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Everybody Dreams A Little.
Everybody dreams a little now and then. If we don't dream at night we occasionally have our day dreams. We forget the present and launch ourselves out on the ocean of possibility. Often it is possibility but improbability. That is why it is a dream. It is beyond the realm of hope.

Some people dream of riches. The writer remembers years ago knowing an old couple who during their palmy days had been rather extravagant and who, as a result, had become poor, so poor that they had to live in a single room under rather sordid conditions. They had absolutely no hope for the future but they had dreams and often spoke of what they would do when they became better off. As neither was able to work and legacies were practically out of the question, the dream was a mere phantom thought to them.

So many people dream of a world of ease and comfort where strife will cease, all wants will be supplied, there will be no cold or poverty or want. That is our holiday world but it is not a practical world. There is strife through all nature. Even the atoms we are told are continually pounding against each other. If there is to be a world without strife it will have to be on another sphere under different conditions to those which obtain here. Our very life here is possible only through effort.

Everywhere We Hear Of Worse Conditions.

During the last few weeks the alternating snow and sloppy streets has sometimes made Prince Rupert people a little dissatisfied with weather conditions. They did not like having to wear rubbers all the time and rather resented the idea that this was temporarily a gum boot town.

Then comes word from Dawson that the people there are almost frozen out. From the prairies they hear that they have been in the grip of a terrible blizzard. And again we snuggle down before the fire or around the radiator and thank our lucky stars that we are not living anywhere except in Prince Rupert.

Fishing Vessels And The Close Season.

The close season ends on the morning of February 16 and it was generally understood that boats would not be able to leave port until that morning. Now word has been received that they may get away earlier and doubtless definite instructions will follow as to just how early they may obtain clearance papers. It takes some of the boats several days to reach the fishing grounds and it would seem as if the date of clearance should vary according to the distance the boats expect to go. At any rate the fishermen will be fully informed. Many of them will be pleased to know that they can commence work a few days earlier than they expected.

Good Service For North This Year.

There will be a good service and keen competition on the northern run this year. Both the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. will be hooking passengers to Alaska and they will vie with each other in the matter of service. The public will likely be well cared for either way.

It is probable that many tourists will join the C.N.R. steamers here, go north and then continue on to Vancouver. That will make this a stopping off place. If there was a Canadian National Hotel here, passengers would stop off for a day or two with great benefit to Prince Rupert. That will be one of the next things we shall look for. It ought to be a great thing to the railway to have a hotel at a point such as this.

City of 100,000 Makes Progress Under City Manager in Tennessee; People There Are Pleased with It

There is a growing interest in the manager form of city government throughout the continent. New places are adopting it and in almost every case they are pleased with the way in which it works. One of the recent additions to the list is the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, which has had the new system for over a year. The assistant manager, Carlos C. Campbell, writes to John Dean of Victoria in regard to the work as follows:

Dear Mr. Dean — Your letter of November 30 received. We feel that no city in America has a better government than Knoxville. We have had the city manager form of government for more than a year and it is very pleasing to notice that the popularity increases month by month. It so happens that the people have had occasion to show their sentiments in regard to the government in five elections. First, when they voted to adopt the manager form of government in preference to the commission form. The manager form won the election by an overwhelming majority.

The next test came when the people elected the pledged friends who were put up by the city manager advocates under the title of the People's Ticket. People Behind It. The third victory came in a recent primary when legislative candidates, who were pledged to protect the manager form of government in the Legislature, defeated unpledged candidates who were generally understood to oppose the present form of government and who would have sought to kill the effect of the charter by amendments.

The fourth test came in the November election when the voters elected by a big majority those pledged candidates. The fifth stamp of approval was given last week, when the people, by more than ten to one, voted to issue \$2,500,000 water-works bonds. This is particularly significant in view of the fact that only three years ago, under the old political form of government, the people defeated the same bond issue by more than four to one majority. The new water plant, which was to be provided by the bonds, was needed just as badly then as now. The only difference is the confidence placed in the present business administration.

What They Did

Many things of importance have been accomplished by the present council and city manager. In the first place, we now have an accounting system that is a model for the entire country. The new system gives the daily record on all expenditures and shows each business day the exact financial condition of every municipal department. One of the next accomplishments of the present administration was the establishment of a real health department. Our health department in the past had been largely a matter of theory or name.

Another outstanding accomplishment of the present administration was the purchase of the last available bit of open space in the uptown section for a big city park and civic centre.

Improved Streets

One of the most popular things which has been done is the tremendous amount of street paving and repair work which has been put through. More work has been done in this one year than has ever been done in three or four years previous — and at a lower expenditure than was made in any of the other years. In spite of all these things, the council refunded to the taxpayers 10 per cent of their 1923 tax money. Knoxville is the first city in America to actually refund cash to taxpayers.

The council is now working on a number of important matters for the near future. Among these is a viaduct which has been badly needed for many years; a new city planning and zoning ordinance and additional school facilities.

Were Ashamed

Before we secured the city manager form of government we were somewhat ashamed of our municipal conditions, but we can now lift up our heads and call attention of the whole nation to a government that is second to none.

Under separate cover we are sending you a booklet which will give you information concerning the details of the accounting system which has been installed.

We are also sending you newspaper summary of the first year under the city manager government.

Knoxville has a population of 100,000. Our city council is composed of eleven men. Five of these are elected from the city at large, while the remaining six are elected from the six districts of the city. The tax rate for this year is \$2.10 per \$100 taxable property. The assessment, while supposed to be 100 per cent, is actually about 70 per cent.

We are asking the director of finance to give you full information concerning the bond indebtedness, and the director of public safety to give you information concerning the number and salaries of police and fire department.

The Man in the Moon SAYS--

THERE'S one thing about the modern girl, she cannot be classed as effeminate.

WHAT surprises many people in Prince Rupert is where some of their neighbors get the money to buy the trimmings.

SOME people are still old fashioned enough to think that the way to get anything important done is to take off your coat and buckle down to it.

YOU ought to see the cheery smile that passes around when it is announced that there is rice or bread pudding for dessert.

THE poor pay cash. The rich think paying bills is too petty a thing for them to attend to.

THE undertaker is one of the greatest factors in the march of progress.

I WISH someone could tell me the difference between a bedroom and a houndoir.

THE difficulty about a white collar job is paying the laundry bill.

I FEAR that farmers will get their idea of voice culture from radio announcers.

A WOMAN usually makes up her mind and also makes up her husband's mind.

BATTLESHIPS, submarines, and airplanes may repel invaders but they are useless to keep out influenza germs.

NOW that the Bolsheviks have given Leon Trotsky the G.B. it might be interesting to publish a new "Who's Who in Russia."

IF Jack Dempsey marries Estelle Taylor, as the despatches intimate he intends, he will lack the hardest job he has yet had since he commenced his career of conquest.

THEY rightly named those puzzles. Father usually says the cross words when he finds his meals are not ready and nobody wants to do anything except talk geography.

WHAT I like about this council is the speed with which it gets through its first meeting.

WITH Alderman Casey in the chair, who will do the talking in the council?

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

January 28, 1915. One of the prettiest and most successful dances ever held in Prince Rupert was the function in the McIntyre Hall last night in honor of the graduating class of the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Those graduating were Miss Walker, Miss Marjorie B.



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