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THE WATER CURE AND THE POLICE

Yesterday afternoon policemen and firemen were stationed at critical points in the business district, and every now and then a strong force of water, destined to extinguish fire, was turned on crowds of people.

The fire hose was used on Riverside and Stevens streets, as well as on Front, near the L. W. W. headquarters. The Press has received much information about this "water cure" from victims. Women and children happening to be passing by were drenched from head to foot. Goods in wagons were ruined by the streams of water. If a few people collected at any one point the hose was turned on them.

Nowhere has resistance been offered to the police. The crowds have "moved on" when given orders, have scattered when so instructed, and practically all the individual arrests have been made without the slightest trouble.

Why the police should deem it necessary to use the "water cure" is a mystery. In the opinion of The Press such arbitrary actions constitute the very worst kind of policy for the authorities to pursue. Soaking hundreds of people to the skin does not extinguish wrath, like fire. Instead, it kindles it, and arouses an antagonism which may not have existed before. The Press advises the police to act with entire moderation as long, at least, as everybody but themselves are acting moderately and quietly.

The great majority of the citizens are constitutionally opposed to the "water cure." Let's wait, at any rate, until there is some plausible excuse, like an Indian raid, a piratical invasion, or something like that.

Meanwhile we are being drenched good and plenty by the water from the clouds, thank you, without receiving any additional contributions from city authorities.

DON'T FORGET THE COMMISSION PLAN

In the excitement over the L. W. W. situation, in preparation for Thanksgiving day, and in thoughts of not-so-very-far-away Christmas time, don't forget the commission plan of government for Spokane. It must not be allowed to grow "cold," for now is the time, of all times, to make a success of it.

The Spokane Press today begins an interesting series of articles on the way in which the commission plan is making good in other cities. Every man and woman in Spokane should read these stories at this time, in order that they may vote intelligently on the proposition when the time comes for voting. If your friends and neighbors don't know about these stories, it might be a good idea to tell them. They will run every day in The Press until the series is completed.

The appointed committee has recommended the adoption of the commission idea, and has thus given great impetus to the movement. The committee men are doing excellent work.

PENCIL POINTS

"The ballot for women would increase the perils of democracy," says President L. Clark Seelye of Smith college. How about it, ladies of Spokane?

President Taft shied at a mint julep at Savannah yesterday. At Hayden Lake he shied at a Manhattan cocktail, two brands of expensive wine and champagne.

Union labor won a great victory in San Francisco election. Labor can now show the world what it can do with Ruef and Schmitz eliminated.

"Czar" Cannon has to put his hand to his head every little while now to make sure that his "crow" is still on, with all these insurgent congressmen insurging around him. Does he really fear them, or is he chuckling "up his sleeve"? Who knows?

Our dear friend Peabody's "harangue" against Christian Science has not been without result. The local Christian Science church reports rapid growth.

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HOW GALVESTON PROSPERS

value of real estate; decreased the tax rate until it is actually less than the six largest cities of the state; reduced the size of the force; decreased crime, and reduced the death rate.

And in the doing of all this there has not been the whisper or suggestion of graft.

Is there much more one could ask of a city government?

When election time comes around in Galveston it is now the customary thing for a committee of prominent citizens to wait on the four commissioners and ask them please to all stand for another term. The chairman of the committee hands the commission a beautifully engrossed petition, in which the commission is told what a fine record it has made, and the committee adds that it will do all the work and pay all the bills involved in the campaign.

The members of the commission take the matter under advisement and finally consent to run. The committee from the City club sends \$350 in printed circulars, and that is all there is to it. The commission government goes right along.

There are only four of these commissioners and the mayor is president. The scheme is simplicity itself. It is merely a business corporation with a president (or general manager) and its four directors. These five gentlemen get together around a square table and vote what to do. A majority is final.

missioners. This one has charge of finance and revenue and under his direction are placed the offices of city assessor and collector, city treasurer and city auditor. Another commissioner has charge of waterworks and sewerage; another of health, sidewalk inspection, etc., and another of the police and fire department. All, however, meet and act together, and a majority vote is required on all matters requiring city authority.

The men who are serving Galveston as commissioners are what might be termed "prominent business men." Three of them are in the millionaire class and the other two are in comfortable circumstances. The \$1200 paid the commissioners and the \$2000 paid the mayor can hardly be regarded as inducements which command their services. Each gives about two hours a day to the city's business and spends absolutely no time at all in what might be termed "doing politics."

The commission is required by the charter to meet at least once a week. Occasionally there are specially called meetings beside. All meetings are public and the newspapers report the proceedings in full.

The good points in Galveston's commission stand out in brighter contrast when viewed in the light of history. Up to 1900 the city labored under the aldermanic plan. It was the same old story of graft and incompetence. The taxes were not collected, the city had to issue script to pay current bills, the bookkeeping was hopeless, the aldermen were in on contracts, embezzlement and defalcation went unnoticed, public works were neglected, license protected, the police were corrupt, the fire department inadequate, the health department a nullity, and there was no hope for betterment.

OTTAWA—A 10-year-old boy was sentenced today to serve in prison for six years for horse stealing. His name is Cyril St. Arnaud.

Press Humor--Most Anything--Have a Smile

THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE BABY

BY EDMUND VANCE COOKE AND JOHN B. GRUELLE



The Ring. I must say that this game looks pretty raw; I think it's fixed to call the match a draw; I'd almost risk a dollar. Some one will raise a holler And get an interference by his ma.

THE MINSTREL MIDGETS



"Eph, why am a stiddy beer drinker lak a good lawyer?" "Becaze he often starts on a new case." "Den why am oberturnin' a baby cak lak a dark cloud ober Lake Michigan?" "Becaze it's shuah to be follered by a squall." "We will now interrump de show by singin' 'When a Stag-Struck Gal Weds a Sun-Struck Fellow.'"

TOMMY AND THE SNARK



My name? Tommy Jones. Go to school? Yop. I live right over yonder where my daddy's got a shop; But here is where I play the most—more fellows are around. Do I get along with them? Well, I've never found. A kiddo in the whole blame push yours truly couldn't lick. You don't know who I am, I guess. I'm leader of the clique. And ain't afraid of nothing. Huh? The snark? Cut out That line of talk, for I don't understand what it's about.

What kind of life I want to lead and what I'd love to do? I'd like to be a midshipman upon the stormy sea. I'd tackle pirates hand to hand, a smile upon my lips, And wade right through them int heir gore upon their rakish ships. Or, in a diving suit go down with only a keen-edged blade To battle with an octopus until I had it slain— Am I as brave as that at night without some scary spells? Mister, I just WISH you'd try and talk of something else.

Indians? Yop, I'd love to have a chance like Buffalo Bill. You'd never get through counting all the redskins I would kill. I'd even let the rascals take and load me down with chains And torture me bound to a stake upon the arid plains. I'd show them I was full of spunk—suddenly tear free, And dot the prairie with the dead as far as you could see! Huh? How'd I like to face a graveyar din the dark? Nix. Theh thing might get me then. What thing? The snark.

EASY TO IDENTIFY

"How will you know your country uncle at the train, if you have never seen him?" "By his necktie." "What is the distinguishing feature of the necktie?" "The fact that he doesn't wear any."

MOST ANYTHING

JOHN WISE SAYS. "Under what kind of a tree, do you think the Eskimo make love?" "Under no kind of a tree," answered the citizen addressed. "I am glad to say that there is no vegetation in the extreme north."—Courier Journal.

I had written to Aunt Maud, Who was on a trip abroad, When I heard she'd died of camp, Just too late to save th estamp. —London Punch.

King Edward wants British divorces brought within the reach of the poor. Everybody in high life having been divorced, it is possible that the industry is flagging.

Queen of England is fully confident Dr. Cook found it. He can now stand pat with a queen full.

She dropped her glove, He raised his lid And picked it up With "Oh, you kid!" "How dare you, sir!" He smiled at her— "Excuse me, miss! It's just like this— I meant the glove." —Chicago News.

Great Britain is announced to have 1,000,000 superfluous women. There may not be that many surplus.

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fragets, but they kick up fully that much of a fuss.

No wonder women are likely to take to aviation. An aeroplane looks like a cross between a curtain stretcher and a clothes horse. It turns out that Prince Ho's assassin was an editor. If the truth were known, Ito probably got him sore by giving him advice how to run a newspaper.

Knicker—Johnny does just what he is told. Bocker—He will grow up to be a congressman.—The Sun.

The closing days of the New York campaign were marked with straw votes. It is supposed all the "straw bondsmen" expressed themselves for the Tammany ticket.

900 SMILES. This is pay day at the city hall. Some 900 or more employes of the city were made to smile today, when Comptroller Key caused the "ghost" to walk.

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