

**A FEW REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE "YES" ON THE LIGHTING FRANCHISE.**

**Cuts Taxes.**

The company agrees to pay into the city treasury \$1,000,000 in cash, the payments to be made quarter-annually at the rate of \$12,500, this money to be placed in the general fund for defraying city expenses. This is \$50,000 per year. The company further agrees to sell street arc lamps to the city at the rate of \$60 per lamp per year, and park lamps at \$4 per month. Upon the basis of lamps now in use, this will mean a saving of \$35,502.41 per year to the taxpayers; the annual payment and the reduction of cost of street lighting means a total saving of \$85,502.41 per year.

**Saves You 6.2 Per cent.**

The amount apportioned from taxes for city purposes this year was \$1,418,666.72. Assuming the city expenses to be the same next year, these reductions are equivalent to a decrease in city taxes of 6.20 per cent. in order to secure the same service; or, expressed in other words, due to these payments and reductions, your taxes next year can be 6.2 per cent. less, and the city still have funds to operate all of its departments on the same scale as this year.

**Lowest Rate in Country.**

The rate charged for lighting current, 10 cents gross, or 9 cents net, is as low as the lowest rate charged in any city in the United States for residence lighting. The rate in Chicago, St. Louis and Boston is 20 cents, in Kansas City, Los Angeles and Omaha, it is 15 cents. Of forty-seven cities in the United States with a population of over 100,000, there are but nine cities where the rate is as low as 10 cents per kilowatt hour, and in no city is it lower.

**Reductions Begin Now.**

This agreement provides that it shall become effective at once and the reduction in rates and payments to the city shall commence immediately. It is further provided that other reductions shall be made from year to year without the necessity of additional legislation. Consequently, to put off the matter at this time would mean to fail to take advantage of the reduction now offered, and would deprive the city of the yearly payment.

**Six Reductions.**

The franchise provides that the average rates to be received by the company shall lessen constantly. The rates received by the company for the remainder of this year and for 1907, shall not exceed 95 cents per thousand for gas and 7½ cents per kilowatt hour for electricity for lighting purposes. Further reductions are agreed upon every two years, until the average rates do not exceed 75 cents per thousand for gas and 6 cents for electric light.

**More Lights—No More Cost.**

Under the proposed reduction in the rates for street lighting, the city may

add practically fifty per cent. more lights without increasing the appropriation for this expense; that is, you may have additional street lights in your district without the burden of taxation being increased one cent.

**City Needs More Lights.**

Denver has more miles of streets than any other city of its size in the country. In consequence the expense of lighting the streets is greater than in more closely-settled cities. There should be a street lamp on every street corner in Denver, and it is our aim in making this proposition to enable you to have one.

**A Direct Saving.**

In all cities where the connections are made to the city sewer system and where they are made to the water main, whether operated by the city or private companies, the consumer is required to make the connection to his house at his own expense. The Denver Gas and Electric Company makes no charge for extending the service from the company's mains to the consumer's premises.

**Just the Same.**

For days and weeks before his death it was remembered, the wealthy old foundryman pattered around in the molding room, over some task which he would not permit any one to help him about. Chuckling and nodding his head he kept at his work, until finally he ordered the molten iron run into an immense flat mold.

When the result had cooled off, it was seen to be a huge, thin, flat sheet of iron, bearing a lengthy inscription in raised letters, beginning: "I, John Pott Mettle, being of sound mind and body," etc.

"There," murmured the old man, with the grim smile for which he was famous, "they will see that the iron will which is characteristic of me shall be in evidence even after I have passed away."

How vain are the hopes of man!

Six months after the death of John Pott Mettle the lawyers had broken his will as easily as if it had been written on ice.

**Reports Denied by Wynne.**

Robert J. Wynne, consul general to London, while in Washington had his attention called to some stories printed in a western paper charging that there had been "goings on" in his London career. Mr. Wynne glanced over the publication and said philosophically: "It's no more, perhaps, than might have been expected. You see, when I was in the post-office department I upset the calculations of more than one daily paper which enjoyed special privileges in connection with the rural free delivery. That is their way of fighting back. But there is nothing to the tales. I need only tell you that I have never been a guest at such a dinner as is described and I have, unfortunately, never been presented at court."—Exchange.

**Steamers for Lake Titicaca.**

A second steamer is about to be placed upon Lake Titicaca, which is 12,000 feet above sea level in the Andes of Peru. The first steamer, which was built in England, was sent out peacemeal, and is now being reconstructed upon the shores of the lake.

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