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The Government of Wheeling.

The Intelligencer has indicated what
it takes to be a radical defect in the pro-
posed new city charter. There is execu-
tive responsibility without power; a dis-
semination of power and responsibility
through sundry channels; a failure to
draw the line sharply as between the
executive and the legislative branches
on the one hand, and between the execu-
tive and the judicial on the other.

The defects in this regard will appear
more clearly if we contrast that which is
proposed for Wheeling with that which
is in operation in Evansville, Indiana,
under a charter now about three years
old. In respect of the points under con-
sideration the Evansville charter may
be taken as a model. It follows as near-
ly as possible the federal plan of govern-
ment.

Evansville centers executive power
and responsibility in the mayor, who
does not sit in the city council and does
not exercise judicial functions. With
the sole exception of the mayor, Evans-
ville elects no executive officer and none
is chosen by the council. Among other
things the mayor of Evansville is re-
quired "to cause the ordinances of the
city and the laws of the state to be exe-
cuted and enforced," and he is given
the power to discharge this responsi-
bility.

It is proposed to make it the duty of
the mayor of Wheeling "to cause all the
laws and ordinances of the city to be en-
forced;" and the charter gives him no
power to discharge this responsibility.
True, it is provided that "in order to en-
able him to do so he may, in emergen-
cies, temporarily suspend any officer in
default or failing to perform his duty."
This is a recognition of the advisability
of placing in the hands of the mayor the
supreme executive power, but it is an
impotent way to get at it.

Who is to determine when an emergen-
cy has arisen to warrant this exercise
of executive power? Presumably the
mayor. The officer charged with the
duty of the mayor would be certain to deny
the charge and to resist suspension; for
he would be the choice of the people or of
a board not appointed by the mayor and
feeling himself to that extent independ-
ent of the mayor. Or, he may have gone
into a deal including himself and the
mayor and the rest of the executive
officers.

In fact, under the proposed charter
the mayor of Wheeling would be about
as powerless to discharge the duty im-
posed upon him as the mayor is now.
The present mayor of Wheeling, for ex-
ample, is a good man and disposed to do
his duty, but as an executive officer he is
without the power to execute.

In Evansville the people look to the
mayor for the administration of their
city government—they can lay their
hands on a single head. If they see fit
to take off that head all other adminis-
trative heads go off with it. In Wheel-
ing, under the proposed charter, the peo-
ple will look for the administration of
their city government to the mayor, the
assessor, the treasurer, the auditor, the
board of control chosen by popular elec-
tion, the board of public safety chosen
by council, and the chief of police elected
by the people. If the people prefer that
way of filling this important office. The
mayor of Evansville has the power to
veto, a good power for the mayor to
have. The mayor of Wheeling is to con-
tinue to be judge of the police court, an
office that should not be held by the
mayor.

Unless the people of Wheeling are de-
termined to have an inferior form of city
government, which we do not believe,
they would endorse a plan to give them
as good government as any other city
in the country has. With due respect to
the charter committee, which has desired
to do the best it could, we think it erred
in taking for granted that the people
would endorse a plan to give them as
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A Splendid Donation.
Mr. Stahl Presents His Valuable Col-
lection of Indian Relics to the Govern-
ment. Parkersburg Journal: Right here
in the city of Parkersburg is one of the
most complete private collections of In-
dian relics in the United States. The col-
lection referred to is that of Mr. Henry
Stahl, the well known antiquarian and
lecturer.

Mr. Stahl has spent years and much
money and labor in making his interest-
ing collection of antiquities. With him
it was a labor of love. He is an en-
thusiastic collector as well as a widely
read antiquary and has many other col-
lections, but the one referred to is the
one he is proudest of and with reason.

For several years Mr. Stahl has made
annual lecture tours, going before
schools, as a specialty, in this way he
has done much good in an educational
way. On several occasions he has de-
livered his lectures here, with free admis-
sion and most of his specimens have
been on exhibition from time to time
in the show windows of our merchants.
In this way our citizens have become
familiar with the collection and its value.

But it has always been the owner's
desire that his collection should sometime
find a permanent place in one of the
great educational institutions of the
country.
He has at last carried out his cherished
plan or rather made arrangements to
do so, when he retires from the lecture
platform.

The lucky institution which will re-
ceive this splendid gift is the American
College of History, of Washington, D. C.
Mr. Stahl has been offered a round
sum for the collection by an English-

man who wished to present it to some
college in England. But the offer was
refused by the patriotic antiquarian who
preferred that the fruit of his labors
should remain in his own country. So a
few weeks ago he offered the entire col-
lection to the College of History, Dr.
Samuel L. Haller, vice chancellor of the
college, came on here to view the col-
lection and was much struck with its scope
and completeness. The gift was accept-
ed by the board of trustees, through a
letter from their secretary, Mr. Charles
W. Baldwin, which was received by Mr.
Stahl, a few days ago.

Major McKinley is discovered to have
mapped out all sorts of contradictory
tariff policies and to have made all sorts
of cabinets. One manufacturer of these
wares overdid the business and lost his
market, but there are others running
double turn. There must be a demand
or the wares would not be made.

There are newspapers that must have
a fresh sensation every day or they
would feel that they were not measuring
up to their great opportunities. If their
readers like the sort of stuff they are
getting that is about the sort of stuff
they will be supplied with to the end.
But it is all vanity and vexation of
spirit.

When Spain boasts that she has 200,000
troops in Cuba she omits to say how
many of them are under the Cuban sod.
That is a material fact in the heated dis-
cussion now going on in Cuba.

A Student's Night in New York.
From all accounts the college men who
gathered in New York to see the foot
ball game between Princeton and Yale
wound up with a night of it. Did you
ever see one of those nights in New
York? If you have not you have not
seen a succession of sights "to make the
judicious grieve."

This time there is said to have been
less rowdiness on the streets, but the
students made up for that. They cap-
tured a place of amusement where there
were women enough to give zest to their
antics, and then they went wild.

It may seem very show and old-fash-
ioned to say that this kind of thing is
not well for the young men who engage
in it, but certainly any thoughtful
father would rather have his son out of
it than in it. The young fellows who
went through it may develop into good
men in spite of it, but they are running
on the edge of a precipice.

If they were at college, going the regu-
lar round of college life, they would be
safer and their future more promising.
One bad night may be the first step in a
wasted life.

The presidency of the second branch
of council is worthily bestowed on Dr.
Stathers, who has been an efficient mem-
ber. Mr. Maxwell, who resigns, has
been one of the best men the council
has ever had.

Too Many New-Comers.
Wage-earners the country over are
getting ready to move on Congress in
the interest of the further restriction of
immigration. These are the men who
feel first the keen edge of the competi-
tion which comes in the steers of the
great ocean steamers. They know how
sharp it is and how deep it cuts into their
work and their wages.

It may be said that many of these men
are themselves of foreign birth. This
does not touch the question. They are
here to stay, are part of us and upon
them rests all the responsibilities of citi-
zenship. They have the same rights as
natives have, and we cannot afford to
press upon the means of subsistence of
native or foreign-born.

Everybody who has paid the least at-
tention to the subject knows that the im-
migration to this country is too strong.
The way to get action is to let Congress
know that the people feel the situation
and want it changed for the better.

Perhaps Weyler is getting ready to
step across the gulf and whale us "sing-
le-handed and alone." Weyler is a mighty
man in his own estimation, and by
that same token we are weak and
easily used up.

What is the Secret?
Mr. Moody, the evangelist, is drawing
great crowds in New York, and
many who go to hear him are unable to
get into the building. At the same time
it must be that there is plenty of room
in the churches. There are few churches
that are crowded at regular services.

The preachers would do well to dis-
cover why it is that Mr. Moody can draw
crowds while they look at empty pews
Sunday after Sunday. A good starting
point is that Mr. Moody interests the
people. Some persons go to church be-
cause they are moved by a sense of duty.
Others go or stay away because the ser-
vices do or do not interest them.

It is a great thing to be able to interest
the people on the good side of life.
The revival of confidence is doing all
for the country that could be expected of
it. It gives the country the assurance
that the money of the people is not to be
reduced in value and that Congress will
not give debtors a chance to cheat credi-
tors. It does not change anything with
which the money question has nothing
to do.

West Virginia feels like being well
represented at Washington when the
new President is inaugurated. West
Virginia also feels like being on deck
when her Republican governor is in-
augurated. The two events come on the
same day.

A Lucky Chance for the Sick.
Every ailing and suffering person who
is wise will instantly accept this gener-
ous offer. Coming from the very high-
est authority, as it does, gives it the
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THE VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.
Table Showing the Approximate Popular
Vote for President.
The New York World publishes the
first approximately complete table of
the McKinley, Bryan and Palmer vote
in the whole country—reported to the
World by the secretaries of state from
all states where the canvass has been
completed.

States.	McKinley.	Bryan.	Palmer.
Alabama.....	54,725	107,137	6,464
Arkansas.....	29,873	47,803	1,924
California.....	146,217	142,926	.....
Colorado.....	22,785	131,970	500
Connecticut.....	110,288	56,724	4,381
Delaware.....	626,577	291,257	1,329
Florida.....	11,545	29,426	1,608
Georgia.....	69,991	94,232	2,788
Idaho.....	5,021	16,754	.....
Illinois.....	626,577	392,753	12,900
Indiana.....	323,318	362,814	5,573
Iowa.....	287,192	219,356	2,900
Kansas.....	159,267	172,627	.....
Kentucky.....	218,955	217,797	6,018
Louisiana.....	28,255	16,571	1,329
Maine.....	90,421	25,217	1,864
Maryland.....	136,978	194,745	2,507
Massachusetts.....	267,787	162,655	11,519
Michigan.....	293,169	291,259	8,799
Minnesota.....	193,456	132,777	3,209
Mississippi.....	4,849	55,923	1,021
Missouri.....	201,600	263,759	5,000
Montana.....	19,190	41,373	.....
Nebraska.....	102,168	112,340	6,220
Nevada.....	1,754	4,751	.....
New Hampshire.....	54,414	21,271	3,420
New Jersey.....	221,897	124,995	6,471
New York.....	755,271	545,839	18,829
North Carolina.....	155,222	174,484	5,757
North Dakota.....	23,325	18,175	.....
Ohio.....	525,989	474,890	1,857
Oregon.....	49,216	47,102	1,049
Pennsylvania.....	728,890	679,127	11,500
Rhode Island.....	26,437	14,459	1,156
South Carolina.....	51,963	9,813	825
South Dakota.....	45,169	45,275	2,590
Tennessee.....	148,774	163,651	1,951
Texas.....	151,422	294,900	.....
Utah.....	13,461	64,851	.....
Vermont.....	49,454	9,789	1,256
Virginia.....	135,391	156,368	2,216
Washington.....	28,255	69,227	2,759
West Virginia.....	102,000	90,000	.....
Wisconsin.....	255,957	162,969	3,600
Wyoming.....	10,673	10,369	.....
Totals.....	7,650,516	6,221,552	138,570

Total vote cast 1896 (approximate),
13,879,638, including about 100,000 Pro-
hibition votes and 50,000 Bryan and
Watson votes.

**COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS
ELECTIONS FOR THIRTY-SIX
YEARS.**
1860—McKinley's popular plurality
plurality (approximate) \$29,064
1862—Grover Cleveland..... 280,810
1864—Grover Cleveland..... 98,817
1866—Grover Cleveland..... 62,838
1868—James A. Garfield..... 47,915
1870—Samuel J. Tilden..... 270,025
1872—U. S. Grant..... 762,991
1874—U. S. Grant..... 265,476
1876—Abraham Lincoln..... 407,312
1878—Abraham Lincoln..... 431,136
This table shows the complete vote of
all the states except three—Missouri,
West Virginia and Texas—where the
count has been delayed by contests.
From most of the states the figures are
official, the results being reported to
the World direct by the secretaries of
state. New York's vote will not be
canvassed officially by state officers
until December 15. The total Prohibi-
tion vote cast will not exceed 100,000. It
was highest in Pennsylvania—127,119.
In the seventy-seven counties of Texas
thus far counted Bryan and Watson
received 66,732. The total middle-of-the-
road Populist vote will be about 100,000.
The Socialist vote was smaller than in
1892. In many states none were cast.

Civil Service Exam.
To the Editor of the Intelligencer:
SIR:—Would you please inform me
through the Intelligencer, the time and
place of holding the civil service exami-
nation at Wheeling.

Yours respectfully,
A. READER.
Dallas, W. Va., Nov. 21.

It will be held in the Wheeling Custom
house, Saturday, December 5.

Thanksgiving, 1896.
Chicago Times-Herald.
When the chilly wind is blowing and the
snow is softly falling
In the street and o'er the meadow sere and
brown,
And the dry and leafless branches droop
beneath the touch of winter's cold
And take on their fleecy coat of elder-
down;

When the harvest, ne'er so plentiful, is
at last all safely garnered,
Fruit of field and bending orchard and
the vine;
When the hearth-fire roars and crackles
and the farmer's eye is dancing,
And the faces of his loved ones gleam
and shine;

When from ocean unto ocean, from the
northland to the southland,
In the mart, the mill, the shop the busy
hum
Of a glorious set to work again now swells
like glorious music—
Sign and prophecy of better times to come;

Then with feasting and with joy a mighty
host shall keep Thanksgiving
O'er a nation reawakened, strong and
free,
O'er a scene of smiling plenty, o'er our
rescue from dire peril,
O'er the promise of the golden years to be.
—R. W. RANSOM.

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passenger agent, Chicago, Ills.

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THE NEW CHARTER.
Mr. Erskine Dissents from the Intelligencer's View—Speaks of Unfair Criticisms.
To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—I think many of your readers
will be sorry to see the position you
take in regard to the new charter. You
practically advise that if the charter is
not exactly what the voter would make
it himself, he would be justified in vot-
ing to reject it.

In your editorial of yesterday you
began by saying that the charter has
some "excellent features," and then,
without mentioning a single feature
that you approve, you point out where-
in it falls short of perfection. You
condemn it because executive power is
not concentrated in one executive head
—the mayor. This you call a vital de-
fect, and you propose that we shall get
along with what we have until we can
make a single leap to that high stand-
ard of centralization of power.

In so doing, you, in effect, join hands
with the people of an exactly opposite
view, people who denounce the new
charter as going far beyond the direction
of a centralization of power and locat-
ing of responsibility, and who demand
practically that we shall continue to
run at random under a charter which
is not a charter.

It is surprising how many erroneous
statements have been published in re-
gard to the new charter. The first con-
siderable batch was in a paper read
last spring in the late assembly, and
published in the Intelligencer as a
"thoughtful paper." It was devoted
largely to things the prophetic thinker
thought were going to be done by the
charter commission; among which was
the enormity of concentrating execu-
tive power in the mayor.

From the report of the charter com-
mission, it appears that the members
sometimes differed in opinion, but never
divided as going far beyond the direc-
tion of a centralization of power and locat-
ing of responsibility, and who demand
practically that we shall continue to
run at random under a charter which
is not a charter.

The most important of those upon
which they differed are to be submitted
to the popular vote, separately from
the rest of the charter.
It may be that many of the wisest
people would agree that there should be
a concentration of executive power in
the mayor—that he should appoint all
subordinate executive officers. Few
would disagree with you, if it could be
demonstrated that the people would al-
ways elect a mayor who would wisely
use his power.

Yet, to condemn the charter because it
is not sufficiently radical; to condemn
it because it is too radical; to con-
demn it in things which it does not
contain; sometimes the things criticised
exist in the present charter, and are
corrected in the new. All seem to admit
that the new charter proposes the es-
tablishment of a business and financial
system that is a combination of sim-
plicity and certainty and that will, if
adopted, be of immense value to the
people.

The new charter is progressive, yet
conservative.
You admit in your article that the
old is far behind the best thought and
practice of the day, yet you advise that
we get along with the old, "until a
more progressive public opinion shall
come up to a higher standard," than
is in the new. This is a contradiction.
If the new charter be defeated, when
shall we expect to make the single step
to that high standard of perfection
which you commend? Who will lead,
"until a more progressive public opin-
ion shall come up to a higher stand-
ard?" Will you?

WILLIAM ERSKINE.
Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 24.

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Re-
ward for any case of Catarrh that can
not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props.,
Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F.
J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and be-
lieve him perfectly honorable in all busi-
ness transactions and financially able
to carry out any obligations made by
their firm.
West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists,
Toledo, O. Wadding, Kinnan & Mar-
vin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken inter-
nally, acting directly upon the blood
and mucus surfaces of the system.
Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.
Testimonials free.

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livered at Cumberland on Saturday,
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There are six more of these engines to
come.

Save Your Life
By using "The New Great South Ameri-
can Kidney Cure." This new remedy
is a great surprise on account of its ex-
ceeding promptness in relieving pain in
the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male
or female. It relieves retention of
water and pain in passing it almost im-
mediately. Save yourselves by using
this marvelous cure. Its use will pre-
vent fatal consequences in almost all
cases by its great alterative and heal-
ing powers. Sold by R. H. List, Drug-
gist, Wheeling, W. Va.

SHOES—ALEXANDER.



**700 pairs of ladies' welt shoes in Vic
Kid, with extension soles, laced or but-
toned, in the two neatest toes, at \$2.25.
Your size is sure to be among the lot. It
is not often that a firm guarantees shoes
at this price, but we always guarantee
everything we sell. So we say money
back if you're not thoroughly satisfied.**

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