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PROBLEM OF MODERN CITY

One of the marvels of modern life is the rapid growth of the city. Take for example the nations metropolis, New York City, founded in 1614, and while in its first 175 years it gained only 33,000, yet in the period of 21 years just preceding 1890 it gained 859,000 or 26 times its growth in the earlier long period. In 1880 there were in the U. S. 296 cities of 8000 or more, but every decade is now adding hundreds of such cities and larger ones to the list. The above indicates but a local movement, but can be similarly traced in Africa and Asia as well as in Europe. This growth has been accounted for by "the application of machinery to agriculture, which enables one farmer now to do the work formerly done by three or more." Secondly, the increased demand for manufactured articles and manufacturing machinery. Thirdly, that the coming of the modern railway has made it easy to bring any amount of provisions to the city. It should be noted however, that the recent marked development in railway and trolley transportation together with the rural "phone" has checked the tide flowing from the country to the city because of the ease with which it enables people to live in the pure country atmosphere and at the same time enjoy the advantages of the city. While this latter fact helps in some measure to solve some of the difficult city problems, in another respect it adds to the problem, in that it takes from the city, the citizenship of many of its best supporters of righteous government, leaving the ballot of the city more largely in the hand of the drift element. If one of the modern marvels is the growth of the city, surely one of the modern problems is the government of the city and its relation to the rural populations. Local self government furnished scope for the exercise of our liberties but federation is necessary to the preservation of them. At one time the question was, whether the national government or the individual states should be supreme; it is now rapidly becoming a question whether the nation shall govern the cities or the cities dictate terms to the general government. It is an acknowledged fact that we have not yet learned how to live together in the co-operative city, giving free scope for individual pursuits, and at the same time holding in check the loss. There are few cities or even larger towns but which have a majority in favor of upholding the law and aiding in just cooperation for the good of all; yet a sample of how a corrupt and ignorant minority gets control of your municipalities is indicated by president Roosevelt's reference to the answers to questions given in the police force examinations when he was commissioner of the city of New York, when requested to name five New England states one answered, England, Vir-

land, Scotland, Wales and Cork." When asked to state what they knew about Abraham Lincoln, twenty said he was president of the Southern Confederacy. Forty said he was a union general. One said that he was the great general of Banker Hill. One that Garfield assassinated him. Another that Ballington Booth was the assassin. Others that he met his death at the hands of Giteau. While this was an extraordinary case yet it limits at what occurs in many smaller cases where the better elements of citizenship are content to stay at home and leave the management of affairs to unprincipled grafters who manipulate affairs to conserve their own interests. What we need is a new note of patriotic citizenship that will insist on having a part in the government of our cities. Edward Everett Hale says, "The ruler of America—not the supreme court, not the president,—we the people." Then let our motto be, not factions, not parties, not single interests, but our city governed by all the people, for all the people and in such a manner as not to pander to their vices but to converse and encourage their virtues.

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HIGH SCHOOL TROUBLE

It is understood that the suit brought by William Landless, enjoining the payment of the salaries of school teachers above the eighth grade, is for the purpose of establishing the legal status of the Cottage Grove High School, of this place, that is to ascertain whether or not Cottage Grove has a legally constituted High School under the law. The governing district of this class in regard to teaching higher branches or grades than the Eighth Grade is found in the General Session Laws of 1901, and is as follows:—"When one third of the legal voters of a district shall petition the District Board requesting that the grades above the eighth grade may be taught in such district, or when the District Board shall at its discretion think proper, it shall give twenty days notice previous to the annual school meeting, or previous special election called for that purpose, that it will submit the question of the legal voters of said district, whether grades above the eighth grade shall be taught in such district, at which election the electors of the district shall vote by ballot for or against establishing such grades. And if a majority of all the votes cast shall be in favor of establishing such grades it shall be the duty of the district board to establish such grades and determine what branches shall be taught therein. (Session Laws 1901, p. 49, Sec 25.) The said law of 1901 repeals all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith. Prior to the year 1901 there was no special authority for teaching higher grades than those taught in the eighth grade. It is stated the records of the School Board is silent as to the establishing of such higher grades than the eighth grade, but it seems that teachers in higher branches than the eighth grade have been employed and paid out of the School funds since 1892. It is important to the Board of Directors as a protection to themselves that the teaching of higher branches be authorized as by law provided, in this, if there is no authority for teaching those higher branches the directors have no authority to hire teachers for that purpose, nor to use the public school fund in payment for such services. The Directors seem to have assumed that the teaching of higher branches or grades above the eighth grade have been duly authorized. It is very natural that a newly elected director should rely on the methods in vogue at the instance of the other directors and it seems that the board has been assuming that this authority existed for several years and since no question has been heretofore raised in regard thereto, it would therefore be very embarrassing to a new member of the board placing such reliance on the judgment of the older members of the board to find that he was personally liable on illegal contracts which he had supposed he was entering into on the part of the district and for which he expected the district to pay. "If any contract be made without authority the member making the same shall be personally liable." (General Laws of 1901.) Therefore if there is no authority for entering into contracts with teachers to teach higher grades than the eighth, it is highly essential that any person being elected to the office of director should know to what extent his authority extends in the matter of the employment of teachers. It is also essential that the status of the school district be ascertained that the teachers be protected in their contracts, in this, the board of directors assuming such authority and power to employ teachers to teach in grades above the eighth, hold out to the teachers and to the

world that a high school is regularly established, and the teacher contracts with them with that understanding. If the board have assumed, without having such authority in fact, and it becomes necessary for the teacher to sue for the salary under the contract, the case would perhaps be thrown out of court for the reason that it nowhere appears in the records of the school district that the board of directors had ever been authorized as by law required to enter into the contracts for the teaching of any grades higher than the eighth. In which case the teacher would be compelled to resort to an action against the members of the board as individuals for recovery upon the illegal contract. It is highly important to the School District, Board of Directors, legal voters, patrons of the school and the teachers therein, that if any doubt exists, that the status of the high school of this district and the right to employ teachers in the higher grades is in doubt, that the matter should be settled by some court having competent jurisdiction, and that all doubts on the subject be removed, and if it shall then be determined that the contention of the board of directors in regard thereto is tenable, no harm has been done, and if it is not, steps can be taken to legalize any and all subsequent acts of the board of directors by a vote of the district called for that purpose. It need not be assumed that any person connected with this affair is opposed to higher education, but it is not only the province, but duty of some person, if doubts do exist, to have the matter adjudicated and settled for all time, since it will afford protection to the board of directors and teachers engaged in teaching in said higher grades and relieve any and all contracts made and entered into with teachers from any doubt. If Cottage Grove has no legally constituted and authorized high school, it is high time she had one and the necessary steps should be taken to legalize the same, that hereafter no disgruntled taxpayer or other interested person may interfere with its operation, either by injunction, or otherwise, and this can only be done by removing the subject from all doubt in the manner provided by law. CURED LUMBAGO. A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903. "Having been troubled with Lumbago, at different times and tried one physician after another, then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of sufferers." The Modern Pharmacy. SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES. Subjects at the Christian Church Sunday. 11 a. m. "Trained for Service." 7:30 p. m. "False Teachers." A cordial invitation is extended to all. F. E. HILBERTSON, pastor. The Two Waifs. There was a fair sized audience at the Opera House on Monday night to witness the play by the two waifs. Those in attendance were well pleased and many thought it the best of the kind given in the city for a long time. Rate Cut One Half. What is probably the most extraordinary inducement that has yet been made to encourage immigration to Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho, of settlers from the Middle West, was announced Tuesday by the traffic department of the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific Oregon lines. Effective February 15 to May 15, the rate on movables of colonists will be reduced one-half, from the Missouri over to points in the Willamette valley on the Southern Pacific Oregon lines, and one-third to all points in Eastern Oregon and Washington and in Northern Idaho. The rate will be made effective during the periods in which low one-way passenger rates are named, under what is termed colonist or home-seekers' rates, combining to enable intending settlers to migrate at a minimum cost. The present rate from the Missouri to Willamette Valley points is \$1.00 for each 100 pounds, and under the new tariff it will be 50 cents per hundred, the minimum being carload of 20,000 pounds. This will be a reduction from \$200 to \$100 a car.

RECENT attempts have been made to introduce Japanese laborers into Mexico and also into the northern portion of British Columbia. In the former instance many of the Japanese quit and refused to go on with the work for which they were imported. In British Columbia the strenuous opposition of white miners resulted in the attempt not being carried to a conclusion. In California there are a large number of Chinese engaged in mining, but the greater number of these are working individually for themselves or for Chinese companies owning the mines, mostly placer. To this little objection is made by the white miners, for the reason that in most instances the Chinese work over placer ground usually believed to be too poor to pay the white men for their labor. Although the introduction of Chinese labor into the mines of the Rand has been successfully accomplished, owing to the peculiar conditions at present obtaining there, it is safe to say that any attempt to similarly employ Asiatic labor in the mines of Western America will be vigorously resisted.—Mining and Scientific Press. WONDERFUL NERVE. Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c. at Benson's Pharmacy. Needles. We are able to fit any sewing machine with needles. On July 1, we will give away a Charter Oak No. 5 steel range. A ticket given with every \$1 cash purchase. WYNNE HOWE CO. An agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect is produced by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by The Modern Pharmacy. REV. CARLISLE P. B. MARTIN, L. L. D. Of Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first arising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." The Modern Pharmacy. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at Eugene, Oregon, Jan. 6, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. J. Walton, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Eugene, Oregon, on Mar. 2, 1905, viz: H. E. No. 256, Emory W. Gossett, for the S.W. 1/4, Sec. 14, T. 21 N., R. 3 W. He claims the following: witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Willie White, Willie Hubbard, James A. Wallace and Nelson B. Gossett, all of Cottage Grove, Ore. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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