

that the system corrupts the moral fiber of its owners, and from them it extends to councils and legislatures and courts.

The most valuable asset of all these monopolies is the opportunity to monopolize the use of the streets of a great city or the highways of a well-settled country. Without this monopoly their tangible property becomes valuable only in the markets for scraps. The people give away their inheritance of equal opportunity and are robbed by monopoly tolls by the managers to whom they have given up their patrimony.

The council's opportunity to help the people is here. The most valuable part of the Automatic property, the opportunity to do business, already belongs to the people. The council should forbid the sale to the monopoly of this property and its capitalization and should take possession of it and assume the business of telephoning as a part of the public functions of the city government. They should extend it as rapidly as possible, so that every householder could become a patron of the city.

If the council is brave enough to face the present emergency the people will back them to the limit. One of the monopolies that oppress us would be abolished and we would be ready, with renewed strength, to attack the next oppression.—Geo. V. Wells, 6050 S. Park Av.

SHE'LL BE INTERESTING.—Mrs. Margaret H. Sanger, who was arrested at the instigation of Anthony Comstock because of her agitation in favor of giving to all women the knowledge of the methods of preventing conception now given to well-to-do women by their physicians, is coming back from England to face trial soon.

She plans to speak in Chicago during the summer. Announcement of the meeting will be made in the daily papers. All friends of freedom and

enlightenment should make it a point to hear her. Watch for announcement.—A. M.

WOMEN'S DRESS.—Several of the writers in this great and glorious column have made the remark that men are responsible for the prostitute women of today.

But no, if the women and men who make this accusation would stop and figure out the reason for these steps on the part of the man.

Let us start with the gowns worn by the girls of today. They are cut so low at the neck that it is a disgrace; their skirts are so short that their limbs are exposed nearly to their knees.

All of these things go on to irritate man into doing things which are not proper, such as making advances to these girls, and using brutal force to compel these innocent girls to do wrong.

And in closing may I say: Women, dress properly and you will not be subject to advances of men; decent men, but irritated by your styles.—Robert.

ANSWER TO A. D.—All honor to Frank P. Walsin. He did what he was appointed to do. He brought out facts.

Many other good men, by their splendid work, have won our trust and support, but somehow good men have not been able to make much. Let us from now on put our trust in principles. Let us support only those who stand clearly and unflinchingly for the abolition of the wage system root and branch.—Mary G. Dempsey, 3524 Wrightwood Av.

THEY GET CREDIT.—Do firemen who later become policemen get credit for their pensions for the time served in the fire department?—Frank Comte.

According to Harry Pflaum, sec'y of the police pension fund, the answer is "yes."