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Home Rule Measures

Citizens of Richmond, who are tired of a political administration of the city's affairs and desirous of informing themselves on the advantages of home rule, will be given an opportunity to study the advantages of the new system in a series of articles which have been prepared for the Palladium by Clarence Greene, director of the Research Bureau of Dayton, Ohio.

Dayton has had signal success with home rule. It is not a novelty in that city, or an untried and untested experiment, for home rule has been the order of the day for a number of years, and the advantages of the system have far outweighed its weaknesses.

Mr. Greene was a news writer when Dayton undertook to oust the politicians from the control of the city. He saw the genesis of the movement and has watched its gradual development into a form of city government that is giving to Dayton a scientific and efficient management of its municipal affairs. He now directs the research bureau of the city. Mr. Greene has made a study of home rule in Dayton and elsewhere. He has written many articles on the movement and is in constant demand as a lecturer on matters of municipal reform and civic betterment.

The series of articles, which he has prepared for the Palladium, is an authoritative presentation of the home rule movement, both as to its theory and as to its practical operation. Other articles on home rule from men in cities where it has supplanted the old system also will be printed. The one yesterday was from Grand Rapids.

The condition of the light plant measures accurately the cost of municipal mismanagement as it exists under a system which elevates men

Today's Talk
By George Matthew AdamsON CHANGING FRONTS
Every hour is an education. And we live by minutes!

Emerson posted a great fact when he said that "consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." Unless a man reserves the right to think better in the evening than in the morning, unless he finds himself able to change fronts at will, how is he consistently to grow?

The able general changes his plan of battle as the battle changes.

The only logical affair in the world is for one to keep going ahead! Too much equipment and too many hangings will anchor the strongest. For there must be freedom of movement if there is to be any regularity of progress.

Change your front any time you may choose—providing you get a straighter, smoother road over which to walk.

Nothing kills like precedent. Nothing stagnates like convention. Change your front—but keep fronting!

Confide your most important moves to no one—and shoulder your own gun. But keep step. There is nothing achieved in the midst of confusion.

You may not be able to think as profoundly as some one else, but you can act quickly and with simple grace. You can keep thinking and keep going. You can change your front when things look dark.

Memories of Old Days
In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

The selling season for Red Cross Christmas seals opened throughout Indiana. Several hundred thousand of the stickers were distributed to local agents from the Red Cross Bureau, 246 Federal Building, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Anna M. Bennett, widow of Thomas W. Bennett, who was one of the most celebrated citizens of Richmond, died at the Reid Memorial Hospital following an illness of more than eight weeks.

Rippling Rhymes
By WALT MASON

WEARY OF VIRTUE
For months I save the dollars with energy sublime, and wear old shoes and collars to save another dime. For months I am a student of thrift in every guise; I am so beastly prudent I make men blink their eyes. I preach on self denial beneath my own roof-tree, till life becomes a trial to all who live with me. For months I keep on raving about the penny gained;



to office by reason of their political affiliation rather than by their fitness for the job.

Under home rule, the city manager long ago would have discovered the error of neglecting repairs in order to make a good financial showing. To him the plant would have represented a million-dollar investment, belonging to the taxpayers of this community, and he would have formulated a policy of management that would have immediately corrected faults in the physical property, and in the long run would have permitted the plant to earn a return on the investment.

Employees would have been held responsible for faults, irrespective of political ends. He would not have interfered with the hiring and discharging of employees, but would have permitted the engineer to surround himself with capable men. The engineer would have been held responsible for the condition of the machinery. He would not be hampered by present conditions, in which the city council, the board of works and the superintendent all take a hand directing the operation of the system.

Richmond's desire for home rule is not a new manifestation of the civic spirit by any means. Eight years ago it was one of the Indiana cities that tried to induce the general assembly to pass a home rule measure. Public spirited men of Fort Wayne stood with it, but neither city was able to checkmate the moves of the machine politicians who strangled the measure in the committee room. Delegations from Richmond attended public hearings in Indianapolis to press passage of the measure, which would have remedied the situation.

The next session of the legislature has the fate of home rule in its keeping. Unless the opposition of the politicians can be overcome, the new bill will be killed. The gradual recognition of the necessity of improvement in municipal government is apparent over the state. Anderson is proceeding on lines that are identical with those that are being followed here. Public opinion is being aroused, and a campaign of education is letting opponents of home rule know what the people want.

Wayne county is fortunate in having men in the house and senate who not only favor the measure passively, but are willing to back it actively and decisively on the floor. Their help will be of the highest value.

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Answers to Questions

Reader—Why presidential electors and the electoral college? Who are they and how do they work?—When you voted on Nov. 2, if you did vote, you had one ballot which contained the names of the electors, equal in number to the number of U. S. senators and representatives from this state. This is a provision of Article 2 of the constitution of the United States. In the early days of the republic the men enjoyed the privilege of voting for two persons for president and vice president. At this time the parties place in nomination candidates for both these offices and it becomes the duty of the electors to simply carry out the mandates of the party conventions. It is provided by law that the electors in the different states shall meet on the second Monday in January, after their appointment in their respective states and cast their votes or the two highest offices in the gift of the people. These votes are sealed and sent to the president of the United States senate. On the second Wednesday in February, a joint meeting of the senate and house is convened, and the ballots are counted and the result declared. There are several objections to this method of electing the president and vice president, and other means have been suggested from time to time, but probably owing to the fact that the electoral system is a constitutional provision, but little headway looking to a change has been made.

Reader—How obtain answer to questions and answers? All questions and answers should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

Masonic Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 24—Webb Lodge No. 24 F. & A. M. Called meeting. Work in Entered Apprentice Degree.

Friday, Nov. 26—King Solomons Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M. Called Convocation. Work in Past and Most Excellent Masters Degrees.

Saturday, Nov. 27—Loyal Chapter No. 49, O. E. S. will give a social to the members and their families.

News of the Counties

DALTON, Ind.—The revival meetings will begin in the M. E. church at Franklin Wednesday, Dec. 7. Joseph and Helen Peters of New Salisbury, singing evangelists, will be there to assist. Good singing will be a feature of the meetings.

NEW PARIS, O. Nov. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weller, entertained a hunting party, made up of war-time comrades of Mr. Weller, Monday and Tuesday. The guests were all from Dayton, and included Roy Baughman, Clarence Keener, Wallace Andrews, Spencer Rohlys, Lawrence Boeckman and Mr. Waters. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Weller were also guests.

Valuable Narcotics
Are Available For Use

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