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CITY GOVERNMENT

A new experiment in city government is to be tried by the people of Winnipeg. A Board of Control will prepare all estimates of proposed expenditure in all the departments, and make all contracts. The Board will submit monthly reports to the council. All city officers will be under its control. The subject of city government is of sufficient interest in St. John at present to make the Winnipeg experiment worthy of attention. The following editorial from the Winnipeg Free Press tells the story:

When the next municipal elections have taken place the city council will be composed of nineteen representatives elected by the ratepayers. Five of these, four members of the Board of Control and the mayor, will be elected from the city at large and the remaining fourteen will be elected by the various wards, each of which will have two aldermen. Of this elective body of nineteen members the Board of Control will be nominated by the Executive Committee. It will be the duty of the Board of Control to prepare all estimates of proposed expenditure and these cannot be added to or changed in any way except by a majority vote of the whole council. To vary the action of the board would therefore require the votes of ten members of the council. In the case of payment of debentures or other debts lawfully contracted the Board has no discretionary powers.

A common source of friction in the city council and delay in proceeding with needed public works has been in the making of contracts and the awarding of the tenders. The board will be entrusted with this duty in place of the various committees; it will prepare specifications for and award all contracts for material, labor or property that may from time to time be required by the city. No revision or varying of its decision can be effected except by a majority vote of the council.

The board is required to report monthly or oftener upon all municipal works being carried on or in progress within the city. Under the present system there are no regular reports made to the council and new work is ordered without regard to the extent of the work on hand or the expenditure that is involved. The inevitable result is that the aldermen have a very indefinite idea of what is going on, hence much of their indecision and procrastination.

All the officers of the city will come under the direct control of the board. The head of any department can be dismissed by it, and reinstatement cannot follow unless by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the council. In the case of subordinate officers the board is empowered to make regulations governing their appointment in the absence of by-laws to that effect. The law in this respect practically gives to the board very full powers in regard to the selection, appointment and control of all servants of the city with the exception of members of the fire brigade and assessors. The various committees will therefore be relieved of the duty of making appointments to positions connected with their respective departments.

With the power of initiating all expenditure and the control of all the heads of departments, the board will be in a good position to make its influence felt. The city charter gives to it these powers, but other duties may be assigned to the board by the city council itself. The controllers will be elected directly from the city at large and are directly responsible to the ratepayers. Thus deriving their authority directly from the people they will be in a position to act more independently and with more effect.

Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, has inaugurated a Twenty Thousand Club. At the meeting for this purpose, when great enthusiasm was displayed, Mayor Brown stated that the primary object of the club was "to bring the population up to the 20,000 point, and in order to bring this about it had been thought advisable to have an organization whose whole influence would be devoted to securing new industries for the town, and incidentally to develop the spirit of civic loyalty and pride among citizens, and to assist in making the town more attractive from a residential standpoint."

TRUANTS FROM SCHOOL

(Gloucester Gazette.)

The intimation that the members of the police force are embarking on a campaign against the numerous truants from school, will no doubt cause some consternation among the urchins whose footsteps line the dusty pavements of knowledge. When to this we add the fact that some culprits have already been escorted to school doors and handed over to their teachers, we find that the alarm caused among the street corner loafing and cigarette smoking small boys is to some extent justified. We trust the police will keep up the good work in so far as attendance to their numerous other duties will permit them. It is not, however, reasonable to suppose that their efforts can do away to as large an extent as desirable with this admitted evil so common to nearly all our towns and cities. A sharp and observing officer should be appointed whose sole duties would consist in reducing truants to a minimum.

Through truants and absenteeism the town is the loser in county money for schools to the extent of a good many hundred dollars per year, and a good officer would earn his salary from a financial view alone.

In this practical and work-day world we are prone only to consider matters from a financial ground and the conditions of our modern environment seem at times to subordinate all our own views to the focus point of cold hard cash.

There are, however, bound up in this question considerations that cannot be computed in dollars and cents. Habitual truants ensure to the growing youth an ignorant manhood, and in too many cases a dishonored old age. Truants are a breeding ground of evil and of criminality. The boy who habitually neglects educational matters, leaves to one side the valuable mental discipline which study confers, and if at first his instincts are not evil they are very apt by association to become so. The youth who spends his time loafing around street corners with a cigarette between his teeth or the youth who skulks from one loafing place to another in an effort to avoid what he knows is the proper course for him to pursue is sowing seeds which in after years may and often do, bring fruits of remorse and deep regrets.

WHAT'S IN McCLURE'S

The November McClure's is a striking number and will be remembered long beyond the usual term of magazine literature. The leading article is a brilliant challenge to the advocates of Spelling Reform, coming from no less an authority than Professor Hugo Münsterberg, Harvard's noted psychologist. In a manner sometimes satirical and again full of impressive gravity, he delivers some of the most crushing blows the Spelling Reform movement has had to meet. Carl Schurz's American reminiscences open in this number with Mr. Schurz's first impressions of this country—impressions so freshly received and so delightfully narrated that they awaken one picture after another of the stirring years before the Civil War. The fourth installment of "The Story of Montana" describes the sale of the Montana legislature, telling how one man after another went down in defeat and dishonor, and painting with great dramatic effect the scene of Clarke's election. Lincoln Steffens, relates the story of Judge Lindsey's gallant fight against ignorant parents, a cynical police, and a corrupt ring. Burton Hendrick concludes "The Story of Life Insurance," summing up in a few concise and significant pages the conditions which he has brought before the attention of the American public.

"The Hanging of Mary Dyer," by Basil King, a remarkable romance dealing with the Quaker persecution in America, is one of McClure's most original departures in fiction. "The Making of a Hayrick," by G. W. Ogden, relates the exciting rescue of a passenger train by an obscure section-hand. "The Reforming of a Bridegroom," by Helen R. Martin, is a deliciously human study of some Pennsylvania Dutch people. "When Jonathan Hatch Harked Back," by Charles Fleming Embree, which tells how an elderly lawyer became home-sick for the "good old times," is full of homely humor and pathos. Justice Miles Forman contributes an artistic and tenderly written love story, "Night and the Captains Dancers." "Wood Doves," by Louise Imogen Guiney is a piece of highly imaginative verse.

The November McClure's is a particularly strong art number, containing full-page color illustrations by Howard Pyle, Alice Barber Stephens, and Jessie Wilcox Smith.

DeForest W. Mowbray

The death of this unfortunate young man, which occurred on the 17th, inst., at White Head, Kings Co., brings to the minds of some of the old residents of the neighborhood an unusually mournful chapter of family history. His grandfather, Robert C. Mowbray, came to this country from the north of Ireland about a hundred years ago. For several years he was principal of the high school at Kingston and it is said he was a man of deep learning. Soon after his arrival here he purchased the farm at White Head, to which he retired in the early part of the last century, and there spent his declining days. Returning from St. John in the fall of the year, after he had grown quite old his boat was upset by a sudden squall, off Harlow's Bluff, near the foot of Kennebecus Long Island. His body was never recovered.

His son, Hugh Mowbray, since then has owned and occupied the farm, and in the old house built by Robert C. Mowbray, his son, DeForest W. Mowbray was born Oct. 5, 1893. He was an attractive child, quick to learn and more than usually active. There are those who remember him as a general favorite in the school which he attended and in the neighborhood. In 1873 he received an injury to his back through a fall on the ice—he was then ten years old—which for about ten years rendered him almost helpless, and since then for more than a quarter of a century, up to the time of his death, he was much of that time speechless and hardly less helpless than an infant. It is said that his mind continued alert to the end; he always wanted to know the news of the day at home and abroad and was a good listener when anyone read aloud. It is told that when he became speechless he learned to "talk with his fingers," so as to be readily understood by the household. He bore his afflictions with the fortitude of a stoic and his parents and brothers ministered to his every want as tenderly as they would have done had his infancy extended through all the weary years of his life. White Head, Oct. 27.

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WOOD DOVES

(By Louise Imogen Guiney, in the November McClure's.)

"I cannot soar beside, but must forever suffer Blue sky athwart with thee to lap against my breast."

And dream it is thy wing."

"Dear, slight, about these hours; Among the drowsy leaves my longing is thy quest."

Yet, long and far apart, shall we no joy discover To travel the same sky, and by one water dusts."

Say, mate in all this world?"

"Ah, mate, forbidden lover, Ah, mate, I shall not hear!"

"Ah, avest unbidden nest!"

It creeps a like companion."

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"At whatever age he goes into it. A society man is useless at any time."

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"Why?"

"Because that is what she costs me."

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ENGAGEMENT OFF.

"No, our engagement is off; he took a drop too much."

"But surely that is not a thing to ruin his whole life for?"

"In this case it is; the drop he took was out of his airship."

THE GILDED AGE.

"She is now enjoying that rarest of all rare times, life's gilded age."

"You don't mean to tell me that the wonderful yellow of her hair is artificial?"

RICHARD'S VICTORY.

(New York Times.)

Two brothers, aged 9 and 10, respectively, pupils in a public school of Washington, were recently absent for a period of two weeks. When the older of the boys returned to his class he brought a note from his father stating that the cause of the absence of his children was illness.

"Where's your brother Dick?" asked the teacher. "Is he still sick?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the pupil, "he's still in bed with a broken arm."

"I'm sorry to hear it. How did it happen?"

"Well, it was this way, ma'am. You see, Dick and I were trying to see which could lean out of the second-story window the furthest, and Dick won."

PAYING JOB.

"Miss Goodly is married, is she not?"

"Yes, she married a trust magnate."

"My! I didn't think she'd ever marry a man for his money?"

"She didn't; she married him to reform him."

THE EVE OF ALL HALLOWS

Jack-o'-lantern's night is upon us. The hollow pumpkins, lighted by an unearthly glow, carved by boyish ingenuity, will dance unsteadily in the darkness, shining into house windows and frightening the good woman of the house, if she be a timid, lonely soul out of her wits. For the grinning head that sways from side to side in a manner horribly suggestive of decapitation is but one of many weird sights and sounds on this fairy night of the year.

There comes a sharp tick-tock to on a distant window, outside doors slam, and the front gate gives a groaning protest as it is torn from its hinges. And the children thing of the old ghost story (the creaking gate and slamming door of daylight); "Once I was happy—happy; now I'm me-e-e-rable." They cluster round mother's skirts—the wee ones, who are too small to be out in the darkness among the mad crew who have raised the flocking challenge of Jack-o'-lantern—and their excitement is tinged with a fearful joy. There is no telling what may happen next, and with each peal of the door bell there is a wild scramble for shelter. The very bravest grown-up goes to the door and finds, perchance, but whispering darkness, a rustling in the shrubbery, an elfin laugh afar off.

The spookies abroad, as they were in Celtic days, when on May 1 and November 1, the Beltane and Samhain were celebrated as seasons in which the fairies were unusually active and unusually propitious.

Hallowe'en, or Halloweven, is the name popularly given to the eve or vigil of All Hallows or festival of All Saints. In England and Scotland it was long consecrated to harmless fireside revellings—"with many ceremonies as a means of divination by which to discover a future sweetheart."

So the encyclopedia—but what care we for its prosings? We know the "many ceremonies" off by heart—the popping of the nuts before the fire, the mystic incantations with the looking glass, the hissing of melted lead in cold water, the pulling of cabbages, the choice of the saucers, and the ghastly witches over their caldron of blue fire.

And then the going home—knowing full well that "the goblins" had got us if we didn't watch out. There was a graveyard to be passed, and with souls hurried by a night or earlier, it took bravely of the highest to flutter past the gates—and then—the hooded figures with menacing gestures which rose seemingly out of the earth and followed on our heels!

Fairies and ghosts and witches, hobgoblins and gnomes all dance in an elfin ring before childhood's glamourous eyes. The masked face, delight of small boys for days beforehand, is a grosser touch, to our thinking, for it is the subtle, the elusive and weird, the whispers and imaginings which make the real spirit of Hallowe'en, the children's night of nights.

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