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**Saturday, November 25, 1911.**  
 A TIME OF PROGRESS AND REFORM.

It has been said that the soul of improvement is the improvement of the soul; to put it another way, real reform is in the character, minds and lives of the people.

Mr. Spencer found it to be a fact of the progress of civilization that the greatest outcry against social evils is usually set up at a time when those evils are waning. By this rule, a vast number of evils in society, in politics, in business, in conditions of living, must at this good day be on the wane.

Idle-bound conservatism continues to bear witness in a firm voice to the convictions that are in it, and to present to the situation a front that is wholly without appearance of doubt or misgiving. Nevertheless, through the dust of the fracas it is to be perceived that the muck-rakers have a strangle hold, and their note of assurance rings out in the tumult and the shouting. The reformer, the insurgent, the progressive are compelling attention.

There are abuses, errors, wrongs, injustices, and the people are aroused to their existence and clamorous for measures of relief. It is for the time being something of a reproach to be a conservative, although this will pass, for conservatism has its share in the final triumph of any step in human progress.

There are evils that the people are determined shall be remedied. They demand that the courts shall rid themselves of ancient encumbrances and the administration of law be freed from the dominance of technicality. They are demanding representative government instead of oligarchy, and there is nothing to keep them from having it if they will—it is theirs whenever they choose to take it; the only trouble is the confusion of advice as to how to set about it. They are demanding that those entrusted with the public business shall attend to that business, and not that of some private interest. Men and measures are no longer accepted on the strength of party label.

They are demanding not only remote reforms but improvement in conditions that touch them in their daily lives, which is more to the point. They want practical health laws and they want them enforced. It might almost be called an accidental discovery that the "systems" of municipal government in this country had become intolerably wasteful and inefficient, and that simple remedies lay at hand. The revolution in municipal government will in a year or two have been practically completed. The only apparent difficulty is that many towns and cities have hurried into a new governmental machinery, hastily built and adorned with bizarre contrivances which, while they may not do any particular harm cannot possibly do any good. Every town that amounts to anything is going to make such modifications in its government as will insure economy and efficiency. It is plainly apparent that the principle of this lies in the careful selection and election—selection is when the candidates are picked out and election is when they are bidden to go to work—of a few men, known to all the people, to represent the people and be responsible to the people for public policies; and who will select the administrators and executives of the various branches of business, the latter being responsible to them.

That is the principle; it does not matter so much what name you give to its application, so long as men the people know and trust, and who know what the people wish, are selected by the people and allowed to do their work unhampered by a tangle of red tape or a confusion of frills of legislation.

**MAGAZINE MAKES AMENDS.**  
 Reference has been made in these columns to the following statement in the October number of the Popular Mechanics magazine:  
 "Unfortunately, the chosen places of the earth, climatically speaking, such as Denver, and Asheville, where the natural conditions are most favorable for patients suffering from tuberculosis, have become hotbeds for the growth and dissemination of the disease."

The November number of the Magazine makes this amend:  
 "Dr. L. B. McBrayer, health officer of Asheville, takes issue with the author of this article. He declares that Asheville takes every known precaution to prevent the dissemination of tuberculosis. While it is undoubtedly true that the congregation of persons afflicted with a communicable disease will spread that disease unless rigid sanitary precautions are taken, and while a few years ago a theory was held by physicians which would have warranted the assertion made in the article, it is recognized that most well established sanitariums and resorts are now actually freer from bacilli than the ordinary factory or home where an unsuspected case may exist or where a careless patient works or lives."

"The Asheville health department is active and efficient in carrying out its laws for the prevention of tuberculosis. A recent bulletin of the department begins with the following statement: 'Asheville opens wide her doors to the sick and well from every clime, but she demands that the sick shall so comport themselves that they shall not become a menace to the health of her citizens, or the stranger within her gates.'"

Several letters of protest have been forwarded to J. Gordon Ogden, Ph. D., the Pittsburg man who wrote the article in question, but so far as we have learned, no reply has been received from him.

**BEATTIE'S CONFESSION.**  
 The expressions of satisfaction, almost of relief, heard on every hand yesterday afternoon when news became general that Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., had confessed to the murder of his wife on the eve of execution showed how widespread was the uncertainty as to whether the verdict was a just one. Circumstantial evidence may be the most conclusive from the viewpoint of a legal mind, but the general distrust of it was evidenced in this case, where the chain seemed all but perfect.

The confession must also have quieted uneasy speculation in the breasts of the jurors and others concerned in demanding of Beattie his life as a forfeit. How anxiously Gov. Mann of Virginia, whose unyielding firmness deprived Beattie of his last hope, pondered the matter is illustrated in the following from a statement by him to the newspapers:  
 "I have thought over the case and I have studied everything about it and I have lain awake at night thinking about it."

In his last extremity it was all that Beattie could do to remove this haunting dread from the minds of those who had but performed their sworn duty, and to him and especially to the men of God who overcome his steely reticence there are due thanks.

**LET THEM HAVE THEIR "RUTHER."**  
 How the militant London suffragettes hope to win sympathy or popular support for their cause by such tactics as they have recently renewed for the edification of a sensation-loving world it would tax a Philadelphia lawyer to explain. Because they were prevented by the police Tuesday from making a contemplated descent upon parliament, they began to throw stones and break window lights and other breakables in contravention of all the laws in such cases made and provided and which are quite properly made and provided for such cases. When arrested in consequence, and given the alternative of fine or imprisonment they decided one and all to be put in durance vile.

Now the spectacle of ladies in jail is one pleasing neither to gods nor men. But those crusaders are there of their own free will, and if they are satisfied an equanimous view of their plight ought to be unanimous.

One is forcibly reminded of a passage in one of Thomas Nelson Page's works. An ebon statesman, as almoner for Uncle Sam, was pledging his negro auditors 40 acres of land and a government mule.  
 "I'd rather have a hoss," objected a hearer.  
 "Well," said the obliging orator, "each shall have his ruther."

**THE IOWA "IDEE."**  
 Eighty-five Republicans in one county in Iowa answered the question: "If Taft were nominated, would you support him?" and 21 said "yes" and 44 said "no." The Raleigh News and Observer notes that a poll of 160 Republicans was taken in Greene county, Iowa, in which State at the last election Taft received nearly 70 per cent of the vote cast. The poll stood: Taft, 21; LaFollette, 22; Cummins, 57. These voters also expressed a second choice which resulted as follows: Taft, 16; Cummins, 22; LaFollette, 62. Replies to other questions show that 85 out of 97 Republicans disapprove of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, 99 out of 92 prefer the Roosevelt-Pinchot conservation policy to the Taft-Balinger policy, 81 out of 94 disapprove of the attack on Dr. Wiley, and 79 out of 88 favor the woolen schedule vetoed by President Taft, and 58 out of 64 expressed their belief that the

Part administration discriminates against the farmer and laborer and favors the trusts.  
 The Durham Herald remarks: "The fact of the matter is that we do not know a town in North Carolina where it cannot be had with more or less ease." The Charlotte Chronicle adds: "Except Statesville." "We'll never do it, till we've been there and wanted it right bad," the Wilmington Star protests. Brother, if you are likely to be "took bad" and "it" is the only thing that will relieve you, stay away from there, or go prepared.  
 Jerry Moore of South Carolina is a much more important citizen than many congressmen and governors that we wot of, but Jerry is no longer foremost in his line. In place of Jerry Moore's, put the name Charles Parker, aged 16, of Hertford county, North Carolina, who tricked an acre of ground into growing 233 1/2 bushels of corn this year.

"The Biblical quotation is all true, Billy, that says that the 'wages of sin is death.'" H. C. Beatty, Jr., is said to have written, a few days before his execution, to young Sampson, his former chum and boon companion in his Richmond and Norfolk escapades.  
 The Rev. Dr. Gates told Merritt, the Minnesota ore man, that Rockefeller was "hard up." "By golly," says Merritt, "I believed him then but I know now that Gates lied." To be "trimmed" is evidently to learn in Mr. Merritt's case.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR MISSION HOSPITAL**  
**About Time for People to Contribute to Dinner for Institution.**  
 The public is reminded of the fact that it is almost time for the annual Thanksgiving contribution of groceries and all kinds of uncooked food for the Mission hospital. Heretofore the people of the city, especially through the school children, have contributed liberally at this time and it is hoped that the public will not forget the institution this year.  
 This contribution is generally looked upon as just a Thanksgiving contribution for the purpose of affording the nurses and patients a good Thanksgiving dinner; but it is really more than that, for the contributions asked for are of uncooked food and thus, when the offering is large, the pantries of the hospital are supplied with certain things sufficient to last several days. That is a great help and is deeply appreciated by the management. It also aids in the good work carried on by the hospital, and for that reason, should be a popular contribution.  
 Coal ashes are combined with soda and equal parts by a German inventor to make artificial stone that resembles marble.

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**BUILDING FAST TOWARDS CANTON**  
**It Is Said 500 Men Are Working on T. & N. C. Railway Extension.**  
 M. H. Kelly has just returned from Canton and brings the information that the people of that town are very much interested in the railroad developments that are going on there. Mr. Kelly stated that he was told that there are 600 men at work on the road which has been surveyed from Sevierville to Canton, along the Pigeon river, a part of which has already been constructed by W. J. Oliver. It is said that the company building the road has already laid out a place for the depot; that they have made estimates of the freight paid at Canton, which amounts to more than \$1,000,000 a year, with that paid by the Champion Fibre company, which is said to be over \$70,000 a month.  
 The road already constructed by Mr. Oliver is the Tennessee & North Carolina railroad. It does not seem that the people of Canton know just who is behind the construction of the extension. There are rumors, however, that some big railroad system is backing it.  
 It appears, too, that the route has not been surveyed further than Canton and it is mere speculation as to where it will lead from there.  
 It will be remembered that several months ago there was considerable talk of building a connection link between Mr. Oliver's road and a road belonging to Mr. Patterson of Atlanta, which runs from Greenville, S. C., to Travelers Rest, towards Hendersonville.

**VISIT OF THE BANKERS IS TO OCCUR TOMORROW**  
**Party from New Orleans to Breakfast Here and Spend Day Sightseeing.**  
 The bankers, who have been in convention at New Orleans, according to schedule, will pass through the city tonight on their way to Old Fort for a sight-seeing trip. They will return to Asheville in the morning and after breakfast at Battery Park hotel will then be driven over certain portions of the city and over the Biltmore estate. One of the trips will be to the top of Sunset mountain, the Good Roads association having put the drive in good shape. They will leave for Morristown in the afternoon. A committee will meet the visitors at the depot. The members of the committee have not yet been named but they will be taken from the board of trade, and the bankers will also be represented.  
 J. H. Wood, district passenger agent of the Southern railway, has gone to Chattanooga, where he will meet the special train of the party and will return with them to Asheville.

**KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION.**  
**Organization for the State to be Formed During the Teachers' Assembly.**  
 At the last meeting of the Southern Educational association held in Chattanooga last December, Miss Meta Eloise Reall of Greensboro was appointed North Carolina secretary for the Southern Kindergarten association. She is much interested in the promotion of this educational work, and has sent out the following circular letter:  
 "A state kindergarten association will be formed during the Teachers' assembly at Raleigh November 29-December 2.  
 "Such an organization will do much to further the growth of the kindergarten movement throughout North Carolina.  
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