

THE CASH BUY TALKS.

His Father's Idea of the Delights of Municipal Ownership.

"Say, boss," remarked our cash boy this morning, "my paw is real hot for this municipal ownership. I don't know what that is, but paw says everybody is going to own everything and divide up the profits. He was telling me about it last night."

"Ma asked him where the people would get the money to buy those things, as they would cost millions of dollars."

"Paw said, 'Issue bonds.'"

"Yes," said ma, "but how will you pay the bonds when they are due?"

"Issue more bonds," said paw.

"But how about the interest?" said ma.

"Won't you have to tax the people for that?"

"Why, no," said paw. "Pay the interest with bonds."

"I don't see how you could do that," said ma.

"You don't, eh?" replied paw. "Now, when we went to housekeeping, didn't I pay for all our furniture by giving a note, and when it came due didn't I give the man another note? You women know nothing about finance. You wait until the municipal ownership gets in power, and we will divide the profits among the people, and no one will have to work. We will all be Vanderbilts."

"Won't you be proud of your hubby when he becomes part owner of all the public utilities? You see, madam, there are some things you don't know."

"And then paw looked wise. Ma stood and gazed at him for some time and then said:

"Yes, there are some things I don't know, and one of those things is this: If there is a man more fit for the municipal ownership than you, I don't know him."

"Then I commenced to whistle 'Everybody Works but Daddy.' Say, boss, you see that jump on the back of my head? Paw has had that tune played at him before, and I wasn't looking when his old shoe came flying my way."—Yonkers Statesman.

LONG LIVE THE BOSS!

Municipal Ownership Would Make His Position Impregnable.

Referring to the recent announcement that 51,146 persons are on the payroll of New York city, the Newark Advertiser declares that in the event of municipal ownership of street railways, electric light and gas plants, ferries and other public utilities the city employees would constitute a political army that would make a change of administration impossible.

It recalls the fact that 25,000 city employees in Philadelphia kept Philadelphia in the hands of the corrupt Duhan machine for years, and only a great popular uprising overthrew the grafters.

"If Duhan had had control of the street railways and other public utilities in Philadelphia through municipal ownership," it observes, "he could have laughed at popular uprisings. He would have been as absolute in his authority as the czar."

The point is well taken.

In other cities the political situation under public ownership would be as it would in Philadelphia and New York. Bosses may be overthrown and grafters turned out whenever the public will it at present. Public ownership of all public utilities would end this. It would bind the people hand and foot and deliver them into the hands of political grafters.—Long Branch Record.

HOW CITIES LOSE MONEY.

Municipal Plants Pay No Taxes and Reduce Tax Receipts.

The subject of lost taxes is one that deserves far more attention than it usually receives from advocates of municipal ownership. There is scarcely a municipal plant in this country which mentions this item in its reports, although it is just as much an element in cost of production as coal and wages. The omission is readily overlooked, because it is a negative expense involving no direct payment, but only a loss of income to the city.

If you own a store for which you are receiving a good rental and dispossess your tenant in order to occupy it yourself the rental value of the store becomes a charge against your business, just as it was previously a charge against your tenant's business, and you are out of pocket unless your tenant agreed to the rent you formerly received. Similarly if a city buys out or otherwise dispossesses a public service corporation the real, personal and franchise taxes formerly paid by the corporation become a charge against the operation of the municipal plant that succeeds the corporation, and the city is out of pocket unless the profits of its plant exceed the taxes lost.

M. O. in Chicago as Dead as Caesar. One of the most remarkable reversals of public opinion on record is that which has taken place in Chicago in the past year in the matter of municipal ownership and operation. The municipal ownership theory, which a little more than a year ago flourished here with so much vigor as to attract the attention of the entire civilized world, is now the deadest duck in the pond. Apparently nobody believes in it any longer. Certainly nobody ever takes any more about it.—Chicago Journal.

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A MENACE TO CITIES

Professor Fessenden Sounds a Note of Warning.

Cities Not Adapted to Operate Business Enterprises—Loss of Capital Through New Developments—The Danger a Real One.

It is becoming more and more generally recognized that undertakings founded on the great public needs of the highly organized society of modern times should be controlled by society. Whether, having the power, it is advisable that municipalities should actually engage in such undertakings or whether they should merely maintain their control, as it has been aptly put, through their powers as a landlord, is a matter which will be determined by the municipalities from political, social and economic as well as engineering considerations.

Considering the question from its engineering side alone, it is found that from the very essential nature of the matter only a certain class of engineering undertakings can be efficiently and properly operated by states or municipalities. It is very important that this limitation should be recognized, as where the limitation has been overstepped it has resulted in heavy financial losses to the governing bodies immediately concerned. It has seriously checked development in engineering lines, and these results have in consequence afforded a strong argument to those opposed to municipal operation of public utilities.

It is true that under state or municipal operation some minor and sporadic developments may be expected, but nothing of a general or important character. Important developments generally come only from the hands of individuals or bodies responsible only to themselves and provided with the incentive of a large profit. The elimination of self responsibility and incentive would inevitably produce a condition in industrial and scientific development analogous to the dark ages.

It is to be noted that this conclusion is derived from engineering considerations alone and does not include any consideration from the political, social or economic side. There may, it is conceivable, be political, social and economic considerations which tend to affect this limitation. Considered, however, from the engineering standpoint alone there can be no question but that the field of state and municipal operation should be limited to undertakings in which there is no immediate prospect of or need for improved method.

A danger which is always associated with the ownership of industrial undertakings is that the capital invested may be lost through the development of new and cheaper methods and processes. The extent to which industrial machinery of certain types is rendered obsolete by new improvements is not always realized. The writer is personally acquainted with one street car railroad plant in which the entire electrical equipment of the power house was thrown out and replaced with improved machinery four times within a period of ten years. The Carnegie company is reported, correctly, it is believed, to have scrapped on one occasion more than \$1,000,000 worth of new machinery which had never been used.

This has already become a serious matter for many municipalities which have engaged in undertakings lying outside of the engineering limits defined above. Many of these municipalities installed plants for the production of electric light at a time prior to the advent of important improvements in generating and distributing electricity, and as these municipalities in common with most municipalities made no proper allowance for depreciation the capital invested has been practically lost, and in addition the cost of electric light to the consumer is much higher than it is in other places equipped with later and more economical types of machinery. In addition, heavy and expensive repairs have been necessary and the taxes correspondingly increased. This has reacted upon the municipalities, since the heavy rates have caused manufacturers to move away to other towns, and this again has still further increased the burden upon those remaining. There are already indications that a considerable number of these municipalities which have engaged in improper undertakings are entering upon a period of financial difficulty.—R. A. Fessenden.

As a Socialist Sees It.

Every recognized authority on Socialist economics, from Marx to Ferri, has been and is an avowed economic evolutionist. They all without exception recognize that public ownership under capitalism must come before the full Socialist programme can meet with realization.

When the Socialist party shall succeed to power in municipality, state or nation it will fall heir to the holdings of its capitalist predecessors. Every dollar's worth of property that we can wrest from private capitalism through public ownership will fall into the hands of the Socialist party without a struggle upon its succession to power.—International Socialist Review.

What Government Is For.

It is the appropriate function of the government to safeguard the individual and to see that the game of business is fairly played, that the cards are held above the table and that everybody is given a square deal. It is not the appropriate function of the government to sit in the game.—Hon. Vaille M. Shaw.

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