

"Nothing to Gain Under Municipal Management"

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The state public utility commissions which have been in existence a few years, have had to consider many cases affecting municipally owned and operated electric plants.

The utility laws provide that municipal plants shall receive the same supervision, valuation and accounting requirements as the privately owned plants.

Therefore the commissions which have been in the harness have had ample opportunity to inspect the workings of municipal ownership and to arrive at facts which are often kept from public knowledge and covered up by devious, or careless, systems of bookkeeping.

In deciding the case of the City of Dodgeville, vs. the Dodgeville Electric Light and Power Company, the Wisconsin utility commission took occasion to express its opinion of municipal ownership and toward an attitude of destruction on the part of communities toward utility corporations.

In both Wisconsin and New York, neither a private organization nor a municipality can undertake to build a competing utility plant without express permission from the state commissions, which permission generally has been refused.

In the Dodgeville case, the Wisconsin Commission said:

"No one, it would seem, has anything to gain by the financial failures of public service corporations which are constructed or operated under normal or ordinary conditions.

"Losses to such plants are in the end likely to result in both public and private injuries. It usually means poorer or depreciated service, which of itself is a very important item. Even if it should enable cities to acquire title to their utility plants at comparatively low cost, such acquisition is not likely to prove a popular one in the long run.

"Experience teaches us that so far cities have not often proven an unqualified success as operators of public utility plants of this character (electric), FOR THE ACTUAL COST OF OPERATION IS USUALLY MUCH HIGHER UNDER MUNICIPAL THAN UNDER PRIVATE MANAGEMENT. Depreciation would amount to about the same in both cases. This should also be approximately true of the interest on the investment.

"Under municipal management it is as necessary to charge rates that are high enough to cover interest charges as under private management. For, if this is not done, then those among the taxpayers who are not availing themselves of the services of the utility plant, will be taxed for the benefit of those who avail themselves of these services.

"Discriminations of this character may be as bad as discriminations in rates.

"Insofar as the cost of lighting is concerned, therefore, it is quite likely that there would be nothing to gain under municipal management."

The source we have quoted from is one of the highest and most respected in the United States. It is composed of men who have investigated at first hand and who KNOW.

We recognize the fact that there are utility corporations—we hope not many—who fail to comprehend their responsibilities and obligations, or who do not have progressive management. There are cases where it appears impossible for the people to find a remedy against flagrant abuses except by sumptuary measures.

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STUDENTS REPLY TO

EDWARD HIMES

C. H. Lingenfelter and Howard Zimmerman Express Their Views

Editor Eugene Guard—Dear Sir: Regarding the article in Monday night's Guard giving an interview with Edward J. Himes, a prominent university student, concerning the lecture of Assistant Professor Gilbert on the single tax, we beg to state a few criticisms which our study of economics has enabled us to find in the doctrine of the single tax as voiced by Mr. Himes.

We note in the introduction of the article in The Guard that the Henry George club "includes several of the University's prominent debaters." No doubt the support of the University debating teams would lend some weight to the single tax in argument, but a hasty investigation disclosed the fact that none of the men who represented Oregon in debate this year, nor the alternatives on the teams are allied with the Henry George club.

We wish to state that the careful and impartial study of economic problems has not led us to favor the single tax in any more than the University debaters and it is needless to say that the insipid doctrine of Mr. Himes has not succeeded in changing our views.

In the first place we fail to see by what method of reasoning Mr. Himes arrives at the conclusion that since existing methods of taxation are not altogether satisfactory, therefore all forms of property except land should be totally exempt from taxation. We hold that the statistics quoted by Dr. Gilbert prove that an exemption of all property but land could not render a sufficient revenue to support our government, even assuming that the total rental value of all lands in the United States be taxed away, thus leaving the land worthless to its owners. In establishing this point Dr. Gilbert quoted the latest statistics compiled by Mr. Davenport, formerly of the department of labor, for the American Economic Association. This shows that the single tax would be inadequate even ignoring the injustice of a measure which would confiscate the property of the man whose money is invested in land.

In the second place Mr. Himes questions Dr. Gilbert's knowledge of the single tax. He tries to draw a fine distinction between the value of raw land and the market value of land. Now, if Mr. Himes' idea of the single tax is the same as that of the leading economists it is, to use the words of Professor Seligman of Columbia University, "a tax on the value of bare land irrespective of improvements on or in the land." This corresponds exactly with what Dr. Gilbert said. A tax on the bare value of land corresponds exactly with the value of raw land; for the present market value of land is so confused with the improvements often made in clearing the land, fertilizing it, draining it, etc., that it cannot be ascertained.

Again, Mr. Himes attacks Dr. Gilbert's statement that there is no such thing as a monopoly of land in the United States. His only answer to this statement, though, is that the doctor is artfully lying. Perhaps Mr. Himes thinks that he can effectively answer the argument of a learned professor by calling him a liar.

Mr. Himes claims that if the total rent or value of land were taxed away, none would need to spend his money for land; it would be virtually worthless and free. Therefore people could invest their money in improvements. This argument totally ignores the fact that at present much of the wealth of past labor is already invested in land and that the single tax would confiscate it. Mr. Himes claims that this has not been the result of the single tax in New Zealand and Alberta, Canada. He thereby shows his own ignorance of his subject, because these countries do not have the single tax at all. They merely supplement their other forms of taxation by a heavier tax on land than we have. They tax other forms of property, therefore they do not have the single tax. In view of the obviously absurd fallacies in Mr. Himes' impeachment of Dr. Gilbert as an instructor in the University is very presumptuous, to say the least. Very respectfully yours,

C. H. LINGENFELTER,
HOWARD ZIMMERMAN.

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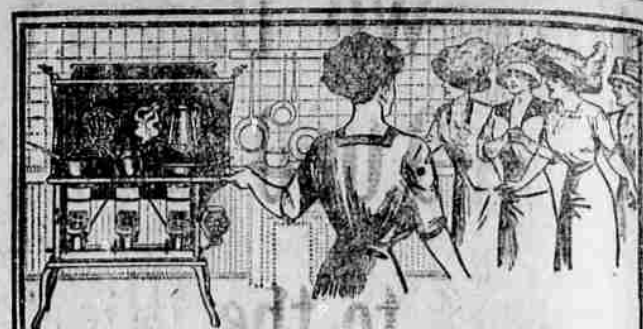
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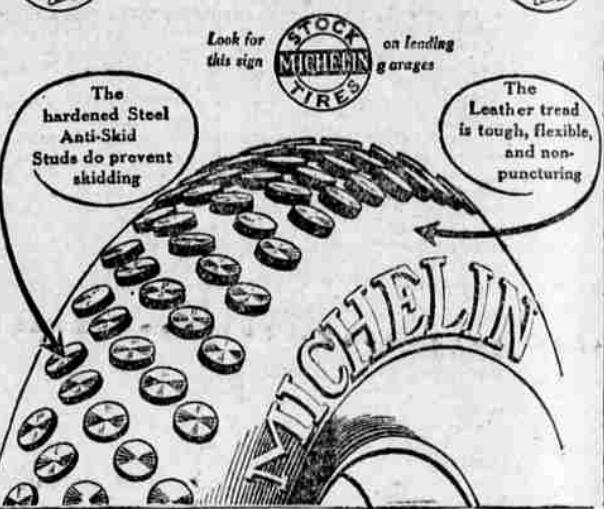
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