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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office Roseburg, Ore., 24 hours ending 5 n. m., March 25, 1912.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths:

Highest temperature yesterday Lowest temperature last night 34 Precipitation, last 24 hours... 09 Total precip, since 1st of month 3.65 Normal precip for this mouth 3.98 But hungering, and querulous, and Total precip, from Sep. 1, 1911,

Average precip. from Septem-....27.76 3.21

Average precip. for 34 wet seasons (Sep. to May luclustvo)

WILLIAM BELL,

THE WATER & LIGHT QUESTION

This paper has heretofore printed in its news columns matter pertaining to the water and light contract that the city of Roseburg has with Kendali Brothers, who are the owners of the light and water plant which supplies the consumers in Roseburg. There has been much comment back and forth, but the one feature of all the articles and letters which we published was that the citi zens and consumers here were dissatisfied with the present unsatisfac-tory service and wanted a change This change could only be brought about by municipal ownership of the light and water plant, it was arraned.

This paper interviewed nine on of the twelve councilmen and all of these were in favor of municipal ownership if the city could afford to bond itself and install the plant and if this was the proper time for the change. The entire matter was brought about by the high rates charged the city for lighting and water and the inefficient and unsatisfactory and uneven service of the present owners of these commodities.

The general feeling among con sumers is that some change should take place. It is not probable that any step will be taken by the city council looking toward municipal ownership at this time. It is probable, however, that unless the service is bettered in the near future and a better rate is made with the city that this will be the one big is sue in the municipal campaign a year from this coming fall.

If some good responsible company were to purchase the present plant and be watchful of the service that it gave the people no such thought would be in the minds of the voters and consumers. What the people want is the highest possible service with a fair and just rate. But ser vice is what they demand. A public service corporation, which depends for its existence upon the service that It renders the public, is more or less responsible to the public and the public has more than ordinary rights in the manner in which that commodity is sold to them. It is differ out from buying a yard of called. It the first merchant wants too high price for his cloth the customer mago to the next store and buy the called is not as good as the customer wanted he need not purchase it. Not so with the citizen who buys water and light from public service corporation. The cit gives the corporation a tranchis which usually right to use the atreets for these purposes for a period of years corporation erects its poles and layits mains, turns on the water and light and seth the same to all coners. It then sometimes formers that It was by the grace of the people that it was allowed to do business at all. If the service is not what a should be the people have no recourse except to agiliate manicipal ownership which is not always the cure for the evil. If that same corporation had made it its nim to se examined into, it it had been cour teous in the treatment of its par roms; If it had tried to make a ficiency instead of increasing dividends; if it had done these three there would have been no cry for municipal ownership.

Private ownership of light and water plants has been tried and proen a complete success in bundreds of communities in the United State Municipal awarendily has met with some signal successes and som equalty signal fallures, depending from politics and eliminating the 'spoils system" from its operation One of two things is bound to hat pen in this city. Either the preent owners of the light and water plant will have to increase the en ficiency of its service to the publior a new company, seeing the pos sibilities for good here, will take over the proposition, and render such set vice to its patrons that municipal ownership will not be an issue the coming campaign.

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With a half logic, which she counted whole .09 Earnest, no doubt, and honest, no

With starying instincts in a fruities

And with an itching for the sore of

Which comes from the mere printing of a name She ciamored for her 'Rights'; show

ed solemn craft, And men Brute men They only laughed.

She did not mek her 'Rights'; She dreamed not of some path to mannish heights

But followed nature's way and deem ed it good And bloomed from flower to fruit

She loved the 'tyrant'; bore her no ble part

in life with him, and thought with all her heart She had her rights.

She held that something men and To be unlike, but each a supplement Unto the other, 'twas her gentle

whIm He was not more to her than she And little children gathered at her

And men Brute men. Would die for such as she.

William Jennings Bryan was neve book agent, but he at one tin ame near enough to it to qualify counselor of those who followed the business. On one occasion h undertook to sell to the citizeness the Salem neighborhood, in Illino 10 maps which his brother had bee

inderstand it, is to sell these maps, aid firyan

Yes, that's all," agreed the

That night William returned b with the announcement

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"But where do I get off?" asked he prother. "How do I get my per-"Well," said Bryan, without enhustasm, "you can come around and | • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • have supper with me some time."-

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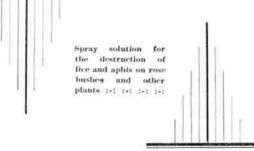
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