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THINK IT OVER

The cost of the Ludlow was \$22,000 and any further cost, such as the figure of \$12,000 mentioned in the last column, was due to negligence by employees.

The above statement was made by Mr. H. B. Fleming, at a meeting of the city council in general committee yesterday.

Whether the figure be as high as \$12,000 or not, it is admitted that the ferry steamer Ludlow has cost a very much larger sum than \$22,000. Mr. Fleming says the additional expense was due to the negligence of employees. No member of the council appears to have contradicted the statement.

This is a condition of affairs in one of the city departments under the present city council system. There are others. Is this to continue? It is quite true that the ferry management has greatly improved, but it is all that it should be? Can it ever be all that it should be? Can it ever be all that it should be? Can it ever be all that it should be?

The city council has decided to repair the ferry steamer Western Extension. There is no definite statement of the amount to be expended. The estimates varied from \$12,000 to \$25,000. Nobody seems to know what amount is actually required. What will the city get in the end?

THE STANDARD ANSWERED

Does the commission plan of city government produce good results?
This is the question St. John people are asking. They are not asking whether it has enemies, for good government always has enemies, and there are always persons ready to search for flaws and to exaggerate what may seem a weak point in the system.

The Standard opposes the Des Moines plan of government by commission, and quotes partisan statements by enemies of that plan to influence St. John people. Let us see what a better authority says. In the February number of Hamilton's Magazine, just received, there is an article on the originator of the Des Moines plan, Mr. James G. Berryhill, and an account of what he did. Perhaps the most notable fact in connection with the story is that Mr. Berryhill sought no personal advantage. He has never sought office nor asked a single personal favor.

Hamilton's Magazine tells us that the adoption of the commission plan by Galveston was a great improvement over anything the cities of the United States had known until that time, and men interested in the solution of political problems gave it great attention. Continuing, the magazine says:—

"Among them was James G. Berryhill, a lawyer of Des Moines, Iowa. Five years ago Mr. Berryhill went to Galveston and found there a city government approaching the ideal—all power and all responsibility being concentrated in a commission of five men who were conducting the affairs of the city as if it were a business enterprise. But all was not good. The incubus of party politics was weighing down upon the Galveston commission and it was not entirely free. Believing that the cure for the evils of democracy is more democracy, Mr. Berryhill decided to try to induce Des Moines to adopt the Galveston plan purged of its defects. Thus was born the Des Moines plan of city government, a plan being adopted or adapted by cities in all parts of the country as the most means of escape from slavery to political bosses and corrupt business influences."

After briefly outlining the plan adopted in Galveston, the article from which we quote describes the special features advanced by Mr. Berryhill—the initiative, referendum and recall—and says:—

"So far the Des Moines plan follows that of Galveston. The special features which distinguish it from the others, and which constitute the strength of Mr. Berryhill's theory are three. The initiative, the referendum and the recall. The initiative gives to the people of Des Moines the power to demand any piece of legislation they want. A petition signed by ten per cent of the voters is all that is needed to initiate such legislation. The referendum gives to the people power to pass upon, to reject or accept any action of the city commissioners. Last of all, the recall gives the people power to put out of office any public official guilty of misconduct, indifference, or inefficiency. Thus, while a great deal of power is vested in the commission of five citizens, they hold their office and their power only so long as they prove themselves honest, capable and efficient. Whenever twenty-five per

cent of the voters go on record as dissatisfied with the conduct of municipal affairs, a special election must be called and at that election the people must decide whether or not their officials shall be retained."

"The abolishment of party lines is of almost equal importance. Any man in Des Moines who can secure twenty-five signatures to a petition may become a candidate at the primaries. From all the candidates at the primaries the two men who receive the highest vote for mayor, and the eight men who receive the highest vote for commissioners are placed upon the city ticket. The ballot contains no emblem or word to show the candidate's political affiliations. The voter just chooses four names out of the eight commissioners, one out of two names for mayor. He chooses not because the men belong to his party, but because he has no knowledge on this point. He chooses the men whom he believes will give him good government."

The Des Moines plan works well in Des Moines. It works well wherever it has been tried. In the commission form of government—plus Mr. Berryhill's modern improvements, the initiative, referendum, and recall—economists and reformers see the redemption of American cities from the stain of shameful graft and corruption which has made them the scorn of the world.

The personalities who inaugurate and initiate great movements must in themselves be necessarily interesting. Mr. Berryhill is unique in that he has advocated municipal reform with no desire for personal advantage. He has never held nor has he ever asked for a city office. The prime mover of an agitation which crystallized into the Des Moines plan, he has never asked for a single personal favor from the voters of the city. By profession Mr. Berryhill is a lawyer. His interest in the affairs of the city has cost him much personal sacrifice."

C. P. R. PLANS

Three railway bills introduced into the Maine legislature provide for the purchase and electrification of the Canadian Pacific branch between Presque Isle and Aroostook Junction, New Brunswick; the extension of the present electric road of the Aroostook Valley Railroad Co. from Washburn village through Woodland into New Sweden; and the authorization of the same company from Washburn to Wade plantation and westward to the Canadian border of the state. Referring to these plans the Augusta correspondent of the Bangor Commercial says:—

"The significance of the three bills lies in the fact that the Canadian Pacific, so it is believed, can easily secure a Canadian charter to build from Quebec to the Maine boundary at a point connecting with the western end of the proposed new Aroostook Valley road. As the Canadian company controls the latter corporation, they would then have a through line from Quebec to St. John. There is a through line now from Montreal via Sherbrooke, but the new road would materially shorten the run. It is believed that it would greatly boom St. John as a shipping point. The nub of the matter would be that grain from the country now being developed by the Canadian Pacific could be sent over the new road to St. John and shipped by water at a saving of considerable time over the route now used. Goods could be landed at St. John and sent into Canada over the new road under the preferential duty."

The Standard tells us that certain Liberal ministers were "on the rack" in Ottawa yesterday. They do not, however, suffer the racking pains which hunger for office brings to their opponents.

The Standard this morning informs its readers that at the Conservative convention in Albert county yesterday the party endorsed Mr. R. L. Borden, the Ottawa leader, and Mr. Hazen, the provincial leader. This bracketing of Mr. Borden with Mr. Hazen should interest the Hon. Mr. Morrissey, who has been described by the St. John Globe as "a sturdy Liberal." It should also interest the Hon. Mr. Hazen, who is described by the St. John Globe as "a sturdy Liberal." It should also interest the Hon. Mr. Hazen, who is described by the St. John Globe as "a sturdy Liberal."

The Japs Advertise

Japanese merchants have a way of their own in advertising and they put all their strength into their advertisements. They have recourse to all the most varied and unusual methods, and their results are sometimes as picturesque as they are original and unique. If the idea of his patrons that his goods are selling fast he says "they are sent off with the rapidity of a shot." The merchant who wishes to sell his writing paper advertises that "his goods are as beautiful as the sky, yet as tough as the hide of an elephant." A Tokyo grocer has studied some psychology and announces that "his vinegar is of extra quality—sharper than the bitterness of the most diabolical of brothers-in-law."

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SHE'S GROWING UP

She has grown and grown from her baby ways.
It's a wonder to watch how a baby grows.
From her romping, climbing and tummy days.To a slim seductress and ribbon bows!
Yes, girl to bows on her golden hair.
And the tallness caused by a lengthened skirt.I can't for a moment tell why I care,
But I do—somehow I am gripped and hurt.She sauntered in when I came from town
Last night—with never a word to say,
And came and stood where I'd sat me down
And looked in my eyes in the strangest way.And waited there till her dad should see
The ribboned bow and the lengthened skirt
And she looked at me as she looked at me,
And so I felt then the sudden hurt.This maid with her wonderful eyes alight—
Where does childhood go when we put it by?
Is not the girl I loved last night,
And I know in my heart that how'er I tryThere will be a something, elusive, faint,
Twixt me and this maid of the ribbon bow.
A faint glow, a dim, a dim restraint,
That my babe and her dad could never know—Chicago News.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Frank had been sent to the hardware store for a thermometer.

"Did you get what size?" asked the clerk.

"Oh," answered Frank, "gimme the highest one you've got. It's to warm my bed-room with."

—Success.

It is fearsome in the jungle
In that silent tropic night
When no living thing is stirring
In the sale and ghastly light:
And the savage breaks the silence
With a sigh: "Ah, woe is mine!"
Yet the baseball fan in winter
Is far lonelier than he."That fellow who tried to kill the judge is crazy, isn't he?"
"No, he's too poor to be crazy—he couldn't hire a lawyer to prove it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.A PRIVATE VIEW
Sweet music e'er to me appeals
And often do I rave about it.
Yet when I'm busy with my meals
I would much rather do without it.
Philosophers do I reverence,
And I am awestruck at their power,
But naughtless do I hate to hear
My wife expounding Schopenhauer.In poetry do I delight
And I pay much attention to it,
But when my friends their verses write
I wonder just what makes them do it.
Finance to me's no mystery
Trade's not a subject that's above me,
I would do people come to me
To try to borrow money of me.Life's laden with so many woes,
To meet it's every day of attraction;
On every side we notice those
Who view it with dissatisfaction.
And yet (all through the day and night)
Deep thought to it I have been giving!
I notice they all hold on tight
And all of them insist on living!

—Nathan M. Levy in the New York Sun.

SURE SIGNS

Of Kidney Trouble

If your back is constantly aching and if you experience dull shooting pains, your kidneys are out of order. If your urine is thick and cloudy or your passages frequent, scanty and painful, your kidneys and bladder are out of order. Neglect quickly brings on rheumatism, diabetes, lumbago, sciatica and etc.

Mrs. John Wagner, 1010 Hollis street, Halifax, N. S., says: "All shooting pains would catch me across the small part of my back and spread into my shoulders and neck, often causing me to suffer with severe headaches and spells of vertigo. Spots would dazzle before my eyes and I would feel as if I was going to faint. I would call on you, and you would get me out of my trouble without assistance. I feel that I owe you a great deal of thanks for what you have done for me. I feel that I owe you a great deal of thanks for what you have done for me. I feel that I owe you a great deal of thanks for what you have done for me."

All druggists sell Booth's Kidney Pills, 50c a box with a guarantee to relieve you of your money back. They are the world's greatest specific for kidney and bladder trouble. Postpaid from the proprietors, The R. T. Booth Co., Ltd., Fort Erie.

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"Bermuda has some very enjoyable features, but also has its disadvantages. One of the latter is the lack of heat in the houses, which are built of blocks of coral, a foot thick to keep out the heat of summer. The weather is warm out of doors, and delightful for walking, but we had to provide ourselves with an oil heater in our rooms. There are delightful roads for driving, bicycling or walking, dry, hard and white. We have done more walking than we ever did in our lives."

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