



# Pacific Municipalities (Classic Reprint)

League of California Municipalities



Excerpt from Pacific Municipalities Mr. President and Gentlemen of the League: I want to say, as I see a large number of our good friends leaving the hall, that I think the public health is as important a topic as can be considered by this convention. And I will tell you right now that, unless you have a high state of public health, your values will depreciate, and you will have nothing upon which to levy a tax. I can point out to you a number of cities in this state where real estate values have depreciated to a tremendous extent, on account of the prevalence of certain diseases. The public health has not always received the consideration that it deserves. It has not received the consideration due it by different classes of people - by commercial men, because they thought there was nothing commercial to it, and by so-called practical men, because they thought there was nothing practical to it. But I submit that it has both its commercial and its practical aspects. And I ask your consideration, not for myself, but for my subject. The public health is too important an issue to be passed by without consideration by the cities and towns represented in this league. In the preface to a collection of addresses entitled Why Should We Change Our Form of Government, the author, Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, says, The distinction between the realm of government and the realm of individual liberty lies at the basis of free institutions that are to last. If the realm of government be so extended as to wipe out entirely the realm of individual liberty, the result can only be stagnation, paralysis, and death. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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