

trol nothing. What if the Boord differs with ye on these quistions?’

“ ‘We’ll tolerate no opposition whativer,’ sez he. ‘The Boord iv Control must kape its place or there’ll be civil war in the City Hall. Any nonsinse from thim fellows and we sind thim to bid without any sooper,’ sez he.

“ ‘But iv what usefulness will this Boord iv Control be?’ sez I. ‘How will it improve the prisint condition iv affairs if wan may be so rude as to intimate that it can be improved?’

“ ‘Well, ye see,’ sez he. ‘The common pape, the rabble, taxpayers, and other illiminits that go to make up the mob, seem to be fer some unknown rayson, demanding a change. Iv coorse, it amounts to nothing short iv anarchy, but in order to placate the plabians and thereby avide unplisant ixperiences, we must give thim a change. But we must look to it that the change doesn’t hurt, ye know, that no damage is wrought thereby,’ sez he. ‘So long as the populace gets a change iv some sort, it will think its all right, and will fale satisfied. That’s a way that populaces have with thim,’ sez he. ‘Thin the Boord iv Control will be very useful to us aldermin. It will help relave us of the cares of office. At prisint we lay iverything onto the City Engineer. Whin the pooblic howls be-foor our door, we open it and push out the City Engineer fer thim to scratch at. But the kick department is becoming so overworked that the Engineer is not able to handle the whole thing, so we’ll lit the Boord iv Control divide the honors with him.’

“ ‘Thin,’ sez I, ‘if I should come to ye with a complaint that somewan residing across the way from me had dug up and carted away the strate in front of me house fer his own private use, ye would pass me on to the Boord iv Works, from there I would be handed on to the Boord iv Control, and from that port iv call I would be passed along to the City Engineer, and from thot way-station I would be hustled to the City Council again. Thin suddenly I’d realize that ye had me circulating, and thot the track was grased. But me case would be hopeless thin, me momintum would be sich that I couldn’t stop; me brakes wouldn’t hold, and ivery time I’d pass wan iv ye ye’d give me a lift. Sure, thot’s a great schame,’ sez I, ‘a great boon to the complaining taxpayer. He’ll certainly get a run fer his money.’ (See Board of Control Chart).

“ ‘The Boord iv Control,’ sez he, ‘is the only cogwheel thot is missing in our civic machinery, and the missing part must be supplied. Ye see,’ sez he, ‘aven aldermin will become obsolete after years iv faithful sarvice, and it’s mighty convenient to have a good soft berth handy to fall into when yeer usefulness is gone. ’Tis nice fat incomes that are attached to the Boord iv Control, we will look out fer thot,’ sez he.

“ ‘But,’ sez I, ‘supposin’ the payple prafer the Commission form iv Gover’mint to this Boord iv Control, Boord iv Aldermin, Boord iv Works, Boord iv