

SHEARING THE PUBLIC LAMB

Menacing Evils of the Spoils System in Popular Government.

THE QUESTION OF MUNICIPAL REFORM

Machinelike Government and Political Bossism Inimical to American Institutions—Views of Herbert Welsh of the National Municipal League.

There are two political reform movements which have long been before the American public separately, both of which would gain much at the present moment by a close conjunction. They are naturally and logically united, and there will be great practical benefit to the public if there is a general popular recognition of the relationship. These are civil service reform and municipal reform.

The converse of the civil service reform idea—the merit system—is a more lucid and descriptive term, in the spoils system. These two opposed terms simply represent two irreconcilably antagonistic ideas, which find their origin respectively in good and bad motives of human nature.

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NEW YORK'S CONSTITUTION

Substance of the Proposed Amendments to the Organic Law.

VARIOUS IMPORTANT REFORMS OUTLINED

Powerful Voes Battling Against Its Adoption--Opposition to the Apportionment, Pool Selling and Other Classes--A Serious Error.

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Regarding registration, an amendment is being proposed which would prohibit the legislature from passing any law which would require any person to register in any community having less than 5,000 inhabitants.

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IMPERIOUS CAESAR CUFFED

The Autocrat of Anaconda Rouses the Ire of Helena People.

BATTLING FOR THE CAPITOL PRIZE

Unique and Vigorous Contest for the Seat of Government of Montana--The Contesting Cities, Their Surroundings and Characteristics.

The ruddy glow of prospective gore tinged the hillsides of Montana. From the placid plains of Miles City to the rugged cliffs of Kalispell, and from the meadow moorings of Missoula to the variegated shacks of Virginia City a thrill of anxious suspense pervades the land.

The immediate cause of these wide and wild alarms is the contest between Helena and Anaconda for the capitol prize. Two years ago a preliminary bout was had, in which seven cities participated, viz: Anaconda, Boulder, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Deer Lodge and Great Falls.

Of the thirty-nine amendments submitted to the voters only four provoke opposition, but the manner of submission is such that the opposition threatens to defeat the entire work of the convention.

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THE FUN OF THE THING

A boy who was recently sent to a boarding school says the New York Tribune, has just sent the following letter to his mother:

Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould, the author of the popular hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," is at once a country parson, a country squire, a lord of the manor, a sermon writer, a student of comparative religion, a popular novelist and a poet.

Dr. Good, a missionary in the interior of Africa, says that the poverty of the native languages is a serious hindrance to missions.

While in Chicago, Mr. Charles L. Kahler, a prominent shoe merchant of Des Moines, Iowa, had quite a serious time of it.

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