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SEEKING FEDERAL OWNERSHIP OF ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A statewide organization and expansion alter into a nation-wide movement for government ownership of the great publi cservice corporations notedly the railroads and the teepholne and telegraph, is to be planned here within a few dasy. S. W. Brookhart, of ashington, is in charge of the embryonic organization. The fact that the movement is to become nation-wide, and that the assolcation will delve into every phase of the government ownership plan is of deepest interest to everyone. Col. Brookhart today explained his organization plans in the following article exclusively written for the United Press:

The purpose of this organization is investigation, and not agitation. It will first learn the facts and then give them publicity. It believes the American people are entitled to know the truth about both sides of the great questions of public ownership of public utilitities. Its scope will not be limited to the railroads, but it will include all public utilities. In fact, the first and only active steps its members have already taken are for the investigation of government ownership of telegraph and telephones. Municipal utilities will receive immediate attention, and the great question of government ownership of the railroads in all its phases will be divided and classified, and assigned to different members for investigation and report.

The need of an organization of this kind i s apparent to every thoughtful persons. Already private ownership has many organizations and many organs that give great and constant publicity to the advantages of private ownership. This information is exceedingly partisan. It often omits so much of the truth, or adopts a construction so foreign to the real facts, that is positively misleads or deceives public thought. Immense sums of money are spent in disseminating this class of literature all over the United States, and there is no organization anywhere to combat it or present the whole truth.

It has been said that the trasportation question has never been settled anywhere in the world except by public ownership. It is likewise said that it is a settled question in every country of the world where public ownership prevails. It is also true that public ownerhip does prevail in three-fourths of the countries of the world. England and the United States are the only countries of the first class not adopting it. These facts, together with the further fact that the railroads are constantly demanding increased rates, in spite of the enormous increase in business, have presented the question of government ownership to the American people as a live issue. They are a careful and a cautious people. They will not advance in the dark. Up to the present time, they have only glimpses of the light.

PAYS DEBT AFTER THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS

EATON, Colo., Jan. 9.—If Diogenes should visit a certain town in South Dakota, today he could put down his lantern and end his search for an honest man. This is the view of Mrs. H. Swartz of this place who has just received a check for $58.75 in payment of a debt owed to her husband for 38 years. The husband is long since dead and Mrs. Schwartz had forgotten long ago about the debt. The check came from a South Dakota town, which Mrs. Schwartz refuses to name, and with it a letter stating the debtor had been unable to meet the obligation until the present year.

REALIZE OUR ORATORY

ELOQUENT speeches, depicting in rainbow hues the future of the Rogue River valley were heard at the annual meeting of the Commercial club Thursday evening. They show that the optimism, hope and spirit, necessary for accomplishment, exist throughout the valley. They indicate the harmony and unity of purpose among all sections necessary for successful results.

The unthinking might laugh at the enthusiasm shown—but the wise realize that enthusiasm is the most valuable asset a man or a community can have—that nothing really worth while has ever been accomplished without it. Enthusiasm is the first essential. It is the ebulition of optimism—and no city was ever built and no country ever developed by pessimism.

Given the natural resources, it is the duty of the community to utilize its enthusiasm in their development—otherwise it will be wasted and the pictures conjured by our orators remain dreams for a more energetic future to realize.

Cities do not grow or countries develop except by design, persistency and energy. The village forever vegetates as a village, the forest a tangled woodland, unless transformed by the brain and hand of man. It is not the environment that makes the city so much as the character of its citizenship.

Medford and the valley are doubly fortunate. It has not only the favorable environment, but the right citizenship. The future looms large with promise—but the future is what the people make it, and if it fails to realize dreams—we ourselves are at fault.

A large portion of the effort in upbuilding and development, the systematic advertising and publicity work needed to interest capital and people to cash our resources must be done through the commercial clubs. It is necessary that these organizations be strongly supported, especially during this year preceding the world's fair, when so much must be done to secure for this isolated region the attention it merits. Everyone in every community should join the local club and render it effective support.

Medford should have 500 members for its Commercial club. A stated income is needed for its support. Much work is ahead of it, for which funds are essential. The club is in good condition—better than for years. Its exhibits are creditable, its correspondence kept up. In Secretary Streets the directors have found the ideal man for the position, but the hearty co-operation of the community must be forthcoming to get the best results.

If you are not a member of the club, join at once.

Americans Should Develop Improved Varieties of Potatoes

American progress in the development of improved varieties of potatoes has not been satisfactory as compared with the progress of leading European countries is the statement of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture in department bulletin No. 47, "Lessons for American Potato Growers from German Experiences."

The best European varieties possess a better flavor, color, and texture, particularly for boiling and frying, but these do not succeed when introduced into the United States. If private growers would engage in this work as they have in Great Britain, Germany, and Austria, they would find it a fascinating industry and would undoubtedly make notable achievements.

In America we have much to accomplish in breeding a potato with a greater starch content. Our potatoes are now lower than the German varieties by from 4 to 8 per cent.

Our climatic conditions in America are so diverse that we need varieties of potatoes adapted to special localities. Particularly do we need a heat-resistant strain that can more successfully withstand the high summer temperatures. Disease resistance is another quality that has been bred into certain foreign sorts but is so lacking in ours that we have to quarantine absolutely, certain foreign types that might bring disease with them.

The breeding of potatoes for different kinds of cooking might even be found profitable. A variety specially suited for baking is needed; another for frying; a close-textured tuber is in some demand for salads. The housewife today finds it necessary to waste much good material in preparing her potatoes for the table, particularly the irregular, deep-eyed sorts.

The use of commercial fertilizers, universal in Germany, is unknown in our western potato districts. Certain of our districts in Maine, New York, and the Atlantic trucking belts have already found it to their profit to use more fertilizer, and potato growing is most prosperous in these sections. This should become more universal.

Crop rotation is of fundamental importance to the potato crop in controlling diseases and maintaining production, but in the United States only the beginning of an ordered system has been made. Germany has a rotation of from 3 to 7 years between potato crops. Nor has the importance of green manuring yet been fully appreciated in this country.

The problem of securing disease-free seed has been met in Germany by an official inspection, which results in certificates being issued only to owners of disease-free crops. Such a plan for the United States would be better if carried out by the co-operation of potato-growers associations, the state experiment stations, and the United States department of agriculture, rather than through legal enactment.

Sleeves Out of Date in Society

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—I sing not of arms and the man; but of arms and the woman I warble. Indeed the fair sex are all up in arms and they aren't making any bones about revealing whether they be well armed or not. A fat chance they have to conceal it if their arms are skimpy the way the newest evening gowns are cut sans sleever. Nary a hint of a fluff or a frill of lace or chiffon or anything at all breaks the bare line from shoulder to finger tip for even the long kid gloves have been pealed off and thrown challengingly into the face of custom.

A strand of brifliants over you shoulder to hold up the wisp of chiffon which passes for a bodice on your evening toilette is the nearest approach to a sleeve you are allowed these days or rather nights if you would be truly fashionable. So you see how impossible it is for you to have anything up your sleeve or even to wear your heart there any more. This newest sleeveless fashion will surely mean a furbishing up of many a raspy elbow and it is plain to be seen that the glove maker's loss will be the manicure's gain now that the doeskin has been discarded for the bareskin.

Turn about is fair play as you have long been told, so with the decorators converting the lovely brocades, velours, golden tissues and other wondrous new dress materials into gorgeous sofa cushions, draperies for grand pianos, etc., it is only fit that lovely woman should invade the realms of the upholsterer and drape herself in damask and brocade like a throne chair or a Louis Quinze settee.

Tassels from the curtain department finish her girdles of velour or tulle, and she has developed an unprecedented penchant for galloon as a trimming. In combination with her gowns of chiffon velvet it adds a rich and original touch as a girdle, an outlining of a vest or the finish of a tunic or sash. A bit of galloon goes a long way however, and a touch too much may ruin rather than aid the effect.

The wrist watch has a deadly rival in the pedometer anklet or kneelet. This is the newest fad of the ango-

BOY OF FIFTEEN MAY BE CHAMPION SWIMMER

Gilbert E. Tomlinson of Philadelphia is the fifteen-year-old boy who sprang a real sensation las; summer, when, practically a novice, he broke the one-mile national swimming record and then captured the half-mile title of supremacy from a large and representative field. Competent judges have pronounced him as promising a middle distance paddler as ever was the great C. M. Daniels a sprinter.

Experts believe that within a few years he will be one of the notable champions.

ing and trotting buds and with the speed recorders set in gold or silver circlets or merely additions to the be-ribboned garter they are very chic to tabulate just how many miles you have followed in the wake of Tomsehoe.

An evolution of the cothurne or favored tango slipper is the high shoe left open up the front and laced across the exposed hosiery with silken ribbons. In bronze these slit shoes are very stunning but as a general fashion they bear too close a resemblance to the slashed boots of the coryphee who leads the march of the Amazons to make a bid to the fashionably elect. For ladies who have a Thespian past nothing could be more appropriate. Sort of a case of "If the shoe fits wear it" don't you know.

DIED

WISE—At Ashland, January 3, Mrs. S. M. Wise, aged 33, a native of Iowa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Odland of Minot, S. D. Death followed an operation. She leaves, besides her parents, two brothers and five sisters, a husband and three daughters, aged 6, 4 and 1 year. Interment Mountain View cemetery.

WASHBURN—At Weiser, Idaho, January 5, of heart failure following an operation, Mrs. Violet McCall Washburn, aged 35, of Council Bluffs, Ia., daughter of Mrs. M. L. McCall of Ashland. She was a native of Ashland and resided there until three years ago. Besides her mother, deceased leaves a husband and two daughters, 11 and 4 years old; four sisters and two brothers, Miss Lillian McCall of Prospect, Oregon; Mrs. Charles Winings, Mrs. I. Neeley and Miss Stella McCall of Ashland; Jessie McCall and *Guert McCall, who are in California, and Idaho respectively. Remains were shipped to Ashland. Funeral Thursday. Interment Ashland cemetery.

WILSON—At Ashland, December 31, Mrs. Nancy J. Wilson, widow of the late Rev. M. D. Wilson, and mother of W. W. Wilson of Ashland and W. M. Wilson of Ontario. She was born in Ohio, June 17, 1833, and had lived in Ashland for several years, being a resident of Talent for some six years previously, and before that, of Grants Pass. Interment Mountain View cemetery.

KING—At Ashland, January 7, A. L. King, at Granite City hospital. He was picked up on the Plaza Monday after a stroke of apoplexy and he never regained consciousness. He came from Lawrence, Kan., in October and has been working for W. W. Wilson in his blacksmith shop. He has a wife and three children, who have been telegraphed at Lawrence.

King of Roumania Ill

BUCHAREST, Jan. 9.—King Carolus of Roumania was suffering today from a severe cold. Owing to his age, considerable uneasiness was felt concerning him.

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CITY MANAGER OF DAYTON ENGINEER OF MUCH ABILITY

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 9.—It's a new thing in American municipal government to place at the head of a big city administration with a lot of good jobs to hand out a man who doesn't know whether he is a republican or a democrat and doesn't care whether any of his appointees are good politicians or not. But that is just what has happened in Dayton, by the appointment of Henry M. Waite to the position of business manager. He will have complete control of the municipal government.

Waite came here from Cincinnati where he was chief engineer of the city under Mayor Henry T. Hunt, and where he revolutionized the methods of improving the public streets and sewers. He had previously been a railroad engineer and superintendent and when Hunt discovered him he was in charge of some mining property in West Virginia. He didn't land on a bed of roses when he took the Cincinnati job. His appointment met with disfavor among the old-time politicians in the Republican and Democratic party, who thought the jobs in the city hall ought to go to the men who delivered the votes on election day. Waite only smiled at this and it wasn't long until he had convinced Cincinnati that he had the goods.

Waite is the grandson of the late Chief Justice M. R. Waite of the United States supreme court. He is a bachelor and is only amusements are motoring and golf. There isn't a road within sixty miles of Cincinnati that he doesn't know and the minute he leaves his work he is out in his car. Physically he is of the Lincoln type, being tall, rather stooped shoulders, and with a chin which indicates persistence, and spells disaster to the Republican and Democratic politicians of Dayton who are expecting him to fall down on the job in the hope that they can return to power.

Waite is 43 years of age. He is to receive a salary of $12,500 a year, which is an advance of $6,500 a year over his salary in Cincinnati.

Waite's selection followed the adoption of a new charter by the voters of Dayton last summer. This charter provides for the commission plan of government. The people elected five commissioners, one of whom is to act as mayor. The commissioners under the charter were charged with the selection of a business manager who will have charge of the general administration. The duties of the mayor are perfunctory.

The plan is to emphasize the various features of the plan of organization of private corporations in the municipal government. The citizens are the stockholders, the commissioners are the board of directors and the business manager represents the executive end. John H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register company, headed the commission which drafted the charter, and the plan is recognized as being his. Waite will make all appointments and have charge of all improvements made by the city.

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DETERIORATION OF CIVILIZED WOMEN MEETING SUBJECT

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 9.—"Deterioration of Civilized Woman" an illustrated lecture by Dr. Richard Root Smith, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was the important address delivered before today's sessions of the National Conference on Race Betterment which convened here yesterday. Scores of noted scientists and sociologists, physicians, educators and divines from this country and from European countries were present at today's sessions and took part in the discussions of the set speeches. Other speakers and their subjects today were:

Dr. Earnest Hoag, Leland Stanford University, California, "School Hygiene"; Dr. Horace Plunkett, ex-minister of agriculture for Ireland, Dublin, "Function of Individual, City, State and Nation in bringing about Race Betterment"; Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University, New Haven, Conn., "The National Department of Health"; the Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, Kalamazoo, Michigan, "Community Hygiene"; the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, "Factory Degeneration"; Dr. Thomas Darlington, American Iron and Steel Institute, New York, "Industrial Welfare"; Dr. J. N. Hurty, commissioner of health of Indiana, "The Cost of High Living as a Factor in Race Degeneracy and Limitation of Families"; Shelby M. Harrison, director of the Department of Surveys and Exhibits, Russel Sage Foundation, New York, "Social Surveys," and an address by Woodbridge N. Ferris, governor of Michigan.

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