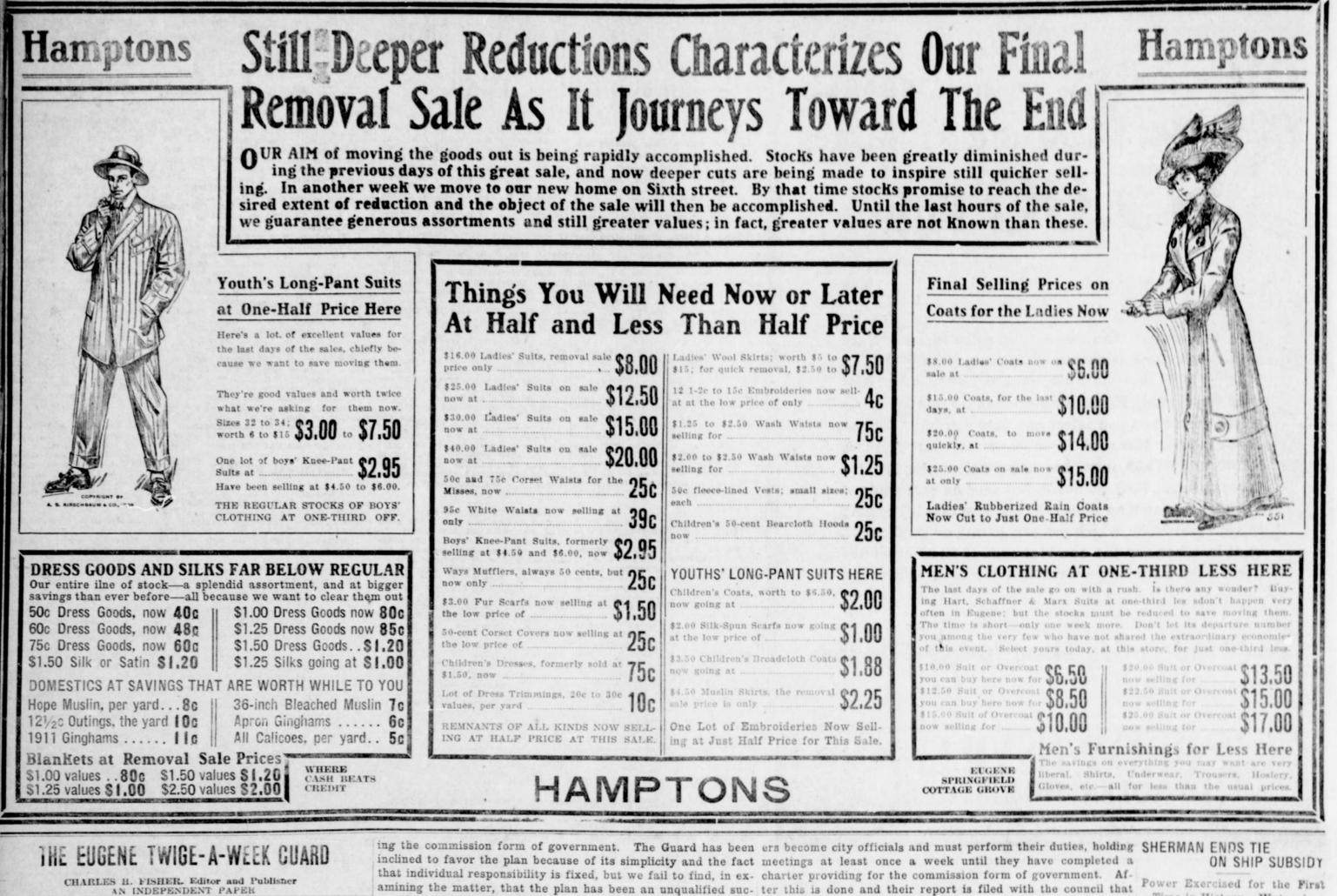
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cess in the cities where it has been adopted. body is legally bound to call an election for the adoption or re-Galveston, Texas, had much rebuilding to do, and a great jection of the charter by the voters. The personnel of the proseawall to construct, after the tidal wave, and in the emergency posed charter commission is very high, and a majority of those placed its business affairs in the hands of a commission of three named are among the leading advocates of the commission time in the history of the govern-

Washington, Feb. 2 .- For the first

Power Exercised for the First Time in History-Watson's Absence Saves Bill

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Application made for entrance at Eugene, Oregon, postoffice as se cond class matter

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SOME OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

ing against the health in some particular way. The Illinois reached that conditions have not been bettered. commission on occupational diseases had little money and less time for its work, but its report, just submitted, is an able and it tends to centralization of power. Two commissioners, a maenlightening document, representing faithful, earnest, well-di- jority of the board, have full legislative and executive power; it to every young man and woman? President Selling told his the vice president voted in the affirm rected work. The legislature should order the continuance of may levy taxes, order improvements and conduct and manage the investigation while attending to the more definite and ripe public utilities, the recall being the only protection for the peorecommendations of the commission.

lead poisoning, lead being, for reasons fully set forth, "the most to handle. dangerous of the industrial poisons." But there are interesting and suggestive, if tentative, chapters on gas poisoning, compressed air desease, boilermakers' deafness, brass founders' ague, etc. The results of the investigations are clearly presented, credit is given where it is due to employers who study and apply safeguards, and the need of legislation, publicity and education is specifically pointed out. The suggestions of the commission are embodied in bills appended to the report.

Many illustrations are offered to show that the United States is far behind England or certain continental countries in insisting on prevention of or prompt attention to occupatioal disease: Thus, in dealing with white lead, Dr. Alice Hampton, chief of the staff of investigators, says: "In one English white lead factroy employing 182 men careful medical inspection failed to dis. cover one case of lead poisoning in the 1909-10. In an Illinois factory employing 142 men partial inspection revealed 25 men suffering from lead poisoning last year. In another English factory employing 90 men no case was discovered in five successive employes have lead poisoning and 40 per cent of all employed in the dustier work."

Neglect of the simplest precaution, the ignorance of un skilled and immigrant labor, lack of knowledge and interest, account for the inferior conditions in the Illinois factories. The investigators found themselves pioneers in the field, and they have explored no more than a fringe of it. They have no difficulty, however, in showing how occupational disease and death therefrom may be greatly lessened. Not only legislators, but employers, workmen and physicians, social students should give this matter their attention.

GO SLOW AND AVOID EXPERIMENTS

There is a wide range of opinion as to the wisdom of adopt-

members, and the experiment was so successful that it was form of government.

made permanent. Other cities have not been so well pleased, so

Practically every occupation has its disadvantages militat. to line and from reading the papers there the conclusion is

The strongest argument against the commission plan is that against the poor judgment of crookedness of two men, and the

In most of the large cities, especially those owning their power.

hat councilmen from the different sections brings the govern- life.

ment closer to the people than is the case with a limited number what the precinct is to the county, the county to the state, and in classing it as a waste of time, and in refusing to allow their the state to the nation.

The Guard would advise the people of Eugene to move slowthere have been many annoying matters connected with it from the correspondence classes, have to tell. The same tale, of a division which afterward developed. time to time, but on the whole, there has been little real cause hunger and thirst after knowledge, the sense of deficiency, that and as a body the senate was unprefor complaint. This is becoming more apparent every day.

There is not a doubt but our form of government may be and should be improved, but any steps taken in that direction should or herself, is the higher education of today. For them the not passed through the experimental stage.

The council has presented a plan for framing a commission best coming citizens. charter which provides that a commission be chosen for that purpose at the regular election. This will give a genuine test of sentiment, if the ordinance is adopted by the voters, while its rejection will be taken to mean that a majority of the people does not endorse the commission idea. If elected these commission-

The only reason which can be urged against this plan of pro. tutional prerogative of casting a vot far as we are able to secure information concerning them. In cedure is that it may require two or three months longer to the west, Boise and Lewiston, Ida., towns of the Eugene class, bring about the proposed change in the form of government, if one somewhat larger and the other in a class below this city, the people express themselves in favor of such change at the and by the third he forced an adadopted the so-called DesMoines plan in modified forms, and coming regular election. And reasonable deliberation at this Journ the people are agitating for changes now. Tacoma later fell in- time might be recognized later as a wise precaution.

WHAT IS HIGHER EDUCATION?

Is higher education so desirable that the state should extend and 37 noes. On all three occasion audience at Eugene that he doubted it, and all know that this

doubt is shared by many business men. Probably a little inquiry as to the present meaning of the term may help more peo-The most important feature of the report is the section of recall, as in the case of Seattle, is a somewhat unwieldy weapon ple than President Selling to an answer, remarks the Portland ginia, Clarence W. Watson, who had Journal, which discusses the question as follows:

Times have changed and men with them. The former plans in the senate chamber only a few movater, light or power plants, and engaged in making extensive for higher education led to groups of students highly trained in public improvements, a salaried board of public works has culture studies, who had spent years in storing their brains with charge of these matters, and the council retains legislative facts that their first effort after graduation was to forget, and ment offered by Shively of Indiana

to establish characters based on ideals that were knocked to tures which may be made under the Ward representation, too, has its defenders on the grounds splinters when they came into combat with the stern realities of the bill. On this provision

Because of these all but universal results of college educaof commissioners, elected at large. The ward is to the city tion, which then stood for higher education, men were justified ed.

sons and daughters to pass through that time-worn process.

Yet the need of higher education today has spread into rey in the matter and use the utmost deliberation before changing gions of knowledge, and enlists its thousands of students of all the form of government. There is no pressing need for a change, classes, undreamed of but a decade past. What more suggestive since the administration has carried on large works, acquired fact than that cited by President Campbell at the visit of the that Watson's absence had prevented the city water system, built a power plant, installed a filteration legislature to the State University-that 70 per cent of the sty- the defeat of the bill. He was the system and paved and improved many miles of streets in the dents were working their way through the courses? President only Democrat present at any of the rollcalls whose vote was not cast past few years without a taint or suspicion of graft. Not every. Kerr at the Agricultural College, Presdent Homan at Willamyears; in an Illinois factory employing 94 men 28 per cent of all body has been satisfied with the way the work has progressed, ette, and every college president in the state, will add their tesperhaps not even the mayor and councilmen themselves, for timony. Hear what the Y. M. C. A. classes, the night schools, amendments. Apparently there was

only hard and self-denying work can overcome.

These are the students whose educataon, each for himself MEXICAN FORCES not be the result of hasty conclusions. Legal tangles should be state is in honor bound to open the doors wide of universities, avoided, if possible, and no system should be adopted that has colleges, high schools, evening classes, and the rest. To stop them in their task, if possible, would be to rob the state of her

> What are the fields that this new education covers, and why these efforts?

A St. Louis woman says she shot her husband "just for fun." She made a hit with her humor, all right.

ment, the vice-provident of a d States today exercised his constito break ties in connection with three saive rollcalls in the senate

By the first he saved from im pending defeat the ship subsidy bill ment of the senate in a vote having direct bearing on the resolu-tion looking to the election of senators by direct vote.

The vote on the subsidy bill, both in the committee of the whole and in the senate proper stood 39 ayes and es, and on adjournment 37 ayes

Another notable occurrence in onnection with the vote on the subidy bill was the absence of the new emocratic senator from West Virtaken his seat early in the day as the successor of Elkins. Watson was nents, and voted on only one rollcall.

Watson's Absence Saves Bill This vote was cast on an amendregulating the aggregate expendithe new West Virginia senator cast his vote in the affirmtaive, thus indicating his opposition to the measure. After casting his vote he disappear-

The result on the next ballot was not so close as to render material the presence or absence of any senator and no notice was taken of the fact that Watson was not in attendance. After the final result became known, the opponents of the bill, inainst the measure.

The final vote came after three afterward developed,

IN HARD STRAITS

Presidio, Texas, Jan. 31,-Outgeneraled and defeated, with a loss of more than 100 soldiers killed, the federal forces of General Luque are divided and cooped up in the towns of Ojinga and Cuchille Parradou. The insurgents occupy every road leading to both towns, and will not permit provisions nor forage to be carried in.