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EFFICIENT CITY GOVERNMENT.

The need everywhere for more efficiency in municipal government is so great that there is widespread interest in the "city manager" plan that is being worked out at Dayton, Ohio. Henry M. Waite, city manager at Dayton, was one of the principal speakers before a recent meeting of the National Municipal League at Baltimore. In answer to the question as to whether or not the plan will be a permanent success, he said: "His permanency depends upon intelligent citizenship and their continued determination to keep partisan politics out of municipal affairs."

"The Dayton plan of five commissioners at large and non-partisan, had resulted in the election of sound business men, he said. They selected the manager and the latter selected the directors of the five departments, law, finance, welfare, service and safety."

"I cannot tell you the political faith of the commissioners or the directors," he said. "They are selected for their ability."

"In our finance department," he continued, "our new accounting system is the same as would be found in any large business. Our budget is scientific. Every month the head of each department receives a complete financial statement which shows the original allowance, expenditures and balance in each account. We keep our expenditures inside our allowances."

"In August we found that our estimated revenues were too high. With our system of accounting and budget, we were enabled in two days to reduce expenditures \$45,000, and reorganize all work accordingly."

He told how police women were aiding in the handling of women delinquents and domestic troubles; how the fire department was continually making house to house inspections to reduce the fire hazard; how duplication of effort had been saved by combining all philanthropic and city nursing into the welfare department; how citizens had "turned four hundred dirty spots into four hundred gardens; and numerous other steps in city improvements."

"These new forms of municipal government have many ups and downs ahead of them," he said. "Our duty is to educate the people to appreciate these new forms of government we have called into being."

"Publicity must be given to the results obtained by the new governments. We must obtain an efficient citizenship. Interest should be maintained through the schools. We need fewer elections, longer terms and thereby greater efficiency."

ATHLETICS BELONGS IN SCHOOLS

Recently an eastern publication sent broadcast a request for opinions regarding the advisability of maintaining an athletic system in the schools and colleges which barred the many have been widely varied. In nature, with the majority in favor of the continuance of the system. The magazine believed that such sports as football, baseball, etc., should be done away with and supplemented by drill work in the open field which would include every man in the school or college, as the case might be.

The National College Athletic Association is to meet in Chicago in December. In connection with the announcement of the session a statement has been issued regarding the right and wrong views of athletic sport. This statement might be used as an answer to the magazine's query. It is as follows:

Athletic sport, if honorably and wisely conducted, can hold its own in the institution of learning, but to gain a notion of dignity it must be saved from many of its friends and maintained on so high a level that no reasonable man can question its value. Rightly administered it strengthens the weak, improves the weak places in the strong, clears the brain, teaches boys and young men to respect their bodies and to know the relation of clean, vigorous body to an active mind and an honorable life. Rightly conducted, it is a school of manly skill, courage, honesty, self-control and even of courtesy; wrongly conducted, it is a school of bad manners, vulgarity, trickery, evasion, brutality—the ideas not of a sportsman, but of a sporting man.

We are constantly told that in England men play for the sake of playing, whereas in America men play for the sake of winning. The more serious the question of winning, the more serious the need of winning honorably. Sport in America is not mere fun; it is a test of character, and nothing that makes the player less a gentleman belongs to it. The football player who wantonly injures his rivals, the baseball player who prosists in shouting at his opponents, the school boy or student who takes money for summer baseball and conceals the fact, should be put out of the team. Nor should any school or any college have secrets as to the legitimacy of its athletic representatives.

The student body, in high school, college or university requires recreation, some method of stimulation other than the text book, physical as well as mental exercise. And the athletes themselves are not the only students who gain by college athletics. There is an inspiration to every student on the sidelines, in the grandstand. And, over and above all, the athletic field gives an entire student body the needed opportunity to rid itself of "surplus steam." The man who follows athletics is brought to a realization of what a clean, strong body will accomplish. His own weakness is shown him. He does not need to be an athlete to understand these things.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

WHY ALL THE IDLENESS?

The Chicago Tribune, on its front page, comes out with a warning to all unemployed men and women in the country, to keep away from Chicago. The Tribune, after an investigation, is authority for the statement that there has been an increase of 1,000 per cent of idleness in Chicago in one year. In November, 1913, the municipal lodging house of Chicago sheltered 6,589 men. In November, 1914, the same lodging house sheltered 64,819. That means there are ten men in need of municipal lodging this year to every one last year—and last year was by no means a model year.

Why all this idleness? The Courier asks the question to elicit sincere thought of the people on this problem. Something is wrong. If present lack of work is the result of the tariff laws which have discouraged American manufacturers, then the people ought to know about it. The Courier calls attention to the fact—and it is a fact as everyone knows—that there are more idle men in the country than there have been for many years. Something is wrong. What is the cause? People should give the matter their closest attention and much thought.

For several months past, predictions have been freely made that "business will pick up soon," but the picking up seems very slow. There must be some cause other than President Wilson's "psychological depression," and it is up to the people to find out that cause and apply the remedy as soon as possible.

NOT THE RIGHT TIME.

Hardly a day passes but what President Wilson is called upon to propose cessation of hostilities in Europe with a view to concluding a treaty of peace. The president is right in replying to these demands that the time is not yet ripe for such action. He has gone as far as he can in the direction of peace and cannot do more at present. While the warring nations are at each other's throats, they will not listen to talk of peace. Germany says such talk is bosh and England replies that there will be no end to the conflict until the allies can dictate peace terms. It is unfortunately a case where the belligerents will have to wear themselves down to a state of exhaustion before they will be ready to quit. Just at present the national reputations for military ability and bravery are being catered to rather than means of securing peace. The question what is right and what is wrong will be decided later when the fighters feel that they can quit without being looked on as "quitters."

FOR BETTER ROADS.

The fourth American road congress, which held its sessions in Atlanta, Ga., throughout the week of November 9, was productive of two results which should have a far-reaching influence on the progress of road improvement throughout the United States. During the week of the congress state highway commissioners and engineers from nearly every state in the union organized an official body to be known as the "Association of State Highway Commissioners and Engineers," for the purpose of correlating the work of the various departments and to consider and deal with the larger questions of national policy as an organized body representing all of the states. The newly formed association will hold a second meeting at Washington on December 12 at which the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws will be presented.

WHEN MEN ARE NEEDED.

The boys who think it is manly to drink liquor should draw a lesson from the actions of many of the world powers now that a titanic struggle of nations is on. The fact is that when real men are needed, the government is turning to the men who do not drink and are making rules to tell the others from indulging in the habit. The latest government to take action of this nature is the Canadian regime. News dispatches from there bring word of the intention of the dominion administration to curtail the sale of liquor and to take measures to cut down the use of alcoholic drinks. Canada realizes that it cannot depend upon a nation of drinkers like it can upon a nation of abstainers.

All cats in Germany are to be killed to make linings for coats for soldiers, according to information reaching fur dealers through trade papers. H. N. Darragh, secretary of a large fur company, said house cats are a large factor in the normal fur trade.

A specially strengthened wheel carrying a four inch pneumatic tire has been invented for aeroplanes as many ordinary wheels are destroyed on landing.

The man who devotes too much time to "getting even" with other folks is likely to let slip a lot of chances to get ahead in the world.

An inventor has inserted an oil reservoir in the handle of a saw to enable its user to lubricate the blade while operating it by pressing a button.

An increase in parasitical diseases among poultry and game birds in England is attributed to the distribution of dust through the air by automobiles.

The man who drinks a little every day or so, comes more and more under the drink's influence; his finer sensibilities are dulled; his imagination is filled with bad pictures; he loses his desire for cleanliness and manliness; he im-

Dinner Stories

An ex-senator in Washington was talking one afternoon to a group of newly elected congressmen about to be sworn in. "Be careful, boys," said he, "not to appear green. Think before you speak, and you'll not give yourselves away. I should hate to hear that any of you had acted as a new member from Arkansas once did, soon as he reached Washington he went to a photographer's to be pictured for the papers."

"I want my likeness taken," said he. "Cabinet?" asked the photographer. "The man from Arkansas reddened and looked pleased. 'No,' he replied, 'just plain, everyday congressman.'"

You can't down wags. They get into the solemnest conversations. Even the great war over in Europe hasn't instilled reverence into them. One was hovering on the outskirts of a war talk recently, wherein somebody said: "What is the exact German for that toast which they have in the German navy; you know what I mean—the one where they lift their glasses and drink to 'The Day!'"

"Der Tag!" said one. "Zum Tag!" said another. "Dem Tag!" said a third. "I insist that they simply say 'Der Tag' when they drink," repeated the first man.

"No, that's the nominative case. It must be in the dative," objected one of the others. "There are a whole lot of declensions in German, you know, and Germans decline almost everything."

"Yes, but not a drink," interposed the wag. They glared at him. But the solemn discussion was ruined.

The advanced maiden was out rowing with a possible suitor and had taken her little sister along, who was exhibiting much fear at the waves.

"Why, Martha, if you are so nervous now, what will you be at my age?" "Thirty-nine, I suppose," meekly replied little sister.

Pat had gone back home to Ireland and was telling about New York. "Have they such tall buildings in America as they say, Pat?" asked the Irish priest.

"Tall buildings, ye ask, sur?" replied Pat. "Faith, sur, the last one I worked on we had to lay on our stomachs to let the moon pass."

During a financial panic, according to a contemporary, a German farmer went to bank for some money. He was told that the bank was paying out money, but was using cashier's checks. He could not understand this, and insisted on money.

The officers took him in hand, one after another, with little effect. At last the president tried his hand, and after long and minute explanation some inkling of the situation seemed to be dawning on the farmer's mind. Much encouraged, the president said: "You understand now how it is, don't you, Mr. Schmidt?"

"I think I do," admitted Mr. Schmidt. "It's like dis, ain't it? Ven my baby wakes up at night and wants some milk, I gif him a milk ticket."

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ELDON.

H. E. Ritz was a business visitor in Des Moines this week.

Clarence Gault of Des Moines spent Thanksgiving with his brother D. H. Gault.

Mrs. Ben Pruess of Glidden arrived for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Beck.

Miss B. Donohagan has returned to Clarinda after visiting her father and family some time.

Miss Georgia James of Topeka, Kansas is visiting her cousin Noah Stuenkel and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Robert DeCamp and children of Kingsville, Mo., are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Allman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Moore left for Chicago Tuesday night to spend Thanksgiving with their son.

John Kehoe and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives here.

Two young men were racing on the fair grounds Thursday with motor-cars. One of them fell and injured his shoulder. He was brought to town and placed under the care of a doctor.

Ray McHaffey of Ames spent his Thanksgiving vacation here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. McHaffey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Houghland and daughter Mrs. Geo. Roberts and family spent Thanksgiving in Muscatine with relatives.

Mrs. E. C. Wright were called to Chicago this week by the death of a relative.

Mrs. Chas. Fehr and daughter Mary of Valley Junction are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Clara Heinz entertained a number of friends at a surprise party Saturday night Nov. 21 in honor of her son's 15th birthday.

Miss Ruth Selby of Fairfield spent Thanksgiving with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Selby.

Frank Vass and family of Valley Junction came Wednesday for a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Galloway's 50th wedding anniversary.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Nelson was held Friday afternoon from the M. E. church. Interment in Eldon cemetery.

The Methodist church will hold meetings every night for two weeks. Rev. Skiles of the Congregational church has resigned and moved to Miles, Ia.

SEED FROM TEN EARS

YIELDS 130 BUSHEL

Waterloo, Dec. 3.—One hundred and thirty bushels of corn from ten ears! That is the record made the past season by one of Barclay township's farmers. Last spring Oliver Smith, who lives on the old Brown farm, received ten ears of white corn from the college at Ames. He planted the corn on land that had been under cultivation for fifty years, and not on the richest soil on the place. Now he has picked the harvest, cribbing 130 bushels of corn from the said ten ears. Who can beat it?

WOUNDED AUSTRIAN VIOLINIST HAD TERRIBLE LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

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"Booze" received a diatribe and skeptics were ridiculed but in this sermon Preacher Bill seemed just to fraternize with the eight thousand there while he told them of the Christ in whom he believed; the Christ who had power because He was the Son of God and who had sympathy because He was the son of man.

He told of the rich young ruler who had power, position and wealth but had not that which Jesus possessed; how the ruler coveted the peace of the Christ who coveted nothing the ruler possessed. This lesson could be taken by those of today, Sunday said, who have everything but religion.

The story of Zachaeus, the publican, was told. The telling of the story of the "short, rich, fat Jew" who shinned up a tree to see Jesus pass lost nothing in effectiveness by his lack of scriptural style. Sunday admitted that there was no mention of Mrs. "Zack" in the Bible but there should have been a wife and family to adorn the home wherein Jesus spent a night, so Sunday unblushingly introduced Mrs. Zack and the children whom he had greeted Christ and the disciples in this manner: Mr. Zack: "This is Jesus and the disciples, ma. Mrs. Zack and the children, Jesus."

Mrs. Zack: "Why, how do you do, Jesus. Zack, why didn't you tell me you were going to bring company home?" And so on, according to the manner in the best families. That which Sunday brought out, however, was that the publican forsook his wife, cheating and money grabbing sermons, and accepted Christ, not on probation, but wholeheartedly and at once.

That was the theme of the sermon. "Do it now" might have been hung on the pulpit as a special reminder as a spiritual reminder and it would have expressed the burden of Sunday's text.

Sunday digressed at one point to show the regular attendants that he had a brand new expression. He had been talking about motives in respect to those which brought people to the tabernacle. "If I thought I was doing no more here in Des Moines than gratifying curiosity, so help me God, I'd pack my grip and leave tonight," he had said. This led to a subject upon which Sunday has frequently expressed himself strongly so frequently that it would be excusable if he re-peated his sentences but Billy doesn't believe in that while there is a verbal twist or contortion in any way possible. He sprung this: "Any man that hasn't manhood enough himself to give his heart to Christ and that sneers and mocks those who do is so low, why, if he was as low in stature as he is in principle he could kiss a rat without drooping to his knees."

"About face and meet Jesus Christ," he ordered toward the close of the sermon. The Christ he told about was a "seeking" Christ; one who tried and tried to enter the hearts of men who coldly turned away. Sunday told of the great violinist Ole Bull and his boyhood friend, John Erickson, the builder of the Monitor; how the one begged his unyielding friend to allow him to play for him but Erickson would say, "No, I care nothing for mu-

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KEOKUK PRESBYTERY AT FAIRFIELD

Fairfield, Dec. 3.—Keokuk Presbytery of the United States Presbytery church will have its winter meeting in the Fairfield church next Monday evening and Tuesday. The Rev. J. M. Wishart of the First church will act as moderator and will preach at the opening session.

Following is the program for the three sessions: Monday Evening. Conference—Soul Winning—Rev. J. M. Wishart, presiding.

1. In the Sabbath school. 2. Among the adherents of the church. 3. Among those not attending church.

Tuesday Morning. Devotional service, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, D. D., West Chester.

8:00—Business. 12:00—Adjournment. Tuesday Afternoon. 1:30 p. m.—Devotional service, Rev. A. L. Graham, Burlington.

2:00—Sermon, Rev. H. B. McElree, Keokuk. 2:30—General conference. Prayer and personal work, Rev. H. L. Henderson, Crawfordville, presiding.

Business. Adjournment.

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D. A. R. FINDS GRAVE OF SOLDIER OF '76

Ft. Madison, Dec. 3.—After a few weeks of work the local chapter of the D. A. R., has succeeded in locating the grave of a soldier of the revolutionary war, located about seven miles north of here in Lost Creek cemetery near Green Bay. The D. A. R. organization of this city were told of this grave some time ago and efforts to locate it definitely were immediately begun with the result that after a week or two of hunting the resting place of the fighter of '76 was discovered.

Mrs. J. M. Casey put herself into communication with the war department in Washington and from that office discovered the record of the dead man. The occupant of the neglected grave was one Timothy Breese, who fought with a New Jersey regiment all during the struggle for independence. Many years ago, before the memory of any now living in this city the man moved to this county, died and was buried here. His grave has now gone to ruin and neglect.

With the address of several relatives, which however, are so old that there is slight hope of finding the people still alive, letters have been sent to them telling about the grave. Although there are hopes of obtaining a response to these missives the likelihood of so doing is small.

The war department's aid will be enlisted shortly in an effort to have some sort of a monument erected over the resting-place of the soldier.

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CHARITON.

Mrs. H. E. Keller went to Russell for a brief visit with relatives.

Will Slattengren and daughters, Belle and Martha, spent Thanksgiving with relatives and friends in Ottumwa.

Miss Cora Derry was a Thanksgiving day visitor in Corydon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Yocom, of near Lucas, returned home last evening after a few days visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Yocom.

John Demuth of Albia, ex-county auditor of Monroe county, was greeting friends in Chariton yesterday, enroute home from a trip to Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Von Osterheld have returned from a few days visit in Des Moines with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Adeock and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adeock spent the day yesterday with relatives in Russell.

HOPEWELL.

The new hymn books which the ladies ordered for the Baptist church have arrived.

Emmett Walker took Rev. Ragain to Plakesburg Sunday morning to his appointment.

John Glosser and family spent Sunday at Alto Swaim's.

Mrs. Sammons visited last week with her daughter Mrs. Samples.

Mr. and Mrs. Orman visited at the C. L. Hamilton home Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Sloan of Centerville is in this vicinity on business this week.