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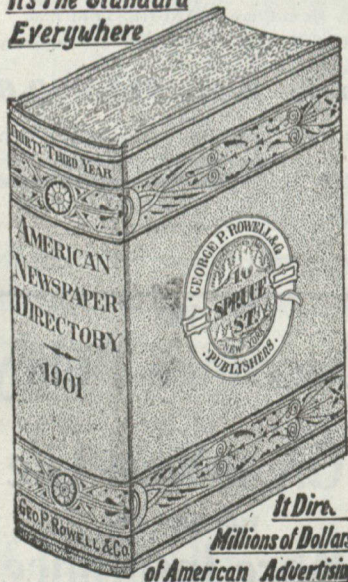
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we find a survival of the old Anglo-Saxon system in the aldermen, who must, as the heads of the different trades and crafts, have been the most influential of the burgesses. Gradually, in the troublous times which followed, other towns and cities of England began to follow London's example, and obtained new charters from the Crown or nobles. The variations in their constitutions were very considerable, but all tended towards the management of municipal affairs by a mayor and corporation. Sometimes, though not often, their constitutions would be fairly democratic. More usually the richer would form a sort of ruling clique. The privilege of a voice in the management of the town would only belong to the few, and would descend from father to son in regular succession.

A sort of town aristocracy was the result, sometimes amounting in all to four or five individuals. It was this body in many instances which in later times elected the members of Parliament when the boroughs gained the privilege of sending them. This anomaly lasted right up to the first Reform Bill. The corporation, being a close body, consisting of men who were no longer prosperous merchants, was easily bought by rich men aspiring to enter Parliament. One instance at least is on record of advertisements appearing in The Times announcing that a certain corporation had a seat to sell to the highest bidder. George III. bought many of these, and placed his own nominees in the House of Commons. Most of the richer nobles in the same way had many seats at their disposal. But this was perhaps the most degraded period of English politics, and certainly of municipal government. During the Stuart times the towns had been the most sturdy upholders of Parliamentary rule. So much was this the case that the Stuart Kings determined to wrest their privileges from them, and place their own nominees in the governing bodies of the towns, so that these nominees might in their turn return men to Parliament who were favorable to the Crown. Fortunately the attempt failed, and the "Glorious Revolution" of 1688 for ever put that danger aside. In conclusion his worship said: This, gentlemen, is a succinct history of our municipal liberties. It took a long struggle to gain them, but the advantages to the people have been enormous.—Tees-Side Herald.

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