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Municipal Ownership Spreading.

Students of current events in the United States are struck by the spread of the municipal ownership movement. A great impetus was given it by the violent agitation in Chicago, following the attempt of the street railway companies to buy up the city council. Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, and Mayor Jones, of Toledo, made municipal ownership their chief election card, and both were triumphantly returned. In Detroit, the purchase of the street railways has already been determined upon, and a commission of three prominent citizens, one being Governor Pingree, will negotiate the transfer. An expert, engaged by the city, is now valuing the property. Buffalo is going in for the civic ownership of gas. Tammany has also declared for municipal ownership for Greater New York in the widest sense. It may well be feared that Tammany is moved to this less by principle than interest; less by progressive instincts or a philanthropic desire to benefit the public than by an appreciation of the enormous patronage which would be involved in the control of public utilities.

Municipal ownership is in the air, and it is likely to sweep over all the large American cities and many smaller ones. There is great danger that it may be overdone or worked to death. Unless integrity, prudence and executive ability are enlisted in the public service, the movement will be disastrous. It is a very interesting experiment, and will put the governing capacity of the American people to a new and severe test.

Giving Spring the Go-By.

Nature seems to have left spring entirely out of her economy this year. Winter, lingering, chilled the marrow bones of March and then abruptly cleared out, whereat summer rushed in just as abruptly, playing havoc with the ordinary routine of life. Fashion has jumped from fur jackets into shirt waists with the dexterity of a lightning change artist. The usual evolution begins with the Easter rig and advances through the various et ceteras to the full perfection displayed by the summer girl; but the process is too rapid this year for comfort. It is the same in physical nature. There have been none of the soft transitions and variations by which winter blends gradually into summer. We haven't had the freshening gales, the April showers, the tempered sun, and the other nice things that are supposed to mark the sarsaparilla season and the gap between oysters and ice cream. Nature hasn't done a thing to inspire the spring poet; which is one cause for gratitude. Here in London the April showers are not missed, because the watering carts make far more mud. It may as well be owned that the average spring in this country is a poetic bluff. Summer either begins where winter leaves off, like this year, or we have an intervening period called spring, which is a weak, amorphous thing, alternately shivering or roasting. The autumn is Canada's real glory. It can be backed against anything in Arcady.

Literature and Action.

Sir G. Trevelyan has deserted politics for literature, and, of course, he glorifies his new mistress, and proclaims the superiority of the literary life. According to this authority, the man who elevates himself to literature has to renounce the showy reward open to the politician, but he receives great compensation. He can make his work artistically perfect, he can enjoy the pleasures of composition, and then he has a chance of "survival." There may be quite a bit of truth in this if a man has not to make a living and spend his strength in producing "pot-boilers," which have little artistic perfection or perfection of any kind. But there is one thing certain, it would be a great weakness to the empire if too many of the men of ability and leisure were to desert political and military service for the calmer pursuits of literature. So we are glad to note that Sir G. Trevelyan's son does not feel himself called to follow his father's advice. The Spectator thinks there is danger in such advice, as we need the men of action at all times and everywhere, while we could easily dispense with a great many of the "literary men." This is no doubt true, and as the same journal points out, we are dependent upon one another, and the scribbler could not give visibility and circulation to his productions without the man of action in the form of the printer. The writer of the Spectator's article does not belaud his own craft, but with due humility gives the palm to the men of action. "Save in the case of the greatest, who really enlarge men's brains, we cannot but hold the honest politician, the constructive civilian, the upright judge, the merchant, the engineer, the shipbuilder, at least as great as the author, who, in the majority, will perish as quickly as his books, printed as they are on the rotten paper of modern times." This is rather cynical in tone, and is heavy on both the authors and the paper that they spoil. It is a many-sided subject, and no doubt the warmth of the Journalist's remarks spring from fear that Sir George's advice will tend to increase the number of those who, without possessing any great genius, think that to be "an author" is something of supreme importance. The great thing

is for us to be men and do some honest, useful work in a true manner. Fame is the portion of few, but some measure of usefulness may come to all faithful workers.

The Southern Horror.

The inhuman excesses of the Georgia whites in torturing and mutilating two negroes, burning one of them alive and hanging the other, make us sadder and sadder the American people. We may be thankful that we have no such racial troubles here. The relations between the two great races in this country were never more cordial, but there can be no possible analogy between the conditions here and in the Southern States, where there is a total ethnological division. The gap between the whites and blacks today seems even wider and deeper than in slavery days, when the element of personal affection between masters and servants was largely existent. The traditions of slavery have sunk so deeply into the minds of the Southern whites that they cannot conceive the idea of the social equality of the negro. The South has been overtaken by that Nemesis which is shown by all history to follow sooner or later every crime, national, as well as individual. The sins of the fathers who planted slavery on American soil are being visited upon the children, and future generations will continue to feel the scourge.

It is difficult to say, owing to prejudiced reports, whether the molestation of white women is so frequent as to excite the panic which, whether real or pretended, is said to prevail. In fact, it is impossible for outsiders to realize the exact state of affairs in the Southern States, and fix the degree of culpability resting on both races. But common humanity should demand some guarantee against a repetition of the Georgia horrors which have made the world shudder. The governor of the state suggests a large addition to the constabulary, so that there may be a sense of security in all parts of the state.

The occurrence must be regretted by no one more than by decent and patriotic Americans who feel that it sharpens the cynical advice that the United States should do some missionary work at home before attempting to civilize other races abroad.

Oliver Cromwell was born 300 years ago today. He stands like a tower beside the pigmy kings of the Houses of Stuart and Hanover.

A beet sugar factory is going up in Aylmer, and a large area of sugar beets will be planted. This is most remarkable, as we haven't heard of an application for a bounty.

Since June, 1896, there have been 37 bye-elections for the Commons, the Government winning 35 of them. Ten of these went Conservative at the last general election.

In Nero's day, Christians used to be covered with tar, and then set on fire to serve as torches in the royal gardens. The Georgia whites don't even allow their victims tar to shorten the agony.

Chamberlain has let the cat out of the bag, and confesses that British troops are being massed in South Africa, because of military activity in the Transvaal. The next time the British and the Boers meet it will not be another Majuba Hill.

Survey work has been started in connection with the proposal to lay a cable between the United States and the Philippines, touching at Hawaii. This line would cross the Pacific cable between Canada and Australia, but the interests of the two projects should not cross in the least.

It is estimated the dirt in the Klondike, when washed up will yield nineteen or twenty million dollars this spring. Sir Hilbert Tupper says he is going to wash some more Klondike mud in the House of Commons, but if he doesn't pan out better than last time the country will conclude he has struck a grub-stake.

The Saginaw News, which fought earnestly against the hostile duty on Canadian lumber imposed by Congress, finds its course amply vindicated. It says:

"We spoke at that time, not from the standpoint of a believer in fair trade regulations, justice to the people and opposition to every form of legislation for the benefit of a particular class, but from the standpoint of the protectionists themselves, the standpoint of self-interest, selfishness and greed. We pointed out that for this particular section of the country, such a lumber schedule was bad, not only for the masses who pay the tax imposed, but for the industry in whose interest the tax was ostensibly laid. We were met with the assertion that Canada did not dare retaliate. But she did dare, and now we find our own government compelled to resort to our reserve hand in the game—the imposition of still more retaliation on our part to meet the retaliation against us."

In his last report Lord Cromer shows how quietly but inevitably the English language is displacing the French in Egypt, just as English authority has almost elbowed French influence out of the country. The number of pupils learning French and English in the Government schools of Egypt during the last ten years is given thus:

Year	English	French
1888	1,063	2,994
1889	1,747	3,199
1890	2,032	2,852
1891	2,237	2,894
1892	2,434	2,585
1893	2,669	2,748
1894	2,865	2,417
1895	3,063	2,363
1896	3,260	2,150
1897	3,457	1,881
1898	3,654	1,611

It is entirely optional with the pupils which language they shall learn. The

growing preference for British is significant of the native feeling that Britain will remain the dominant power.

There is a remarkable parallel between the teaching of Mohammed and some of the modern preachers of the United States in regard to the righteousness of war. Said Mohammed:

"I, the last of the prophets, am sent with a sword, that those who advance my faith enter into no argument or discussion, and slay all who refuse obedience to the law. The sword is the key of heaven and hell, and all who draw it in the cause of faith will be rewarded."

Said Rev. Dr. Wayland Hoyt, of New York city:

"Christ is the solution for the difficulty regarding national expansion. The only thing we can do is to thrash the natives until they can understand the war. I believe every bullet sent, every cannon shot, every black whip, means righteousness. When we have conquered anarchy, then is the time to send the Christ there."

The present war in the Philippines is justifiable, as the Americans had to choose between two alternatives—maintaining law and order and leaving the islands and the foreign population to the mercy of the natives. But there is no justification for Mr. Hoyt's language glorifying bloodshed for its own sake.

What Others Say.

The Flood Still On.

[Brantford Expositor.]

After me, the deluge—Sir John Macdonald.

Praising the British Navy.

[Detroit Free Press.]

The King of Italy is free to praise the British navy because he does not expect to feel the force of what he is talking about.

A Truth.

[Simcoe Reformer.]

Hostile tariffs are more productive of international trouble and bring nations nearer to war than all other causes of difference.

The Sausage.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

The London Lancet, in an exhaustive article on the sausage, remarks that its "composition is not only complex, but it is often obscure." That's the stuff!

A Lost Girl.

[Bobcaygeon Independent.]

Anyone finding a young girl answering to the name of Spring, traveling around with a decrepit old man named Winter, will be good enough to send the lingering old totterer to a poor house and give the girl a quinine tonic.

FOR PART OF ALASKA

Great Britain May Give Up the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

New York, April 25.—A special from Washington says: Although willing to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, Great Britain has made it plain to the United States that she expects an equivalent in return for her action. This equivalent will be expected during the negotiations of the American-Canadian commission, which is to resume its sessions in Washington in August next. It is apparent that Great Britain proposes to use the proposition to abrogate the treaty to further her own aims in connection with the settlement of the Alaskan boundary and reciprocity questions. Great Britain is determined to make every effort to secure an outlet for her Northwest coast through Alaska and the United States, which is not willing to give it to her. It may be, therefore, she will suggest that in return for such an outlet she will surrender all her rights in the Nicaragua Canal. President McKinley and Secretary Hay have determined not to enter any negotiations with either Costa Rica or Nicaragua respecting the Nicaraguan Canal until the new Isthmian canal commission has submitted its report.

STRICK BY AN M. C. R. TRAIN.

St. Thomas, Ont., April 25.—A young man named Wm. Vaughan was struck by an M. C. R. train at Attlebridge Sunday night and instantly killed. The deceased's parents live in Attlebridge, whither the remains were taken.

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BRIEFS BY WIRE

Two new cases of yellow fever reported among the natives at Havana.

Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, has entered on the 40th year of his Presbyterian pastorate in one congregation.

Ex-Governor Richard J. Oglesby, of Illinois, died at his home at Elkhart, Ill., on Monday.

President McKinley is unable to see callers, as he is suffering from neuritis of the face.

Brantford Collegiate Institute board has appropriated \$200 for the purchase of uniforms for the cadets.

Alex. Darrach has been appointed collector of customs, to succeed the late Mr. W. Y. Emory, at Yarmouth.

McMillan's lively stable at Gladstone, Man., was destroyed by fire Saturday with most of the contents. Loss, \$2,500.

The line men of the Bell Telephone Company at Detroit, to the number of 150, have struck. They demand \$2 25 for an eight-hour day.

A peculiar accident happened at Oxford Center. John Richardson's son Roy, a boy of about 8 years, while throwing a stone, broke his collarbone.

Frank Wilson, Ottawa's crack bicyclist, sustained a broken collarbone on Sunday by being thrown from his wheel while riding with a bunch of other flyers.

The United States Worsted Company capital \$70,000,000, and the American Plumbing Supply and Lead Company, capital \$35,000,000, were incorporated in Trenton, N. J., on Monday.

Lieut. M. Scott and Lieut. P. H. Stacey, Twenty-fifth Battalion, St. Thomas, have been awarded short course certificates as a result of the examinations at Wolsey Barracks.

Mr. Samuel Schevalier died at his residence in Belle River on Sunday. He served a number of years as officer in the customs department at Windsor, and was lately superannuated.

Wireless telegraphy was successfully tested in Chicago yesterday by Prof. Jerome J. Green, who communicated from the life-saving station with a moving tug one and a half miles out.

Ottawa butchers are paying a higher price for beef than for a long time past. They say there is not one bullock to be had in the section now, where there were 50 animals at this season last year.

The engine of a freight train on the Southern Pacific dropped through a burning bridge near Gila bend, Arizona, all the cars followed. Conductors Dorey and Firemen Courtney were burned to death.

There was an enormous landslide in the line of the Gatineau Valley Railway between Chelsea and Kirk's Ferry, on Sunday. Over two hundred feet of the track was completely buried. The material is sticky blue clay.

John Rooney, farmhand, aged 22, of Bedford, N. Y., was killed, deliriously drunk, and stoned the house. Mrs. Loring being alone and scared, poked a gun out of the window and fired, with fatal effect.

A trainload of 200 English, Hungarian

and Ontario settlers arrived at Winnipeg by Monday's train from the east. The remaining 350 Doukhobors, who have been quartered at Selkirk, left for Yorkton, to make room for the six hundred Galkians to arrive from Austria.

Benjamin Parrott, murderer of his mother, is spending his time very quietly in the jail in Hamilton. When a Salvation Army captain called on him he refused to talk religion, and said he did not intend to make any preparation for the great hereafter.

A committee of 62 citizens have filed a bill of complaint in the circuit court, asking that Governor Pingree be removed from office, and that the city of Detroit be enjoined from buying and operating Detroit's street railways.

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