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The news dispatches from Missouri tell of a nice condition of things in the courts of the commissioner who is investigating the Standard Oil situation in that state. Mr. Henry H. Rogers one of the officials of the company refusing repeatedly to answer questions put to him even when ordered to do so by the commissioner, and it seems that the commissioner has no means in his power of enforcing his orders in this regard. This being the case the investigation at least so far as Mr. Rogers is concerned has developed into an extended comedy in which Mr. Rogers, and his attorney are the stage directors and the commissioner and the states attorney, the star actors, with the state law furnishing a suitable background.

Mr. Rogers probably knows what is to the interest of his company better than other men and probably his attorney knows what is best for the company he represents. In our way of thinking, however, every performance of the kind now being enacted in Missouri hastens considerably the approach of the death of monopolist power. Nothing goes against the grain so much as to be made sport of in the manner Mr. Rogers is making sport of the people in their struggle for what they deem their rights. Nothing will tend so much as such nagging to precipitate socialism in its worst form. These bigoted tyrants of the world of money are slowly but surely paving the way for their downfall. Therefore the people can view with complacency such antics on the part of self opinionated gentlemen of Mr. Rogers stamp.

The government has informed the railroads, so we are informed that they must deliver mail according to schedule or have the pay cut. This has always been the rule on star routes, and a poor devil of a stage driver must get in on time or quit, but the various branch lines of the O. R. & N. have been allowed to deliver the mail any old time suiting their convenience and nothing was said. But then they are above the law and all things must be for them, their patrons be ———.

THAT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

now before the city council, granting to the Wasco Milling Co. a franchise for the purpose of light and power within the limits of the city of Wasco, has been suggested on account of the term and it has also been asserted the ordinance grants an exclusive right. The City Council, in its session 51 provides as follows:—

***To grant franchises or privileges for the purpose of lighting the city, furnishing or supplying water, building, and railroads, street railways, telephone or telegraph line, or for doing or carrying on any other business enterprise or undertaking that may be subject to a franchise, to persons or corporations upon such terms as may be deemed just and proper; but such privileges or franchise shall be granted by ordinance only. Such privileges or franchise shall in no case create a monopoly or be exclusive, nor be granted for a longer period than twenty-one years, and in all such cases shall prescribe the maximum rates allowed to be charged for lights, water or other services; and such shall not deprive itself of the right and privilege of regulating and adjusting such rates, so that the same shall be reasonable, at least once in every period in every five years. ***

A careful reading of this provision will convince the most skeptical that the council cannot in any manner grant an exclusive franchise, nor can they deprive themselves of the right to regulate the prices at least once in five years.

The proposed ordinance provides that the Milling Company shall furnish the city power at the rate of

\$32 per horse power per year in quantities of one hundred horse power and over, and \$35 in quantities of less than one hundred horse power.

To private individuals power is to be furnished at the maximum rate of \$60 per horse power per month. This provision seems a little excessive, and we think should be made \$50 instead of \$60. Unless the power is furnished at a rate that will enable our manufacturers to meet competition in other cities the franchise will be of little benefit to the people except as it furnishes very cheap power to the city itself. The development of our industries is the main object of the introduction of this power so far as the city is concerned and the council should see to it that the ordinance is not so framed as to prove a club in the hands of the owners to defeat the chief objects.

That the present prospective grantees will so use the club is not likely, but the exigency of others coming into the company, who would use the power to destroy local industry should be guarded against.

KENT RECORDER.

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton, of 410 Federal St. Seattle, when Miss Emma Pinkerton was united in marriage to W. E. Newton, of Sherman county, Oregon, Rev. Slater of the Reform Presbyterian church officiating.

A Mr. Thompson, of Wasco, is in town on business for the O. T. Co.

B. M. Sias and wife, who have been visiting relatives near town, returned to their home in The Dalles last week.

To PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES—Boil quassia chips in water and wet the hands and face with the water, allowing it to dry on. This will keep away mosquitoes and gnats for some

VALUE OF BARNYARD MANURE.

For the next few months manure will accumulate very rapidly around the barns and stables on most of the farms over the country and in many cases it will be wasted just as rapidly. This fact is largely due to a lack of appreciation of the value contained in it, of the beneficial results that will accrue from its proper use. The opinion has been quite prevalent, and is yet to a considerable extent, that manure is not only of no value here on the coast, but that it is a positive damage to most crops. A more erroneous idea could not be entertained. We have never seen a country where its benefits are more apparent. The value varies according to the way manure has been handled and there can be no question but what it contains its highest value when freshly made and that there is more or less loss every day that intervenes between that and the time it is spread upon the land. Through fermentation and evaporation the nitrogen, which is one of the most valuable of its component parts, escapes very rapidly.

Prof. Harry Snyder, of the Minnesota Agricultural College, is credited with being one of our highest authorities on this subject. He ad-

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Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between S. W. Stark and G. K. Matteson, under the name of the Eastern Oregon Real Estate and Insurance Company, has been dissolved.

Mr. Matteson retiring from the company S. W. Stark will continue the business under the same name.

Dated this 28th day of Dec. 1905.

S. W. Stark,

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duces the following facts in Farm, Stock and Home, based on actual experiments and facts to show the worth of barnyard manure in actual money value. He refers particularly to its effect upon corn, but these truths are just as applicable to the crops more commonly produced here. He states that its chemical analysis shows it to be worth \$2 to \$3 per ton. If applied to a worn-out soil at the rate of 8 tons per acre, the increase in corn the first year will be 20 to 25 bushels per acre. This would be worth \$7. The next year the land will produce 6 bushels more of wheat, worth, say \$4.50. If seeded to clover it would yield at least a ton more of hay, worth \$5. Following the clover with wheat again, a gain of 8 bushels per acre worth \$6, will follow. Then will come 12 to 15 bushels more of oats, worth \$3. He sums up the increase of value as follows:

"The increase in five crops, due to the dressing of 8 tons of farm manure and the production of clover, is alone worth \$25, making the value of the manure \$3 per ton distributed over five years, equivalent to 60 cents per ton as the annual crop producing value of the manure. These are not excessive increases in yield; in many cases even larger returns are secured from the application of manure and the production of clover on worn-out land. Thus it will be seen

that it is a conservative estimate to consider the manure alone worth at least \$3 per ton because of the increased yield secured from its application, and this additional yield is secured with little expense in working the soil."

Those of our readers who follow the cow census returns have noted how often comes this comment:

"Manure thrown out and hauled when convenient; liquids wasted."

The farmer who does that is following an old custom and doing no reading and thinking. Reading and thinking would tell him that there is never a better time to load the manure than every day in the stable; that when once loaded it can never be taken to the field more cheaply; that it will never go there in a shape to lose less of its value; that the cost of labor is less in winter than in the spring when he is hurried with other work; that the barnyard is thus kept free from a mess of filth; that the manure will be dissolved by the snow and rain, kept from fermenting and heating and become incorporated with the soil at its highest fertilizing value; that the liquids (if he has a tight gutter) will be saved, and can only be saved in this way. What a fearful flood of waste of fertility and loss of money comes to the host of farmers who will not read and think. —Rural Spirit.

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