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MANAGERIAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN 20 CITIES

MORE and more, as the months roll by, is the managerial form of municipal government demonstrating its superiority over other systems.

Because we believe the managerial form of government is the only solution for Marshfield's municipal troubles we have carefully scanned the National press for news and reports throwing light on the subject.

And furthermore, and of the most importance, we've found that one city after adopting the managerial form of government has returned to the Mayor-and-Council plan.

Among the cities now operating and prospering under the commission and city-manager plan are: Sumter, S. C.; Manistee, Mich.; Abilene, Kan.; Montrose, Colo.; Taylor, Texas; Denton, Texas; Lakeland, Fla.; Morris, Minn.; Sandusky, O.; Hickory, N. C.; Dayton, O.; Morgantown, N. C.; Springfield, O.; Pokenix, Ariz.; La Grande, Ore.; Amarillo, Tex.; Cadillac, Mich.; Big Rapids, Mich.; Fort Worth, Tex.; and Berkeley, California;

City managers have been chosen solely for their ability. With but one or two exceptions the men were chosen from outside of the city, chiefly because they happened to be the ablest men available, and partly to cut loose from political traditions.

City managers have been saving money and putting cities on a newer and thoroughly business basis.

Under Dayton's 1914 budget the city is receiving \$128,700 worth of additional service at an additional cost of but \$49,396.

Partly machines have been driven from power. Public service has been made so attractive that representative citizens have been willing to run for office.

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sewered and provided with water. Septic tanks are provided for the disposal of sewage, both in the official and other divisions of the town, which are separate. A regular system of garbage and waste disposal is provided, wastes being burned and edible garbage being hauled from the city and fed to hogs, which are kept a long distance away.

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By Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner. Representatives in the House of Representatives and heard the Hon. Augustus Gardner, of Massachusetts, make the statement upon his responsibility as a member of the American Congress that: "If war were to break out today, it would be found that our coast defenses have not sufficient ammunition for an hour's fight!"

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of the select ring of patriots for profit into whose pockets the millions of the masses are pouring, which gentlemen have a water-tight monopoly in this country on the traffic of war trading and who have drawn down every penny of \$50,000,000 in excessive and extortionate profits from the Government by direct virtue of their influential friends in the Army, the Navy, and in Congress.

Congress investigate the War Trust until it is black in the face and it will get nowhere. The Secretary of the Navy can try as he will to get some one to underbid the armor ring, either in this country or abroad, and he will not be able to escape the net; he has tried and it has not been able to escape it.

IMPORTANT AUTO DECISION

THE New Jersey Supreme Court has affirmed a judgment that a criminal assault may be committed with an automobile, the opinion being:

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DREAMS

THIS is a practical world. A world of grim realities, of facts and forms and conventions, of rules and prescriptions and observances. Men and women must travel through it in obedience to written laws and unwritten inhibitions. They must listen, not only to the mentorship of the inner voice, but to counsels, reprimands, suggestions that are often alien to all that they believe and often positively hateful.

It is a world of work and barrier, of matter-of-fact transactions, of values received, of weighings and handlings and carryings, of debits and credits, of applied science, of steel and electricity, of grime and gait and hot fires, of lumber and lath and loss, of copper and cotton, of wires and dynamos, of strenuous tensions of the mind as well as of the matter. The "practical" man carries the world on his shoulders and he has not a minute to spare for moonshine. Here is a man from San Francisco with a log clutch or a ground plan or blue prints of borings or a waterfall to be harnessed or a mountain to be pierced or a bridge or a railway that must leap from curves and logarithms to the accomplished fact.

With The Tea And The Toast

GOOD EVENING Dear to me is the friend, yet I can't make use of an enemy. The friend shows me what I can do, the foe teaches me what I should.

LAKE ISLE OF INNIFREE

I will arise and go now, and go to Innifree, And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made; Nine bean-rows will I have there, a live for the honey bee, And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

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he is sure no one is looking, pulling forth such ridiculous trumpery as a faded photograph or a "bit of ribbon from somewhere, and looking at it as though he cared for it? There must be no cobwebs across the fine firm brain, there must be no dust in the eyes—not even stardust. One quick and sharp decision must follow another like the blind chatter of the mitrailleuse. This man is to speak his message, deliver his goods and go; this man is to stand there and wait like a uoal in a board until he is wanted; this man is to buy when he is told, and that one is to sell—or be consigned to perdition and that is business. What have dreaming and sentiment and romance got to do with business? The acid test of the "business man" applies is "what is there in it for me?" He spends money to earn money. What is the sense of the flowers or music? These are the playthings—these are the stock in trade, of the languid exquisite, who smud the tangles of Madge's hair writes names upon a dance card and next morning cannot add up a column of figures correctly even with the aid of a Burroughs machine. Of course, of course, men must be practical; the competent must suffer for the blunders of the addle-pated people with the best intentions, and since so few are efficient and so many are no good, or the next thing to it, those who can do the work soundly and with the least fuss for are overlooked and cannot stop for the foolishness of apple blossoms and "little leaves new born," and the jewels of the dew upon so common a thing as the grass. There is the pile of papers at the office and the letters to write and the men who want to see you for just a minute. And still there are dreams. Day dreams. Not the freakish phantasmagoria of unrefreshing sleep, that defy the law of gravity, the sanity of logical sequences, all custom and decorum, and our very natures, till we are not surprised at anything. But these day dreams are what we truly live by. There come to us "when few men heed murmurs and glimpses of eternity." These are hidden springs beneath the impersonal hardness. That strong, proud silent man is lonely, if you knew it. There are sides and phases of his being that you have not found because, satisfied to be afraid of his granite profile, you have never walked all the way around him. Take it for granted that the next man of stone and iron that you meet has his own dreams, or had them once, and perhaps you will be right.

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Smile! The world takes off its hat to the man with a smile. It turns the cold shoulder to the individual who is sour as a lemon. We all love the man with a hearty laugh.

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