

# HILLSBORO'S BORN AS MODEL CITY OF VILLAS

### Millionaires Use Ballots for Weapons to Kill Danger of Annexation

### Draw Away From San Mateo and Burlingame for More Exclusive Precincts

greatest non-nance. As there were only \$1 or \$2 votes cast the election officials were not busy much of the time. They would stroll out of the room, leaving the tabernacle of their civic liberties, the ballot box, unattended by sworn guardians.

#### Movable Ballot Box

Once the ballot box was removed. When the officials returned with a voter the ballot box could not be found. Tension was at white heat. The box might have been spirited away by some enemy of the civic ideals of Hillsboro. But it wasn't. Jerry Conens had just hidden it under a bunch of overcoats and Templeton Crocker knew where it was all the time, but didn't tell.

Under such circumstances and with such a personnel of dignitaries the free city of Hillsboro intruded itself today into the excellent company of free California cities.

With its moat of ballots and its great wall of incorporation, the community came out of the struggle for self-government by millionaires with banners flying from the battlements and the automobile horn tooting a glad chant royal in triumph over its freedom from the jeopardy of Burlingame and San Mateo. The embattled millionaires are safe from the danger of annexation.

There might have been other free cities in the history of the world, but where was one with rulers whose property could compare in exquisite perfection with the chattel of the officials of Hillsboro? What doge of Venice ever owned a 65 h. p. touring car? Why, a doge of Venice would not have known what "h. p." stood for. Yet Town Trustee Templeton Crocker today rode to the voting place in his 65 h. p. German car.

#### Dukes and Doges Outdone

And what duke of Florence ever talked through a telephone? Had he tried he would have been taken out in the market place and burned at the stake. Yet Henry T. Scott, mayor presumptive of Hillsboro, almost owns an almost monopoly telephone system.

So as free cities go, the most recent product of San Mateo self-government makes the historic metropolises of the middle ages look like a child's play.

The first political day of Hillsboro was long. It began with Halley's comet in the morning, long before breakfast, and only ended in time for prominent citizens to get into their dinner jackets before the butler announced a late dinner.

The third commuters of San Mateo and Burlingame were aroused this morning by a great sound of bells. The alarm clocks of Hillsboro had all been set for 5 o'clock and each one did its duty. In fact, it is believed that Templeton Crocker's went off a few minutes earlier for the low, rakish touring car of the millionaire from Uplands clipped the astonished merchants at Doctor Brewster's school for boys. The marigold at St. Matthew's had never received such treatment so early an hour before. Crocker arrived on the job at 5:45. He was not only a candidate, but an election official, serving as inspector on the election board.

#### TROOPS STORM THE MOAT

At 6 o'clock the main body of troops arrived and started to dig the moat of ballots. Norris K. Davis, leader of the insurgents and candidate on the popular ticket for town trustee, came a few moments before 6 o'clock. Davis was a Bay and second most active practical politician in the district; William Eldred, election inspector; Henry Malar, election clerk, and Henry A. Hall and Edward Moore, ballot clerks. Ray B. Spilva, Davis' most strenuous lieutenant, arrived at 6:30, and Rev. William A. Brewer and George H. Howard, candidates for trustees, reached the front at 7 o'clock.

While Howard was early on the scene and spent the greater part of the day around the polls, he did not cast his ballot until within the last few moments of voting, and his willful and humorous procrastination horrified the regulars, who counted every vote as if they were January coupons or February eggs. Howard's delay was less understandable when it was considered that he gave Hillsboro his name.

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# CITY BOY NEGLECTED GIVE HIM MORE ROOM

T. B. BANNERMAN, President Board of Education.

San Francisco boys are suffering today because of the thoughtless and perhaps sinful negligence of the passing generation.

RICHARD L. WHELAN, Member Board of Education.

Our boys haven't had half a chance. It has been too much mental training and too little physical training. Their defeat isn't their fault. It's the fault of those who should have prepared them for victory.

SIDNEY PEIXOTTO, President Pacific Athletic Association.

Let us have no more paid professional coaches. Give the athletes of the high schools trained physical directors to bring them out of any such moral degeneration as has evidenced itself in the present athletic slough they are found in.

JOSEPH R. HICKEY, Secretary Play Grounds Commission.

The San Francisco high school boys defeated at the meet held at Stanford are the victims, not the vanquished. Until their position is recognized and the school athletic system reorganized we may look for repeated defeats.

WM. F. HUMPHREY, President Olympic Club.

There has been a shameful neglect of the boy. He's been pushed aside in the commercial life of the great city to make way for factories, which are now built over his swimming beach, and buildings which have been erected on the old diamond. This isn't the city of 20 years ago. Our swimming holes and beaches, ball grounds and empty lots have been taken away from our children. Now we have to buy them back or let the boy degenerate physically.

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#### SCOTT APPEARS MODESTLY

By 7 o'clock the voters were beginning to arrive rapidly. Henry T. Scott, lord mayor presumptive—or whatever title the trustees of Hillsboro will bestow upon their chief executive—drove up modestly in a phaeton, en route to the train. Frank Carolan, who was not a candidate, or even an election official, drove up with far more eclat. He had a fine team of bays with gold mounted harness attached to a two seated carriage and driven in the most effective vogue by a liveried footman. The footman held his whip at just the proper angle, and it is believed that Carolan's secret ballot was poised just as correctly.

In the way of automobiles, George A. Pope, candidate for city trustee, was seen ostentatiously equipped. Also Pope, innocently enough, undoubtedly, seemed best equipped in the way of practical politics. Pope came in his French limousine, upholstered in cream colored trimming, which he occupied with Thornwall Mullyally. Mullyally said that he was not interested in Hillsboro politics.

It is one of the tenets of Hillsboro's political faith that there shall be no street railroad permitted within the limits of the free city, but for all that Mullyally smiled benignly on the birth of the fresh municipality.

#### SUFFRAGETTES ARE ABSENT

There was no suffragette demonstration at the gates of the new city today and few of the society women of the suburb that was becoming a real ur favored the event with their fashionable presence. Mrs. Mountford Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Larry Scott and Mrs. J. R. Crockett, drove over during the afternoon in a station wagon to a conference with Templeton Crocker. It wasn't a political conference.

Under the august circumstances of Hillsboro's development it has been presumed by the robble that tea with a twist of lemon in it and lady fingers would be served during the afternoon—but there was nothing like that, at all. There were \$2 notices on the registers of the district and more than half of those had voted before noon. Jerry Conens was active in bringing in the voters. First the shaven came in their own traps and automobiles, and then the others who had not so much time to shave, or no valet to shave them, came in in Conens' automobile and cast their ballots.

The feudal law of Hillsboro, for all that it is a most free and enlightened city, worked smoothly yesterday and men were voted in groups from the place where they were employed. So skillfully and despatchingly that the town of Hillsboro laid out that for the most part it only included the large estates and home places, and adroitly avoided the homes of the commuters and independent citizen who, not being hired by any one, would cast a ballot with independence. Young as the town of Hillsboro is, there is much political sagacity included within its expedient and zigzag limits.

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for school purposes. In the future this is intended to give the children more room for recreation. E. J. Whalen of the board insists that the present generation of high school boys has practically overlooked in the scheme of civic development. Whalen, expressing himself, he declared that entirely too little attention was given to the development of the boys physically and too much time and attention accorded his mental welfare. He is heartily in accord with the suggestion that credit be given the student for athletic and gymnasium work.

A vigorous arraignment of present conditions in the high schools was made by both Secretary Hickey of the playgrounds commission and President Humphrey of the Olympic club. Their attitude is borne out also by President Sidney S. Peixotto of the Pacific athletic association and Columbia Park boys' club, who has spent much of his time with the athletes on the field and track. That the school board is ready to do anything to remedy present conditions and bring back to San Francisco the triumphs of the past is the attitude expressed by Mary W. Kincaid of the board, in discussing the plight of the local teams.

#### Conditions Now Obsolete

Mayor P. H. McCarthy and William H. Metson, president of the board of park commissioners and who has supervision of the great stadium in Golden Gate park, echo the sentiment of all who have interested themselves in the present crusade against obsolete conditions in the training quarters of the high schools. Through lack of proper facilities the impression is strong that many of the schools and ultimately the universities lose their best material in the poolrooms and billiard parlors of the city. One reason for the defeat has been spelled the word duty, and the suggestions now being made are expected to check this evil and save the vitality of the city bred boy.

The present conditions are to be expected when one reviews the athletic development of the youth of the city. The boys who faced defeat at Stanford are facing that defeat when they entered the training school with its cramped play yard and its two and three stories of class rooms. Their defeat is due to the careless, if not sinful, neglect of the passing generation. Their athletic defeat has been foreseen or prepared for and the result has been inglorious defeat. We should remedy things immediately. No schools should be erected over one story high. The school lots should be made smaller than a solid block in size and every provision should be made for play ground and cinder tracks. We have paid a high price for our indifference to this loss of youthful vitality," said President Bannerman yesterday.

#### PHYSICAL TRAINING POOR

"The mental training of the girls and boys," he continued, "has been given attention at the expense of their physical welfare and this in some measure, I may say, has been dangerous. Instead of erecting buildings and buying property on which our children could develop into healthy beings, we find all over the city antiquated school buildings, in which the students are expected to climb miles and miles of steps to get to and from their classes. We must bring these children back to nature. Let them get acquainted with the earth and the flowers. Every school should have its grass plot, shrubbery and cinder path. At the present time this board is making every endeavor to acquire entire blocks of property on which to erect the new schools. The physical well being of the rising generation demands this at all cost. The young girls and boys must be developed, not only mentally but physically. True, some of the girls in life besides intelligence, and that is health."

"Playgrounds, playgrounds at any cost," declared R. L. Whelan, in a discussion of the problem of providing for the boys of the city. "What is the cost today of a few pieces of land, in which to bring up a healthy generation of men and women, compared to the cost we will pay if we neglect our school children? Let us have more room for them to develop in. I would suggest public playgrounds big enough to accommodate all the children in the neighborhood. This defeat suffered by the boys of the south is only a reflection of the conditions as they are. How can we expect them to do battle to the hardy boys from the bay region who have their swimming holes to dive in, their fields to play ball in, their hills to climb, and their sun to get their teeth to go against the game. Their appeal, couched in the letters that spell defeat, is eloquent, and we cannot but believe we should get them for the boys. Education should go hand in hand with health, and there is only one way to bring that about—physical training and the outdoor games. There seems to me little virtue in any argument against the plan for greater physical development. Individually, every parent in the city will indorse the scheme to help the girl or boy who goes forth to our overcrowded schools. We have been building our structures on the south line of the small lots, with the result that the play yards, small and boarded over, are dark, cold and cheerless places at best. Let us give them ground to play on and sunlight to develop in."

#### AGAINST PAID COACHES

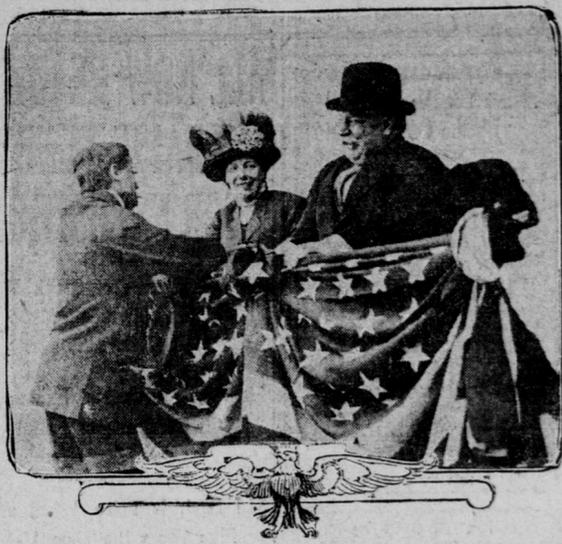
President Peixotto of the Pacific athletic association, in surveying the situation, makes a flat declaration against the paid professional coach, and insists that all the high schools in the city should have regular salaried physical instructors to train the students and to prepare them for the contests and trials of the field meets in which they have met so many defeats. "We must have no more paid professional coaches. They send the boys in tired with spectacular training and state in the end that we want more development, so that our boys will not be spurred beyond their endurance at the last moment. We should recognize the weaknesses of our high schools in the matter of athletic training, and remedy the same. In the same strain were the remarks of Mary W. Kincaid of the board of education.

Both President Humphrey of the Olympic club and Secretary Hickey of the playgrounds commission lay great stress on the necessity of public baths. "This isn't the San Francisco of 20 years ago. The commercial development of the city has brushed the boy and girl into the swimming holes and baseball fields we used to know when we were boys are lost to our smaller brothers and sons. The factories have taken their beaches and societies have filled their swimming holes with empty lots are now covered with buildings. If necessary we must buy them back and give the rising generation a chance. Of course they will be defeated in a contest like that of Saturday. We should watch Boston and New York in this regard and accept a few suggestions," said Humphrey when seen at his office yesterday. He and Secretary Hickey are also members of the Olympic club, having both discussed the playgrounds plans of the city at considerable length. "Of course, there is much that one can say on the subject of physical training. It is the duty of the board of physical directors in each and every high school in the city and an apostle of the playground idea and movement. Our boys will always be defeated unless they are given a chance to develop the latent energy they have within them. Until we help them we can expect repeated defeats," said Hickey.

#### PUBLIC DUTY INVOLVED

Mayor McCarthy looks upon the question of athletics in the schools from the standpoint that the furnishing of proper facilities and equipment for outdoor exercise is as much a public duty as the maintenance of the schools

# WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT IS RIOTOUS ROOTER



President and Mrs. Taft at National baseball park, Washington, at the opening of the American league season, April 14.

themselves. Discussing the matter yesterday he said: "The physical upbuilding of the students in our city schools is just as important as the mental training provided in the classrooms. I am most anxious to see that the facilities for physical affairs nor have I gone deeply enough into the subject to try to account for the fact that our young city athletes have met defeat at the hands of the athletes from the country and smaller towns, but I am inclined to believe that lack of facilities for practice and training is largely responsible for such a poor showing as was made at the interscholastic track meet at Stanford last Saturday.

"I have promised to do everything in my power to promote outdoor exercises for the pupils in our public schools, and am willing to do all I can to see that the facilities for such outdoor exercises are up to the very highest standard of efficiency. I think it is true that we lack sufficient grounds, and if that is so it is up to the people of San Francisco to furnish them. We should have good athletic fields connected with all our high schools, or at least within easy access, and we should have plenty of playgrounds and larger school yards for the younger pupils of the grammar grades.

#### CITY BOYS AT DISADVANTAGE

"There is no reason why the city boys should be in any way physically inferior to the lads of the country or the smaller towns, and I do not believe they are. I think that our high school athletes are at a disadvantage simply because they do not have the necessary grounds upon which to do their training. It is almost impossible to have good tracks or athletic fields in the heart of the city, and the boys have to travel miles, sometimes, to do their exercising. If given the same advantages for rounding into form that are accorded the boys of the smaller towns, I believe we would find with first class point winners among our thousands of high school boys that could be found in all the rest of the state put together."

#### WOULD PROVIDE GROUNDS

William M. Metson, president of the board of park commissioners and a member of the directory board of the Pacific Athletic association, declared yesterday that he believed it to lie within the power of the city authorities to furnish whatever facilities might be needed for the high schools of the city for the training of their athletes. He would not venture a positive opinion as to the causes which contributed to the defeat of the local athletes at last Saturday's field meet, but said:

"Before attempting to decide why the high school boys of a small city like Chico could carry away the athletic honors in competition with the representatives of the schools of a big city like this, we should look into all the conditions. Possibly the country atmosphere may have had some bearing upon the result, but it is also possible that the Chico boys may have had the advantage of a skilled trainer who knew just how to bring out the very best they had in them. That one thing would count for a great deal.

"The park commission, however, has made an attempt and is willing to devote further effort to providing the facilities that are necessary to promote school athletics. We have the Golden Gate park the finest stadium in the world. It is four times as large as the stadium at Athens and much bigger than the one in London. Every opportunity is afforded our schoolboys to use the stadium for their training, and if anything is lacking we will be only too glad to furnish it. I there are not too good facilities there we will put them in. The track and field are for the use of our athletes, and we are only too glad to have them take full advantage of what is there. We have provided lockers and dressing rooms and will put in more just as fast as they are needed.

"I do not think the blame for failure to equal other schools in athletics can properly be laid to the fact that he

# "PLAY BALL" BILL IS TEAM'S MASCOT

### President Starts Opening Game of American League on the Washington Diamond

### Mrs. Taft and Vice President Sherman Also Present at the Contest

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, April 25.—"Baseball Bill, the riotous rooter," otherwise known to the American public as William Howard Taft, president of these United States, got more joy out of the opening game of the American league, when Washington larruped Philadelphia, than the youngest palputating office boy. After starting the game by shooting the ball to Pitcher Walter Johnson of the Washingtonians the president remained throughout the entire game, even until the last Philadelphia fan had been indignantly ejected. Mrs. Taft enjoyed the game with her distinguished husband, and Vice President Sherman occupied a nearby box and rooted industriously.

The new ball Taft threw from his box has been cherished as a souvenir and a talisman, as the game went without doubt to the home team. Last year "Big Bill" saw the Washingtons play Boston late in the season, but the locals got "stage fright" when the president appeared and threw away the game.

"I'm glad I wasn't the hoodoo. I seemed to be last season," Taft said with a smile as he congratulated the players after their victory.

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