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Some people are like some streams-more mud than deep. The muddiness may deceive for a time but its true character is ultimately discovered.
It is natural for children to be curious and therefore
almost every child is an animated question box. For that reason children should be heard and koxdly an-
swered, and, if possible, informed when they ask the swered, and, if possible, informed when they ask the
why and wherefore of things.
Since last
Since last week's issue of the Itemizer it is wonder-
ful how many people now think it would be a fine thing to have our wires unde: groun!, and the unsightly to have our wires unde: groun., and the unsightly
poles removed from the main street. We did not imapoles removed irom the main street. We did not ima-
gine that our idea of a city beautiful wauld amount to
anything, but we believe now that with anything, but we believe now that with concerted work it might result in a compromise-the placing of poles
in the alleyways instead of on the streets, thus bettering things in the beauty line to no inconfiderable extent.
State Game Warden W. L. Finley writes us re-
uesting our assistance in the organization of Sports. questing our assistance in the organization of Sports-
man clubs in every county. He desires to have our forests abound in game and our streams be stocked
with fish, and the object is certainly a laubable one and to which the Itemizer can give its unbiased support. He wants the clubs organized to assist the fish port. Ae wants the cluss organized to assist the fish
commission in planting trout and other zamey fish in
our streams, and to release different varieties of game our streams, and to release different varieties of game
birds now being raised at the state game farm. The birds now being raised at the state game farm. The
protection of game will also enter into their work, most especially the perfecting of sentiment for proper laws in that regard.
Many citizens of Dallas seemed to labor under false impression as to the liability of the ladies of the ivic league regarding the hauling away of the refuse
o Cleanup day, The city government was not paying or the hauling of this refuse, nor was the club acting for the hauling of this refuse, nor was the club acting
as their agent in the matter. The club did ask the council to do so for the first Cleanup day, but the city dads saw where they could very easily get themselves
into a hole, and establish a precedent that might cause them to haul off all the garbage scraped up in the town during the entire year, and so very wisely refused to ee responsible. Then the ladies took it upon themsel-
ves to see that the stuff was hauled away, aiming to of or only those who were poverty stricken and could not afford to pay for it. It cost the club some $\$ 4$ last year to do this at that time, making a hole in their reasury muchly desired for other things in the way of Iy everyone took advantage of the club offer and had their collection hauled off and charged to the club, the total bill being over $\$ 13$. This the ladies are entirely unprepared to pay, and have funds for any other pur-
pose, and was simply an imposition on their cood nature, occasioned by their desire for a clean town Many residents even had them cart off all the debris of
the entire year. Such action will tend to abolishment of interest in a clean city, instead of the opposite which was intended. The ladies still are read to haul off stuff
for the poor and needy, but those who are able to pay for the poor and needy, but those who are able to pay
should do so, and not attempt to make of the club a pack horse for their dirt. $\overline{T H E ~ N E W ~ C O U N C I L . ~}$

Last Monday evening marked what might be termed nearly a complete change in erunnig of the city affairs of the town of Dalias. That any serious change
of policies will result we do not anticipate. but all do expect that a somewhat radical change will be made. The new men come into office with the best wishes of all citizens of Dallas, with hardly an exception, and
they will have a solid backing that means much in the they wir have a solid backing that means much in the
successful carrying out of the policies that they were elected on. Mistakes will certainly be made, but we
will all feel certain that they are but mistakes, and will all feel certain that they are but mistakes, and give no censure. Mayor Van Orsdel, in his message, outlin-
ed the things the new council stand for, and all must admit that he said some very good things. He showed a close grasp of the situation, and what he thought were the remedies for certain evils. That he will be
able to rectify them, with a solid and harmonious council behind him, is greatly to be desired. He obligated the council to stãnd by the charter and eity ordinances, as made and provided. and requested the aid of every citizen in seeing that the laws are enforced. He stated
that no hard surface paving would be done until our that no hard surface paving would be done until our
water mains had been relaid with the very best of material in every respect. The rate now being paid for water by the city of Dallas was touched upon and he stated that it would be lowered if there was any chance
to do so, even if an appeal had to be taken to the state commission for the regulation of public utilities. He also plainly stated that the rates now charged by the electric light company would be investigated, and that
if there was any chance to do so, Dallas residents would if there was any chance to do so, Dalas residents would
have much cheaper lights and power. In this matte our mayor is undertaking quite a large proposition, but we hope he is the man for the job and will be able to come out on top. Taken as a whole his remarks were
to the point, and received with approbation by every to the
one.

