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ATTACK MAYOR'S LIGHTING POLICY

President Josselyn Says City Would Gain Nothing by Owning Plant.

CITES LIST OF FACTS

Head of Power Company Seeks to Show That Municipal Ownership Has Failed in Many Instances.

That municipal ownership of public utilities is impracticable and that, where tried, it has proved an expensive and a disappointing experiment in a large majority of instances, are the contentions of Mr. J. J. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. Since Mayor Lane began his advocacy of a municipal electric lighting plant, Mr. Josselyn has obtained statistics on the subject showing that invariable municipal plant ownership has failed in many instances.

Discussing municipal ownership from a business viewpoint, Mr. Josselyn yesterday addressed a letter to Mayor Lane in which he takes issue with the Mayor's argument in favor of that policy. By way of introduction to a discussion of the subject, Mr. Josselyn refers to the fact that his company is one of the largest, individual taxpayer in the city and for that reason is interested directly in any proposal that would have the effect of adding to the rate of taxation. Mr. Josselyn has supplied himself with ammunition and believes he can controvert successfully any argument Mayor Lane may advance in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities.

Letter of Mr. Josselyn.

Noting your position on the subject of municipal ownership of public utilities, and inasmuch as our company is one of the largest individual taxpayers in the city, and consequently interested in knowing that nothing will be done which would have the effect of increasing our taxes, I have made out a list of facts which I believe will show you the results of municipal ownership of public utilities in other cities of the United States which have undertaken municipal management or ownership of public utilities, and give you herewith a few extracts from the subject for your information, as well as the results of the same in Richmond, Va., the city gas plant is one of the oldest in the country, and is the largest municipal ownership institution of its kind on this side of the Atlantic, having been established at Philadelphia, which is held to be a private corporation for operation, and in that city for 41 thousand cubic feet, and an effort was made to reduce the price to 40 cents per thousand feet. In endeavoring to give the City Council information on which to base a decision, the president of the plant gave one figure as the real cost of making the product; the City Accountant offered a second figure, and the finance committee produced a third, all different, and all of course, wrong. The Council at Richmond is large, patriotic and eloquent, but unlike that of Portland, and the gas price question caused some interesting scenes. After it was all over the point that the city did not know how much that was correct or reliable about its gas works seemed to be the single conclusion upon which a majority was agreed, and the reduction in price was defeated. It was charged that the cheap campaign material without proper consideration of the finances and the law.

City Keeps Price Up.

In New Westminster, British Columbia, a curious method of protecting the revenues of the municipal electric light plant was used in order to save the city from the financial competition from gas supplied by the gas company. In that city the electric light plant was the principal owner of the gas company inasmuch as it had the right to buy the gas at a low price. The deal was brought to light when the gas company protested against granting a franchise to another company, stating that they would be able to sell gas cheaper but for the agreement with the city, and under the circumstances felt it was entitled to protection by the city. That public service companies do not suffer from investigation by city authorities, when the deal is important and not for the purpose of political advertising, is shown at Terre Haute, Ind., where the Citizens Gas & Fuel Company recently had the service examined and tested under the auspices of a special committee of the City Council. The report made shows service to be satisfactory, and the committee was unable to discover any grounds for criticism. At Frankfort, Ind., a distinguished citizen, in response to a request for an opinion upon municipal ownership, stated that he had a city from 10,000 to 20,000 people. The cost of a municipal lighting plant was something over \$50,000. Though the city has no report from data on file, he would judge that

the cost was about \$20 per street arc lamp per year. The city has had no doubt since the installation of the municipal lighting plant. The service is extremely poor, and it appears to be a case of a taxpayer in the city "white elephant." He states that if a city is out of debt, has a low tax levy and large surplus of cash, that the right way to get rid of his surplus would be to build a municipal lighting plant.

Cites New York Budget.

In New York City the expense budget for city government this year amounts to \$143,000,000 of the amount \$24,000,000 is for interest on the bonded debt, and \$10,000,000 is for redemption of that much of the bonded debt. A great many of the things for which the money was originally borrowed have been used, worn out and discarded from the eyes and knowledge of men. The figures are presented for the benefit of those who have no idea of public debt and who believe in letting coming generations pay.

Quotes Kansas City Paper.

"If the water works were now operated by a private corporation, instead of by the municipal water works, it would be a service as was recently sent to the Mayor would probably be a very good one. The water works, but as the city and not a private corporation, would be the owner of the water works, which probably referred to it as a 'private corporation' who probably placed it in a 'private corporation' where it would be in a position to be operated in a more efficient manner than it is at present. The water works are a public utility, and frequent bond issues are necessary to make up the deficit under municipal operation. The city is in a bad financial condition and the administration can see no way to cover the deficit except by increasing the cost for supplying water. The water works are a public utility, and frequent bond issues are necessary to make up the deficit under municipal operation. The city is in a bad financial condition and the administration can see no way to cover the deficit except by increasing the cost for supplying water."

Refers to Spokane Suit.

Spokane, Wash., is defendant in a suit brought by a citizen charging that the water works are operated at a loss. The money is diverted from the water fund for other purposes, notwithstanding the fact that the water works are a public utility, and frequent bond issues are necessary to make up the deficit under municipal operation. The city is in a bad financial condition and the administration can see no way to cover the deficit except by increasing the cost for supplying water."

The City Council of Lafayette, Ind., has rejected a proposed municipal electrical plant scheme after investigation on the subject by individual members. The Council, that places, says, satisfaction in municipal ownership has generally proven a failure, although on paper it invariably looks good and its theory sounds well. Its advocates have believed we might be one of the exceptions, but they have been disappointed. The city has never had it thought, only to come up with a suit that made the taxpayers wonder what had hit them, but the question is settled. Let there be peace.

In Cincinnati it was thought that a gas or electric company alone in its territory has no competition, a proposition generally accepted upon its face, but is not true. Some facts given in a circular issued by the Union Gas & Electric Company of Cincinnati, showing the results of operation for a certain period, illustrate how this view is wrong. It is stated that by reason of the aggressive campaign for new business the company succeeded in substituting its service for 18 private gas and electric plants, 24 gas plants, 4 steam power plants and 24 isolated plants, besides securing the change of 47 elevators from hydraulic to electric power—all in one year. Labor increased 25 per cent in cost, with reduction in hours from 12 1/2 to 8, and materials of all kinds were very high in price, but no higher rates for gas or electricity were contemplated, as

would have been the rule in an ordinary industry. The authorities of Watertown, South Dakota, have decided not to build a water works to compete with a local company already in the field.

Had Abuses Creeping In.

At Charlevoix, Mich., the Board of Public Works requisitioned the water rates made in 1907 in the investigation required many abuses and inequalities were discovered. Some rates were raised; others lowered—even the Board of Public Works was lambasted. More recently still, it was found that the city had a very large amount of money due it from the users of water and light. There is no town within 40 miles of Charlevoix, that owns its own lighting plant, that is not in trouble concerning the management and operation thereof, and in one case the situation is serious.

At Nashville, Tenn., the report of the superintendent of the municipal water works department states he discovered and stopped two big leaks in South Nashville, one of which had been supplying a "spring" for years that dried up on discovering a four-inch main broken squarely in two and stopping the leak.

In a report to the Board of Aldermen of Burlington, Vt., certified public accountants set forth that the municipal electric plant of that place has been operated at a heavy loss since it was put into service. The city plant supplies the street lighting and pays for commercial service a private company. The depreciation allowances made by the accountants were: Building, per cent, machinery, 5 per cent, tools, fixtures, etc., 10 per cent. The communication transmitting these figures with this graph:

"We find that the department is paying nothing in respect to the rental for the land occupied by its plant, which, if it were not owned by the city, would be leased to somebody else to bear."

"The above communication is quite long, but I shall, if desired, be pleased to give you further references should you desire to be more fully posted of the exact outcome as demonstrated in other municipalities, for comparison, if possible, of defeating and increased taxation that might be levied upon by reason of municipal ownership of public utilities."

HURRYING NEW BUILDINGS

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE BEING IMPROVED.

All Expected to Be Ready for Fall Term—Features in Veterinary Hospital Equipment.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE.

Pullman, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—The work of construction on the new building of the Washington State College is progressing rapidly, and it is expected that all of the new structures will be ready for occupation by the time of the opening of the term, '08-'09. The basement of the building will be complete within the present week.

The new veterinary hospital is also nearly done. Equipment, such as laboratory supplies, operating tables, and additions to the supply of surgical instruments have been ordered, but will not arrive for a few weeks. One convenient feature of the working equipment of this building is a system of elevators moved by electric power, by which patients can be hoisted from the lower floors to the upper laboratories for operation and class-room demonstrations.

The domestic economy building is nearly done, and the point of artistic architecture, is the most attractive building on the campus. The interior arrangement of the building comprises a large number of lecture rooms, laboratories and a banquet hall, which will be made use of by the young ladies' classes in "serving." A number of banquets are given in honor of the authorities of the college, and distinguished visitors each year, the supervision of which is in charge of the advanced students of this department, this being a part of their "laboratory practice."

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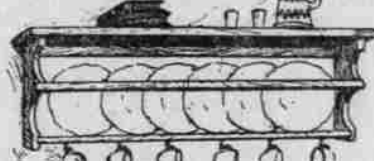
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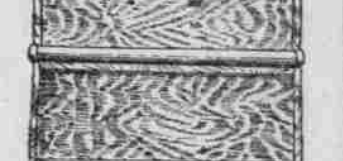
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A number of stereopticon pictures, illustrating the results of the liquor traffic will be shown, and Charles Samuel, a cartoonist, who has been on the lecture platform all over the United States will give a chalk talk. Some of the subjects illustrated will be "The Career of a Drunkard," "The Travels of a Hel," "The Descent of a Cigarette," "The Descent of Man," and "The Advance of Civilization."

Dr. McMichael will have charge of preparing some special temperance songs for the afternoon. The discussion groups following the afternoon address will consider one of Christ's greatest miracles, "The Healing of the Man Born Blind."

Fishers Take License.

ASTORIA, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—While the fishing season does not open for another week, the fishermen are already renewing their licenses, all of which expired on March 31. Up to the present time the Fish Warden has issued 201 gillnet, 48 setnet, 56 dealers and 11 trap licenses. No canny or cold storage licenses have been issued as yet.

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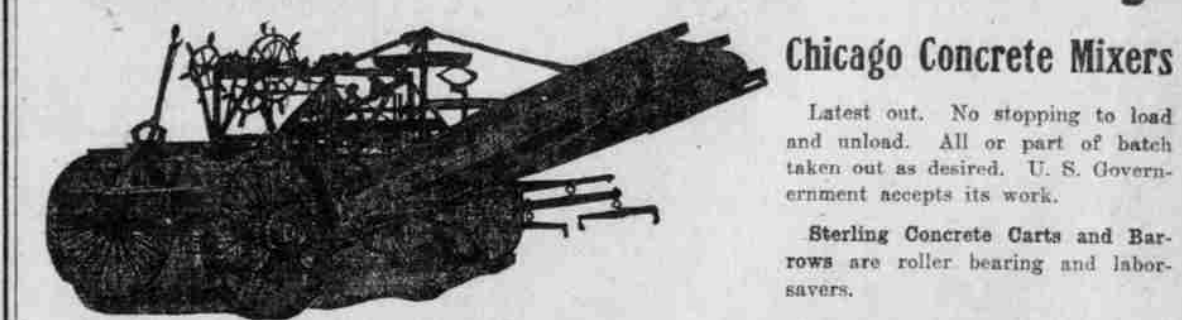
NORFOLK, Va., April 11.—A sealed

statement left by Leo C. Thurman, who was hanged here yesterday for the murder of his roommate, Walter P. Dolson, of Michigan, was opened here today. It is a full confession, in which Thurman admitted that he murdered Dolson in cold blood. "The confession" made last February, in which Thurman declared that the killing was in self-defense, is fully retracted.

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