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Who Owns Our Government?

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In 1851 the cities had nothing much of value to buy, sell or give away, and the constitution makers of 1851 simply did what their fathers had done before them—made the state legislature the sole custodian of the city. Thus for sixty-three years the cities have had to go to the legislature for permission to do anything and everything. It was not a question of doing or not doing just certain things but nothing at all could be done without first obtaining permission from the legislature. Legally we could not sneeze or take a bath of ourselves; and it was equally bad that the legislature could impose any burden, just or unjust, upon the cities. However, this was not so bad in 1851, when the city needed nothing and we had nothing to be stolen or that was worth while giving away; but conditions changed quickly. Every city now has profitable and unprofitable functions to perform. The unprofitable ones are many, such as maintaining police and fire departments, and providing schools, sewerage systems, street cleaning, sanitary regulations, etc. The profitable ones are street cars, gas, electric light and water services. There was no scrap about the unprofitable ones; nobody wanted them, so the city had to operate them. Not so with the profitable ones; and here is where our trouble started—everybody wanted them. They wanted them so badly that the most celebrated and highest priced lawyers and political high-waymen were employed, and great bags of money were sent out from New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere to get possession. Bribery, corruption and coercion were used, but those were found rather risky for 'real' gentlemen. To take something without the consent of the owner is stealing; with his consent, or even by request of the owner, is honorable. So the 'bags of money' organized and proceeded to get possession of the people's government through control of the political parties.

EVERY CITY HAS ITS POLITICAL BOSS

"To do this, they created the position of 'political boss,' who was made the confidential agent, the go-between, of the new capitalistic organization. Nearly every city has one of these 'bosses.' Some are big, some little; some have been admitted to the 'throne room,' some get their orders in the back yard. Combined, these bosses form the 'political machine.' They are bi-partisan, and control both parties. The spoils system of office furnishes the working machinery. The first commandment of this organization reads: "Thou shalt obey the party first, last and all the time, or thy name is Mud." The second is, "Thou shalt promise the people everything during election time, yea, even more, but after election deliver the goods, or thy name is Mud again." This simple system has been a marvel in its operation. Our government of, by and for the people has silently slipped away from us into the hands of the political boss machine, and is now operated of, by and for those 'bags of money,' to make them larger.

SALOONS HAVE BECOME OUR POLITICAL FORUM

"Unconsciously the breweries and saloons were drawn into this plan of conquest, as natural aids to the 'boss' during the campaign. The saloon has become the common meeting place of the people; it is open when all other doors are closed. 'There is cheer, in a glass of beer,' and the saloon has become the public forum, where political questions are thrashed

ed out. To own the breweries and the saloons is worth an army in a political campaign; and so the 'bags of money' annexed liquor. Leading brewers were initiated into the secret order of the 'Political Machine,' and crowned 'Bosses.' Special privileges were accorded the saloon, and to keep them interested and on the firing line, unfavorable legislation was always kept dangling before them. They were made to fight for their existence constantly, and while so doing were at the same time unconsciously 'putting something over' for the 'bags of honey.'

"But this activity of liquor in politics has become a great moral issue with the people; and while the 'unorganized mass' can not fathom and successfully fight the political machine they seem to know how to fight moral questions. So liquor is facing two enemies—the people who want to wipe it out, and the 'bags of money' who say, 'Fight for us or we will legislate you out'; rather a difficult position to occupy. I believe firmly that a new constitution is the only salvation for the saloon; liquor must get out of politics, or politics will drive liquor out of the state.

"So then we have a government made up as follows:

- "Kings—'Bags of Money.'
"Cabinet—the 'Political Machine.'
"Cabinet Officers—The 'Bosses.'
" They organize and maintain both political parties, choose all important officers, select the legislature and control it, and manage the elections; and no matter who wins, the king plays safe. His motto is, 'Heads I win, tails you lose.'

CONQUEST OF UTILITIES WAS EASY

"After owning the government, it became an easy matter for 'bags of money' to acquire the public utilities of our cities, the most profitable undertakings, worth millions upon millions annually. But ownership alone was not enough. They wanted monopoly ownership—no competition and noninterference in rates, service and capitalization. To get all of these and hold them it was necessary that the cities remain in bondage to the legislature, the property of the kings; and not the least desirable part of it was to keep the cities helpless, ignorant, fighting and bankrupt, by means of a hundred-year-old system of city government—our present bi-partisan system of managing our cities by political parties, the most disgraceful and glaring example of a betrayed people that can be found anywhere.

"The answer to my question, 'Who owns the government?' is, 'bags of money.' It has many offices. Some of the signs on the doors read, 'Street Car Company,' 'Gas Office,' 'Electric Light Company,' 'Water and Power Company,' 'John Smith, General Contractor,' and 'Holdup, Skinnem and Goodman, Attorneys.'

WHAT IS THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM?

"Suppose we had a law under which every corporation had to employ a manager, and the manager had the right to do as he pleased; that every contract of his was binding on you by law; and that you could not make a contract yourself. You could hire another manager when his contract expired; that's all. How long would such a law last among individuals? Well, among the 'unorganized mass' in Indiana it has lasted sixty-three years. We elect, as our managers, representatives to the state legislature. After they are elected they turn their back on the people and obey the 'party'; and I have told you who the 'party' is—it

is the 'bosses' who make laws for us and we can not stop them; and if we want laws we have no means of forcing the bosses to pass them. Is that not foolish? To change this condition other people have adopted the initiative and referendum. In this, for instance, every law passed by the legislature is held up thirty days, and if 5 per cent of the voters sign a petition to protest the people vote on the law at the next election. If, on the other hand, the people want a law passed, and the legislature refuses to act on it, the people can have it submitted to a vote. This initiative and referendum has already saved the people of Ohio many millions of dollars. It is incorporated in the constitution of seventeen states, and in the city charters of nearly 300 cities of this country, the latest one being St. Louis, Mo.

"President Wilson says: 'The immediate thing we have got to do is to resume popular government. We are cleaning house, and in order to clean house the one thing we need is a good broom. The initiative and referendum are good brooms.'

"Theodore Roosevelt says: 'I believe in the initiative and referendum, which should be used not to destroy representative government, but to correct it whenever it becomes misrepresentative.'

NATURALLY THE GOVERNORS ARE AGAINST IT

"Naturally the initiative and referendum is a big help to the 'governed,' and therefore is fought desperately by the 'governors.' Of late they have found that the people really want this law, and will simply have it, so the new game is to help them get it, but to frame the law themselves and stuff it full of 'jokers.' In this way in over half of the seventeen states initiative and referendum laws are inoperative. The 'machine' passed the law to please the people, but made the law to please their own interests.

"Now to get back to the constitution makers of 1851. You must admit they could not foresee all of these conditions, any more than could 150 of the greatest men of our state frame a constitution at the present time that would provide for conditions sixty-three years hence. Our present constitution is outworn, outclassed and helpless to protect the 'governed,' and because half of our political parties have become mere organizations to exploit the people. Our whole system of government is rotten to the core. Who pays the bills? The 'governed,' the 'unorganized mass,' the people. And who are the people? You and I and our neighbors—nobody else.

JOKER IN THE CONVENTION BILL

"It is necessary to understand this situation in order to appreciate the contemptible trap set for the people in the 'new constitution' movement, and the great danger our state is in. In order to check the growing demand for a new constitution, the last legislature of 1913, machine owned as usual, passed a constitutional convention bill. It is a good bill but they put in a 'joker' by which the people themselves would kill it; and while the political party would claim full credit for this wholesome love(?) for the people, they could say, 'The people did not want a new constitution, therefore we will make one for them.' The joker was the old one of requiring a 'majority of all votes cast,' instead of a 'majority voting thereon.' While under our constitution this provision is necessary in voting on constitutional amendments, it is not necessary in voting on a legislative bill.

"A so-called error has also crept into the bill, the title being different from the text. Whether or not this was designed as a second 'sop' or