

**WATER CO. ASKS  
RATE INCREASE  
TO MEET TAXES**

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necessary to continued efficient water service in said city of Indianapolis and that the same will be furnished through the sale of securities and that the net earnings of petitioner will have a controlling effect upon the solvability of said securities and the amount of discount which will be necessary to pay to move the same."

"Petitioner further says," the application continues, "that the earnings of petitioner under the rates, tolls and charges now in effect are much less than the amount required to pay the taxes, and that upon the value of petitioner's property used and useful in said enterprise, that a continuation of said limited earnings will make it impossible for petitioner to finance needed improvements, betterments and extensions, both as to its capacity for service and as to street main extensions, and if long continued will result in a crippled and inefficient service; that it is for the best interests of the city of Indianapolis, petitioner and petitioner's patrons, that the water rates now in effect be increased in an amount sufficient to pay a reasonable return upon the fair value of petitioner's property used and useful in said business, and petitioner says that the schedule of rates, tolls and charges attached hereto, market Exhibit A and made a part hereof, will in the judgment of petitioner, produce the required revenues without working hardship upon any of its water patrons."

In conclusion the company asks the commission for a hearing on the request and after a due investigation to "direct the petitioner to put into effect the schedule of rates, tolls and charges" asked.

Corporation Counsel Samuel Ashby stated that the city will oppose any increase in water rates unless the company shows conclusively that they are necessary for continued good service.

**SNAG RETARDS  
PLAN HATCHED  
AT WEST BADEN**

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death of Senator Shreve, which made a place for Watson, alone prevented considerable of a party rumpus.

Subsequently Mr. Robinson spent more than two years in the army.

His friends now point out that both New and Watson were taken care of by the party and it would hardly be proper to penalize Robinson just because he went to the army in the World's War.

In politics Mr. Robinson has been fortunately aligned. He was one of the original members of the party and he was almost alone in boasting Warren G. Harding when that distinguished gentleman ran last in a field of four in the Indiana presidential primary.

It is understood that friends of the young lawyer are prepared to make a fight in his behalf in event there is a vacancy in the Indiana senatorship, and McCray's friends are likely to ignore him in seeking a Senator.

There are, of course, other reasons why Will Hays has little prospect of being appointed to the Senate.

Hays never was a McCray man. He has been allied with the interests led by James P. Goodrich for many years.

These interests made him State chairman and eventually put him in the chairmanship of the national committee when it was planned to run Goodrich for President.

When Goodrich fizzled as a presidential possibility, Hays was astute enough to

consider his own chances in the nomination at Chicago, and it was openly charged that he attempted, through the Republican national organization, to place himself in a position to be struck by lightning in the event of a deadlock at Chicago.

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Has a Cabinet member and no one is anxious to see him appointed Senator.

As a party chairman they agree that he conducted a successful campaign, but there is a feeling that no man who had the backsliding and the support, financially and otherwise, that he had could have made a failure of such a campaign as has just come to an end.

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