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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giving service at fairly remunerative rates in consideration of enjoying a protected monopoly, they must and will be superseded by municipal ownership.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 city politics and desist from corrupting city officials, they must be destroyed at whatever cost. The day of the "deacon director" who buys a council through "leading lawyers" must come to an end.

Legislative corruption breeds administrative corruption, and over against debauched aldermen, we universally find a corrupt political police force. The machine, with corporation money behind it, needs votes. The votes of the criminal and semi-criminal are easily controlled by the police. The threat that this lawless man must close this saloon according to ordinance, or that those others cannot have gambling, bunco or pocket-picking privileges, unless they are busy and "right" on election day,—such threats are sufficient to swing a surprising percentage of votes. Moreover there is, under such a system, every inducement to Corporation, Politician, and Policeman, to connive at the increase of vice and crime in this city. The criminals are continuously blackmailed 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 can be made to work, but there are 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 desperately hard.

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The Twelfth Course announced for this season, and appointed to be given by Professor A. B. Hart on "The Real South," has been postponed, at his request, until next winter. The program for 1907-1908 will be ready about October 1, and may then be obtained on application (enclosing a stamped addressed envelope). W. T. Sedgwick, Curator.

The Sophomore 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 tortured.

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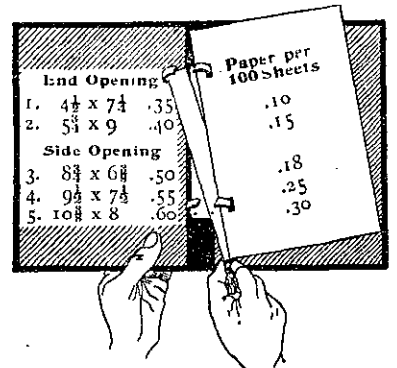
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