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WATERWORKS, WATER REVENUE AND TAXES

In last Friday's issue of the Standard appears a local story under the heading, "City Officials Are Figuring on the Tax Rate." In this story we are told that before the close of July the city commissioners will, in accordance with the law, fix the rate of taxation on real and personal property to raise funds to defray the expenses of the city government for the ensuing year.

It is an important occasion. It is manifest that if 12 mills will not produce enough revenue for running the city, then expenditures must be cut down or the tax levy raised, say to 13 mills, which is an unlucky number, especially in this case.

But the mayor has still another idea. There are the waterworks. You will remember, Mr. Editor, what a time the city had in getting possession of the city waterworks system some four or five years ago.

The tax levy for the city in 1913 was 12 mills, and Mayor Fell says he does not anticipate that it will be any higher this year.

I take it for granted that the mayor has been correctly quoted and "that he can see the way clear" for it was not always so. The writer of this sat at the reporter's table in the city council room twenty-five years ago.

He was sincere in that vote and in casting it as he did he had the backing and approval of a large proportion, perhaps a majority, of the citizens, but that does not do away with the fact that after a lapse of twenty-five years he finds the waterworks system a fine thing for the city to own.

But the paragraphs I have quoted contain still another story. Among other things they illustrate the utility of "voting for good men," instead of voting for principles and platforms.

That is to say, if the city should come into possession of an electric light plant the city commissioners would probably run it not to burnish light so much as to make money out of it—a profit.

For by reading again what the mayor says you will see that it is his idea that city waterworks are established not so much to supply water to the people as to make a profit, and thus save money to the taxpayers.

terworks is being diverted from the water department to the payment of "other expenses in other directions." What other construction can be placed on the expression "curtailing of water main extensions," than that the city commissioners plan to use the money thus saved for other purposes?

Thus the city waterworks are being operated not to furnish pure water, and plenty of it, to all—all the people of Ogden, but to make a profit and thus keep down the tax levy.

There are localities in Ogden where the people have been clamoring for years for a chance to drink some of the city water they own. When a private corporation owned the system applicants for extensions were met by the stereotyped statement "we will make no extensions until all litigation with the city has been settled."

Since the city acquired the system many extensions have been made, but always on an 8 per cent basis, always with the view, not with furnishing water to the people, but of making money for the shareholders.

It is safe to say that there are still hundreds of houses in Ogden city where the occupants must continue to use well water and that, too, where the ground water is in many cases contaminated and unfit for drinking purposes.

Again, the failure to extend the mains retards the growth of the city. There are scores of owners of vacant lots who will not build on their property because they can get no assurance that the city will furnish a connection with the water system.

The policy of the city government, as outlined above, illustrates quite aptly the difference between the social and the capitalistic administration of public utilities.

Let us take an instance that I know all about. The last time a deputy assessor caught me in my office he found me in possession of the following described personal property, to-wit:

One roll top desk (somewhat worn). One revolving office chair (has seen better days). One Macy filing case (slightly battered). Two ordinary kitchen chairs for customers, (rather rickety, meaning the chairs, not the customers).

There are lots of people in this city who do not pay taxes or water rates. They pay rent. The owner of the house pays all taxes, but he makes the rent that much higher, so the renter really pays the taxes, and the cost of the city water.

The average tax of such an average citizen is around \$2 per year. In addition to that he pays for water for his house and lawn about \$12 a year. His house this \$12 a year for city water because he does not buy the water at cost, but seems to prefer to pay a double price so that taxes will be less.

Now, let's see: If the mayor cannot keep the tax levy down but has to add one more mill, Mr. Average Citizen will find that he has to pay more taxes. Yes, indeed, his taxes, instead of being \$25 will be increased to \$25.60. It is easy to see that he should worry, too.

If, however, the city should suddenly become so socialistic as to sell water at cost, and should cut clear from the ancient custom of grafting on it sown citizens, then Mr. Average Citizen would be able to buy all the city water he needs at half the present price—a clear saving of \$6 a year. That ought to offset nicely that increase of 60 cents on his regular taxes.

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some Pine, one of the New York successes; Ruth St Dennis and her company; "Baby Mine," "Today," "Too Many Cooks," which has been playing to big business; "Fog O My Heart," that old favorite "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," "Broadway Jones," "Potash and Perlmutter," the biggest comedy now in New York; "Things That Count," "Marriage Game," "The Yellow Ticket," and Maude Adams in her new show, the name of which has not yet been announced.

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE CALLED TO MEET

New York, July 22.—Colonel Robert M. Thompson, president of the American Olympic committee, has directed James E. Sullivan, secretary

of the committee, to issue a call for a meeting of the executive committee to be held at the New York Athletic club on Monday next. Many important questions relative to athletic games will be taken up at this meeting. According to Secretary Sullivan, who has just returned from a trip abroad, all the foreign countries are making great efforts to put strong teams in the field for the games at Berlin in 1916 and America cannot afford to remain idle.

M. W. A. NOTICE All members are requested to attend funeral of Neighbor C. A. Folkman at Fourth Ward, Wednesday, at 2 p. m. ORSON F. OLSEN, Consul. J. H. SHAFER, Clerk.

LAST WEEK OF VAUDEVILLE BIG COMEDY ACT ON NEW EMPRESS BILL



One of the biggest screams that have ever played the Orpheum circuit but never appeared in Ogden is now headlining the Empress bill for the coming week. It is "More Sinned Against Than Usual," with a cast of 10 players. The same special scenery, electrical effects and superb staging that marked its successful tour of the Or-

ORPHEUM TO CLOSE FOR THE SEASON

Following the presentation of the regular weekly program of Empress vaudeville and the moving picture drama, "The Wrath of the Gods" on Sunday night, the Orpheum theater will be closed for four weeks. During this period the theater will be redecorated and resurfaced for the 1914-15 season.

When it is reopened in the autumn, it will be with a six act bill of Empress vaudeville and all subsequent bills will contain six acts, this having been arranged by Manager Jos. Goss during his recent trip to Chicago and New York. A few weeks after the reopening of the playhouse, the Empress vaudeville will be replaced by the Loew Empress vaudeville, Marcus Loew having purchased the interests of the Sullivan and Conside company several months ago.

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