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#### MIRACLE OF THE TREE.

**A** CHILD dropped an acorn by the bank of a stream, and went on playing.

And winter came, and spring and summer, and the sun shone and the rain came down, and after a while the winds found that they had a new plaything on the river bank.

And the tree grew and grew and pushed out its branches and lifted its head up towards the sun, and stretched its arms out wider and wider; its trunk became more sturdy, and children played beneath its whispering leaves; and at last, many, many years afterwards, a man came by in the heat of a summer day. And he stooped and drank from the stream, and then sat down in the shade of the great old tree, and said: "My! but this is pleasant!"

Soon it will be Arbor day, when many children will plant trees.

There might be monuments to the men who are responsible for this beautiful custom. The first suggestion came in 1865 from Secretary B. G. Northrop, of the Connecticut Board of Education, and it was J. Sterling Morton who inaugurated the custom in Nebraska in 1872, since which time it has spread to nearly all parts of the country.

What a lesson for the child in the simple planting of a tree!

It is first a lesson in unselfishness, in kindness and in love, because it teaches thoughtfulness for others. It is a lesson in good citizenship, because it looks forward to the needs of the future. It is a lesson in economics, a lesson in the realm of wonderful Mother-Nature, a lesson in art, a lesson in ideals—in all these things, and others, because the act is making the world more beautiful, more comfortable, more useful, more delightful, and therefore a better world to live in.

How mysterious is a great tree! how eloquent! how uplifting!

It represents so much—industry, sentiment, usefulness, beauty, growth, strength, virility—life itself. In a tree the thinker comprehends the whole world, the laws of order, and the guiding hand of that wonderful intelligence that controls the universe. When he contemplates the miracle of the tree, the orbits of the stars and the very immensity of the solar system become comprehensive. Let the children plant their trees. Encourage them. Talk to them about it and about good citizenship and about Nature, until

"This their life, exempt from public haunt,  
Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,  
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

#### THE PROFESSION OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

(From Portland Telegram)  
**C**OLUMBIA University contemplates the establishment of a school of municipal training. So far, as we are told, the matter is but tentatively considered, but the major opinion of the university authorities is in favor of the establishment of the school, and the prediction is freely made by those who know best that the idea will be adopted and put into practical effect.

There is not much detail given out as to the plan of the proposed Colum-

bia University school, but as to the main purposes there can be but one conclusion, namely, that the training will be along the lines of technical and business administration of city government.

Civics are taught in the public schools, but the study is not scientific. It has little more value than the study of politics in the colleges; it lacks the value of detail and intimate knowledge of the subject. It is useful in so far as it leads the student to an understanding of the theory of municipal government, but it affords no special training for proficiency in any branch of that government.

City government should be developed as a science that is non-political, for the questions that it has to deal with and the problems that it has to solve have really nothing to do with politics so far as the interests of the citizens are concerned. City financing, city accounting, city engineering, city street superintendence, city police and fire management, city playground and park supervision, city architecture and building, city education, art and charity—each of these afford an excellent field for the specialist, if we can only get away from the foolish idea that the business of each is to be peddled about from year to year as a political favor, instead of being conducted on the basis of competency and high achievement.

As we grow in wisdom we will undoubtedly take this view of city government. We shall not then rely upon the universities and colleges for the training of specialists, but will conduct that training at first hand in the city high schools, where the student will be in touch with the actual local problems he must wrestle with later on.

#### JAMES J. HILL SEES THE BLUE SKIES.

**J**AMES J. HILL has taken off his blue glasses and sees blue skies for business in the United States. "So far as I can see," he is quoted as saying, "there are no dark spots, no menace anywhere."

Mr. Hill certainly is in as central and commanding a position as any American to forecast the probabilities of commercial weather in the United States. He enjoys especial opportunities for becoming acquainted with conditions, causes and coming events. If there were anything basically at fault, he could be trusted to croak out the news.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Hill shows no sign of concern over the decision of the interstate commerce commission recently against the railroads' request to be allowed to raise rates. He and his comrades in the industry of transportation know perfectly well that the roads will not suffer from the refusal, nor the country either.

#### ATTACK ON WICKERSHAM.

Investigation of Attorney General Is Asked.  
(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Representative Rainey of Illinois in a resolution introduced in the House today proposes an investigation of the Department of Justice concerning the proceedings instituted under the Sherman anti-trust law and subsequently dropped and as to whether Attorney General Wickersham has outside employment which would disqualify him from his position in Taft's cabinet.

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In the matter of L. E. Brown and Arthur Brown, co-partners known as Brown Brothers, and L. E. Brown and Arthur Brown as individuals.

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R. L. SABIN, Trustee.  
Dated April 7th, 1911.

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