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DAYLIGHT GOVERNMENT

UNDER the new commission charter we would have a short ballot.

We need it. Our present government under cover begins with the confusion of a ballot on which there is an army of candidates.

There is always such a motley crew of candidates that voters are confounded. They haven't time to adequately investigate all.

It isn't the fault of the primary. It is the fault of the system which multiplies the elective offices and makes every election a day of confusion and bewilderment.

There are so many candidates that the voter is befogged and bedeviled. The complexity reduces the efficiency of the voter.

No elective machinery in which so many officials are to be chosen can guarantee selection of the best men.

The direct primary is the best plan yet devised, but it is put under enormous strain by the multiplicity of elective offices.

The new commission charter provides for the election of six officials, a mayor, four commissioners and the auditor.

Nothing would be in the dark. The election itself would be wide open. Nothing would be under cover.

We would have daylight elections. We would have daylight government. We would have daylight, instead of darkness, through all our public affairs.

The new charter has many virtues. It has few that could exceed in results the great service it would render in simplifying, expediting and perfecting our elections.

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Agriculture has been as successful as in Germany. The needs of the farmer for obtaining credit, for procuring farm equipment, and for disposing of his produce on the best terms, have been fully met.

The underlying principle has not yet been accepted in the United States except in an experimental form. This may be stated in a few words. Mortgage loans the land owner secures from the land mortgage banks, of which the Credit Foncier in France is the most conspicuous European example.

Money needed by the farmer for improvements on the farm, for new implements, and for increased stock, or for improved farm industries, is obtained through the cooperative Rafflesen banks—locally constituted by the farmers themselves, and managed by them.

There could be no absurdity more monumental. It is nonsense to continue a system that harbors such a galloping, heiter skeiter mob of candidates. It is a crime to throw such a strain upon election machinery and project so crazy a task before voters.

It is the product of the gradual evolution of baseball from the crude game of years ago, into the fineness of the highly technical contest of the present. Today, it is a game of wits and psychology as much as of strong arms and swift legs.

Real baseball was first played on Hoboken field by New York clubs in 1845. Before that, a game very similar had been played in upper Canada.

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All games were played on free grounds until 1863, when in Brooklyn, New York, the Capitoline club charged admission which went to the proprietor, thus laying the foundation of future professional ball.

The present league of organized ball was formed in 1875, and the rival American league in 1890. The first curved delivery by a pitcher was by Arthur Cummings of the Excelsior Juniors in 1866.

The receipts of the national championship series in 1912 totaled \$490,833. Nothing is more significant of the standing of the game in popular affection than the vast assemblage in the Portland ball park Tuesday.

The physical education made obligatory in the appropriate department of the College of the City of New York is effecting wonderful results. The theory, according to the article in the American Magazine, is that the "City does not care to expend its funds in educating those who are not inclined to care for themselves—that health is an asset to the state."

All students are compelled to submit to health examinations, and to accept such treatment as is prescribed. Consequently in a recent year, 1300 cases of decayed teeth, 575 cases of defective sight, 225 of enlarged tonsils, 82 of trachoma, 75 of heart disease, and others less common, were treated.

Directions of the physical director must be followed out, and the courses ordered are given the same credits in the curriculum as history or mathematics. Class work in the gymnasium begins with the third year, at least once a week. Physical exercise is combined in the course with lectures and oral teaching.

At least once a week a warm shower bath, followed by a dip in the great swimming tank, is ordered. Every boy is required to have learned to swim in the preparatory department before entering college. Last year compulsory swims numbered 37,816, but voluntary swims 99,384. Six years ago this athletic work began. Dr. Storey says that now, at the beginning of the fall term an increasing number of students present themselves with sunburned shoulders and limbs. Bathing and washing are now invariably sequels to all athletic exercises in the college.

So it is coming about that these young men take naturally to sleeping with wide open windows, to abundant cold bathing, to taking

care of the teeth, the throat, the eyes, to eating wholesomely, and to keeping themselves clean. The outside of the platter is thus kept clean—to keep the inside also clean is an easier task.

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They become a constant and effective appeal to the patriotism of every citizen, and inspire the growing generation. This state-wide practice is due to a law fostered by ex-Representative C. W. Steen, of Umatilla county when a member of the legislature.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE The fly-swarming season will soon arrive.

Mrs. Fankhurst's three years' lasted pretty quick.

The chronic fans forget all care and trouble at a ball game.

The rose bushes are working night and day to do their part.

Most people have much more to be thankful for than they realize.

It is not only children that would be benefited by doing some gardening.

Just over the border seems a favorite fighting strip for the Mexican barbarians.

All cities that have adopted the commission form of government have retained it.

The hen is thoroughly feminine; she will lay there, except the way one tries to drive her.

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MR. BRYAN'S ATONEMENT

From the New York World.

"Stand-patism is dead," said Mr. Bryan in his speech at Des Moines, in stating the lesser fact Mr. Bryan omits from the greater fact. Not only is stand-patism dead but Hamilton is dead.

It was Mark Hanna, Republicanism that put the United States government into partnership with Big Business. It was Mr. Bryan's free-silver campaign of 1896 that gave Hanna and Plutocracy their opportunity. In trying to escape evils of a debased currency the country swung to the other extreme.

As a result of the 1896 campaign Washington moved to Wall street, and Wall street became the capital of the United States. The government was frankly and cynically administered for the profit of privilege. Plutocracy became as arrogant and despotic as slavery.

If Wall street wanted legislation, the legislation was enacted. If Wall street wanted laws suspended, if certain governmental policies meant dividends for Big Business, those policies were adopted. If Wall street wanted to exploit the resources of the country, those resources were placed at its disposal.

The very expression "stand-pat" was coined by Mark Hanna to encourage the Republican machine to resist the public demand for honest tariff revision, and it soon became a battle-cry against every assault upon public abuses and public wrong.

From the Dingley act to the Dollar-Diplomacy, every evil that helped to bring about the final wreck of the Republican party had its origin in the unholy alliance that Hanna established between the government and Wall street.

Mr. Bryan can take pardonable pride in the death of stand-pat, for Mr. Bryan is a very fortunate man. He has lived to retrieve the mistakes of his past. His free-silver campaign drove the country to Plutocracy, but his battle for progressive Democracy in 1913 emancipated it. To his efforts the country owes the nomination of Mr. Wilson for president and the effective realization of the new policies that have taken the United States government out of the hands of Wall street.

Without William J. Bryan we should have had no Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Bryan's case is unique. There is no other instance in American history in which a statesman atoned so brilliantly and so beneficently for his blunders.

Pointed Paragraphs

The borrowed umbrella is usually taken by storm.

Strike while the iron is hot if you work in a laundry.

The more people talk back the better the auctioneer likes it.

Some fool people count their chickens before the eggs have been laid.

But sometimes a bore talks to us about ourselves; that is different.

When a pessimist lives well in the present, he howls about the future.

Love is like seasickness; it may be felt but cannot be adequately described.

Needing an audience for a job lot of hard luck stories, misery loves company.

No, Cordelia, it isn't necessary to use a fountain pen when you want to write a gushing letter.

What some folks need is a fool-proof pay envelope that can't be opened until they get home.

People who assert that they never make mistakes are misguided enough to imagine that people believe them.

And occasionally we meet a married woman who is sorry she is not in the spinster class. These are married Maud Mullers.

When the first baby is a boy it's a sign that the mother will make plans before he is out of the cradle for his inauguration as president.

Get a woman in a reminiscent mood, and she will tell you all about the swell admirers she had before she met the commonplace man who became her husband.

King George of Greece. From the Nation (London).

The murdered king of the Hellenes was surely one of the least ostentatious monarchs who ever wore a crown. He kept nothing that could be called state, either in Athens, or in his endless, soul-wearing pilgrimages to courts and ministerial bureaux in the interests of the wonderful but not always grateful people who had the good fortune to be ruled by him.

He literally "traveled in" Greece and her affairs; and if there was one thing more than another that kept her alive after the war it was the king's influence with the Russian, the British, and the German courts, and the tact with which he used it. During his last visit to England, eschewing all the customary royal forms and ceremonies, he talked like the simple, clear-sighted gentleman he was. He touched all sorts of subjects; the fight over the budget of 1909 was especially interesting to him, and he spoke of it with much knowledge of our politics and shrewdness in his judgment of them. He seemed incapable of being bored; and his long reign, with its sad but glorious close, was one long tribute to the indubitable patience which ruled his conduct and life.

Two Unusual Features in the Sunday Journal Magazine

AFTER YOU ARE DEAD What happens? Two Amsterdam psychologists say you enter a gaseous state. Furthermore they produce proofs for their startling statement.

A ROYAL ROW Gems of the late King Edward are cause of strife in Britain's royal family. The affair makes a striking story.

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