enemies of those governments. They create corruption and live on the corruption they create. Back of every "Boss," back of every evil board of aldermen, will be found the public utility corporation demanding exorbitant prices for monopoly service, and owned and directed by "leading" and "respected" citizens. Unless the water be squeezed out of these corporations and they enter into quasi-partnership with the cities, giving service at fairly remunerative rates in consideration of enjoying a protected monopoly, they must and will be superseded by municipal ownership. Unless these corporations cease meddling in politics and desist from corrupting city officials, they must be destroyed at whatever cost. The threat here, the direct threat here, the threat that this lawless man must close the saloon according to ordinance, or that those others cannot have gambling, but pocket-picking privileges, unless they are busy and "right" on election day—such threats are sufficient to save a surprising percentage of votes. Moreover there is, under such a system, every inducement to Corpor- nation, Politician, and Policeman, to con- tribute at the increased vice and crime in this city. The criminals are continuously black- mailed by the police.

7. The remedies for this state of affairs, lamentably common in cities, must be found, first of all, in the intelligent enthusiasm of voters; almost any form of charter is certain things recognized as the prime requisites.

1. Nominations and elections independent of national parties and dates.
2. A minimum number of elective officers, mayor and council, and others appointive.
3. Nominations by petition or by direct primaries.
4. The merit system of public employment.
5. The right of municipalities to own and operate public utilities.
6. The right of a reasonable percentage of voters to demand a referendum on questions of grave public importance.

The real vital thing is to put honest, efficient, big men into office and that is a desperately hard task. Copyright 1897, by Intercollegiate Literary League.

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The Shipmore Class is considering making an appeal to the Faculty to have the seats in Physics Lecture upholstered. They evidently do not intend to be physically as well as mentally tor- tured.

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