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ALONG BUSINESS LINES.

A careful reading of an article in the Forum, entitled "The Government of American Cities" will repay any citizen. It is from the pen of Hon. Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell University and the University of Michigan...

He begins as follows: "Without the slightest exaggeration we may assert that, with very few exceptions, the city governments of the United States are the worst in Christendom—the most expensive, the most inefficient and the most corrupt."

Wretched wharves, foul docks, inadequate streets, inefficient sewerage, paving and lighting, no signs for streets, tangled network of wires obstructing sun light and preventing fire fighting, public thorough fares occupied for private or corporation uses, mud in wet weather, and dust in dry, filling houses and nostrils with germs of disease, make up the picture of Mr. White's American city.

While the picture is possibly overdrawn, is there not more truth than fancy in it? What is the remedy? Mr. White offers the following:

"The difference between foreign cities and ours is that all these well-ordered cities in England, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, whether in monarchies or republics, except this principle—that cities are corporations and not political parties; that they are not concerned with matters of national policy; that national parties, as such, have nothing to do with city questions. They base their city governments upon ascertained facts regarding human nature and upon right reason. They try to conduct them upon the principles observed by honest and energetic men in business affairs. We, on the other hand, are putting ourselves upon a basis which has always failed and will always fail—the idea that a city is a political body, and, therefore, that it is to be ruled, in the long run, by a city proletariat mob, obeying national party cries."

Would it not be well for all Southern cities to be run on business principles for a few years? Tax ancient male person who, at the age of ninety years' existence, has taken unto himself a spouse ten years younger than himself, ought to make an interesting study for some child of the poetic muse with a specialty for defining the vagaries of love's young dream. Either that, or he should receive the attention of some big-hearted philanthropist with a tender side for the infirmities of age.

The busy world forgets quickly, or it would not have hailed the alleged consumption cure of Dr. Koch as something new as well as wonderful. More than eight years ago Dr. Koch himself announced the discovery which had just made him famous, and Professor Tyndall wrote about it to the London Times. Neither then nor since has any well-authenticated case of cure been made, but all the world is looking towards Berlin for protection against the fell disease which is said to slay one-seventh of the human race. The theory that consumption is transmitted by a bacillus, or animal parasite, is only a theory. If it should prove to be a truth, half of the battle against consumption would be won.

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As to Political Honesty.

It is a little discouraging to reach the conclusion that most of the political dishonesty of the country is to be charged to the account of men who have the reputation in private life of absolute honesty—men who would not wrong a business associate to the amount of a cent and who are perfectly correct in their lives. These are not the men who commit the outrages charged to the tricksters and the strikers of either party. Their fault is that they do not sternly rebuke the methods of such men and are willing to accept with a smile an office obtained by fraud. They say, in the case of an advantage unfairly obtained for their own party: "It is not just the right thing, we know, but the opposition did the same or worse, by us, in 18—" In dealing with a man who makes the business of trickery and fraud his own, they say: "Yes, he is a sharper, but he is smart and he only succeeds in the same efforts in which the opposition falls."

In other words, these very good men, who go to church with the utmost regularity, and are models in their business and social life, have not the character or the courage to aid in the creation of a wholesome public sentiment, and rather lend their influence to the debasing of it. The young man who hears his employer laugh at some smart trick by which his party attains a petty advantage, goes out of the office imbued with the false idea that success excuses subterfuge, and there is no limit to the effect of the evil influence that comes from this free and easy way of regarding political obligations.

It should be remembered that the citizen and the party are, alike subservient to the nation. The man who would not give his life for the preservation of the government is not to be envied and the party that would preserve its own success knowing that this means the weakening of the influence and the power of our country, forgets the obligation which is next to that owed to his conscience and his Creator. There is nothing more threatening to the perpetuity of the institutions of the United States than this very laxity of political morals within our own borders. We have force enough to repel any foreign enemy, at whatever cost, but we cannot turn any other guns than those of public opinion upon the men who forget that the virtue of a republic is its greatest safeguard and that truth is a more to be desired than success. Detroit Free Press.

STATE NEWS.

Burgaw Herald: Mr. Geo. F. Jordan, who owns and cultivates a part of the Stagport farm, has raised twelve 500 pound bales of cotton on ten acres of natural soil.

Wilmington Star: St. Paul's Lutheran Church has had a steady growth the past year, having added to the congregation forty members. Great improvements have been made also in the Church building during the year.

Beaufort Seaside: Mr. W. Whitehurst, of Pamlico county, gathered 8,800 pounds of seed-cotton off ten acres. This was over 600 weight of lint cotton to the acre at a cost to him of three cents per pound for producing and housing.

Statesville Landmark: Mr. and Mrs. Miles Shook, of Shiloh township, who went to Kansas in the early part of the present year, returned to their old home a few days ago. Mrs. Shook was sick at the time of her arrival or else was taken sick very soon afterwards, and died yesterday morning.

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