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**STATISTICS AND GOOD GOVERNMENT OF CITIES.**

In the matter which is started by the business men's clubs of Indiana for the straightening up of civic and county accounts, this state does not stand alone by any means. All over the country there is the cry "How do your expenses tally with the accounts of other towns?" It is obvious that no comparison can be made unless there is a uniform system of accounting, and this is beginning of any successful reform.

A new application of statistics has come through the urging of two sources, business men and college professors. Its local application has manifested itself in actual working order in only two states, namely Massachusetts and Ohio. But it has remained for Massachusetts alone to do it as it should be done.

The report of the state of Massachusetts referred to is called the "Cost of Municipal Government in Massachusetts." It emanates from the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. It is the first of the sort to be issued in this country.

The Massachusetts law under which this report is published, states that there shall be a "return for such city or town containing a summarized statement of all revenues and expenses for the last fiscal year of that city and town; a detailed statement of all receipts and all disbursements of the last fiscal year, arranged upon uniform schedules prepared by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; statements of the income and expense for each public industry maintained by the town, and of all the costs thereof, expenditures for construction and for maintenance and operation being separately stated; a statement of the public debt of said city or town, showing the purpose for which each item of the debt was created and the provisions made for the payment thereof, and a statement of all current assets and all current liabilities of such city or town at the close of each fiscal year."

Professor Charles Bullock, of Harvard, who was a member of the Special Taxation Commission of Massachusetts in 1907, says of this system: "From his point of view the city auditor or accountant is conducting a scientific experiment station. From his point of view your public official is responsible to a system of accounting, is conducting a laboratory in which are being worked out the data from which both the practical man and the scientific observer must get the data that are essential to the solution of what are some of the greatest problems of the age. So that while this movement is to be commended as of great practical value for the improvement of the financial standing of our cities, it has a far reaching influence when we look upon it as the movement for gathering data essential to enable the student of modern social conditions to determine whether our civilization is tending and whether it is likely to prove a failure or a success."

But laying all this aside it really means a movement by which it can be determined on one hand whether a system of either graft and incompetence is in vogue or whether there is an honest business administration of public affairs.

It is the only means for telling how the affairs of the towns stand in comparison with other towns of equal size in identical situation. Honesty and efficiency are sure then to be recognized as the opposite is of being detected. If a town (which for that matter might be Podunk) stand first in the United States in its percentages of good business management, it will reflect to the credit of those who have been responsible.

One thing the business men of this state must remember of this system is, The system is all right for the men who wish to reform—but it takes men to reform.

**THE DERBY DANCE.**

One of the most interesting of Chicago's social functions this year was the Derby Ball, given under the auspices of Alderman Kenney and Alderman Coughlin on Monday last. (No, this is not the society column.) The affair was held at the Coliseum and the lists

of those who bought boxes is not printed. It does not deal with the "Four Hundred," but with the "Four Million."

To come down to plain facts, the annual "round up" of Messrs. "Hinky Dink and Bath House John," is this same social function. This is the assembly of the club which makes its headquarters at the Working Men's Exchange. Should anyone ask you, this is the largest saloon in Chicago and ties for honors with Tammany Hall. In fact, most of the business of some administrations in Chicago has been transacted in it. Thereupon you will begin to realize the social importance of the Derby Ball. It is rumored but of course denied, that a man named "Big Jim" McCallum was put out of the saloon business in that town, a proceeding which cost him something like \$16,000, because that gentleman neglected to buy four hundred tickets to the ball at the price of a few dollars per ticket. So you can see that there are real patrons of the dance and that they do "patronize."

And who were the guests?

In the first place the "boys" were all to be there, so were all the people who want favors of any sort, or who may want them. Among those present were gamblers, brewery agents, the "force," a few gentlemen who are not on the stage but indulge in "sleight of hand" as a business. And there were ladies whom you might see on the street almost anywhere, but who have changed their residence from Customs House Place to — 22d street.

Order was guaranteed by the presence of the "force," which acted in various capacities. The crowd was also respectable.

"No disorderly characters, that is, people who get a load somewhere else and who try to put it up to our dance, were allowed on the inside." These are Kenna's words.

Otherwise, those who wished to quench their thirst did not have to go around the corner, and the profits of the bar will go to the men who promote the dances.

This sort of thing is part of the game of politics as she is played in all the municipalities. The brewing companies are behind it. The people, that is, the "Four Million," stick by "H. Dink" and "The Bath" because they both love and fear them. It is the same situation which put the city of New York under the power of a hundred saloon keepers who had been in this country from five to fifteen years.

The boss of the city can give employment, stay off the landlord and many other things which are not quite so benevolent. In this day of representative government there is no better example of the Feudal System.

Those who wish to change the situation must first take away the need which the Boss fills. He is the Lord High Protector of the Poor. He asks no embarrassing questions; he does not moralize; he hands out the "dough." The member of what is pleasingly called the proletariat by some, and the "submerged seventh," or the Other Half, by others, has but one duty and that is to vote "right." That is why reform does not go far.

Until every man has a job which was not procured by the Boss for him on wages which enable him to live, graft will be easy for such as Alderman Kenney and Coughlin.

**ANOTHER OHIO COUNTY GOES DRY**

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Dry counties ..... 60

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**MASONIC CALENDAR.**

Wednesday, Dec. 16.—Webb Lodge No. 24, F. & A. M., stated meeting; election of officers.

Friday, Dec. 18.—King Solomons chapter No. 4, R. A. M., past master's degree.

Saturday, Dec. 19.—Loyal Chapter No. 49, O. E. S., regular meeting.

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**Should Cut House Membership**

*Veteran Leaders Think That Senate and Lower House of Congress Have too Many Members for Good of Country.*

By Sheldon S. Cline.

Washington, Dec. 16.—There are veteran leaders in congress who believe the membership of both the senate and house should be cut in two. The theory is that better results would be obtained with smaller bodies. As the membership of the senate is fixed by one of the fundamental principles of the constitution, to reduce the number of senators is out of the question. It could be done only by reducing the number of states, and that is as impossible, almost, as to stop the moon in its monthly journeys around the earth. On the contrary, the senate is bound to increase its membership. It is only a question of time when Arizona and New Mexico will be states, and there will be 96 senators. Some day Alaska may be a state, and the number of senators will be increased to 98. It is unlikely, unless Cuba should be annexed, that any of the insular possessions will attain the dignity of statehood, so 98 senators may be looked upon as the final number.

**House Will Grow.**

A congressional enactment, however, is all that would be necessary to reduce the size of the house. The house now has 391 members, and each ten years in the past has seen an increase, aside from the increase resulting from the admission of new states.

If the practice of years is followed, the house membership is certain to go over 400 after the census of 1910. Under the constitutional apportionment of representation, there were 65 members of the house. The first census was taken in 1790, and making it the basis of a new apportionment, the number of representatives was increased to 106. The census of 1800 increased the number to 142, that of 1810 to 186, that of 1820 to 213, that of 1830 to 242. Members of congress decided even then that the house was too large and that something must be done to check its growth. So, when it came to making the apportionment under the census of 1840, the number of members was reduced to 232. Since then, however, growth has been unchecked. The census of 1850 increased the number to 237, that of 1860 to 243, that of 1870 to 293, that of 1880 to 332, that of 1890 to 357 and that of 1900 to 391, a part of the increase in each decade, of course, being due to the admission of new states.

**Large Number Lose Prestige.**

There is a well-settled opinion that the membership of the house never ought to go over 200. The loss of much of the former prestige and influence of the house is attributed to its increased membership. In so large a body cohesiveness is lost and there is lacking that respect for its traditions which has enabled the senate to enhance so greatly its power. Not only has the senate trampled upon the house, but for years it has been the victim of executive encroachment.

The individual member of the house is of scarcely more consequence at the capital than is the average \$1,800-a-year departmental clerk.

The argument in favor of reducing the size of the house is weakened somewhat by the fact that the British house of commons, while a much larger body than even the American house of representatives, has grown steadily in prestige in power, having been able to resist all attempts at encroachment from both the House of Lords and from the Throne. But conditions in Great Britain are radically different, just as the system of government in Great Britain is different from our own. In Great Britain the house of commons is itself the government, it creates the ministry and the ministry is responsible to it alone. The king is but a nominal sovereign and the House of Lords hesitates long before it refuses to approve a measure of the commons.

When this government was founded it was intended to differ from the parliamentary system, but still in the beginning the people looked to the house of representatives as the great conservers of their rights. That it is not so today is due to two principal reasons. One is that the executive has been more often in touch with the popular will and the other is that the senate has at all times stood to

the side of the executive.

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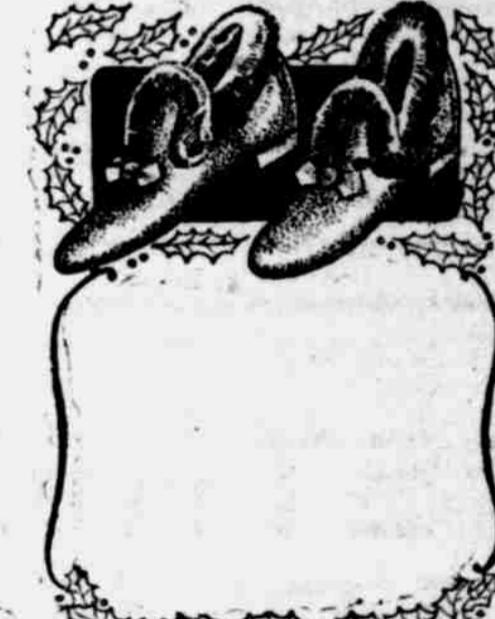
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