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Many Societies Represent Business, Citizenship, Humanitarianism and Aestheticism as Opposed to Graft and Exploitation.

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Omaha, Neb., Sept. 29.—Today's meeting of the League of American Municipalities in this city begins a series of meetings of societies and individuals interested in the building of better cities through a comparative study of methods. The American Society of Municipal Improvement will meet at Atlantic City the latter part of next month, and the American Civic League will meet at Pittsburg the middle of November. To these will come hundreds of municipal affairs, representing all parties and creeds. All will be actuated by the desire to improve the American municipality, largely small, materially, morally, financially and aesthetically.

There was a time, within the memory of most of us, when the cities were left to run themselves, or to be run by the political bosses. In recent years the good citizenship of the country has become aroused to the importance of looking after its own interests. One result of this awakening has been the formation of civic improvement organizations. The American municipality is an infant compared with the great cities in other lands which have led the world in civilization, government, art and industry. But even as some of our cities are already overtaking foreign ones in size and population, they will before long surpass them in beauty, sanitation and useful improvements.

Spread of the Commission Idea.
In the municipal government long strides have been taken during the past decade. One of the principal features of the improvement of cities in this respect is the spread of the commission idea. This idea is not new, it is really an amplification of the old New England town meeting. In it the legislative and executive powers are vested in the same men. Perhaps the most conspicuous examples of government by commission are found in Galveston, Texas, and Des Moines, Iowa. Washington being a federal city, it cannot be compared. The Galveston commission was organized to meet the emergency caused by the great flood there eight years ago. Under five commissioners elected by general vote every two years, order and prosperity have returned to the city and improvements costing many millions of dollars have been carried on.

The Des Moines plan. inaugurated last April, is a more popular form of government. Authority is lodged in a mayor and four councilmen nominated at non-partisan primaries and elected by the people by popular vote may "recall" faithless officials from office, protest against proposed ordinances and approve all franchises. This has resulted in a uniform system of municipal accounts, and police and fire departments run on the merit principle. Cedar Rapids, following the Des Moines plan, and Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso and Austin are following the Galveston plan. In Kansas City and Leavenworth, other Kansas cities, and some southern and western cities have adopted the commission plan. The idea has also taken root in New England. A commission of five, selected for five years, is the merit principle in government. Brookline, Mass., the wealthiest city in the United States, has recently adopted a similar plan.

The "City Beautiful" Idea.
Once it could be said of most American cities that like "Poppy," they "grew." But such has been the growth of the civic spirit in recent years that where, in 1902, there were only four American cities with well-defined ground plans of architectural beauty, 44 now aspire to develop along lines of beauty, instead of along lines of least resistance and utility. Major L'Enfant, the friend of President Washington, planned the national capital, a century ago. He also planned Buffalo. Detroit's plan was copied after that of Washington. Now Chicago, San Francisco, Providence, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Hartford, St. Louis and Springfield are joining the ranks of "cities beautiful."

Cleveland, Ohio, is a leader in the procession. Her group plan, now well towards completion, with monumental federal and municipal public buildings, railroad station, etc., is costing between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000. Atlantic City is embarking on a \$10,000,000 plan which will make it the most beautiful pleasure resort in the world. In Chicago a feature of the Columbian exposition is to be restored, a system of lagoons and boulevards constructed along the blue line of the lake front. The Chicago river improved by monumental docks and bridges, and an outer parkway opened. St. Louis has plan which includes a great plaza surrounded

ed by fine buildings, a water gateway to the city, and the placing of the railroads underground.

New York to be Remodeled.
Mayor McClellan's special commission has planned a remodeling of New York by the construction of a marginal street around the harborfront, and other improvements. New York was the first city to have a city consulting architect to give to anyone asking it, advice about the character of buildings to be put up. Boston, with the highest per capita expenditure on parks and similar improvements, is planning to build a series of islands in the Charles river basin on which to erect imposing public structures. Even Little Rock, Ark., has a plan which is based upon obtaining a mountain view from each important highway.

Some Colossal Water Plans.
All city officials are watching the development of the new water systems of New York and Los Angeles. New York's system will afford 600,000,000 gallons per day, the character of buildings to be put up. Boston, with the highest per capita expenditure on parks and similar improvements, is planning to build a series of islands in the Charles river basin on which to erect imposing public structures. Even Little Rock, Ark., has a plan which is based upon obtaining a mountain view from each important highway.

The Los Angeles project is not so ambitious, yet is big enough to eclipse the aqueduct system of ancient Rome. Owens river, 250 miles from Los Angeles, is to be diverted through a line of aqueducts and canals, under mountains and across valleys, at a cost of \$25,000,000.

The Fire Water Problem.
The purification of water supply is occupying the attention of American cities. Philadelphia is working on a filtration plant which will be the largest in the country, if not in the world. Washington boasts of the second largest filtration system, one which removes 99.9 per cent of harmful germs and prevents the possibility of a typhoid epidemic. The problem of the waste of water has been solved in Washington. By scientific methods, leaks have been stopped so that, although the city increases 8,000 in population annually, the reduction in water waste last year was 5,000,000 gallons per day. This scheme costs \$20,000 but the investment earns 75 to 80 per cent. High pressure water systems have been installed in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Providence, as a protection against fires in the congested districts.

Paving and Sewers.
Street pavements are being improved constantly. In many localities asphalt is regarded as most satisfactory. In the best of the new paving, a mixture of tar and stone and cement are favored. Cement as a street pavement is used in New York on account of its comparative noiselessness. Macadam and bituminous paving are used in California. Since then this practice has spread over the country to many municipal highways.

Municipal Lighting; Garbage.
The municipal lighting problem has practically been solved, one of the latest agents being the "flaming arc" light of 2,000 candle power and upwards. Los Angeles, Denver and other cities are turning their attention to making street lighting ornamental as well as useful. Detroit is one of the cities having towers up to 400 feet high bearing powerful electric lights. Besides electricity, municipalities are lighted by gas, acetylene and benzene.

The disposal of street sweepings, garbage and other refuse is becoming an art. Cleveland has a model municipal garbage reduction plant. In many cities contracts are let and the garbage is rendered and tons of valuable oils put on the market. Street sweepings are burned, ashes and other refuse picked over and material worth many thousands of dollars saved. The rest is used to fill in waste places or is burned or dumped into the sea. New York has recently established a bureau of municipal research and municipal finances. Data and statistics are

HUGE SUNFLOWER BIG AS A WASHTUB EXCHANGE HELPS NEEDY WOMEN

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Exchange committee at the Portland Women's union Monday afternoon, Mrs. Martin Winch, the secretary, read a report showing the status of the work. Reports were heard also from the finance, household, membership and purchasing committees. Miss Henrietta E. Felling, the chairman of the Woman's Exchange committee, gave a short paper about the objects and needs of the work. She spoke of an eastern woman who asked "What do the women do with all the money they make?"

Miss Felling said that it is not the object of the exchange to make money for those who have it in charge, but to give employment to many women who have not the money-making ability if they manage to get into business. Those who are obliged to earn money for themselves and their dependent ones. The purpose of the exchange is to sell their fancy work or their cookery for them at a 10 per cent commission.

Miss Felling spoke of the relation of the work to the general welfare of the Portland Women's union of which the exchange is a branch. She stated that the whole amount of money taken in and paid out amounted to \$10,915. Of this the largest amount paid a consignee in fancy work was \$258, including the staff of helpers at the exchange and the consignors some 180 women were benefited by the work of the exchange during the year. Water was given October 12 to which the public is invited, at the rooms of the exchange.

Miss Henrietta E. Felling was re-appointed chairman for the ensuing year; Mrs. Martin Winch, secretary, and Mrs. W. C. Alvord, treasurer.

Members of committees are as follows: Household, Mrs. A. F. Bliss; finance, Mrs. Holt C. Wilson; needwork, Mrs. A. T. Jamieson; general, Mrs. A. Wood; purchasing, Mrs. Leon Hirsch; press, Mrs. C. S. Jackson.

MARTIN IS GIVEN NEW LAWYERS
City Attorney Kavanaugh, who has been attorney for Edward H. Martin since his capture on the charge of murdering Nathan Wolff, has resigned his place with the Martin case, and Judge Gantenbein yesterday appointed, John A. Jervis and George F. Four as attorneys. Kavanaugh gave as his reason that he had no time to devote to the case. Martin was brought into court this afternoon and said that he had no means of hiring counsel and asked the court to appoint attorneys to conduct his defense. Jervis and Four were the men selected by Presiding Judge Gantenbein. The case is set for October 5.

BRUTAL MURDER OF AN AGED PIENT
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Rome, Sept. 30.—The mysterious and brutal murder of Don Costanzo Costantini, a secular cleric of 70, has greatly excited the people of Rome, as it is the third of his kind that has occurred here within a few months. The murdered cleric was found in his bedroom in his lodgings with his skull battered in with a hammer.

The poor old priest had evidently been dead several days when the discovery was made in the bedroom, which was a ghastly spectacle. The corpse had been thrown on the floor, and over it was placed a mattress and a crucifix. Near the mattress, which was soaked with blood, lay a gory hammer, which had been used with such force that the victim's head was reduced to pulp. There were no signs of a struggle, and although the murdered priest was fairly well off his bank books, money and watch were left untouched.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT A CAMPAIGN ISSUE
Boston, Mass., Sept. 30.—Everything is in readiness for the Democratic state convention which will assemble in this city tomorrow for the nomination of candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor. All indications point to the selection of State Senator James H. Vahey of Watertown, as the candidate for governor. No other name is mentioned for first place on the ticket.

CHINESE POLYGAMIST GIVES UP HIS FIGHT
(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Sept. 30.—Despite the fact that he announced yesterday that he would fight the deportation proceedings against him at Washington, Henry T. Bosman, the Chinese millionaire whose adventures lately he has made his wives, two of them accompanying him, had kept him out of this country, announced that he would go back to China without fighting the case further.

RICKEY SAYS BANK SHOULD PAY OUT
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 30.—T. B. Rickey, former president of the Bank & Trust company, which failed recently, is presently here today superintending the reconstruction of a fine residence he has recently purchased in the Piedmont hills, and says he will make Berkeley his home.

COMPANIES INCORPORATED.
(Herald Bureau of The Journal.)
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79c for fine wool Cooper ribbed Underwear, worth \$1.50.
29c for President style Suspenders, worth 50c.
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Loyal Legion Meeting.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Burlington, Vt., Sept. 28.—The commander-in-chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the membership of which is composed of officers who served on the Union side in the civil war and their oldest male line descendants, began its annual meeting here today. The attendance includes many soldiers of national fame. For the entertainment of the visitors the Vermont commandery has arranged for a banquet, a trip to Fort Ethan Allen and other interesting features. Every day a specialty at the Grand fair, at Greenham, October 8 to 10.