

# Justice Between Patron and Company

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In 1907 the utilities commission of Wisconsin decided a rate case involving the La Crosse Gas and Electric Company. It was found that the amount of capital invested in the electric business in La Crosse was far greater than was essential, owing to the policy of competition which had been permitted by the city of La Crosse in the past.

An extract from the decision reads as follows:

'Duplication of such plants is a waste of capital whenever the services can be furnished by one plant only.

'It necessarily means that interest and maintenance must be earned on a much greater, if not twice as great, an investment and that the actual cost of operation is likely to be relatively higher.

'Competition in this service, therefore, usually means a bitter struggle and low rates until one of the contestants is forced out of the field, when the rates are raised to the old level, if not above it, or to a combination or understanding of some sort between them which also ultimately results in higher rates.

'In this way it often happens that the means which were thought to be the preventative of onerous conditions become the very agents through which such conditions are imposed. In fact active and continuous competition between public utility corporations, furnishing the same service to the same locality, SEEMS TO BE OUT OF THE QUESTION.

'This has been shown by experience. Such competition is also contrary to the very nature of things. Two distinct and separate corporations are not likely to remain separate very long after it becomes clear that the services rendered by both can be more cheaply and effectively furnished by only one of them.'

This is a fair example of the views held by public utility commissions, courts, authorities in public utilities

—both radicals and conservatives—and all thorough students of the question.

First looking toward municipal ownership to solve public utility problems, from the standpoint of the customer, the trend of the most active and intelligent thought during the last six years in the United States has been away from municipal ownership and toward EFFECTIVE REGULATION.

Following the examples of New York and Wisconsin, state after state, has created public utility commissions clothed with inquisitorial and judicial powers of the broadest description and fully empowered to enforce substantial justice between public utility corporations and the public.

With the advance of regulations has come a marked decline in the municipal ownership movement. In 1907, the National Civic Federation, after a searching investigation into municipal ownership in this country and abroad, found itself unable to advocate the municipal ownership of utilities other than waterworks by cities of the United States. About the same time several of the larger cities decided against municipal ownership by popular vote.

Obviously the only objects which municipal ownership even promises to accomplish are (1) good service, (2) reasonable rates, (3) abolition of corporate interference and corruption in politics.

'These objects, it has been found, can be accomplished quickly and effectively by proper regulatory bodies and mere enforcement of the law; also without the incurring of municipal indebtedness and plunging utilities into political operation and stagnation, or necessity of wasteful competition.

Any reputable lawyer will tell you that the new public utilities law of Oregon is ample to protect utility customers to the last extremity of reason and fairness.

## Oregon Power Company

## STUDENTS RESENT ATTACK UPON SINGLE TAX

Edward Himes Gives Out Interview Criticising Professor James A. Gilbert

A number of members of the Henry George club of the University of Oregon, which is an organization of 15 students who support the doctrine of the single tax, when they learned that Dr. James A. Gilbert, assistant professor in economics, intended to condemn this form of land taxation to the students in his classes in sophomore economics Friday, attended the lecture and have taken issue with his statements. Professor Gilbert recently delivered a number of lectures at the Y. M. C. A. in Portland in which he condemned the doctrine of socialism and aroused a heated discussion several times with Portland socialists. The members of the local Henry George club are headed by Charles Robinson, the Portland boy who represents the university in oratory, and includes several of the University's prominent debaters.

Edward W. Himes, a prominent student and member of the single tax club, taking issue with the professor gave to the press the following interview:

'Dr. Gilbert yesterday morning got himself into a hole that he could not get out of and still hold to the truth. He first told his students that the present system of general property taxes is unsatisfactory and vicious because of the dishonest methods of evading it and its unfair proportionment. But before he finished he stated that all classes of property should be taxed in order that one source may make up the deficiency of another.

'The single tax is the best substitute for the general property tax system. Dr. Gilbert stated that the single tax would be difficult to administer because of the lack of means of determining its value as separate from the improvements. He defines single tax as simply a tax upon raw land, and it is very unfortunate for his students that he cannot even define the term before he interprets it. The single tax is a tax upon the market value of land and not its original value.

'His greatest misstatement was that there is no monopoly in land, on the economic ground that it is necessary for one man to control the entire world's supply before monopoly exists. Like figures in the hands of the mathematician economics can be made to lie in the hands of the artful economist.

'Dr. Gilbert credited with sarcasm that the single taxers claim their scheme as the panacea for all evils. This is not so, but we do claim that the single tax in operation will relieve to a large extent many modern social evils. Dr. Gilbert claims that the only land now open for settlement is poor land or land too far distant for practical use, but he failed to state that the Southern Pacific holds millions of the best acres of fertile land in the heart of the Willamette valley.

'Dr. Gilbert claims that the public will receive no benefit by paying their rent to the government rather than the landlord. He forgets that the landlord receives a handsome profit before he pays in tax to the government. If the rent could be paid directly to the government more income could be received and profit before he pays his tax to the useful occupation.

'He claims that if land is made free under a system of single tax, then capital must also be given to the people to make use of the land. The single taxer believes that when land is made more accessible that the capital which would have been used for purchase may be used to improve the land. He claims that a man is obliged to buy land with his labor and therefore it cannot be taken from him. The single taxer, however, would not have him spend his money in labor for purchase in the first place.

'The principal argument of Dr. Gilbert is that the single tax will appropriate property without just compensation. Nevertheless the system of single tax now in use in New Zealand and in Alberta, Canada, where the government buys and leases out the land, disproves this statement.

'Dr. Gilbert's sarcastic allusions to the advocates of land value taxation, and his loose arguments leave him open to criticism as an instructor at the University.'

### In the Wake of the Measles

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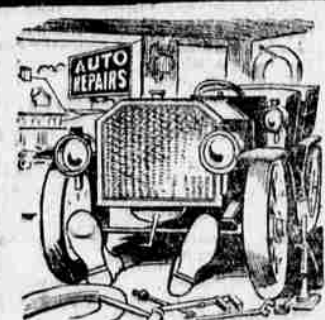
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### A. INGRAM, FORMERLY OF MARCOLA, DIES

The following clipping has been mailed The Guard from Lebanon: Albert Ingram died at the home of his brother, Oscar Ingram, in this city Sunday morning, after an illness of about two weeks of pneumonia, brought on from an attack of the measles. The deceased was aged 37 years 10 months and 13 days.

Mr. Ingram was born on his father's farm, about eight miles south of Lebanon, on July 3, 1873, and with the exception of a year spent in eastern Oregon and a few years in the sawmills near Marcola in Lake county, had resided his entire life near this city. He was married to Miss Gertrude Peterson on the 13th of September, 1909, and to this union there was born a girl, who is now about 3 years old.

The deceased had always lived an honorable and upright life and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He leaves a wife, little daughter, father, four sisters, five brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Funeral service at the home of Oscar Ingram this forenoon, after which the remains were taken to the New cemetery for interment.

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