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"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in their stead." — Woodrow Wilson.

The following article, *A STEP FORWARD IN CITY GOVERNMENT*, taken from the Salem Daily Abstract, gives reliable history of the modern evolution of city government, and is especially of interest to local people at this time:

The Abstract hopes for the good of the city and every one of its citizens that before another municipal election comes around Salem will adopt the commission form of government. The present costly and cumbersome method involved in politics, foolish factions and other archaic features, has long outlived its usefulness. The present form of city government is as much out of date in a modern city as street lighting with tallow candles. Everywhere the new commission form of city government, and in many places with its most advanced feature a city manager instead of a mayor, is being adopted. Concerning the new plan, an exchange remarks:

"All municipal students of American public affairs have spoken of our system of municipal government as the point at which democracy has been least successful. They are right. The time honored organization of a mayor, board of aldermen and common council is cumbersome and inefficient; often it is the easy prey of corruptionists."

"Thirteen years ago a great storm swept over Galveston, Texas. The inrushing waters erased more than buildings and blotted out more than the boundaries of city wards. They obliterated party lines and left a clean slate. The result was the commission form of government. It has proved so simple, so direct, so efficient, that since then more than three hundred other cities have adopted it. But although it is an improvement over any previous form of city government, it has its vulnerable points.

"A little while ago Dayton, Ohio, like Galveston, Texas, met with a disaster. The waters poured over it and left it a sodden wreck, with its natural resources crippled, and facing tasks

## More Battleships or More Roads

The cost of a battleship, with trimmings, would build 500 miles of good road. The battleship would be obsolete almost as soon as built, and ready for the scrap heap in ten years. The good road would, within three years at the most, repay its cost by the increase it would bring to abutting property values, and afterward would be a net, permanent asset.

As a reducer of the cost of living, the good road has it over the battleship like a tent. What is the use of expecting folks to go back to the farm if the roads are so poor they can hardly get back, and, once back, have to see the farm produce rot on the ground because of the difficulty of getting it to market?

Next winter Congress will be asked to spend money for three new battleships, and also to begin a systematic development of national highways. It will probably vote the battleships and refuse to vote the good roads, on the ground that good roads are a state and local concern.

Yet a gridiron of good roads would be a much better insurance of the general welfare than the costliest fleet of battleships that money could buy. In which way would you prefer to have your taxes spent? — Portland News.

## Are You Helping?

A wise man says: A town that never has anything to do in a public way is on the road to the cemetery.

Any one who will do nothing for his town is helping to dig the grave.

A man who curses the town furnishes the casket.

The man so selfish as to have no time from his business to give to the city's affairs is making the shroud.

The man who does not advertise is driving the hearse.

The man who is pulling back from any public enterprise throws bouquets on the grave.

The man who howls hard times all the time preaches the funeral and sings the doxology, and thus the town lies buried from all sorrow and care. — Ex.

## P. U. Junior's Letters Home

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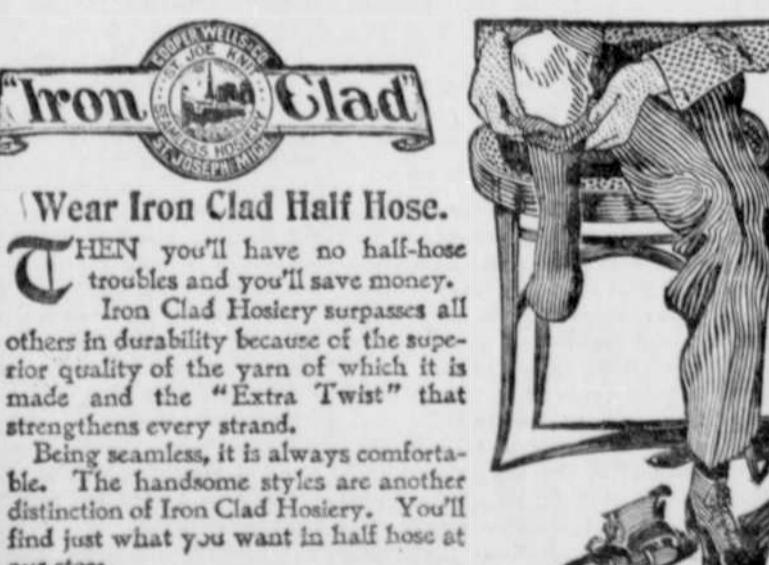
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that only a united and non-partisan spirit could hope to achieve. Out of that disaster, as out of the wreck of Galveston, has come a new form of government. On August 12th, the city voted to adopt a plan long established in Germany, but hitherto untried in America by any municipality larger than that of Staunton, Virginia; the plan, namely, of having a city governed as every great corporation is, by a manager chosen solely for competency, and paid a salary commensurate with the value of his services.

"The new charter provides for a government of five elected commissioners, but the re-administration of all the departments, except the city schools and the courts, will be in the hands of a city manager, a capable, trained executive, whom the commissioners will hire.

"In contrast with our habits of city government, our management of the public schools has been excellent. We select a school superintendent, not because he belongs to this political party or that, or because he is popular. We do not even insist on finding him a resident of the city; but we search the country over for the best man we can afford, and then we buy his brains and experience for the good of our children. The Dayton plan applies the same method to the management of the whole city.

"Although new here, the plan is familiar in Germany, where it has resulted in the most efficient and economical city government in the world. It is certain to gain ground in the United States. Our grandchildren will read with an incredulous smile of the days when the chief magistrate of a great city could be chosen because of the shrewdness or the subservience he had shown in the practice of petty and sometimes dishonest politics."

*THE WORLD IS GETTING BETTER.* Tuesday's elections, in general, recorded a moral reform and financial optimism over the entire nation. Tammany was defeated in the New York election, at least four of the progressive measures carried the Oregon state election. Multnomah County voted the Columbia bridge appropriation, Salem, the state capital, voted dry, and Hillsboro, the county seat of Washington County, entered the parade of municipal water-wagons, to what this spirit of progress and reform is due would be hard to say. Any way it is encouraging to the great majority of American citizens who are working for better things.

Forest Grove needs a well equipped suite of rooms for a live Commercial Club. It needs an adequate sewerage system and a new city charter. Then the "Prettiest town in Oregon" will also be the best town in the state, or elsewhere, as far as that goes.

*George Huntington Currey*

DEAR MARGARET:—Last week was one of the most strenuous weeks I have encountered since entering school. Just look at the following lineup and judge for yourself.

On last Monday evening we had an illustrated lecture on astronomy. The pictures as seen by the huge telescopes were wonderful. By the successive uses of pictures taken by telescopes, of various sizes the moon was brought closer until theoretically speaking it was within 32 miles of us. I was just getting ready to run when the operator changed the subject.

The next evening some of us Juniors skinned around the campus to watch the Fresh-Soph classes mix in their attempts to teach each other up. Nothing serious happened, as the Sophs, were afraid and went to bed and the Freshmen, were afraid to come around where they thought the upper classmen would be. Both appeared ready for combat but both successfully evaded the other class.

Wednesday was our first annual, All College Day. In the morning we had our class stunts in chapel. Our take-off, on the Seniors, received quite an ovation and it was voted the best stunt of the day. In the afternoon we played the faculty an exciting three inning game of base ball and won four to three. It was great sport to see our pros, whom we imagine, were chronic book worms, playing such a game. I think we began to get closer together there. The big rush between the Freshmen and Sophmores was thrilling and was only marred by a serious injury to one of the contestants. The "Babies" won by the score of 1-0. In the evening the Freshmen were formally invited into college and the day was fittingly crowned with an all college feed.

You know there is nothing I enjoy better than a feed and you can readily imagine how the climax of All College Day impressed me.

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at 7:30. A good musical program has been arranged. The public is cordially invited to attend the sessions of the institute. Special invitation is given to the lecture on Tuesday evening.

## Club Organizes

The young people of St. Anthony's Parish met last Monday evening at the residence of their pastor, and organized a club to be known as "The Catholic Coterie." Several brilliant programs for the club's future were brought and discussed, and it was finally decided that they rent a permanent hall and give series of dances, card parties etc., during the winter evenings, as a public dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

The Coterie is an exclusive one and admits only actual members of this and neighboring parishes. Its object is to furnish legitimate and innocent amusements and to eliminate as far as possible tendencies leading to mixed marriages, etc.

The club cordially extends its invitation to those eligible, and invitations to its parties will not be given out promiscuously. Those wishing to join the society may come or send their names to any regular meeting, where a vote will be taken for their acceptance. The next meeting will be held at Father Buck's residence next Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

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## REPUBLICAN MAJORITY

Forty Per Cent Women Registered... Total to October 18 is 2,861

County Clerk Edw. C. Luce has totaled the registration law up to October 18, 1913, to be 2,861, divided into the following political affiliations:

Republican	1574
Democrat	587
Independent	119
Socialist	65
Prohibition	387
Refused	86
Progressive	35
No party	5
Bull Moose	1
S. L. P.	1
Prohibition Republican	1
Total number women registered	1108
EDW. C. LUCE, County Clerk.	

## County School News

Superintendent Barnes announces that the library books for the schools of Washington county are now ready for distribution. The amount of money expended for books this year is \$821.29. This amount purchased 1488 volumes.

The annual county Institute will be held at Hillsboro, November 10 to 12, closing at noon on Wednesday. There will be lectures and departmental work. Monday evening the teachers and instructors will be entertained by the Hillsboro Commercial Club. On Tuesday evening at the Crescent Theatre, Dr. House and Dr. Elliot of Portland will discuss the subject of Social Hygiene. The program will begin

## Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses have been issued from the County Clerk's office as follows:

Henry Howard Holcomb, 23; Mary Ima Jora Debuhr, 17; both of Hillsboro.

Eli A. Bowbeer, legal; Anna Simons, legal.

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