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THE NEW MUNICIPAL IDEA.

DESCRIBING the "new municipal idea," Secretary Woodruff of the National Municipal League, with the chief purposes of the modern reform movement in municipal government as follows:

To put the welfare of the city above the welfare of any political party or candidate.

To secure for city business due consideration on its merits, regardless of irrelevant questions such as state and national politics.

To secure direct nominations by the people, without partisan interference.

To secure simplicity in elections through the short ballot, and the safeguarding of the control of elections by the voters.

To secure full publicity for all municipal affairs.

To secure the making of all appointments on the basis of efficiency and merit solely.

To secure the concentration of both authority and responsibility in the conduct of municipal business.

THE FINEST JOY.

ALL men are climbers, but only a few get to the top. As for the many, they but lead themselves to the climbing of the few.

That would be an intolerable truth but for the growth of a single great principle and its ever widening acceptance among men—that service for others is finer and better than mere service for self; that self-sacrifice is more worthy than self-seeking.

Nothing else stands out so strongly in the life of Him who has been called the world's great exemplar as His own service to humanity. He never spoke but what he taught sacrifice and service; He never labored except to be helpful to others. When asked to name the great commandments, He named two, that men should love God and that they should love their neighbors as themselves, and the second was said to be as great as the first. When He was asked to name those who should enter the kingdom of heaven, He named those who had served those in need. When asked who should be greatest in the kingdom, He named those who were least among men. "So the last shall be first," He said at another time, "and the first shall be last." And again, "Every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, but he that humbly himself shall be exalted."

Without this great principle of service, the world would be an intolerable place for men to abide in. There would be naught in it but bitter strife and war and greed and cruelty and unhappiness and suffering. Every man's hand would be against every other man. Men would climb up only to crush those upon whose shoulders they had climbed up. It is the working of this great principle of service that has transformed the world and brought it out of its awful darkness of bygone ages into the enlightenment of the present.

this principle that makes the life of mankind hopeful, and none poorer. This principle of service is the principle that is working today for the solution of the great social and political and economic problems of the present time, and it alone will bring rightful solution.

There is no other joy in the world quite so fine as service, nothing else quite so inspiring and satisfying. He who climbs merely to be higher than some other man or to abuse his position, in truth lowers himself. He who uses himself and his opportunity even in an humble place, in truth exalts himself.

GOOD ROADS WITHOUT MONEY.

Members of the Oregon general assembly who had schemes for getting good roads without the outlay of money may succeed in gaining some attention, but that will be about all. Oregon presently is going to get down to brass tacks and recognize the fact that good roads are to be had for good money and in no other way. Of course, after this, the details are imperfect, but this is the underlying principle.

OBSERVATIONS.

The Lights of Home.
As the stars the heavens sprinkling, with a far-off, frosty twinkling Ray a sign of God to God-aspiring man,
So the little earth-stars beaming flash a message through their gleaming.

Of the love wherein the household fires began,
Gentle hands have set the friendly lamps a-burning;
Gentle shapes behind the curtains go and come;

At the homeless pluck up heart amidst their yearning
When they see the lights of home!
Germany is also taking a census. They don't have enumerators over there, but every householder is given a blank which must be filled out and returned to the proper authorities. And is it thorough? Well, if anyone has ever investigated the German Bureau of statistics they will know what to expect. Are you subject to epileptic fits? How many of your house windows look out upon the street? What is the religion of your servants? How many bathrooms have you? Do you cook with gas or other fuel? Were your babies nursed from the bottle? What rent do you pay? These are a few of the questions that must be answered and it is a safe bet that every one of the sixty-odd million souls are accounted for in some way. They do things that way over there.

And the "Gou-mans" have the real pigs-eye in the way of municipal governments, by the way. If a man makes a city more moral or more beautiful over there he is given a medal instead of a political knife in the ribs. And speaking of civic beauty, there are various kinds of it possible there. For with a city, handsome is as handsome does. To make a city beautiful, conduct is as important as fine streets and buildings. Just as a beautiful woman must have something beside beautiful clothes and ornaments and features to be truly and completely beautiful, so a truly beautiful city must have character as well as parks and pavements. We believe with Ruskin that truth, morality and beauty are one and the same thing. If John didn't say that then we claim it as our own.

Some antique wise guy has told us that every man should have a hobby; something which he is enthusiastic about, and about which he tries to gain new knowledge, and tries to improve. The wisdom of this advice will hold, with the qualification that some care should be used in selecting the hobby. The man whose hobby is billiards, may in time become an expert, but in so doing he wastes a lot of valuable time, and gets his pleasure in the Police Gazette as a final reward. And the same is true of numerous other hobbies men ride to no purpose but their own satisfaction.

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The first essential to the hobby every man should have, then, is usefulness. A garden is a useful hobby as well as profitable. It also improves your health, and the looks of the neighborhood. If your hobby must be different from your regular business, it is hard to make a better selection than the garden. Some men find mechanical work of different kinds an interesting and useful hobby. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, was a professor of elocution, but that will be forgotten while he is long remembered for his invention, the result of a mechanical hobby. Perhaps the best hobby for general purposes is something in connection with your regular vocation. The doctor who makes a hobby of some special feature of his profession, becomes a noted specialist. When he plays or when he works, Thomas A. Edison is tinkering with electrical devices. And that seems to be a pretty good rule; if your work isn't sufficiently interesting to be your hobby, perhaps you should find some other work.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA
GOOD EVENING.
Treat every human being as an end in himself; never as a means to an end.—Kant.

CHARACTER AND WHISKERS.
I plugged along all winter In a timber cruiser's shack, A loggin' half a section Fourteen mile or better back. An' we lived on beans and bacon, With such dope as we would get; So our daily table manners Were not based on etiket.

We didn't shave on Sunday, An' our whiskers grew and flourished, While the mountain zephyrs fanned them, And the rainy breezes nourished, So I came to town bewhiskered, And my fam'ly was afeared When they saw my hairy features, An' my lovely pirate beard.

My wife produced a razor, An' said: "My dear, go to it." But when I tried the razor's edge I didn't dare to do it. So I wore my face on Sunday With a facial forest growth That looked like ripe alfalfa Or spinach greens—or both.

My neighbors didn't know me, An' started in surprise When my fam'ly introduced me As father in disguise, An' my bankers looked bewildered, With sidling looks askance; An' on my timber paper I didn't have a chance.

An' I'm here to tell the story How simple Farmer Dave Couldn't get a banking credit Till he took the time to shave. Then he flourished 'round the city Like a bloated millionaire, And joined a sporty coterie As fortune's wealthy heir.

Yes, I shed my cherished whiskers, An' joined the younger set, An' even learned to puff upon A dinky cigaret. So when I run for office I heard the changes rung That I was a dern good fellow, But carelesslike and young.

An' it looks like I'm defeated, An' soon will have to go 'Way back among the mountains With the timber wolves and snow; For I find I'll have no standing In the ways of city men Till the winter zephyrs woo them, An' my whiskers grow again.

TROUGHT FOR THE DAY.

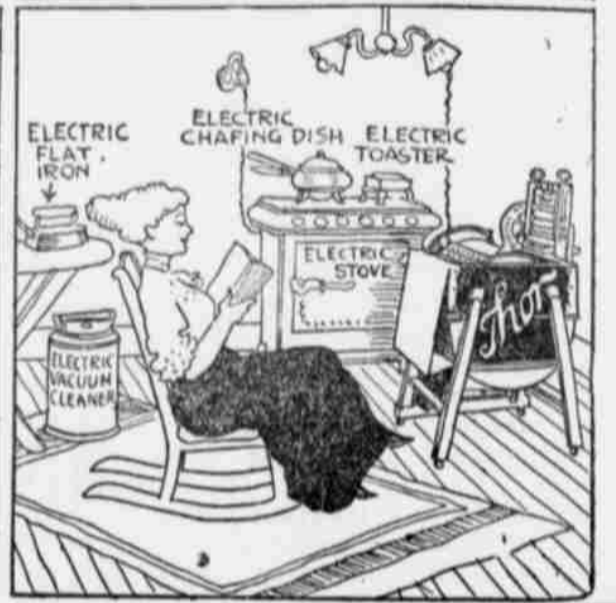
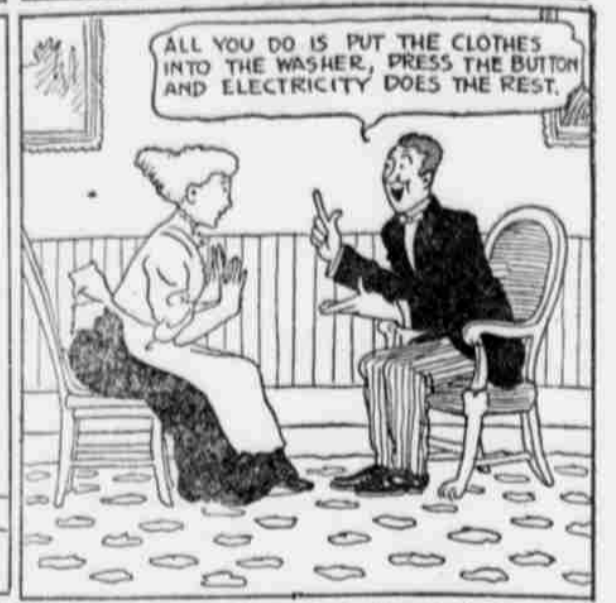
What a lot of trouble there would be in this country if everybody would observe Washington's birthday by telling the whole truth, and nothing but the truth on February 22.

The true philosopher giggles at himself when he falls down.

A man who is his own worst enemy always has plenty of friends.

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