

CITY COUNCIL.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND.

For the City Path to Fatten Public Expense--A Representative of Citizens--No Special Privileges.

George F. Parker furnishes a city administration of Birmingham, England, to the City of Eddy, N. M., under the title of "An Object Lesson in Local Government."

The governing body, executive as well as legislative, is the city council. The wards are each represented by members, one having the title of alderman and three that of councillor, meeting in a single body.

One is elected annually for each ward, so that all the councillors and all the aldermen have had experience. They are chosen by burgesses, who are male householders of any dwelling house, or any tenement of the annual value of £10.

The difference between burgesses and parliamentary electors is that the former are admitted to the former. Parliamentary electors number about 10,000, and school board members 2,000, the difference representing fair accuracy women voters.

Members of parliament are elected by constituencies from wards and the aldermen, councillors from wards and the school board on a general ticket. No women are voted for at the same time, though practically the same system is employed. The expenditure is permitted to municipal candidates is £100 each. Vacancies in the council are filled by special election.

Members from each ward are elected to the council for six years, half the term ending every three years. As a rule they are re-elected indefinitely, though fractional considerations having to be considered.

The council is reorganized on the 1st of November of each year, when the general purposes committee, comprised of the mayor as chairman and the aldermen of each of the working committees, nominates the committees for the coming year. Outside persons are permitted as additional members of the committee and school of art, free libraries, technical schools committees, who are elected to control the technical work, council members retaining financial control.

A member of a committee is permitted to be elected to another committee, but individuals are rarely considered for more than two committees. None serve as chairman of more than one committee. Effort is made to secure the very best. No precedents require the consent of old members even to the permanent committee, and a new member is permitted to be elected to any committee. The special work has no difficulty in finding an assignment that may be made to him. But in practice, experienced men are reappointed to the same position. Each committee has its own chairman.

The council is a thoroughly representative body. Of the 73 members of the council 23 are manufacturers, 6 are agriculturists, 6 are provision merchants, 6 are brass and iron founders, 6 are jewelers and medical men, 6 are merchants, there are 3 auctioneers, 3 chemists and 3 printers, teachers, butchers, glass workers, tin plate workers, newspaper publishers each have one member. One can find out, but one politician has been in the council, although he had much influence prior to his election.

A member has no privilege on any public conveyance of any kind, or on the tramways belonging to the city, or admission to a theater or amusement, and none is permitted to be on a question when he has a personal interest. He is subject to a fine of \$250, with loss of office, if he enters into any contract with the city, or an article of even the smallest value to the council or to any of its sub-committees or associated committees or departments. So strictly is this observed that a member of a committee suspected of selling eligible property to the city was forced to retire from public office.

The work of a committee is to be reported, it presents a report of all its work since its affairs were last reported to the council, setting out what it has done. This report or agenda must be read and sent to each councillor at least ten days before the meeting. In some cases, especially when a new committee is proposed, each member is required to make a personal investigation of the conditions with which it is to deal.

Concerning Revenue. The healthy growth of a city along with the increase in the records of the annual increase in the aggregate of the taxable property. Some municipalities boast of great jumps along these lines, showing that they possess a true progress. Such increases, however, are often obtained at heavy cost, in the years of depression following the boom. Booms are sometimes had, but better a slow, healthy growth, with lasting benefits, than a boom followed by years of depression.

LI'S OPPORTUNITY.

It is Said He Could Have Made Himself Emperor.

It is little known that Li, had he chosen, could have been emperor of China. In 1897, when Prince Kung was retired in disgrace, a bold coup would certainly have placed the victor, then at the height of his power, on the imperial throne. His supporters were anxious that he should allow himself to be made emperor; but, probably considering the dangers continually surrounding the position, especially without the prestige of right by birth, he refused and placed the present emperor, Kwang Hsu, on the throne instead.

The blackest and most treacherous action in Li's life was the betraying of the leader of the Taiping rebellion. These men came to the victor's camp by invitation to negotiate terms of surrender. As soon as they were in his power he had all of them beheaded. It is said that "Ching-nan" Gordon was as furious with Li that he armed himself with a revolver and hunted for him high and low, with the avowed purpose of taking his life. However, he refrained, no doubt considering in cooler moments that Li was a Chinaman, and as such unable to understand accidental ideas of honor.

Longest In the World.

Early in September W. H. E. Collins of New York will begin the construction of the West Virginia Coal and Oil railroad, which when finished will be the longest electric line in the world. The road will start from Middlebourne, Tyler county, W. Va., and after passing through Slaterville and the oil regions, will continue through Doddridge and Marion counties to a point on the Baltimore and Ohio not yet named. The entire distance being not less than 75 miles. Among the directors of the company are Governor MacCorkle and Secretary of State Chilton.

Federation of Railroad Men.

A mass meeting of the Indiana members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen, and Order of Railway Telegraphers, in session at Indianapolis, adopted a resolution favoring federation, to be accomplished as soon as possible.

Kipling Has Left Us.

Rudyard Kipling and family have left Brattleboro, Vt. The famous novelist intends to make his home in England, at least for some time.

Tsang Tsang Fat El Hung Chang.

Oh, Li Hung Chang! Oh, Li Hung Chang! You're a lily of gold from the Yang-tze Kiang! You're a superman Mongol through and through! And there are no flies on your curly hair. Oh, yes, you're a wonderful great high daddy from the land that is sewing with silk and Hunsyd!

Oh, Li Hung Chang! Oh, Li Hung Chang! You're as frisky as a kangaroo kangaroo. And your yellow jacket that rippling flows As rich as the gold that is morning glows. When the air is full of the breakfast gong And the gong of fortune most high doth bang Long live the Ambassador Li Hung Chang!

Oh, Li Hung Chang! Oh, Li Hung Chang! Your smile is as sweet as yang yang. And we're going to joyfully put you through And paint you as red as your father's blood. Oh, we'll make you caper and dance in joy Till you feel in your heart like a little boy. White on white in your honor loudly clang Long live the Ambassador Li Hung Chang!

Oh, Li Hung Chang! Oh, Li Hung Chang! Long, long may the pipe from your molars bang! May you long prevail on the topmost top. With the whip and the vim of the champagne pop.

May life flow on for your highness still! As merry, yes, as a laundry bill! May you never feel the dragon's claw or fang Long live the Ambassador Li Hung Chang! --K. K. Munchitri-k in New York Journal

A Recognition of Honesty.

The indorsement of President Cleveland's administration by the Kansas Democrats shows that they have been studying the recent history of the United States. A braver, more upright and more economical administration has never been given to the people by any man who ever filled the president's chair. It is a matter of pride to all Democrats that the Kansas Democrats recognized the eminent services of President Cleveland in spite of their honest disagreement with him on the question of free silver. --Kansas City Times

Still Unexplained.

In a speech in the senate recently Senator Sherman said that "more revenue meant more taxation, soaked with the tremendous force of law from the production of labor and burning deeper the stripes into the shoulders of labor." Yes, indeed. Then, why have we had this second extravagant billion congress? Why has there not been a judicious cutting down of expenses? Why has there been so much prating about a tariff bill as a revenue measure? --Cincinnati Enquirer

The Steel Trust Is Glorious.

The Iron and Steel trust is very indignant over the report that they can ship pig iron to England. They admit that 500 tons were shipped recently, but they are very gloomy over the prospects for continuing the shipments. There was never a time when a trust could not take a gloomy view of the situation in order to get more power to put up prices outrageously. --Exchange

Some Monthly Cities.

Perhaps the most beautiful of the large cities of the United States, if a city with a population of 60,000 may be included in the category of "large cities," is Salt Lake City, with an average death rate last year of less than 10, smaller than that of any other large city of which there is any record. But Minneapolis claims a rate nearly as low, and Sioux City, S. D., when honoring, claimed the low rate of only 8 for each 1,000 of population.

BANKER DREXEL'S NEW YACHT.

The Magnificent Margarita Arrives in New York From England.

Banker A. J. Drexel's new British built steam yacht Margarita has arrived in New York from Troon, on the Clyde, where she was built by the Allan Shipbuilding company. She is a magnificent specimen of the shipbuilder's art and represents the highest attainment in the line of marine architecture.

She is 265 feet long and 28 feet 6 inches breadth of beam. Her gross tonnage is 1,149.87 and net 467.55. She is schooner rigged and carries a light yard on the foremast. She is twin screw, and the quadruple expansion engines were built by David Brown & Son of Glasgow. All the fittings are on the most lavish scale, and the cabins are strewn with the rarest rugs and skins.

Mr. Drexel's own apartment is located at the foot of the after companionway. It is the full width of the ship and about 15 feet long. It is decorated in white. There are six smaller staterooms aft and a bathroom. Forward of the engine is the main saloon, fitted in mahogany, with a round center table and an onyx fireplace. There are also four large staterooms and a bathroom forward of the main saloon. The music, lounging and smoking rooms are on the main deck. There is a machine gun on each side of the upper deck just under the bridge. --New York Recorder

SAVED BY BLOOMERS.

A Chicago Cyclist Rescued From Almost Certain Death.

Thousands of people crowding along the Chicago river in the vicinity of the Rush street bridge one evening recently saw Louise Olson, a bloomer girl, rescued from what seemed to be certain death. Miss Olson, who is about 24 years of age, had been taking a ride on her bicycle in Lincoln park and was returning to the South Side. Just as she started to cross the bridge it swung open to give passage to the Christopher Columbus, heavily crowded with excursionists returning from a day in Milwaukee. Warning was given to pedestrians and bicyclists on the bridge by the officer stationed at its south end, but Miss Olson rode on at full speed.

When she reached the bridge, it was almost entirely open. Her wheel struck the raised and locked as a sidewalk, and she went into the air. Two men standing near the wheel, but Miss Olson continued in her flight and lit in the murky water of the Chicago river. Buoyed by her bloomers, she floated on top of the water until one of the boatmen on the Columbus reached over with a boathook and catching the young woman in the strong part of her bloomers hauled her aboard. The rescue was greeted with great cheers from the people on the boat and along the shore. Then Miss Olson fainted. She was soon revived, however, and taken home by friends.

Hall of Honor.

A hall of honor has been established in the Val de Grace hospital in Paris, where the names of French medical men who have died in the performance of their duty are inscribed on marble tablets. A list of 148 doctors and 45 apothecaries has just been placed on its walls, all of whom perished in the yellow fever epidemic in San Domingo and Guadalupe in 1801-2. --Pearson's Weekly

Good Roads and Clean Streets.

A certain amount of discussion regarding any topic is necessary to awaken public interest, but after about so much talk has been indulged in something more tangible should be done. In every city and town are people who are talking about good roads and clean streets. Talk is good enough for a starter, but it's no good for a stopper. If you live in a town where a number of citizens reside who think something should be done along these lines, call them together and lay out a plan of action that will result in putting the theory into practice. You can't pull much till you get your feet on terra firma. Your local newspapers will assist in the matter. Everybody wants good roads. How to get them is the only problem you have to solve. --L. A. W. Bulletin

He Shaved Himself.

"I heard a good barber story the other day," said a man in the hotel rotunda, "and for genuine sarcasm I believe it carries off the palm. It may be an old one at that, but if it is it's worth repeating. It appears that a certain barber was trying to describe a certain man to a customer in his chair. He thought the customer ought to know him, and had often sat on platforms at public meetings with other vice presidents. 'He is a tall, thin man, with dark hair,' said the barber. 'Has he a smooth face?' asked the customer. 'No,' said the barber, 'he shaves himself.' --Chicago Inter Ocean

McMillan and Lower Pecos Trail.

Next leaves McMillan for Lower Pecos at 7 a. m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Stage will be held for passengers writing W. B. Hallyer, McMillan, N. M., one day in advance, so as to meet with the train arriving from the east with the train arriving from the south. Passengers served to Hope and Lower Pecos.

The U. S. Supreme Court Has Affirmed.

The U. S. supreme court has affirmed the decision of the New Mexico supreme court in the Sheriff Chavez murder case and the four murderers will hang Jan. 24.

The people of Eddy county should plant to peaches extensively, as they come into bearing early and need no peeling or slicing to evaporate and sell well in the markets. You will receive well grown acclimated trees at reasonable prices of Johnson Bros. Address, Pecos Valley Nursery, Roswell, N. M.

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CITY DIRECTORY.

RELIGIOUS. ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH. Mass and sermon Sundays, 9:30 a. m. Mass on week days, 7 a. m. HERMAN KEMPER, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Epworth League, 8 p. m. Preaching, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7 p. m. F. F. SEASTON, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Monday School every Sunday, 10 a. m. Preaching first, third and fourth Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m. J. T. VAN TALEN, Pastor. Supt. Sunday School, A. J. EMMERSON, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH. (In First St. Hall.) Preaching first and 4th Sundays, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. E. BRANTLY, Pastor.

GRACE CHURCH (EPISCOPAL). Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services in the school house at Otis on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 8:45 p. m. REV. G. T. TRACY, Rector.

FRATERNAL, MASONIC LODGE. Eddy Lodge No. 21. A. F. & A. M. meets in regular communication at 7:30 p. m., Saturday, on and after each full moon. Visiting brethren invited to attend. S. I. ROBERTS, W. M. E. S. MOTTER, Sec'y.

K. O. P.--EDDY LODGE NO. 21. Meets every Thursday at 7:30 o'clock. All visitors are welcome. H. L. POTTER, C. C. MONROE KERR, K. R. & S.

I. O. O. F.--EDDY LODGE NO. 21. Meets every Friday night in school library. Visiting brothers in good standing invited. W. W. DOLE, N. G. G. F. HITCHCOCK, Sec'y.

POSTOFFICE BOXES. Open from 7:30 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Money order a 10¢. 7:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Mail south closes, 4:30 p. m. Mail north closes, 1:30 p. m. Mail from north arrives at 8:35 p. m. Mail from south arrives at 8:55 p. m. W. H. SCHAUBER, P. M.

Pecos Valley Railway Co. and Pecos River Railroad Co. Time Table No. 15. In effect Tuesday, December 1, 1896, at 12:01 o'clock a. m. Standard Central Time.

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