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WON'T WE EVER COME OUT OF IT?

Won't the people ever wake up to the pure claptrap and bosh of the statement that the government is responsible for the times? It is mischievous; for it makes the party in power the guarantor of prosperity. It degrades men like Taft to the low politics of holding the democrats responsible for the hard times of Cleveland's day.

Not a bit. Why? Because the price is fixed in China, not here. Because we should not import it in any case. We grow ginseng, and some of it is consumed here, but the price is fixed abroad, by people who may not know our duties and certainly don't care.

Now, is it any different with wheat and corn? Certainly not. Nobody would ever ship corn into this country, no matter how free it came in. Nor cotton. Nor wheat, unless for the purpose of allowing American millers to mill Canadian wheat and ship it as flour.

Oh, that he would come out of his "protectionist" trance!

THE PROBLEM OF CITY GOVERNMENT

The problem of establishing economical and satisfactory city government is one that right now is peculiarly pertinent to Spokane. Doubtless the brand of government the city is being served is as good as can be expected with the tools there to work with, but the present mayor himself has called attention to the clumsy and inadequate machinery of the charter.

There are numerous problems to be solved and solved correctly and permanently ere Spokane may properly enter upon her birthright to place among the great cities of a great country.

In order to aid that consummation The Press has arranged for a series of expert articles on the newest ideas in civic government and presents the first of these today, from Henry G. Farmer, who has made an exhaustive study of the commission plan. That plan may or may not be the proper plan for Spokane, but it is worth consideration and comparison.

The problem of securing better city government may yet be solved by the simple plan of fixing the responsibility. This seems to be the essential feature of the so-called commission plan. The government, by this new method, is as concentrated and as simple as an ordinary business corporation. The corporation is responsible for every act and every failure to act. It is responsible as a corporation, and each member of the board of directors is responsible to his fellow members and to the stockholders of the company.

The commission plan is very much like that. The mayor is like the president of the concern. He presides at the meetings of the board, and sometimes acts as general manager of the business. The directors meet, decide what money shall be spent and for what purpose; then they say how it shall be spent and when. Then they see that the work is done as it should be done.

The public knows just who is responsible for every act. If there is a badly paved street, one of the four commissioners—a specific one, whose name is perfectly familiar to the voters—is responsible. He cannot shift the blame to some appropriating council which has refused the necessary money; he cannot shift it to some executive official who has failed to carry out instructions; he cannot transfer the blame to a contractor, a board of public works, an unwilling alderman. It is "up to" him. He may have some excuse which will excuse him, if not, the bad street stands against his record, and will help to defeat him when he comes up for re-election.

The same is true of the police department and the departments which are charged with the duties of keeping the city clean, safe from fires, supplied with water and lighted in the night time. There are but five men for the public to remember; a mayor and four commissioners. It is not hard to remember five. It is quite possible for a child in school to know the name of the particular man who ought to be blamed for a high tax rate or a poor street car service. In whose department does it come? Commissioner Jones has charge of that. Very well, we will go see Commissioner Jones.

Under the commission plan of city government the voter can put his finger right on the spot. Duty, responsibility and power are bound up in the same personality. The man who ought to do the work has the power to do the work, and can be held to a full measure of responsibility for not doing the work.

The rest is just a simple matter of providing the voters with an opportunity to vote. They can vote once every two years for new commissioners and mayor; they can have special elections and vote in their places; they can vote to undo some bad business done by the commission—some franchises granted foolishly or dishonestly; or they can vote to do something the commissioners neglect or refuse to do.

First, the responsibility is fixed; then the people are given a chance to administer the remedy—to reward or punish the official holding the power and exercising the responsibility.

NEARLY 2,000 MORE PUPILS

The report of Superintendent of Schools Bruce M. Watson shows that on October 2 there were 12,835 pupils enrolled in the public schools of the city, an increase over last year of 1,882. Of this increase \$25 represents the new territory recently annexed to the city. The South Central high school heads the list in point of numbers with an enrollment of 1,200, while the new North Central

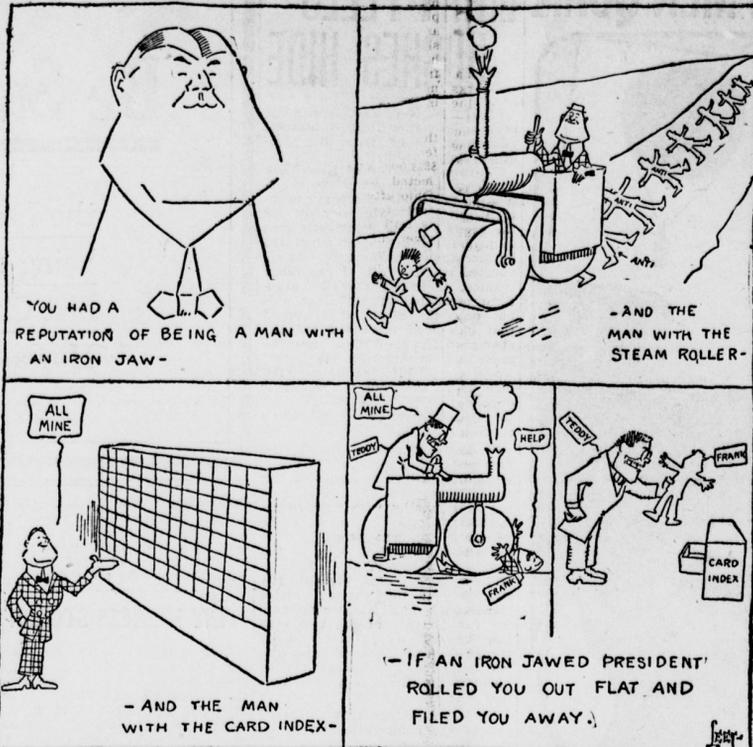
high school shows an attendance of 324.

The Edison school heads the grade schools in point of enrollment, having 871. The Lincoln school is a close second with 863, followed by the Garfield school with 771, the Bancroft school with 718, the McKinley school with 713 and the Emerson school with 710.

ANDERSON FOUND GUILTY

Frank Anderson, who was caught in the act of pilfering a room in the Columbia hotel, was found guilty of burglary by a jury in Judge Hinkle's court.

WOULD IT MAKE YOU SORE IF---



MOST ANYTHING

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE.

"Listen!" is an art; talkin' a habit.

the sheep running over the precipice, when she exclaimed, "What fools sheep are!"

"Yes, lamb," her husband replied, and then he wondered why she burst into tears and threatened to go home to mama.

The fashion writers declare that hats are to be more reasonable in size—but the prices will not be reduced.

English authorities estimate that \$1,500,000,000 is hoarded in India, and that this sum is actually out of circulation.

Mrs. Hix—I don't take any stock in these faith cures brought by the laying on of hands.

Mrs. Dix—Well, I do; I cured my little boy of the cigaret habit that way.

IF I WERE A SCRIBE—

Every woman wouldn't be referred to as a "girl," for some are past the age at last. To be juveniles now classed. In the discard I would hurl That word, if I were he.

The young wife, reading "Far From the Madding Crowd," reached the passage which tells of

TEDDY ANIMALS IN AFRICA

Wild Beasts That Roosevelt May See, May Kill, or May Be Devoured By, Next Year



THE WILD SHEEP.

Sheep with horns and whiskers, too, Zip! Zip! Zip! The wind it blew. Blew, and blew, no day, Till those whiskers blew away.

The wild sheep are very difficult to hunt on account of the dangers encountered in the mountain climbing that is a part of the sport. When captured young, they are easily domesticated.

WHISKEY DID THIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The great Hotel Gotham, on Fifth avenue, is to be sold under the hammer within a few days, the foreclosure having been ordered on a mortgage judgment for \$455,000. The hotel cost nearly \$2,000,000. After it was built it was discovered that its site was within 200 feet of the Fifth avenue Presbyterian church. A statute prohibits the sale of liquor within 500 feet of a church. Hence the great hostility has been "dry" and its lack of success has been attributed to this fact. Recently the manager of the hotel committed suicide because of bad business.

MARY SAYS:

A New Ice Cream. To each dish of good vanilla ice cream add a generous tablespoonful of hot maple sirup which has been boiled until it shreds.

Tomato Preserves. Twelve pounds ripe tomatoes, eight pounds sugar, six lemons cut in small pieces, two tablespoons whole cloves and a large cupful stick cinnamon, or, if preferred, three-fourths pound green ginger. Cook until rather firm, but not too dark.

A HINT TO THE HOUSEWIFE For wiping plain glass and silver use small Turkish bath towels. Because of their rough surface, they give a brilliant polish with little labor.

BY TELEGRAPH

Miss Katherine Jackson surveyed the telegram with blank amazement. It read:

"Miss Katherine Jackson, Benton, Ind.: Will you marry me? Answer prepaid. John R. Dunlap."

The message was dated at Chicago. Completely mystified Miss Jackson turned to the blue coated boy who was waiting to receive any reply.

"Why," she declared, very pink in the face, "this telegram isn't for me!"

"There's no other Katherine Jackson in the directory," replied the boy imperturbably.

"I know, I know," cried the girl, "but—but—" In desperation she grabbed one of the telegram sheets from the boy and hastily wrote this reply:

"John R. Dunlap, Chicago: Mistake. Message not for me. Katherine Jackson."

Shortly after sending off her reply Katherine was extremely surprised to receive another telegram. With her heart beating rapidly, although she assured herself there was no cause for it, she opened the envelope. This was the message which greeted her eyes:

"No mistake. Saw you in the park this a. m. Will you marry me?"

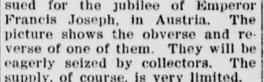
Katherine gasped. Such impudence! Why she didn't have the slightest idea who John R. Dunlap was—unless it, might be possible that he was the handsome young man that she had observed seated on one of the park benches. She had only looked at him covertly, but each time that her gaze turned in his direction she had caught him intently watching her. But such audacity! Who was he anyhow? Perhaps it wasn't the handsome looking young man she had noticed, but some graybeard or something of that sort. And so, although she was very, very angry, as she repeatedly told herself, her reply was rather mild. Here it is:

"Never. Who are you?"

"During the remainder of the day Katherine assured herself time and again that she expected to receive no answer to her telegram—and she didn't receive any! The next morning, however, at the atrocious hour of 9 o'clock, the maid brought a card to her. On the card was the name, "John R. Dunlap." Extremely excited she hurried downstairs and there, to her relief, found that Mr. Dunlap was indeed the handsome young man of the park.

"I don't know what you think of me," said Mr. Dunlap abruptly, "but I feel that I owe you an explanation for that telegram proposal of yesterday. You see my father and your father were great friends. You may, perhaps, have heard my father's name, although it probably made no deep impression on you as he died a long time ago. At any rate before he died my father asked me to propose to you before I was 25 years old. It seems that the two old men were very anxious that I should marry you, although

SOME NEW COINS



Silver memorial coins were issued for the jubilee of Emperor Francis Joseph, in Austria. The picture shows the obverse and reverse of one of them. They will be eagerly seized by collectors. The supply, of course, is very limited.

It's the things we don't say which cause the least regret.



Desk Sergeant—What's the charge? Officer—Drunk. Desk Sergeant—What's his name? Officer—He says it's John Smith. Desk Sergeant—Is it an alias? Officer—No, I think it's a beerus.

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