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PLENTY OF CURRENT.

We gladly give space to Manager Forsythe's long defense, for this question of day current for lighting

and power purposes is not a personal one as he seeks to make it, but a question that concerns the very life and upbuilding of this city.

As he says the Joseph company proposition need not longer be discussed. It is ancient history, and it matters not whether its proposal was exorbitant as Mr. Forsythe told the writer 10 days ago, or that it was not, as he now says.

The meat of the whole thing is in Mr. Forsythe's statement that the local company has no need to buy current. This we take it, implies it has plenty for lighting, power, day current or any other reasonable demand.

There are other points that will be better discussed when the data that is being gathered is at hand.

MANAGER FORSYTHE SAYS HAS PLENTY OF CURRENT.

Makes Tentative Proposal on Day Current Question.

Editor News-Record:—The various eruptions of information and misinformation appearing in late issues of your paper on the subject of day current, etc., for Enterprise, puts me in much the same frame of mind that I presume existed in the mind of the good old Baptist Elder when at the morning service after reading a part of St. Paul's 1st. Letter to the Corinthians, rather startled the worshippers by closing the Book, taking a survey of the congregation over his glasses and said, "Now, brethren, you have heard what Paul has to say about that; now listen while I take a rough shot at it."

Brother Galloway has seen fit to air his peculiar views on the electric situation; hence I ask permission to "take a rough shot" at the proposition, hoping that I may be able to shed a few rays of light on several questions that seem to be entangled in the cobwebs of his understanding.

Firstly, the offer of the Joseph Electric Co., to sell us their surplus current was not "exorbitant" but at a price that I think was as low as they would be justified in asking; hence they need not be brought in to this discussion, but after consid-

ering all the circumstances, we deemed it impractical from the standpoint of either cost, utility or need. Let me say here for information of all concerned, that supplying two towns from same source, one of which is at generating station and the distributing points of the other town from 6 to 11 miles distant, is not the simple problem it might appear to be at first glance. To give all points satisfactory service would require an investment in apparatus out of all proportion to benefits derived from the arrangement; and furthermore we have not nor do we now need to buy current.

Now as to the proposition of day current. You say that "Enterprise is probably the only town of its rank and importance in the Northwest, where there is no day lighting and power service." Well, wouldn't such a statement disturb the bats in your belfry? I will say and refer you to Al authority that there is not a town in the entire United States of like "rank and importance" or population, that has day service except such as are situated within zones covered by large companies.

You understand my assertion is that no town in United States of "like rank and importance" or population is supplied regular day service by local company catering to said town alone. If I am wrong in this, please name the town and I will promptly take wa'er. My authority for this is McGraw's Electrical Directory, also a write-up in the Electrical Record about one year ago of what purported to be the minute history of smallest town in U. S. holding this distinction and this account was referred to and commented on by all the trade journals and surprise expressed at the showing made. This was a town in natural gas field of Ohio of 1500 inhabitants and was built up of small factories. This plant supplied light and power for these factories and the basis of their success was natural gas. As I remember, their output for lighting load was something less than 100 kilowatts, while their power load was about 450 k w. For sake of comparison let us compare the demands of this town and Enterprise, and just bear in mind while doing so that power load is very much more profitable and more sought after by

all companies than lighting load. Enterprise at present at peak load demands possibly a trifle more for lighting than the Ohio town, say fully 100 k w, but how about the power demand for that "day current." I feel safe in saying that from 10 to 15 k w is all in sight at present and the latter amount is more than could be counted on as a regular load. Say, Brother, how would the income on that amount look on the 1st. of each month when the dynamo hostler showed up for his seventy-five per, to say nothing of wear, tear and other incidentals.

Further, I never made the statement that the Enterprise Electric Co. would not furnish day service till it would pay a profit. The company is just as anxious for the time to arrive when they can see actual cash cost in the proposition as anyone else, and more so. I feel safe in saying that the company would even be willing to stand a loss for a time if they thought it would be the means of building up the business.

Now in closing just a word about that "cheap power all around us going to waste." That's the part of your various eruptions that really interest me, you bet! That sounds good. As our illustrious Ex-President T. R. would say, "That's Bully." That's what I have sought for several weary years "and mourned because I found it not." Say, Brother, just take a sneak with me some fine morning and point out that "cheap power" and in consideration of same,

I hereby agree and covenant to take you in on the ground floor, also to furnish you all useful power to set up and print such and various communications as this, free of all charge either day or night, even if compelled to turn the machinery by hand; and I feel sure of having to do the hand-turn act, if depending on that "cheap power."

If my memory serves me right, this is my first offence as a writer for publication, and I hereby agree not to offend again; anyway not till we get that "cheap power" going, except always, that the provocation be very great.

E. J. FORSYTHE, Manager, Enterprise Electric Co.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of Enterprise, Oregon, will be held at the office of their banking house, in Enterprise, Oregon, on Tuesday the 10th day of January, 1911, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

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