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Yes, Big Jim Harris will make a splendid state chairman and one who will organize the party from the grass roots up and lead us to a splendid victory next fall.

St. John's Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. convenes at Boley on Aug. 3rd. Grand Master Curran will preside. Boley has been fortunate in having two grand lodges meet there this year and the third will convene after the Masons close, to-wit: the Odd Fellows.

Muskogee has a building boom on that is second to none in the state. The Queen City of Oklahoma is making big strides for first place.

TWO YOUNG HEARTS MADE GLAD

Another Texan Weds in Muskogee.

One of the prettiest and most elaborate weddings Muskogee has had for many years was that of Miss Amanda L. Hubert to Mr. G. W. Locust, on the 25th inst., at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Walker, 21st and Market streets.

The bride is a graduate of Prairie View State Normal College, of Prairie View, Texas, and the groom is also a graduate of the same school. She was most prettily gowned, while the groom wore a full dress suit.

There were many visitors present, and many costly and valuable presents were received, a partial list of which, with the names of the donors, is given below:

After the wedding the couple left on the evening train for Patterson, Texas, where they expect to reside.

Muskogee Donors.
 Mesdames Pitts and W. P. Green, one dozen line napkins; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, linen table scarf; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, cake, wedding slippers; Mr. Jno. H. Escoc, ebony hand mirror; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patrick, cream pitcher, fruit dishes; Mr. R. T. Thompson, two goblets and salad bowl; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Perdue, and mother, bust of Coquelicot; Mrs. Patsy Jenkins, fruit basket; Mrs. Mary Escoc, four

line towels; Miss Cleopatra Watson, linen table cloth; Mrs. MIEIE Watson, one bed quilt, gold stick pin, cake; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Austin, dinner set; Mr. and Mrs. N. Scott, rug; Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Moore, desert plates; Mrs. Besie Hume, one pair of linen towels; Hon. W. H. Twine and wife, water set; Mrs. Annie Downs, punch bowl; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sharp, olive dish (cut glass); Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Waring, hand-embroidered center piece; Mr. and Mrs. Newman, pickle dish; Mr. and Mrs. Reed, china tea set; Misses Ware, sheets, towels; Mrs. Esate Fanniel, linen towel; Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis, two salad bowls; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams, night gown; Mrs. John Evans, two linen towels; Mrs. E. J. Ware, lunch; Mr. Bland Wharton, sheet; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dent, two salad bowls; Master Robert Dent, puff box; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Jolly, two linen towels; Lawyer J. Henry Lill yand wife, half dozen linen towels; Mr. and Mrs. Mans Nutter, sheet and pair of pillow cases; Miss Velma Riley, three desert plates; Miss Freddie Riley, butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Roud, wine set; Mrs. J. Riley, cake stand; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Love, daughter and Mrs. Drew, four sheets, four towels, four pillow cases, one dozen napkins, table cloth; Mr. A. L. Vorhees, two vases, water pitcher; Mrs. Roy Payne (white), pair of garters, handkerchief; Mrs. Fred Finley (white), pair of hose.

Out of town donors:
 Mrs. H. P. Perkins and daughter (Dallas), bed spread; Mrs. G. B. Young (Waxahatchie), pair of pillow cases; Mr. John T. Hubert (Hous- ton), shopping bag; Miss Rachel Pendleton (Nashville), battenberg center piece; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams (West), table scarf; Mr. Walker Herndon (Little Rock), pair o towels; Mrs. Nellie Green (Taft), belt; Misses Williamson (Waco), crocheted center piece; Miss Alley Hudson (Waco), drawn work center piece; Mrs. L. B. F. Roberts (Waco), burnt leather souvenir; Mr. and Mrs. L. Russell (Waco), dresser and table scarf; Prof. Jas. C. Russell (Waco), silver cream spoon; Mrs. Rosa Cateh-liza (West), table scarf, sofa pillow; Mr. Wm. Ransom and family (Waco), two floor pillows.

AN that municipal ownership can hope to save a community in a monetary sense are the "profits" which are thought to be making the stockholders of service corporations rich. It is a matter of common knowledge that these profits are being and have been reduced to slender margins and with many companies wiped out altogether. The inability of municipal plants to buy supplies, materials, brains or labor as cheaply as private industries more than overcomes this margin.—H. J. Gordon Before the League of American Municipalities.

Municipal Ownership in Practice Seen Through the Eyes of a Grand Forks Citizen.

In an article on the gas situation in Grand Forks, N. D., Light quotes F. J. Janey, a prominent real estate man of that city, as follows:

"As a real estate man and a member of the real estate board I did not vote at the recent meeting of the board for the issue of the \$2,000,000 bonds for the purpose of buying the gas plant, and I stated at that time to the board that I was opposed to the ownership by the city of the gas plant.

"I think that we have one too many of our city utilities already managed and operated by a committee of the city council. Our experience with the water business as it is managed by our council committee is not one which would make it desirable for us to place any other utility in the hands of another such committee. The difference between management by the council committee and management by a private corporation is simply this:

"The council committee are grinding their axes and making use of it for their political interests, whereas a private corporation has dollars invested and looks at it only in the way of a business enterprise, which it is willing to push in any way where it can see an increase of income. One is using it for influence and the other to earn dollars.

"If you want a water main put in and apply to the city for it, you are lucky if you get it inside of three or four years. If you want a gas main put in and apply to the gas company for it, the company will have the main in time to deliver you gas when your house is finished.

"I should very much like to have an option on the city water plant at the cost of reproducing the same as it is today, and if I had it I could within four months place it with reliable parties who would agree to sell water at a less rate than we are now paying and who would not ask semi-occasionally that the city tax itself in order to enlarge the plant, build reservoirs and filtration plants. They would simply look at these matters as to whether they would pay for putting in, and if they found it would increase their income they would raise the money themselves for the improvements."

OFFICIAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

Ohio Has Been Robbed by Its Officials For Years.

The state bureau of accounting is giving us something new to think about. It relates to extravagance to office and specifies the purchase of supplies, particularly stationery, as the direction which this extravagance has taken. Our news columns have been giving full particulars, showing that the people have been robbed of thousands of dollars by this excessive and needless expenditure of the public funds. It has been discovered that conspiracies for "rakeoffs" from needless purchases. And the evidence is so plain that the officers have hustled to return the money. This occurred in Adams county, but we are informed by the bureau that this form of graft covers the state.

It is an alarming condition—to see how many public officers steal from those who have trusted them. We say "steal," for that is what it is, and it is hoped that the prosecuting attorneys will not permit it to pass for anything else. A man who will make a \$500 purchase and rake off \$100 from the price paid is as sure a thief as any man behind the bars in the penitentiary.

We must throw away our soft gloves and handle things as they are or this country will go to the dogs. It is not simply the loss of the money, but the spirit in which the extravagance is committed is as fatal as treason. It runs down through the arteries of our public and private life like strychnine through the blood.

It should be the doctrine of our public service that extravagance and needless expenditure is a crime—that official life is corrupt to the extent that it expends the public money beyond what is necessary to properly perform the public duty. That is the ideal that we need in the public service, and it is hoped the bureau of public accounting will keep on until that ideal becomes regnant in the official life.—Ohio State Journal.

POLITICS RESPONSIBLE.

Ever Present Reason For the Failure of Most M. O. Enterprises.
 The Duluth Evening Herald recently printed an interview with G. B. Coney, a representative of an electrical supply house, whose business gives him an insight into the workings of municipal lighting plants. Mr. Coney thus diagnoses the trouble:

"One thing more than any other is responsible for the failure of most municipal ventures of any kind, and particularly so in the case of electric lighting plants. That is too much politics. Too much politics results in mismanagement, mismanagement results in failure, and failure spells a big loss for the taxpayers.

"I've seen plants in prosperous towns in a condition such as no private company would think of keeping them and no public company should either. They have gone to wreck and ruin, the machinery is out of order and the town is without light most of the time just because every new mayor appoints a different superintendent and every alderman and officeholder who has a political parasite he wants to reward gives him a job at the municipal plant. They do not do their work properly, and the plant goes to ruin."

\$1,000,000 LOST IN TOLEDO.

How Grand Whitlock's City Tried to Run a Gas Plant.

When Toledo installed her natural gas plant in 1895, to be abandoned eight years later, it was expected that the price of gas would be brought to a very low figure.

The original cost, \$1,500,000, was met by the issue of 4 1/2 per cent bonds, \$1,050,000 of which is still unpaid. The business was unsuccessful from the start, and the very men who had advocated the undertaking and made their private profit from it soon advised that it be sold. As its gas field became exhausted the city tried to secure a new supply, but its efforts were frustrated by the fact that it had advertised its intention for sixty days, giving others a chance to get in before it.

Finally the main part of the plant was leased, and in 1903 the lines and mains outside the city were sold for \$102,000, of which \$27,000 was protested by the purchasers on the ground that several miles of pipe included in the sale was not delivered, having previously been stolen from the city. It is impossible to tell how much the city will ultimately lose by this experiment, but it will be undoubtedly in excess of \$1,000,000.

A request to the mayor for information elicited a reply from his secretary which gave no hint that a loss had been incurred except the following:

"However, the experiment was of much greater benefit to the city than the figures show, for this reason: The consumers of natural gas in Toledo have been given a lower rate than any other city in the country, with perhaps one or two exceptions, for practically the last fifteen years. The low rate was brought about by the competition that began when the city entered the field."

If this were true it might be an adequate offset to the loss on the plant, but unfortunately the facts do not bear out the statement. The 1907 edition of Brown's Directory of American Gas Companies gives more than 100 cities and towns in Ohio alone where the rate for natural gas is lower than in Toledo. This is a good example of the sort of "information" which is given out by city officials who are in favor of municipal ownership for political or other reasons.

SOME INTERESTING DECISIONS

Cities Liable For Damages When Persons Are Hurt or Killed by M. O. Electric Current.

It has been claimed that municipal electric light plants are not liable to one item of expense, which in the case of private plants is sometimes a very large one—viz, damages for injury or death due to contact with a live wire. If this were a fact, it would only go to show the unfairness resulting from municipal ownership in making an innocent individual bear all the burden of an accident which may result from municipal parsimony or carelessness.

While the decision of inferior courts has sometimes been in line with this claim, recent decisions of higher courts are opposed to this view.

In the case of Davout versus the city of Alameda the supreme court of California held the city liable for damages, but the case was complicated by the fact that the municipal lighting plant was engaged in a commercial business as well as in lighting the streets. The supreme court of Indiana has just handed down a decision where this complication is not involved. In the case of Aiken versus the city of Columbus it holds that municipal ownership and the management of municipal utilities do not make such business a government function to the extent of relieving the city from liability for negligence, and it must pay damages to a person injured by the fall of a defective live wire. Although they are not at hand for reference, we recall similar decisions by the courts of other states.

It is worth noting that in general where damages have been assessed against municipal plants or where extraordinary legal expenses have been incurred on account of them the amounts have not been charged up against the operation of the plants, but have been paid out of the general tax levy, thus enabling the plants to show a lower "cost" of operation than would be the case if the items had been properly charged.

FIGHTING TENTH ON PARADE.

Colored Troopers of Cavalry Regiment Back from Philippines.

New York, July 26.—Back from two years' service in the Philippines and led by Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of the East, the colored troopers of the fighting Tenth, the cavalry regiment which won a reputation for bravery in the historic charge up San Juan hill, drew busy Broadway from its customary routine for a time today while they marched up that thoroughfare from the transport Kilpatrick to the Sixty-ninth regiment armory.

Crowds lined the curbs along the route and cheered the dusky regulars as, headed by the citizens' committee of negroes, they marched to the lively martial music of their splendid band. At City Hall park Mayor McClellan and other city officials reviewed them. Then resuming their march they proceeded up town. Everywhere a hearty greeting was given the soldiers.

On their arrival at the armory they were served with refreshments, and there was speechmaking by Major General Leonard Wood and others. Tonight they will attend a theatrical performance.

Tomorrow the regiment will proceed to its new station at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.

FIFTEEN MORE MUSKOGEEANS MADE KNIGHTS.

Excelsior Lodge No. 52 is Made Stronger.

There was something going in the Odd Fellows' hall at Fourth and Pond du Lac last Wednesday night when 15 fraternal aspirants appeared to take their turn on the back of the new Excelsior Pythian goat, and until a late hour that night Dr. A. H. Tyson of Wewoka, and E. E. McDaniels of South McAlester, were busy initiating the boys into the dark mysteries of the order. The names of those who were initiated follow: J. E. Hart, J. H. Escoc, M. G. Pickens, S. E. Edwards, R. H. Graham, A. N. Peguen, W. E. Glenn, M. P. Brown, W. Scott Brown, A. C. Perdue, C. B. Bryant, E. J. Nevels, J. S. Howard, Lewis T. Brown and J. E. Johnson.

This lodge was set up about one month ago by Dr. Tyson over a strong protest from some of the old lodges.

POINTERS.

The general worthlessness of advice is exhibited in the fact that most men give more than they take.

The black squadrons in the republican ranks of this state are being handed a lemon by some of their "ideal" partymen. Oklahoma republicans, "Call you this backing your friends? A plague upon such backing!"

"The miserable have no other medicine. But only hope." Hope on, ye poor fools.

The Negro voters of this state have done their best for the party and "He who does the best his circum- stance allows, does well, acts nobly—angels could do no more."

It is grand, it is noble to help your race, but remember, you help your race most when you help yourself.

Friendship is not always the friendship of a friend.

A pleasing symphony: "To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, wealthy not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly."

Mark that person who is continually decrying the faults of others; who is always right himself and who is wrapped in a sheath of self-importance. Avoid him.

It is better to leave a man a fool, than to make a fool of yourself trying to teach him.

TOURIST BASE BALL TEAM.

The Perry Kids Look for Engagements.

Not being able to match a game at home, the "Perry Kids," a hot team from Boley, under the leadership of Charles Perry, as captain, landed in Muskogee Wednesday morning with a challenge chip on his shoulder. The captain phoned to some one here Thursday endeavoring to match his "boys in red" with some Muskogee team, and was told to stop over. But when they arrived they found that the Muskogee boys are not used to playing extemporaneous base ball. They left the city Wednesday afternoon for some undecided destination expecting, one of the players said, to land in Boley about the middle of August.

BUSINESS WAS RUSHING.

Seventeen Cases on Docket in Jefferson's Court Last Tuesday Morning.

Some of the leading colored lawyers of this city were present at Jefferson's court last Tuesday morning when court was opened and the docket called.

Of the 17 cases on docket, the following were disposed of until today: Criminal—Jerry Davis, mortgaging property not his own; Alex Morris, assault and battery; Everett Ford, beating board bill; Lone Welsh, disturbing the peace; Seymore Johnson, using profane and abusive language in the presence of ladies. Alexander Morris plead guilty and was fined \$5. Civil—D. Radcliff vs. Geo. White, attachment suit, Davis & White (white), attorneys for defendant, Brown & Stewart, attorneys for plaintiff; the attachment was sustained. Isaac Rentie, plainiff, vs. R. T. Colter, H. T. Walker, attorney for defendant; Geo. Watson vs. Island Rentie, H. T. Walker, attorney for plaintiff; Brown and Stewart, attorneys for defendant; C. D. Winthorpe vs. M. K. & T. railroad, garnishee suit; The People's Bank and Trust company was plaintiff in five different suits and in each case Brown and Stewart are attorneys for plaintiff.

The Iowa Land & Trust Co. was also plaintiff in a suit vs. Jerry Davis. Maxey & Runyan appeared as attorneys for plaintiff, and Attorney Stewart as interpleader.

Late Tuesday afternoon John Doe and Carrie Brown plead guilty to disturbing the peace and were fined.

STRIKE IS SETTLED.

A Decided Victory for Union.

The strike of laborers working on street and sewer contracts, which was on here for 19 or 12 days, practically trying-up all latest work and affecting nearly 1,000 men, many of whom were colored men, was called off last Monday night after a conference between Mayor McGarr, Labor Commissioner Daugherty, contractors and representatives of labor unions.

This means that comon laborers in Muskogee will get \$1.75 per day for eight hours' work. This is the first time in the history of Oklahoma that the laborers came out victorious in a fight for their rights, especially where Negroes have been involved as strikers.

Now is the time to buy a home in magnificent Oklahoma. If you can't buy a farm, then buy a town lot. No one can lose by investing in Oklahoma real estate. You can lay the foundation for a fortune by investing now.



A Corner in BIGGER'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Letter from R. W. Bradley reports the Oklahoma folks behaving nicely in St. Paul and that the Grand Lodge of U. B. F. is transacting business with dispatch. Muskogee is in the race strong for the next meeting. The Oklahoma forces are organizers and good fighters. Muskogee of course is in the lead.

Judge Percival Adams leaves today for Seattle, Washington, and other western points. The judge will represent several old soldiers and other land seekers in the drawing for homesteads.

There should be sent a number of students from this state to Wilburforce University at Tens, Ohio. It is the greatest school in the world for negroes and Oklahoma shall and must be represented in the great college.

Watch! If it is out of order take it to T. Larue, the Jeweler. He can do the work. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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FAITHFUL HARRY RETURNS.

Was Glad to Get Back to "Good Old Muskogee."

After nearly two months residence under the climes of tropical skies, Harry Montague, retun ned to Muskogee last Wednesday afternoon from Denning, New Mexico.

About two months ago Mr. Montague decided that a trip south would be good for his wife's health and after selling his house hold goods departed with his wife and babe for New Mexico. But a few weeks' sojourn failed to improve his wife's condition and they finally agreed to return to Muskogee. They left Denning Monday morning, arriving here Wednesday afternoon on the "Over."

Now, Muskogee is good enough for me."

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THRONGS OF PEOPLE SEE FREE VAUDEVILLE.

Plant Juice Medicine Co., With Its Merry Comedians, is Leading Attraction of the Day.

Every night about ten o'clock a great throng of people may be seen making their way north or south on Second street, and east or west on Okmulgee. They are citizens of Muskogee who have spent an hour under a spell produced by three comedians in the employ of the Plant Juice Medicine Company for the free entertainment of the public. One of the performers is a buck and wing dancer who evidently knows all there is to know about the game of "foot shaking."

At intervals he inverts himself and pulls off some over stunts which sets the audience wild.

All of this in correct time to Guitlar music furnished by a fellow comedian.

Then, there is Woods, the ventriloquist, who appears with "Henry" and "Georgia" and puts in the finishing touches to the performance. This company is selling hundreds of dollars worth of medicine weekly.

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