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## THE REAL GOVERNING POWER.

It is not always the most active power that governs a body. Neither is the power that governs or rules always visible. This rule does not apply alone to mechanics, but applies to almost all kinds of bodies, animate and inanimate, and, especially, to bodies politic.

The ship may be seen gliding along at sea. It may look like a thing of life. The sails may be spread or the engines giving forth their familiar sounds which may indicate the motive power of the vessel, but there is always something more than this. It takes a certain amount of ballast to hold all vessels steady—to keep them upright and enable them to battle against the waves and storms. Without this the work of the crew, the sails, the machinery would be useless.

In the case of the engine, in addition to the intricate pieces of machinery and various parts that seem most important there is a very simple appearing attachment which to the unskilled seems useless and does not appear to have anything to do with the combination of wheels and valves, but seems to be rather a detriment, that is regarded by those versed in the use of the various parts as one of the most important attachments; and, in fact, it is stated that without the use of this device the machinery would run wild and get beyond the control of the engineer and the entire plant would become useless. This apparent useless device is called the governor.

This illustration may be drawn of nearly every important mechanical invention in practical use and may be traced into the anatomy of all living things.

But it is most aptly illustrated in the case of governments, and especially in republican form of governments; and right at this time it may be seen in effect in the administration of the affairs of our own government. It has possibly never moved along more successfully and more satisfactorily to the people. The sailing seems so easy and there is such universal satisfaction that the political party in power should seemingly feel that it is beyond the fear of all opposition and may go on forever in its success. Its administration, in fact, has proved so popular that all other political parties are apparently sidetracked and need not maintain any hope of future promotion to power; that republicanism is in the saddle to stay.

But none know the fallacy of such a condition and the short life of such a power so well as the political leaders of the country, and especially the leaders of the party in power. As long as the power in control may pursue a course that insures a good administration and the country continues prosperous there is little cause for alarm on the part of its leaders, but once it flies the track they know what will be the effect and how long it will take to regain confidence and get in power again.

Democracy has long been the most formidable opponent of the republican party. But today it seems to be more completely routed than at any time in its history. Twice defeated in succession and one of these times when victory seemed certain, the issues which it espoused crushed and stricken from the platforms, disorganized and split up into factions,

its cause, at first blush, would seem a hopeless one, indeed. But it is not the case. The leaders know this and none so well as the republican leaders. Democracy has long been the champion of the people. It may have been led astray by mistaken leaders, or it may have been defeated in the real right, and other things may have occurred to make the defeat of right appear right, but the principles of democracy still live and will live so long as there are republican forms of government.

Apparently crushed, leaderless and disorganized it is today the only foe that the republicans regard as worthy of their steel; it is the only foe that the Republicans fear; it is the real champion of what is known as the common right and ever stands with a drawn sword against wrong. It has ever been a menace to corruption and no step has been taken by its opposition that has not been made with the knowledge that it would be called to accounting should it undertake to wrong the people.

With all of the smooth sailing of the affairs of the administration today the real governing power lies in Democracy. She is watching with vigilant eyes every step taken, and the minute that the administration departs from the right course she will sound the alarm, and while she may seem dead, yet whenever the party in power departs from an honest and economical administration it will find how quickly Democracy will become organized and will be in the field in all of its strength again.

## VALUE OF FRANCHISES.

The announcement of an agreement whereby a railroad company proposes to pay New York City nearly two and one-half million dollars for the privilege of using a tunnel under the streets of that city for the next 25 years and whereby, though the franchise is perpetual, the amount to be paid is subject to periodic adjustment at intervals of 25 years, is decidedly a new departure.

Never before has the city of New York contracted to receive for a franchise anything like the sum named, nor has any city in the United States ever disposed of a franchise in such a manner.

It is an illustration of the tendency of thought and the formation of opinion with reference to an important department of municipal management. From a purely business standpoint, the great value of public utility franchises cannot be questioned. The use of the streets for trolley lines, for instance, is obviously necessary—vitality so, of course—to the transaction of that kind of business, and yet in scores of cities traction lines have the freest use of the streets without paying for it at all, or by paying for it in a ridiculously inadequate manner.

It is urged that the trolley lines are for the use and convenience of the public which owns the thoroughfares, and that the use of the streets is a benefit to the public.

And the grocery store, and the shoe store, too, are for the convenience and benefit of the public—and for the profit of the proprietors—just as the trolley lines are conducted for the profit of the stockholders. Yet the shoe dealer and the groceryman are not furnished a place of business just because they serve the public. If the shoeman should establish his place of business in the street he would be forced to appear before the police court, if, indeed, he escaped a lunacy inquiry.

There is yet another feature. The recognition of the value of public utility franchises will bring to the fore the question of the liability of such franchises to taxation. Too many cities have recklessly given away franchises in their eagerness to secure public utilities; but, fortunately for them, the right of taxation has not been waived in every case.

Public franchises—and we refer not only to trolley lines, but to every class—are the property of the people primarily. The use of franchises by private individuals or corporations should yield an adequate rental to the people.—Baltimore Herald.

## WHEN WILL DEMOCRACY DIE?

In answer to the question, "When will democracy die?" we clip from a Texas exchange the following:

When the lion eats grass like an ox.  
When the fishworm swallows the whale.  
When the robin knits woolen socks.  
And the hare is outrun by the snail  
When the serpent walks upright like a man,  
And doodle bugs travel like frogs,  
When grasshoppers feed on the hen,  
And feathers are found on hogs.  
When the Thomas cats swim in the air,  
And elephants roost in trees.  
When insects in summer are rare.  
And snuff never makes people sneeze,  
When fish creep over dry land,  
And mules on velocipedes ride,  
When foxes lay eggs in the sand,  
And women in dress take no pride,  
When Dutchmen no longer drink beer,  
And girls get to preaching on time,  
When billy goats butt from the rear,  
And treason's no longer a crime,  
When humming birds bray like an ass,  
And limburger smells like cologne,  
When plowshares are made out of glass,  
And the hearts of true Texans of stone,  
When ideas grow in a republican head,  
And wool on a hydraulic ram,  
Then will the democratic party be dead,  
And this country not worth a d—n.



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