

The poem of John J. Ingalls on "Opportunity" recalls the failure of this city to take advantage
community but once in its history.
ply for the state capitol grounds.
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of that body with better drinking water.
Several legislatures have taken action and begged the city move in getting a better water supply.
Several governors have pleaded with this city in their messages
for a better water supply, and suggested joint ownership. Governor Benson and Governor West both argued in messages for a better water system under public ownership.
The state officials and the heads of the state institutions ha The state officials and the heads of the state institutions have
been ready and willing to have the state co-operate with the city in getting pubiic ownership and a gravity system. No city in the world has ever had the opportunities and the in There is not a city of any size in the state that would not bond covenant to supply pure mountain water to get the state institutions.
pointed the Capital Water Commission and a Water Board and voted $\$ 400,000$ bonds
them, and the state and the legislature did all that was asked of them, or that could be expected
Bapricious element in our city beevernment def by the action of a horseplay efent in our city government that seeks to make A water plant that earned five per cent net on seven housand dollars investment and sum , and the first step taken toward public ownership. But all those opportunities have been thrown away, and all the
state institutions are to be given independent water supplies, and the city will have lost its ally and its best possible customer, if it ever does want to have public ownership.
Such fatuous folly was never perpetrated on a capital ate as has been accomplished in dealing with this matter tuply for the city and the s
community and the commonwealth
Such an opportunity comes to a city and state but o
in the right way
The opportunity is perhaps gone for good, and the time will
come when the most conservative element will lament that ac-
tion was not taken in time to save the situation and protect life and property.
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