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# Berichtigungen.

## Corrections to be made in the forms of Prof. Goodnow's article on "The Position and Powers of Cities in the United States".

Page 4, line 16; should read "population of about one hundred thousand", not "population of about fifty thousand inhabitants".

Page 5, line 22; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "associations", not "associations".

Page 8, line 30; the 7<sup>th</sup> word should be "to", not "tho".

Page 9, line 17; the fifth word should be "forty-six", not "forty-five".

Page 10, line 7; after the word "discharging" the word "functions" should be inserted.

Page 10, line 32; the 3rd word should be "result", not "rsult".

Page 12, line 13; the last word should be "legislature", not "ligislature".

Page 13, line 1 of Chapter 2; the 5<sup>th</sup> word should be "that", not "their".

Page 14, line at end of 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph; the second word should be "latter's", not "latters".

Page 16, line 6; the word "and" should be omitted after the word "Washington".

Page 16, line 28-29; the word "constitutional" should be divided "constitution-al", not "constitutio-nal".

Page 18, line 1; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "interest", not "niterest". Page 18, line 3; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "to", not "in".

Page 18, line 29-30; the word "Republicans" should be divided "Repub-licans", not "Republicans".

Page 19, line 11; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "to", not "io".

Page 19, line 15; the figure at the end of the line should be "1", not "3".

Page 19, line 16; the figure at the end of the line should be "2", not "4".

Page 20, line 2; the  $4^{\text{th}}$  word from the end should be "statute", not "state".

Page 21, line 6 from the bottom; after the word "making", insert the word "two".

Page 23, line 19; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "proper", not "droper".

Page 24, line 8; the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 words should read "not been adopted", instead of "been adopted not".

Page 25, line 7 and 8; the word divided between these lines should be "certainty", not "certanity".

Page 26, line 18; after the word "regarded", should be the word "as", not "a".

Page 26, line 22; the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 words of the new sentence should read "Therefore, and again", not "Therefore and again,".

Page 30, line 18; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "what", not "whit". Page 30, line 23; the last word should be "with", not "whith". Page 32, line 6; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "if", not "it".

Page 33, line 5; a comma should be inserted after "not", so that the last 4 words will read "do not, it must".

Page 35, line 6; the word in the middle of the line should be "monthly", not "monthly".

Page 36, last line; strike out the word "on", after the word "catch". Page 38, line 14; after the word "right", insert the word "to", so that it will read "right to sell".

Page 39, line 2 from bottom; the 1st word should be "is", not "are".

Page 43, line 18; the word after "who" should be "would", not "whould".

Page 45, line 17; the last words of the sentence should be "naturally varies a good deal", not "varies naturally a good deal".

Page 45, line 20; insert the word "the" before the word "rural".

## Corrections to be made in the forms of Mr. Wilcox's article on "The Government of Great American Cities".

On the title page; "Detroit, Michigan U. S. A." should be changed to "New York City".

Page 57, line 23; instead of "per cent", the word should be "percentage".

Page 59, line 4; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "centrally", not "enterally".

Page 63, last line of paragraph 13; the  $10^{\text{th}}$  word should be "years", not "yeares".

Page 68, line 2 from bottom; the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "speaking", not "speeking".

Page 69; the dash (--) at the end of the 2 nd line should be taken away and placed at the end of the 1 st line, after the word "cities".

Page 78, line 6; the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> words should be "doubtful whether", not "doubtful wheter".

Page 84, line 15; following the words "water mains" should be "a special tax", not "opecial tax".

Page 85, line 4 from the bottom; the last words should be "buildings, grounds", not "buildings grounds".

Page 87, line 17; the last word should be "laborer,", not "laborer.".

Page 89, line 16; instead of the words "the latest report", put "this report".

Page 91, line 8; the  $4^{\text{th}}$  and  $5^{\text{th}}$  words should be "that steps", not "thats teps".

Page 100, line 1 of second paragraph; the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> words should be "legislative control", not "legisl ativecontrol".

Page 101, line 7; after the word "state" insert the word "of".

Page 101, line 11; the last 4 words should be "tunnel, gas and electric", not "tunnel gas and electric".

Page 101, line 3 from bottom; insert "and" before the words "has authority".

Page 104, line 19; instead of "three larger boroughs", put "three more populous boroughs".

Page 105, line 1; at the end of the line should be "in the less populous", not "in the small".

Page 107, line 11 and 12; the word "unanimous" should be divided "unan-imous", not "un-animous".

Page 107, line 12 and 13; strike out the words "the granting of a franchise".

Page 111, line 4 of last paragraph; the words should read "for navigation and the commerce", not "for the navigation and commerce".

Page 112, line 13; strike out the 1<sup>st</sup> word, "as".

Page 122, line 2; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "conformation", not "confirmation".

Page 121, line 4 of 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph; after the word "control", insert the word "of".

Page 126, line 7; the line should begin "including the speed of the boats", not "including the of the speed boats".

Page 126, line 28; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word from the end should be "apart", not "appart".

Page 127, line 22; the 6<sup>th</sup> word should be "taxpayer's", not "taxpayers".

Page 129, line 21-22; the word "elementary" should be divided "element-ary", not "elementary".

Page 130, line 29; the  $4^{\text{th}}$  word should be "separate", not "separate".

Page 130, line 30; the 4<sup>th</sup> word should be "Mayor", not "Mayer".

Page 133, line 8; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "Department", not "Commission".

Page 134, line 7; the line should begin "ployees' work", not "ployees, work".

Page 135, headline; the words should be "Great American Cities", not "Grea Americant Cities".

Page 135, line 2 from bottom; in place of the words "street franchise utilities", put "street railway, gas and electric franchises',

Page 136, line 11; the line should begin "taxation — churches", not "taxation, churches".

Page 136, line 22; the last words of the line should be "shrunk to a little more", not "shrunk into a little more".

Page 138, line 3 from the end of middle paragraph; the last words should be "are wells", not "all wells".

Page 140, line 17; the next to the last word should be "of", not "oft".

Page 142, Chicago, line 5; the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "general", not "genersl".

Page 144, line 17; the  $4^{\text{th}}$  word should be "throughout", not "troughout".

Page 144, line 20; at the end of the line should be "\$ 1.00", not "1,00".

Page 146, the headline should be "Delos F. Wilcox", not "Delos J. Wilcox".

Page 146, line 20; the  $4^{\text{th}}$  and  $5^{\text{th}}$  words should be "however, although", not "however although".

Page 154, line 2; the  $5^{\text{th}}$  word should be "authorize", not "authorized".

Page 154, line 26; the 7 th and 8 th words should be "parks, which", not "parks which".

Page 154, line 30; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "were", not "ware". Page 155, line 12; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "to", not "for".

Page 158, the headline should be "Delos F. Wilcox", not "Delos J. Wilcox".

Page 158, line 18; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "them", not "hem". Page 158, line 32; the 5<sup>th</sup> word should be "to", not "te".

Page 163, line 4 from the bottom; words should be "subject to the approval", not "subject, to the approval".

Page 164, line 29; the  $8^{\text{th}}$  word should be "reduced", not "reduced".

Page 166, line 4 from bottom; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word from the end should be "employed", not "employed".

Page 169, line 19; the  $6^{\text{th}}$  word should be "estimated", not "extimated".

Page 170, line 1; the 8<sup>th</sup> word should be "under", not "udner".

Page 170, line 4 from bottom; the last word should be "ineffectual", not "inneffectual".

Page 174, line 5 from bottom; the 10 <sup>th</sup> word should be "based", not "pased".

Page 178, line 9 from bottom; the sentence should begin "A citizens", not "A citizens".

Page 181, line 8 from bottom; the line should end "removed,", not "removed".

Page 183, line 11; the 8<sup>th</sup> word should be "rights", not "rights". Page 183, line 13, it should be "\$ 1.00", not "\$ 1,00".

Page 183, line 14; the next to the last word should be "thereafter", not "there after".

Page 183, line 9 from bottom; words should be "pearls before", not "pearls be fore".

Page 188, line 25; the figures should be "\$ 30,000,000", not "\$ 30,0000,000".

Page 189, line 5; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "successful", not "successful".

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Page 196, line 24; the 9<sup>th</sup> word should be "forms", not "foums". Page 197, line 9 from bottom; the 8<sup>th</sup> word should be "reform", not "referm".

Page 200, line 15 from bottom; the 4<sup>th</sup> word should be "real", not "real".

Page 202, line 10; the 7<sup>th</sup> word should be "of", not "for".

Page 203, line 11 from bottom; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "Two" not "The". And the 5<sup>th</sup> word should be "together", not "altogether". Page 204, line 6 from bottom; the line should end "Sheriff.".

not "Sheriff".

Page 206, line 13; the 3 rd word should be "public", not "public".

Page 206, line 25; the 11<sup>th</sup> word should be "Citizens", not "Citizens".

Page 207, line 10; the  $4^{\text{th}}$  word should be "committee", not "committed".

Page 206, line 28; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "Christian", not "christian".

Page 214, line 15; the 8<sup>th</sup> word should be "maintenance", not "maintainance".

Page 216, line 3 from bottom; the last word should be "all", not "al".

Page 219, line 2 from bottom; the 5<sup>th</sup> word should be "nevertheless", not "nevertheless".

Page 220, line 17; the figures should be "\$ 0.55", not "\$ 55".

Page 230, line 11 from bottom; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "development", not "development".

Page 232, line 15; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "schools", not "schools".

Page 232, line 23; the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "Quincy", not "Luincy".

Page 233, line 12; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "Consumptives", not "Consumptives,".

Page 233, line 3 from bottom; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "Sanitary", not "Sanitery".

Page 234, line 3; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "Soldiers'", not "Soldiers,".

Page 236, line 1; the 4<sup>th</sup> word should be "convenience", not "convinience".

Page 236, line 7; the last word should be "a", not "an".

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Page 236, line 12 from bottom; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "paying", not payming".

Page 236, line 11 from bottom; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "subway", not "subways".

Page 236, line 10 from bottom; the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "maintenance", not "maintence".

Page 243, line 4 (Baltimore); the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "square", not "equare".

Page 244, line 5; the last word should be "uselessly", not "uselessy".

Page 244, line 12; strike out the last word, "people".

Page 247, line 9; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "neighboring", not "neighbouring".

Page 248, line 11 from bottom; the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "departments", not "departments".

Page 249, line 9; the 4<sup>th</sup> word should be "of", not "for".

Page 254, line 2-3; the word "established" should be divided "estab-lished", not "esta-blished".

Pages 254, line 6; the  $7^{\text{th}}$  word should be "Manufacturers", not "Manufacturers,".

Page 256, line 10 from bottom; the 8<sup>th</sup> word should be "aside", not "asside".

Page 259, line 7; the 8<sup>th</sup> word should be "be" not "de".

Page 259, line 9 from the bottom; strike out the 6<sup>th</sup> word, "has", after "Johnson".

Page 267, line 2 of paragraph on "City's Finances"; the figures should be "\$ 27,785,903", not "27,785,903".

Page 274, line 2 from bottom; 7 th word should be "California", not "Colifornia".

Page 277, line 13 from bottom; the 7 th word should be "measure", not "amendment".

Page 279, line 3; the  $8^{th}$  word should be "contain", not "contsin".

Page 282, last word of 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph; should be "inevitable", not "inevitible".

Page 283, line 5; the 5<sup>th</sup> word should be "administrator", not "administratur".

Page 283, line 13; the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "Public", not "Public".

Page 283, line 14; the 4<sup>th</sup> word should be "public", not "puplic". Page 285, (New Orleans) line 10; the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "valleys", not "vallays".

Page 287, line 6; the 8<sup>th</sup> word should be "brought", not "hrought".

Page 287. line 8; the 9<sup>th</sup> word should be "speaking", not "speeking".

Pages 287, line 9 from bottom; figures should be "1893", not "1896".

Page 288, line 5; the 6<sup>th</sup> word should be "city", not "City".

#### Uncorrected pages 289-299.

Page 290, line 24; the 1<sup>st</sup> word should be "committee", not "cemmittee".

Page 291, line 1; the 2<sup>nd</sup> word should be "remaining", not "remaning", the 11<sup>th</sup> word should be "and", not "end".

Page 291, line 18; the 10<sup>th</sup> word should be "sewage", not "sewerage".

Page 291, line 9 from bottom; the 9<sup>th</sup> word should be "Board", not "Bord".

Page 292, line 11 from bottom; should begin "nine-tenths per cent, or § 2.90", not "mine-tenths per cent, or § 2.90.

Page 293, line 4; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word from the end should be "unpaid", not "un-paid".

Page 293, line 9; the  $4^{\text{th}}$  word should be "financial", not "financials".

Page 294, line 2; should begin "in the", not "insthe".

Page 294, line 10 from bottom; the last word should be "though", not "tough".

Page 294, line 8 from bottom; the 3<sup>rd</sup> word should be "up-to-date", not "upto-date".

Page 194, line 2 from bottom; the last word should be "States", not "Stated".

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II

# Municipalities in England.

From

F. W. Hirst.

Schriften 123.

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## Introduction on English local government generally.

The history of local administration in England previous to the great Reform Bill of 1835 is tortuous and in some respects obscure, though through all its deviations and incongruities threads of continuity may be traced from Anglo Saxon if not from Roman times. The idea of local self-governing communities urban or rural was never wholly lost, being preserved in towns by charters and guilds, in the country districts by the parochial institutions fostered by the Roman Church. Under the centralising rule of the Norman Kings local institutions and local jurisdictions were enfeebled by the appointment of royal officers and judges, and the establishment of Justices of the Peace in the 14th century by Edward the Third placed the administration of the laws and the ultimate control of all rural life in the hands of landed proprietors who, though local residents, were nominated by the King. From a social point of view the institution of Justices of the Peace is perhaps the most important event in the history of the English nation. The towns however were considered as distinct communities more or less free according to circumstances from the jurisdiction of the County Justices, and in the fifteenth century nearly all the towns of England were held to possess (by grant or by implication) charters of incorporation conferring various customary privileges and rights of self government. From this time until the termination of the Stuart dynasty by the Revolution of 1688 the history of English local government so far as it can be disentangled from the particular circumstances of particular localities is part of the great struggle between parliament and the King, or between the law and the Crown. Already in the 14th century parliament had begun to receive petitions from boroughs and shires against administrative and judicial

grievances, and these petitions gradually took the modern form of public and private (or local) bills which become public and private (or local) Acts after they have passed both Houses of Parliament and received the King's assent. This activity of the House of Commons, though it certainly developed a new form of central control over local administration, was also highly favourable to local autonomy. But under the strong rule of the Tudors the progress of parliamentary authority was checked. The House of Commons lost much of its independent bearing, and allowed the sovereign to develop a new administrative power which soon threatened to sap the independence of the judges, to upset the rule of law, and to put an end to parliamentary control over public taxes, expenditure and administration. The privy council was reorganised, administrative orders and regulations unauthorised by statute were issued to justices of the peace. A judical committee called the Star Chamber was formed for the purpose of hearing cases of administrative law, and it seemed quite possible that the whole stream of English life and government might be turned into a continental channel. Fortunately (as we think) the Stuart Kings were unsuccessful in their attempts to carry on the Tudor system. Though the defeat of Charles in the Civil War was not quite final, the expulsion of James put an end (for a time) to the struggle between King and Parliament, established the control of the House of Commons over public expenditure, and fortified the rule of law by the impregnable rampart of an absolutely independent judiciary. The curious thing is that for nearly a century and a half no reforms were introduced into the system of local government. So far as legislation was concerned the edifice of local government in England continued to rest until 1834 upon two statutes - the Act of Edward the Third providing for Justices of the Peace & the Act of Elizabeth providing for a poor rate. The first conferred an almost absolute dictatorship of rural life upon the landlord class, who were at once administrators & judges. The second supplied the machinery for defraying the expenses of the poor laws by means of a poor rate. The Act of Elizabeth still remains on the Statute books, and is the basis of the English law of rates, by means of which most of the revenue required in town and country for local purposes is raised to this day. The necessity for a landed qualification for the office of a County Justice was only repealed last year, and the administration of rural government was only withdrawn

from Quarter Sessions in 1888. It will be interesting to see whether the new attack (by land taxers) upon the principles of a rating system established in the reign of Elizabeth will prove successful. If so it will probably take the form of a proposal to rate land and houses separately and to throw the land rate upon the owner of the land while the house rate continues to be paid by the occupier of the house.

No doubt the long era of legislative indifference to the needs of localities lasting from 1688 to 1834 is to be explained by the continued predominance of the territorial oligarchy in parliament, and this again was mainly due to the permanent results of the Tudor and Stuart policy, deliberately adopted, of perpetuating and extending the system of rotten boroughs. Political and municipal corruption went hand in hand. It was the policy of the Crown to put "a select body" as it was called in control of a town with the double object of stifling local autonomy and of restricting the franchise to the so called "freemen", who alone was allowed to vote. It was impossible for an unreformed parliament to reform local government. Consequently with the enormous growth of manufactures and trade from 1750 onwards new towns and suburbs grew up whose only government was the antiquated rule of the lords of the manor or the primitive organisation of parish vestries.

At last in 1832 the Reform Bill was carried, and the Government of England passed into the hands of the middle classes under the fairly capable and sympathetic leadership of a Whig Aristocracy. The first tasks of the new parliament were the reform of the poor laws and the reform of municipal corporations. The first was successfully carried in 1834, the second in 1835. The Poor Law Amendment of 1834 and the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 have stood the test of time and criticism, and though the former has already received substantial modifications and may require to be completely recast in the near future no one doubts that it represented a great advance of statemanship. It was the first large and successful application to the most difficult of social problems of a system combining a popular elected local body with a central authority composed of permanent officials controlled by parliament. The reform of Municipal Corporations has proved satisfactory in all its main features and the Municipal Code of 1882 only differs in comparatively trifling details from the original measure. Since 1834-5