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THE SOCIOLOGICAL VALUE OF GOVERNMENT WHICH DOES NOT GOVERN.

Herbert Spencer in the first chapter, page 5, of his sociology combats "the tacit supposition that a government moulded by themselves (the community) has some efficiency beyond that possessed by a certain group of citizens subsidized by the rest of the citizens." Mr. Spencer instances as a case in point the proposal to make railways national property to be managed by government, for the same reason he would object to government protection of home industry or to government assumption of exclusive issue of bank bills. By parity of reasoning he ought to object to government assumption of education. Government, he would say, is as likely to make mistakes as any private body of citizens who undertake to manage schools. Yet experience proves that the government school system with all deductions for mistakes, works better than the best private enterprise, that the issue of currency by banks which have conflicting interests causes both inconvenience and loss, that the telegram system, an exact parallel to the railway system, is better managed in England in the interest of the public than in America when it falls into the hands of the monopolist who can always make private enterprise his prey.

Herbert Spencer, like that other great thinker, John Stuart Mill, belongs to at school of liberalism whose doctrine of *laissez aller* government is going out of favor with the newer liberalism of the present day. The reason why modern liberals look for a government which, as in the matters of protection or education, shall interfere to a very considerable degree with natural laws when action may prove injurious, is that government ought to be the highest and most representative force of action. No "body of citizens subsidized by citizens" can have the same identification with the general interest, as the vast yet simple machine of a good government.

SHOULD WAITRESSES BE ATTRACTIVE?

Certain of those shrieking sisters who are the worst enemies of the woman's rights movement, which they caricature and disgrace, have been indulging in very foolish utterances as to the impropriety of lady waiters at restaurants making themselves as attractive as possible. We believe that if not the whole duty of woman, at least an important part of it is to make herself as attractive as possible, and we repudiate the insinuation that in an honest man's pleasure in beholding a pretty face or figure there can be any possible disrespect or impropriety. And we are glad to feel assured that none of the young lady waitresses of this city will act on the advice above quoted. As a class we have heard complaints, more especially at the more high-toned restaurants, of the thinness of the beef, of the tardiness of attendance, but we never expect anyone to forward to this paper a wail over the want of attractiveness, and of the most conscientious efforts to make the most of it, from the topmost bang to the ultimate boots.

THE ANCIENT COLONY.

In 1869 seven-eights of the people of Newfoundland, fearing that their barren rocks and desolate marshes were in danger of being taken away from them, rejected the proposal of confederation. Certain demagogues told them that union meant a selling of the country into bondage to Canada. And so when the Sheas and the Carters and their party came to ask for votes in behalf of the union they met a most extraordinary reception from the good people living among the rocks by the sea. One member was tarred from head to foot and then bedecked with feathers. "You'd sell us would ye?" the good people went on saying as they performed this kindly office. Another was soused in a mud pond and serenaded by the not over sweet music of cows' horns and tin kettles; while another was cruelly beaten, his arm broken, and then tied and put in a boat which was set adrift on the wild sea in a late autumn night. Nor has the feeling of hostility to Canada since abated. The inhabitants generally are steeped in ignorance and it is only the pressure of circumstances that will eventually send them to our doors seeking admission. These circumstances are the continuous decrease of the cod fishery, the only staff of the island, the increase of poverty and the accumulation of a large public debt, incident to the island's present railway enterprise. No treaty whether limiting or abrogating the rights of French subjects to catch and cure fish on the "French shore" would influence a hundred votes in favor of confederation. The French shore territory is under the provisional jurisdiction of the colonial government and the French-men drying their fish there conform to the laws. They are no obstacle to the enterprise of British subjects; on the contrary they live in great harmony. The rumor therefore that Mr. Chapleau has gone to France to pave the way by means of treaty to "bringing Newfoundland in" is stupid and absurd.

BEACONSFIELD SAVES GLADSTONE.

The whirligig of time has indeed brought about a strange revenge on Beaconsfield's life-long opponent. Of all the grand program of liberal measures by which Gladstone at the last election hurled Jingoism from power, not one has been carried out. Gladstone entered on office with a devoted majority of liberals. Month after month passed by with no other result than an unsuccessful attempt to grapple with Irish disaffection. Irish disaffection is far more general and far more irreconcilable than when Gladstone entered office. Then came the ministerial failure to deal with the Bradlaugh wrong, then the Phœnix park murders. There is no doubt that the liberal party had become deeply dissatisfied, and that their end was near.

Then came the Egyptian war. Gladstone adopted Disraeli's Jingo policy, flung the sword of the Hindoo mercenary into the scales of battle, sent his ironclads to Egypt as Beaconsfield had done to Turkey, and has regained all his popularity. He may be called inconsistent, but as practical statesmanship it is still better to succeed than to be consistent.

KICKING ARABI WHEN DOWN.

The sudden collapse of Arabi would seem to indicate that his popularity was more apparent than real. No doubt the influence which as a matter of fact he certainly did exert was largely caused by the expectation that he would deliver the fellaheen from the yoke of the foreign money-lender and his bailiffs, the khedive and the tax-collector. Arabi has failed, and his failure has made the money-lender supreme and has burdened the fellaheen with paying the costs of an expensive though brief war. Like most failures Arabi is cut by his friends. Up to the last battle he yet showed some pluck and a certain amount of generalship, and he had opposed to him the most terrible war machines in the world. The probable explanation of the way in which his countrymen have deserted him is to be found in the oriental tendency to trample on the fallen and worship the rising sun.

THE NEW COFFEE HOUSE.

The new and handsome coffee house at Shaftesbury hall is a real boon to this city for which Mr. Howland and his confreres deserve the thanks of all classes. The hall is spacious, the bill of fare is varied and cheaper than elsewhere in the city, and the attendance is admirable. Still we consider the importance of supplying food at as cheap a rate as possible to be so great, that we regret that the prices should be still so much above those of similar institutions in England, where though the coffee taverns are so popular as to pay large dividends to the shareholders, a cup of tea or coffee costs but two cents, a plate of meat four cents, a bowl of soup a penny or two cents. When eggs are abundant and cost but fifteen cents a dozen two eggs ought not to cost more than three cents.

THE ASIA DISASTER.

The other day a letter was said to have been picked up being the instructions of Mr. Cameron, the manager of the Canada Transit company, to their captains. Those alleged instructions are really splendid and are altogether in the interest of passengers. But were they really ever issued? Who picked them up? Where were they found? It might have been possible to write them out after the disaster to the ill-fated Asia, soaked in a tub, and then produced. Yes; tell us more about how and where they were found, and then, if genuine, how the captain disobeyed them so flagrantly.

A CORRECTION.

In our article yesterday on the Globe and the reform party, the word "self-sufficient" was applied to the gentleman whom rumor has connected with the succession of Mr. Gordon Brown. We had no wish to prejudge that gentleman, and therefore should not have used the adjective in question.

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(To the Editor of The World.)

SIR: Allow me to put in a word about that glorious old rebel. When I think of what the old family compact caused—the persecution of my good old grandfather, and the destruction of our crops and buildings, because he among others found it necessary to join Mackenzie in crushing the governmental monopoly of that day, I honor the man who inaugurated the movement and those who attempted to assist him in carrying it out. Let a monument be erected that it may be a warning to all future compacts, whether they be railway, governmental, commercial or otherwise.

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THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Usurpation of Authority—Want a Reduction of Rental—The Industrial School Caretaker of High Park.

The committee on property met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the members present being Ald. Irwin (chairman), Defoe, Woods, Low, Carlyle, Blevins and Hallam.

Chief Ashfield reported that $146 worth of lumber had been purchased for the fire-halls by order of the chairman of the fire and gas committee. The members expressed considerable dissatisfaction at this usurpation of their authority by Ald. Adamson, and deferred action until they received explanations from him.

Robt. Hay and Mr. Craig, his partner, and their solicitor, Mr. Watson, addressed the committee in reference to the renewal of their lease of water lots on the esplanade. They wanted the committee to instruct the arbitrators who have the matter in hand to fix the rental as low as possible, in view that the firm was a long-established one and gave employment to hundreds of residents. Other municipalities had bonused and exempted rival factories, and they (Hay & Co.) found that these factories were able to undersell them and were injuring their business. Ald. Low said such consideration as they demanded would be unjust to firms in the same business in this city who rented their premises from private parties. The committee felt that it could give no special instructions to the arbitrators, as it had refused to comply with similar applications previously.

Mr. Tilt appeared on behalf of Mrs. Mead, who wants an allowance for work done on the island. He said Mrs. Mead had done considerable filling in and tree planting, and had laid down a walk of which residents of and visitors to the island had the benefit. Mr. Tilt made no legal claim, but thought as a matter of equity his client should be recompensed. Consideration deferred.

The committee took up Mr. Howland's petition for a lease of the smallpox hospital for use as an industrial school. The solicitor reported that in 1878 the city granted a lease to the school board for this purpose, but the trustees did not take advantage of the lease within the given time, and it was forfeited. Mr. Jones, who is connected with Mr. Howland in this philanthropic movement, pressed the case, and the committee recommended that the forfeiture clause be removed.

Mr. Coghill's application for another strip of marsh land was deferred, as was also W. D. Andrews' communication respecting the establishment of a life boat station at the Wiman swimming baths on the island.

Considerable talk took place over the appointment of a caretaker at High park. Henry Woodhouse had been appointed, but as it was reported he had been before the police magistrate several times, the council refused to accept him. Reports as to the nature of Woodhouse's offences were submitted and ordered to be transmitted to the council. In the meantime his appointment remains in abeyance.

Removal.

Dr. Souveille has removed his Throat and Lung Institute and Spirometer office to 173 Church street, opposite to St. Michael's cathedral, for better accommodation and more room. Those suffering from catarrh, catarrhal disease, bronchitis, asthma, and all diseases of the throat and lungs, can try the spirometer free at his new office, 173 Church street, Toronto. Send stamp for pamphlet containing full particulars of the new treatment and wonderful instrument, the Spirometer.

The Labrador Fisheries

From a Newfoundland Letter to the Montreal Gazette.

Recent accounts from Labrador are not very favorable, and there is at present a strong impression that the Labrador branch of the cod fishery will this year be considerably below an average. The accounts from Northern Labrador are better of late, but many of the vessels are now on their way home, with but poor fares. In another fortnight we shall be better able to form an opinion of the whole results. The high price will go far to compensate for a short catch. The unprecedented price of $5.25 per quintal for best merchantable is still sustained. The shore fishery has improved considerably since last advices, and many of the hook-and-line men who have fared so ill in the early part of the season have now had a favorable "spurt." The Bank fishery is now near a close for the season, with fair results on the whole, but several vessels have met with but a moderate amount of success. High prices console for small catches to some extent.

A NOTED BUT UNTITLED WOMAN.

[From the Boston *Globe*.]

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The above is a good likeness of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., who above all other human beings may be truthfully called the "Dear Friend of Woman," as some of her correspondents love to call her. She is zealously devoted to her work, which is the outcome of a life-study, and is obliged to keep six lady assistants, to help her answer the large correspondence which daily pours in upon her, each bearing its special burden of suffering, or joy at release from it. Her Vegetable Compound is a medicine for good and not evil purposes. I have personally investigated it and am satisfied of the truth of this.

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