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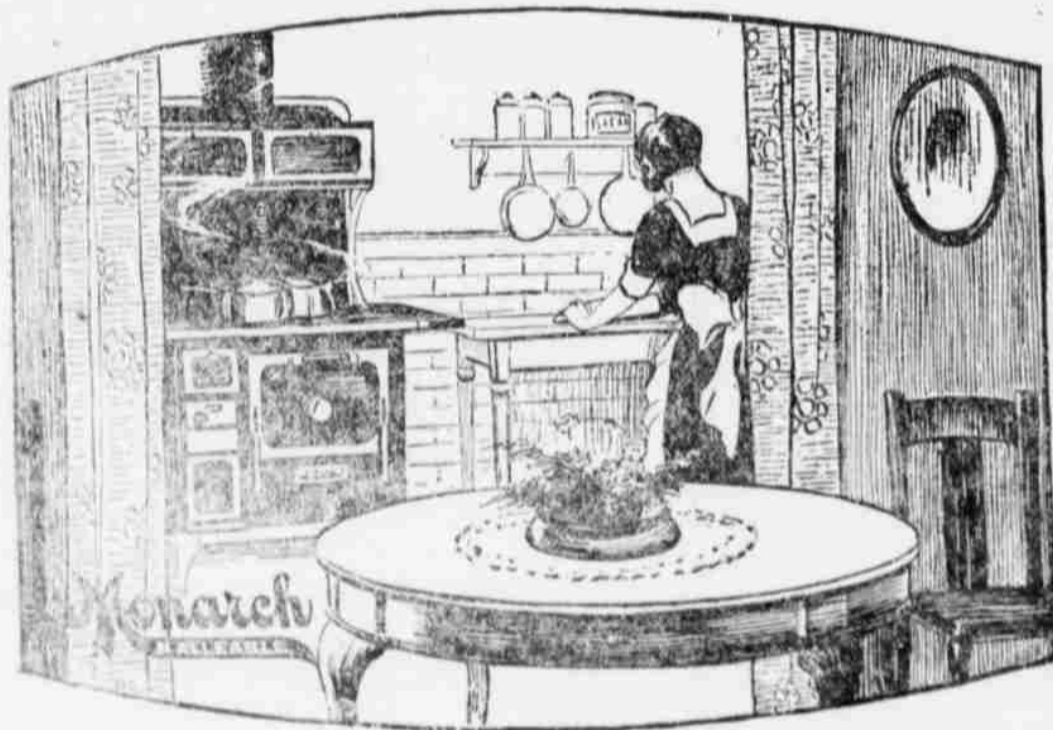
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## HOME TOWN HELPS

### WILL HAVE CITY MANAGER

Montreal's Experiment in Government Will Be Interesting to Many Communities in the United States.

That American cities have no monopoly in political misgovernment is shown by the record of Montreal, remarks the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Twelve years ago the old-style council of two members from each of the 31 wards provoked a scandal and investigation that led to a recasting of the form of municipal government. Ever since the ward politicians have been trying to get back and to restore their discredited system, which was at first supplanted by a smaller council of one member per ward without authority over money matters and a body of four appointed commissioners with the mayor as the fifth. Two of the new commissioners and the mayor were soon charged with practices akin to those of the old system and the commissioners were removed and the mayor reduced to a mere figurehead, while charge of the city was given to four newly appointed commissioners, their chairman being empowered with managerial authority. The politicians naturally made the most of this imposition of an appointed city administration by the provincial government and recently the prime minister named a committee of leading Montreal citizens to draft a new charter on a representative basis. This body has now received the report from its sub-committee favoring a council of nine members elected at large, the election of a mayor by council and the appointment of a genuine expert city manager.

### DETROIT VALUES ITS TREES

Newspaper Pays Tribute to Thoughtfulness of the Early Settlers Who Planted Them.

If a woman's crowning glory is her hair, a city's is its trees. Detroit is particularly fortunate in the preservation of its splendid tree-lined corridors, and it is a proof of the thoroughness of earlier citizens that they saw the beauty which nature had provided, and carefully preserved it for the glory of the metropolis to come.

Imagine, for one minute, Second boulevard, or any other prominent thoroughfare of your acquaintance, stripped of its curtain of leaves and boughs! It is too harsh even to contemplate.

If you could view the city from the top of one of its tallest buildings, you would obtain an even more impressive lesson in just how much of Detroit is sheltered and enhanced by its trees.

The department of parks and boulevards declares rescue work is imperative to save the elms; it is a matter on which every citizen can unite. The work should be done, and doubtless will be done, with the indorsement and eager co-operation of every citizen.

For Detroit to permit her handsome trees to perish would be nothing less than a crime against the bounty of nature.—Detroit News.

#### Keep on Planting Trees.

As an asset to any piece of property, a tree or trees can not be overestimated. The moment a tree is planted the value of a piece of property is increased. As Mr. Kennedy says in the boys, "Time goes on just the same," so why not plant some trees. The tree-planting campaign that is occupying the attention of the country right now has taken on many phases, and in each of these phases the value of the property is being increased whether it be a school yard or a "Road of Remembrance," such as is being planted with memorial trees in many parts of the country. A properly planted road means better transportation to or from or between towns. That all means better business, better living conditions, and a better country.—Sheldon Hildsley in National Property Owner.

#### Preparation of Annual Lawn.

The annual lawn, which is necessary in some cases preparatory to the making of the permanent lawn, may be made by seeding with Italian rye sown either in fall or spring at the rate of two bushels per acre. When properly cared for this will make a beautiful green six to eight weeks from seeding. It is imperative that this grass be cut when it has reached a height of three to four inches; otherwise the lawn will be unattractive.

#### Find Old Roman Tombs.

Four Roman tombs, built in the third century and containing golden objects, urns, glass work, pottery and bones, have been found in a gravel pit near Heerlen in Dutch Limburg. Many of the things are of great scientific value and further excavations are being made.

#### Killing Flies With Formaldehyde.

To kill flies with a solution of formalin or formaldehyde in water the method is: Put a teaspoonful of formaldehyde into a quart of a pint of water and expose to the room. This quantity is enough to kill all the flies in one room.

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