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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Before this city makes a new contract for electric lighting there should be a thorough investigation of what other communities have accomplished with public ownership.

If there is a water-power available to be converted into an electric lighting and power plant, the question of public ownership should be given a fair and impartial trial.

The Journal would like to submit some facts on the question of the advantages of a public lighting plant. No doubt many of our readers have already seen and experienced to hear out our contention that public ownership would give better service for less expense.

We have a letter from E. S. Nichols, editor of the Anglake County Democrat, to a friend, dated July 2, 1904, enclosing the seventh annual report of the Wapakoneta, Ohio, public electric lighting plant.

Enclosed you will find the last annual report of the trustees, which will give you an excellent idea of the success of the plan.

The amount invested is about \$100,000. The interest on bonds amounts to \$5120; the net earnings \$5832.72; total earnings on investment \$10,302.72, or about 11 per cent. In addition to this, as you well know, our people get a much more liberal supply of water than they would from a private company.

Other years have made a much better showing, the net earnings running to 14 and 15 per cent, the loss being due to the very high price of fuel.

The receipts of the electric lighting plant from private consumers have increased from \$4336.23 in 1899, to \$8226.63 in 1903.

The above figures prove that the lighting system is popular with the people.

THE OREGON FARMER'S COLLEGE.

The one-horse editorial department of the one-cent Daily Capital Journal arises again to observe from the dim opacity of its mental vision, and the somewhat limited and blurred comprehension of its concept, that the anomaly of running a farmer's college for literary, commercial and mechanical purposes still exists.

There are still occasionally persons so densely narrow-minded as to advocate that the agriculture college should have more to do with actual, practical farming, and be less given up to classical and literary claptrap.

This class of person, who persists in being rigid and impractical realists, could even put up with an ordinary, common farmer on the board of the farmer's college. But they expect nothing so sane or rational.

A plain, common, everyday farmer, who can, through days of adversity, manage a couple of hundred acres of land without a mortgage plaster, would not fit to manage an "agricultural" college.

The farmers are taxed to turn out dapper drug clerks, civil engineers, bridge builders, lightning calculators, experts in patent rights and quartz-crushers. All these young men become well trained at football, and all experts in the ball room.

It would probably be an appalling agricultural disaster if hundreds of young men and young women learned in an orderly and systematic way the science of farming. A college devoted altogether to agriculture would not make places for so many professors of psychology and Greek, and would tend to swell up the farmers too much.

If there were a college altogether devoted to "farming," that occupation would become dignified, and would be made highly respectable. No telling what it might lead to. Farming might become more profitable, more scientific and less like drudgery and

slavery. A farmer might even want to go to congress.

The cranks and kickers should be squelched. Farmers should not want the places intended for the pets of the political oligarchy. Occasionally a farmer's boy or girl may stray into the agricultural college. But as far as possible they will be diverted into into other and more refined pursuits.

THE FOREST SUPPLY.

From Maine to Texas there are forests, but they are being diminished in acreage and in merchantable timber with frightful rapidity. The two states, however, representing different sympathies, different aspirations and different politics are as one on the question of the preservation of the forest acreage remaining within their respective boundaries.

The tariff Yankees of Maine, with lesser acreage and not so much money in their purses, have taken the proffer of the United States to do the work of survey on the co-operative plan, with the United States paying one-half and the state of Maine, as well as in Texas, that something had to be done in the matter, and the question of cost is secondary.

Texas has the largest woodland acreage of any one of the forty-five states. Five years ago it was estimated at 64,000 square miles. This year's estimate places it at only 27,000 square miles, an enormous acreage but one that will not last long if the rate of annual cutting—125,000 acres—is kept up.

In Maine the fire losses of 1903 were estimated at the large sum of \$1,000,000, the burned area exceeding 250,000 acres. The survey under way is for the purpose of furnishing a basis for legislation embodying supervision of private forests and for the purchase of forest ranges by the state, the extinction of private ownership being the ultimate object.

Pennsylvania has not only purchased enormous tracts of mountain land, covered with forests, but has purchased and is reclaiming marsh lands—under her forestry legislation—and is selling them at profitable figures. New York is the owner of large and valuable tracts in the Adirondacks, and even staid old North Carolina is following the example set by the four states in acquiring forest ranges that will be parked and preserved systematically.

THE SECRETARY AND HUMANITY

Secretary Hay has responded to the appeal of the Armenian bishops for American pressure against Turkish atrocities, in a way to cause astonishment over his promptness and to compel the intervention of Great Britain on behalf of humanity. The guarantee of protection to Christians in Turkey was given by France, Russia, England, Germany, Austria and Italy on the close of the war between Russia and Turkey.

So vigorous were these presentations of Secretary Hay that England has notified the Turk of the guarantee, coupled with a demand that the atrocities cease, and France, also moved by Secretary Hay, is following suit. Verily, the flag of the United States is more than a mere symbol of American liberty. It floats for humanity in all quarters of the globe, and for the upholding of the rights of conscience for Christian and for Jew, for Armenian and for Macedonian.

It is a happy thing for humanity that President Roosevelt is fearless in all things and that Secretary Hay is not slow to strike when the blow falls for conscience sake.

DEBS HAS OPINIONS.

Eugene Debs, the Socialist candidate for President in speaking of the Democratic nomination says:

"Organized labor has no more uncompromising enemy than Henry G. Davis, who charges union labor with being a criminal conspiracy and does not permit his employes to belong to trade unions. When the United Mine Workers were conducting a strike in West Virginia I went there at the request of and with United Mine Workers officials. We were enjoined by United States Judge Jackson from even leaving our boarding house. Henry G. Davis was mainly instrumental in having this done. He is the very incarnation of the oldtime slave driver."

"As to Parker he is merely the personal candidate of John D. Rockefeller. Six weeks ago William J. Bryan said that no self-respecting Democrat could support Judge Parker, the tool

of the trusts and of the money power. Mr. Bryan is now supporting him, and in so doing is proclaiming himself a political degenerate."

FORCING NEEDED REFORMS.

The Oriental war is forcing the Russian government to introduce domestic reforms to allay domestic discontent and stave off revolution. The latest is the issuance of an imperial decree abolishing the vicious system of condemning political prisoners by administrative order. The exiling of political offenders to Siberia without any judicial formality is discontinued for hereafter persons accused of political crimes will have a hearing in court under the regular procedure.

The number of exiles may not be any less, but those transported in future to the penal colonies of Siberia will have had at least the semblance of justice granted to them and an opportunity to offer a defense, if they have any.

X-RADIUMS

No one ever stops to enquire to what party "Coin" Harvey, "Calamity" Weller, and ex-Senator Pettigrew belong.

Every busybody who wants the wheels of progress blocked is convinced that President Roosevelt is dangerous.

No organization in the history of the world has been so successful as the Democratic party in telling us the things that were not so.

Summed up, the Democratic platform read "We know that we were wrong before and are not cocksure that we are right this time."

The Republican vocabulary is composed largely of words of encouragement; the Democratic is limited to words of woe and warning.

Like a man lost in the snow, the Democratic party spends most of its time traveling over its own abandoned trails, and praying for a way out.

The industrial organizations distributed \$134,000,000 in dividends in New York on July 1. Not much encouragement in that for calamity shouters.

The Republican party fights things and conditions that threatens to tatter the nation with indelible marks of calamity. The Democratic party welcomes them.

The only picture displayed at the St. Louis convention was that of Thomas Jefferson. This leads to the suspicion that the only good Democrats, like good Indians, are the dead ones.

Dun and Bradstreet report that the business interests of the country are recovering from the recent temporary depression and that the outlook is most promising for an exceptionally prosperous year. That will be good news to everybody but the Democrats.

Salem Teacher Weds.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon, 63 Clarke street, July 11, at 8 o'clock, when their daughter, Annie, was united in marriage to Wilfred E. Franklin, of Vancouver, B. C. Rev. Jerome R. McGlade, of Mizpah Presbyterian church, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and looked very beautiful in a handsome gown of white silk organdie, carrying a shower bouquet of white carnations.

The bridesmaid, Miss Enae Young, wore a becoming gown of white organdie, and carried pink carnations. Alexander F. Gordon, brother of the bride, acted as best man. After congratulations, a dainty supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin left on the evening train to visit points of interest on the Sound, and will then proceed to Vancouver, B. C., their future home, 1105 Pender street, after July 15th.—Portland Telegram.

The bride is well known in this city, as a most successful school teacher, having held a position in the North Salem school for the past seven years. Her many friends in this city wish her much happiness. Mrs. L. R. Stinson, of this city, was present at the wedding.

An Albany Divorce Case. Dr. W. H. Davis, mayor of Albany, was granted a divorce from his wife at the term of court held in that city by Judge Galloway on Monday.

Good buggies are now being sold during our special sale at the price of cheap ones. Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company, Salem branch. 5-30-11

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Has the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson.

MARION COUNTY EXPENSE

The past term of the Marion county court was the heaviest of the year, as the July term always is. Warrants were issued, aggregating \$15,777.09, most of which was in settlement of the annual road district accounts. The warrants were issued on the various funds as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name and Amount. Includes Roads (\$12,502.59), Pauper (342.71), Justice (202.75), Sheriff (387.13), Clerk (254.17), Recorder (233.33), Treasurer (83.33), County superintendent (100.00), Coroner (5.80), Assessor (350.00), Current expenses (421.49), Court house (467.71), Jail (53.78), Insane (30.00), Election (104.40), County court (235.40).

Two Insane Patients. Two insane patients were today committed to the asylum from this county. The first was Tom McNary, who has been on a terrible drinking bout at St. Paul. This is his second trip as a result of the same cause. The other was an old lady named Margaret Kelly McCaine, aged 69 years, from Mt. Angel. She came to town last evening, and was found wandering about aimlessly. Nothing is known of her history.

Closed for Repairs. The Salem flouring mills closed down yesterday, and will install several new machines, and make other improvements. The season will open again about September 1st, and the mill people expect to be able to supply their many customers, even better than heretofore. Manager Babcock reports fall wheat as looking well, and not in the serious condition some people would have us believe.

Miss Dell Somers, of Portland, who has been visiting in this city for the past week, went to Albany this morning.

Advertisement for Helvetia Milk Condensing Co. featuring a logo with a mountain scene and text: 'Economy Brand Evaporated Cream goes farthest, because it is most concentrated; is most nourishing, because richest in cream; most perfect, because most skillfully prepared. Its purity is guaranteed under forfeit of \$5,000 to anyone able to prove any adulteration in our product.'

Advertisement for White House Restaurant: 'Hot weather meals, cool weather meals, everything appetizing and fresh. White House Restaurant. George Bros. Props.'

Advertisement for Wall Paper: 'Latest designs in stock, and good work guaranteed. We have the small store and small prices. E. L. Lemmon. 299 Liberty St. Phone 2475.'

FEELS MIGHTY GOOD

W. H. Egan, of Brooks, was in the city today marketing his first peaches. He says there is a magnificent crop of this fruit, but, in fact, says there is no occasion to find fault with any kind of a crop. The late rains and cool weather, in his estimation, will add millions to the products of Western Oregon this year. Mr. Egan is an extensive farmer, and depends upon all kinds of crops for his income. He is thoroughly satisfied with the prosperity, which is a fact that ought to give comfort to everybody.

Corner in Chittum. In purchasing several large hold-

ings recently, S. H. Friendly, the merchant, now has stored in his warehouse some 50 tons of chitten bark. This is by far the largest lot of bark ever held by one speculator in the records of dealings in this product in the state.—Eugene Register.

SOFTNESS OF SEALSKIN. Is Rivalled by Human Hair When Dandruff is Eradicated.

Sealskin is admired the world over for its softness and glossiness; and yet the human hair is equally as soft and glossy when healthy; and the radical cause of hair trouble is dandruff, which is caused by a pestiferous parasite that saps the vitality of the hair at its root. Newbro's Herpicide is the only preparation that is fatal to the dandruff germ. Without dandruff there is no falling hair, but a luxuriant growth of glossy, soft hair is certain. Scouring the scalp won't cure dandruff. Kill the dandruff germ. Thousands of women owe their beautiful tresses of hair to Newbro's Herpicide. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

Advertisement for Rostein & Greenbaum: 'Great Removal Sale Dry Goods Millinery and Clothing. We will move one door south of our present location so as to combine our two stores. In the meantime we will reduce prices on all our goods to raise money to pay the mechanics for altering the new store. We will sell the goods at a discount. Now is the time to get BARGAINS. ROSTEIN & GREENBAUM. 2 Stores--295 and 302 Commercial street, almost opposite each other.'

Advertisement for Rock Island System: 'I want to see the furin cities all along the track, I want to go through Paris to Jerusalem and back. I'd like to see the bull of it—I think I'd just as soon take the submarine to Hades and the airship to the moon. I don't care how I get there, friend, but when I make a stink it's me for old St. Louis just to live along the Pike. —"A Ballad of the Pike," by Wallace Irwin. Copyrighted by Collier's Weekly. Published by permission. \$67.50 To St. Louis and Return. June 16, 17, 18, July 1, 2, 3, August 5, 9, 10, September 6, 7, October 3, 4, 5. Return limit, ninety days. The Rock Island System offers two routes to the World's Fair City—via St. Paul, Minneapolis, and through Scenic Colorado. No change of cars, Ogden to St. Louis and St. Paul to St. Louis. Full information on request. Call or write, A. H. McDONALD, General Agent, 140 3rd Street, cor. Alster Street, Portland, Ore. Rock Island System.'

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