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### The Cost of Education.

In criticizing civic finances, people are apt to overlook the fact that the city council, which fixes the tax rate each year, is by no means the ruling body, and controls but a small portion of the expenditure. Nearly half of our taxes goes to provide the sinking fund for our debenture debt. Ten mills on the dollar is the amount which for several years past has been applied in this direction. The council cannot make this amount either greater or less; it is fixed by laws which the council cannot control. Another half-mill belongs to the Library Board, and this the council must give whenever the trustees demand it. The board of education is another uncontrollable body. It estimates what it will need for the year, and the council simply collects the money for it. When we deduct the debenture debt, the estimates for the library board, and the board of education, we find that the council only controls an amount of taxes represented by 5 mills and a fraction each year—actually 2 mills less than the school trustees require.

A review of the estimates of the past ten years, according to the table published a week ago, shows that while the proportion of taxes controlled by the trustees is increasing each year, that controlled by the aldermen is decreasing. Twelve years ago 2.80 mills went to the board of education; last year and this year, the figures have gone up to 7.15. Twelve years ago the city council controlled 7.50 mills of the taxes; this year the amount is down to 5.35. It seems rather singular that the council, chosen to manage the affairs of the city, has less money at its command than the board of education. And if there is criticism of our high tax rate, it hardly seems fair that the aldermen who are spending a smaller proportion of taxes each year, should bear all the blame simply because they act as collectors of money with whose expenditure they have nothing to do. To put it in plain figures, of every \$23 paid in taxes last year, \$10 went to the debenture debt, \$7.15 to the board of education, and 5.35 to the library board, while the council got \$5.35 to pay for fire protection, police protection, lighting the city, caring for the streets and public buildings, supporting the hospital, providing relief for the poor and running the business of the city generally.

Just exactly what has caused this increase in the cost of our educational affairs it is not easy to ascertain. A large portion, of course, goes in teachers' salaries; at the same time we do not think that salaries are any higher than in other cities—certainly not as high as in some. The city is growing, it is true; more teachers are needed, for the school population is increasing; but then, so is the assessed value of property. In twelve years the population of the city, and its assessment have both increased in round numbers 25 per cent; the school expenditure has increased in the same period 250 per cent. Better salaries are doubtless paid now than in 1893; but there has certainly been no such advance in salaries as would account for the increased expenditure.

Some of the advance can be accounted for by the more liberal provision of schoolhouses. In this matter the board of education has certainly not been niggardly. We are not prepared to say that it has built more than it thought would be required; but it may have gone farther than was absolutely necessary. We believe the number of pupils to a teacher is supposed to average from 40 to 50; and there are cases when these figures are exceeded. But, looking at the last printed report, that for 1903, we find one school, with two teachers and an average attendance of 54 children—27 to each teacher; two with three teachers, and an average of about 30 to each teacher; another school has only one room occupied in the whole building, with one teacher, and an average attendance of 32 children. In addition there are fifteen kindergarten schools, with an attendance in none of more than 34, and some as low as 16.

We do not propose to go over the estimates of the board and criticize them item by item. One not a member of that body can hardly judge of the necessity, or the reverse, of the different items. But the fact, standing out clearly, that while this portion of our taxes controlled by the council is decreasing, that controlled by the board of education is increasing at a rate apparently out of proportion to the city's growth, would seem to call for investigation. It certainly calls for more attention on the part of the

public to the operations of the board of education. The ratemakers scrutinize the expenditures of the council; but they are to a great extent indifferent to those of the board of education. They blame the council for the high tax rate; though the fact that it is spending this year less in proportion to assessment than it has ever done before, shows that if there is blame justly due to anyone it can scarcely be to the council.

It may be that the wisest course would be to let the board of education collect its own taxes. It is true that will cost a couple of thousand dollars; but it would make the board take upon itself the full responsibility for its own expenditure, instead of hiding behind the council. And it might make that body more cautious in its expenditures.

### Queen Alexandra on War.

The Paris Gaulois reports a conversation which its representative claims to have had with Queen Alexandra during her recent visit to France. Even if it is not authentic, the sentiments attributed to the Queen are those which would be expected of her. She spoke of the duty of queens in rearing their own families to do honor to the stations they were to occupy, and of their obligation to aid in relieving the distress of humanity, adding:

"Your talk, as men, is of war, but we women speak always of peace."

peace in every nation, peace between all nations. I was educated in the school of a king who was before all things just, and I have tried, like him, always to preach love and charity. I have always mistrusted warlike preparations, of which nations seem never to tire. Some day this accumulated material of soldiers and guns will burst into flames in a frightful war that will throw humanity into mourning on earth and grieve our universal Father in heaven."

This is thoroughly consistent with what the world knows of the beloved Alexandra, and is an appropriate utterance for the consort of a peace-loving king. Parallel with it may be quoted the words of a man, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who is identified in the public mind with the military spirit in the highest degree. Speaking at Pittsburgh a few days ago he said with regard to the struggle in Manchuria:

"The whole world is opposed to the outrageous conflicts that have been brought about in this war. It is shameful to think of the awful slaughter of human beings, and even should the honest desire show any inclination to continue the fight, it will be but a question of time until other powers will interfere to prevent any further loss of life in such an atrocious fashion as has characterized all the battles in this fight."

As matters of fact, it seems altogether probable that the war will be the last of the big wars. Nearly all of the bigger countries seem to favor the abolition of such hostilities, and it will be only a matter of time until all international difficulties are adjusted in some other way than by going to war.

### Chicago's Experiment.

The majority election in Chicago last week had a national interest, the issue being municipal ownership of the street railway systems, involving franchises computed to be worth \$200,000,000. The successful candidate and Democratic nominee, Judge Dunne, declared for the immediate acquisition of the traction lines. The Republican nominee professed to favor the principle of municipal ownership, but held that it should be realized by gradual and calculated stages, the city taking over the various franchises as they expire by effluxion of time. A number of these have already expired, but there are several 99-year charters which will have long periods to run. Judge Dunne proposes to open negotiations at once for the purchase of these rights, and if the companies refuse to sell, condemnation proceedings will be begun. The superintendent of the traction system of Glasgow, where municipal ownership has reached its highest development, has been brought to Chicago to advise the mayor and council in formulating the new policy. Its opponents say that Judge Dunne is too confident and precipitate before the city can clear the field for the experiment, even if the difficulties are not found to be insuperable. Having acquired all the franchise rights, it remains to be seen whether municipal operation will be a success. In his great work "The American Commonwealth," written 20 years ago, Mr. James Bryce pointed out that the government of cities was the chief failure of American democracy. Mr. Bryce has supplemented his book by a series of articles, now running in the New York Outlook, the result of his observations during his recent visit to the United States. He takes an optimistic view of the republic, socially and politically, but notes that municipal government remains the plague spot. Chicago is a typical American city, and the vast enterprise upon which it proposes to embark offers incitements to corruption which will be a strong test of civic virtue. The experiment will be one of absorbing interest, and will furnish lessons for the whole nation. If Chicago can make a success of municipal ownership on so large a scale, there will be something like a revolution.

### Pay Them Well.

Great Britain's soldiers and sailors receive great rewards for their services. It is now proposed to give an honorarium of \$125,000 to Admiral Sir John Fisher, the first lord of the admiralty. Lord Wolseley received an award of \$125,000 after the Ashanti expedition, and another of \$125,000 after the conclusion of the Egyptian war in 1882. Lord Alcester received a peerage and \$125,000 for the bombardment of Alexandria, a day's work, which was valued largely because it disclosed the weakness of the British navy at that time. Lord Roberts received \$50,000 besides his full pay as commander-in-chief for his work in the Boer war.

## RADWAY'S READY RELIEF

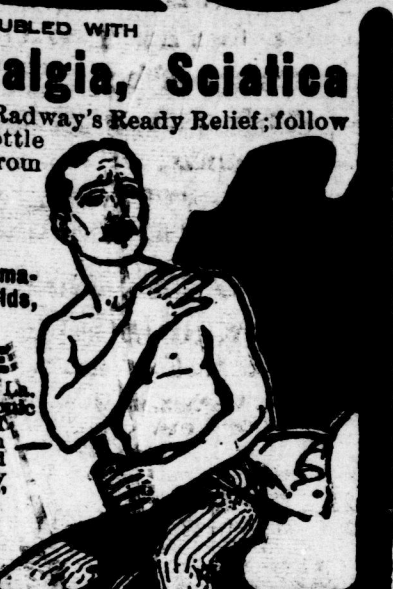
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### The Face of Life.

[Edwin Markham.]  
Life cried to Youth, "I bear the cryptic key.  
I grant you two desires, but only two.  
What gifts have I to crown and comfort you?"  
Youth replied: "I am blind, and I would see."  
Open my eyes and let me look on thee."  
"Twice done," he saw the face of Life,  
and then  
Cried brokenly: "Now make me blind again."

### Office Seeking the Man.

[Astoria, Oregon, Astorian.]  
Chief Hallock is looking for a competent, industrious, sober man for the position of dog catcher. The applicant does not have to pass a civil service examination, but must be a good judge of dogs.

### Shopping in Utah.

[Richfield, Utah, Sun.]  
A smartly-dressed young lady went into Nellie's drug store the other day and asked Martin Thorsen to give her a sponge bath right quick. Observing the rich red color of the young lady's face, she corrected her speech and said, "Oh, I meant to say a bath sponge."

### He Knows.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]  
"Children, we will now have an example in division. Tommy Tiggley, if your father brought home \$10 to divide with your mother, what would she get?"  
"Ten dollars."  
"Tommy, you don't know your lesson."  
"No, ma'am, but I know my mother."

### Polly's Apron.

[New York Sun.]  
When Polly puts her apron on, With most important fussing, She gravely says the other thing To keep her frock from mussing.  
It has a little square of bib All edged around with frilling; The pocket that it boasts in front Would set your hearts to thrilling.

Yet, wearing its provoking folds, She tells you, "No, sir! never!" I'll scream! There, stop! See what you did! I'm mused up worse than ever!"

### The Siege of Dijkprwz.

[Poems of "Ironquill."] Before a Turkish town The Russians came, And with huge cannon Did bombard the same.  
The got up close And rained fat bombshells down, And blew out towers, And Vowel in the town.

And then the Turks, Becoming somewhat sad, Surrendered every Consistent they had.

### Under the Apple Tree.

[Fables of Eugen Hellday.] In the garden of a great man six persons were sitting, a scientific man, a merchant, a poet, a young man, very much in love—a lawyer, and a lady. The wind was blowing rather hard and six apples fell down. Each took one. The scientific man took his apple and discovered a new law of nature. The merchant sold his. The poet ate his. The young man who was very much in love gave his to his sweetheart. The lawyer went to law.

## Your Thirty Feet of Digesters.

YOU have thirty feet of intestines! What makes Food travel through them? A set of Muscles that line the walls of the Intestines or Bowels. These Bowel Muscles are sensitive to touch. When a piece of Food rubs the walls of the Intestines these Muscles tighten behind it, and thus drive the Food onward, to its finish. In this way a swallow of food starts a Muscle-wave which follows the Food, and which drives it through the whole length of the Bowels and Intestines. It should take about 12 hours to do this properly, so that nutritious parts of the food may have time to be digested and absorbed. But, if it takes twice or three times that period you can see plainly that the food spoils in passing, and becomes as poisonous as if it had decayed before being eaten.

Now, the cause of delay (Constipation) is simply Weakness, or Laxness, of the Bowel Muscles. These are the Muscles that tighten the Intestines, and thus propel Food along them. Want of Exercise, indoor Employment, weakens these Bowel Muscles, just as it weakens Arm and Leg Muscles. They lose tone, tension, strength to force the food onward. And, the longer they stay in that state the weaker they become, be-

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Mohairs, in all the leading shades of heliotrope, biscuit, cardinal, sky, cream, white, navy, new navy, and gray; handsome selection, and ranging in price from 30c to.....60c  
FANCY CREAM MOHAIRS, in spots and stripes, our price.....50c  
FANCY STRIPED MOHAIRS, in shades of brown, navy and black; price.....45c  
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It is stated that the "stores" taken aboard the Russian warships at Tagaer consisted principally of wines and spirits.

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