

" 'Why don't ye go to work?' sez I. 'If ye have strong enough pulls we may be able to get ye jobs on the police foorce,' sez I.

" 'What!' he cried. 'After occupying the sates iv the mighty, do ye think that we would degrade oursilves be performing maniel labor? No! No!' sez he, 'deliver me from the thought. We must—we shall have a Boord iv Control.'

" 'But what is this Boord iv Control,' sez I. 'Am I roight in supposing thot it is a body iv able-bodied plug-uglies crayated be the public to help it kape the Boord iv Aldermin under control whin they git into offis? Sure, if we kape ye at all, ye nade controllin'. In fact, whin ye git the strate mania on yeer minds, I wouldn't be surprised to see noombers iv ye become vilent. The Boord iv Control will have its hands full to control ye——'

" 'Control nothing!' sez he. 'Do ye think we'd stand for a gang iv hoboes like this dictating to the loikes iv us who are min iv experience in matters of states-minship and gover'mint and who lave no stone unturned or strate undemolished to dimonstrate at all times that we are still on the job? Do ye think we'll take off our hats to a lot iv ametoors loike thim fillows? No, sir! We are the byes thot are running the show and we're going to continue to run it in the same good old way. If thim people have the nerve to lutt in, we'll give thim some iv the same medicine thot we do to some iv these frish tax payers who have the affrontery to want to know what is being done with their money. With that fable mind of yeers, Shannahan,' he continued, 'ye can niver ixpict to figure out fer yerself these great quistions iv gover'mint and I'm glad ye have asked me advice on the soobject.'

" 'It sames to me,' sez I, 'that ye fellows are pritty anxious to hold on to yeer jobs. But I suppose its because iv yeer love fer the work and a pathriotic desire to sarve yeer fellowmin, and not as is ginerally supposed, because iv the princely salaries ye recave fer yeer services. The city is indade fortunate to have sich pooblic spirited citizens as ye are, who, sacrificing yeer very interest, step nobly to the front and volunteer and dedicate yeer sarvices at thirty-three dollars a month to the city. And it spakes volumes fer the high standard iv ability iv ye gintlemin who can accomplish so much on thrity-three dollars a month, who can make aich thirty-three grow to such vast proportions in sooch a short time. It proves that ye are financiers iv the highest order, that Hetty Green and John D. are village ametoors compared with ye. Only min iv great janeous could start in on thirty-three a month working fer the city and ind up owning the greater part iv it. Soomtimes I'm half inclined to think thot ye overwork that thirty-three.'

" 'But coming back to the mane soobject, sez I. 'Ye say that the Council will still monopolize all iv the authority and thot the Boord iv Control will con-