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THE GARRARD BILL AND RICHMOND.

The Garrard bill on public utilities which is before the legislature means much to the city of Richmond in relation to the municipal light plant. The fact is that the bill in its present form is largely concocted by the representatives of the private corporations which are directly interested in the public utilities.

The bill as it now stands provides among other things that corporations now operating under franchises (limited to 25 years) shall henceforward operate under an "indeterminate franchise," which by the preceding terms of the bill is a perpetual franchise. The public is given no string to the franchise nor the corporation as in the case of the Wisconsin law. First joker for the private corporations against the people!

Sec. 6 is designed to allow the private corporations to terminate any contract with any city or town without granting the city any say in the matter! This is plainly unconstitutional and illegal under the law of contracts inasmuch as a contract is an agreement between two parties each having equal rights in the matter. But this even were it legal, would be unfair to the cities and towns, because it would not grant the city the same right to terminate a contract which is not advantageous.

But the really important part of the Garrard bill is Sec. 20, which concerns the maximum and minimum rates of the prices of utilities. A commission is given the power to fix maximum rates and shall take into consideration "the necessary cost to the owner or operator of the product or the service furnished, the cost of maintenance, the amount of depreciation in value," (so far so good)—but including in such depreciation thereof, an amount that will be required for replacement of the depreciated parts WITH NEW PARTS after ordinary repairs shall be ineffective to keep the parts in a state of efficiency corresponding to the progress of the industry."

Another joker.
To take an enlargement of a plant and charge it to depreciation, at the same time evading a higher assessment for taxation, while placing the corporation in the way of producing greater net profits for dividends!

Not only that but the matter of maximum rates does not apply to towns where there is competition, especially with municipal ownership. What good is a maximum rate to a town in which there are no rates? The maximum rate is good for towns which have no competition to keep them from being overcharged, but what about a town that owns a plant with private competition? In that case a minimum rate is just as necessary as a maximum. Nor is this without its parallel in existing legislation in this state. Take the criminal code (designed against the Standard Oil company) which prevents a disastrous minimum rate when it is part of a conspiracy of rate cutting. The point is that by an incorporation of the existing criminal law just mentioned it would save individual litigation along these lines to any city or taxpayer who wanted relief against ruinous minimum rates.

The minimum rate should be established by the commission upon application by suitable authorities from the city or its citizens.

Not the least dangerous contingency which may arise should the Garrard law come into being is the fact that several corporations in a town might combine and cut prices on the one commodity which the town had a plant for. This would not only wreck the plant, but enable the corporation under the first part of Sec. 26, to raise the maximum rate in cities where there is no competition by affirming that their valuation was increased. They could base their evidence on dead wood and fictitious value of duplication.

That this would be so, consider lines 16 to 19:

In arriving at the sum representing the investment the commission shall take into consideration the value of the physical property, all going and intangible values, and all other in-

vestments actually and necessarily made."

An "intangible value" in other words is hot air and water or other liquid nourishment of corporations.

And finally the bill provides under Sec. 51 that the private corporation need not come under this law unless it wants to.

The provisions of this act are not intended to apply to or to effect, and shall not apply to, nor effect in any manner the rights of any owner or operator of any public utility as secured to any such owner by any charter, etc., until the operator of any public utility shall accept the provisions of this act."

In brief this act provides for perpetual franchises without any strings to them; for almost any rates that the private companies may desire; for permission to evade taxation; to wreck municipal ownership; to form legal conspiracies and trusts under no limitations, and finally to give them power to use the law or not as it may be to their convenience after having given them the right to break franchises and contracts at their own sweet will. Some of the provisions will indeed not be constitutional before the court, but such an obvious steal is a little startling.

It is greatly to the credit of Mr. B. B. Johnson of this city that entirely from public spirit he should have attacked this measure. He stands alone and unsupported in the matter. Will Richmond come to his rescue or shall this bill go through and wreck what we have fought for. Even the people who were not in favor of our light plant ought to be able to say, "Now that we have the thing why shall we let ourselves be robbed of it for the benefit of the corporations owned by private capital?"

VALENTINE FOR CITY

Fountain City Cut-up Sends One Representing Richmond as a Toper.

VERY MUCH LOW COMEDY

A comic valentine depicting a toper in a rum joint was received by City Clerk Merrill yesterday. The envelope was postmarked Fountain City. About the margin of the picture were written comments on the result of the recent local option election and the way in which Richmond supported the saloons.

The Secret of Long Life.
A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bitters prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds wasted nerve cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. Its a godsend to weak, sick and debilitated people. "Kidney trouble had blighted my life for months," writes W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me., "but Electric Bitters cured me entirely." Only 50c. at A. G. Luken & Co.

Worked Hard Too.
A persistent lawyer who had been trying to establish a witness' suspicious connection with an offending railroad was at last elated by the witness' admission that he "had worked on the railroad."
"Ah!" said the attorney, with a satisfied smile. "You say you have worked on the P. T. and X?"
"Yes."
"For how long a period?"
"Off and on for seven years, or since I've lived at Peacedale, on their line."
"Ah! You say you were in the employ of the P. T. and X. for seven years off and on?"
"No. I did not say that I was employed by the P. T. and X. I said that I had worked on the road off and on for that length of time."
"Do you wish to convey the impression that you have worked for the P. T. and X. for seven years without reward?" asked the attorney.
"Absolutely without reward," the witness answered calmly. "For seven years off and on I've tried to open the windows in the P. T. and X. cars, and never once have I succeeded."—Youth's Companion.

Bacon—Do you believe Wall street should be probed?
Egbert—Probed? I believe it should be baled out.—Yonkers Statesman.

Sour Stomach Indigestion—Kodol

There are so many of these disagreeable symptoms—"heartburn", belching, of foul gases, bloating, pain in pit of the stomach, headache, etc.—all meaning indigestion. And indigestion always means dyspepsia—sooner or later—if the indigestion is not rectified. Kodol can't help but relieve indigestion. It stops all the aggravating symptoms, at once, by fully digesting all food, just as fast as you eat it. Kodol thus helps Nature to effect a complete cure.

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DANGER THAT THE GARRARD BILL IS TO PASS ASSEMBLY

Measure Provides Repeal of Uniform Text Book Law And Throws Open Floodgates of Corruption.

STRONG LOBBY BACKS MEASURE IN ASSEMBLY

School Book Trust Agents Have the Brewers' Lobby Backed Clear Off the Map—Bill's Provisions.

Palladium Bureau, Indianapolis, Feb. 16.

There is grave danger that the Garrard bill to repeal the uniform system of school books may pass the legislature, and throw open the floodgates of graft and corruption that existed in former years when each county made its own selection of school books. There is the strongest lobby behind this bill that has ever been seen in this state during a session of the legislature. The brewers' lobby is as nothing compared to it. The school book lobby is made up of a score or more of the most trusted agents of the school books combine and the most able of the combine's manipulators. They are men who have been trained to do the work that they are now doing here and they know how to do anything that is necessary to be done to pass the bill. They have all the money that can be used, as the school book lobby always has. None of these men ever go about the state house. They stay at the hotels and the men who wish to do business with them go to the hotels to do it.

McCaslin Heads Lobby.
T. A. McCaslin of Cleveland, a lawyer, is the head of the lobby, the man who directs the fight for the school book combine, by which it hopes to rape the people's pocketbook. He has room 732 at the Claypool hotel, and close to his room is that of Charles T. Brown, also of Cleveland, who is in the Cleveland city directory as the agent of the American School Book company.

Under the able direction of these men the school book lobby is working. The work is being done quietly and under cover, and it is the most dangerous kind of work, for it is as a foe that strikes in the dark.

Garrard Its Sponsor.
This lobby proposes by the bill which, strange to say, has been introduced by Representative Garrard of Vincennes, the democratic floor leader, to take out of the hands of the state board of education the authority to select text books for the schools of the state and place that power in the hands of a commission in each county. This county commission would consist of a county superintendent appointed by the township trustees, and two members of different political parties appointed by "the county superintendent." This commission would then select and adopt the books for the schools of that county, and the people who have children attending school would be obliged to pay for the books whatever price the school book companies might see fit to ask for them.

Eczema Cured in Simple Way

No More Dosing the Stomach—Cure the Skin Through the Skin.

When you have a scratch on your hand you wash it out and cleanse it and then the skin cures itself.
The best skin specialists today are agreed that the only way to cure the skin is through the skin. For statistics show that nearly all eczema sufferers are perfectly healthy in all other ways except as to their skin. And if the eczema patients were really suffering from an internal malady, the entire body and not only the skin would be diseased.

You can prove immediately the relief of a true skin cure by using oil of wintergreen as compounded in D. D. D. Prescription. This liquid kills the disease germs, while toning up the healthy part of the skin.

For sale by all druggists.

Duchess Versus Lord Chancellor.
The English house of lords has never been particularly kind to its fair visitors. Long ago, in the days when duchesses sold their kisses for votes, the house of lords forbade them to enter, and a battle royal ensued between the ladies and the peers. The lord chancellor had sworn that he would not let them in, and the Duchess of Queensberry had sworn that ladies should come in. "This being reported," we read in an old diary, "the peers resolved to starve them out. An order was made that the doors should not be opened till they had raised their siege."
These amazons now showed themselves qualified for the duty even of foot soldiers. They stood there till 5 in the afternoon without either sustenance or intermission, every now and then playing volleys of thumps, kicks and raps against the door with so much violence that the speakers in the house were scarcely heard. At last by strategy worthy of a general the ladies "all rushed in and placed themselves in the front row of the gallery," where they remained till an hour before midnight, applauding or hissing to their hearts' content.

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Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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WHAT LOVE DID.

Poor Owen Kildare of New York, "the Bowery Kipling," as his friends call him, has been sent to a sanitarium a nervous wreck.
Kildare's career reads like fiction. At thirty years of age he could not read the simplest sentences. Eight years later he was a successful newspaper man and author.

The immediate cause of Kildare's breakdown was the failure of his play, "The Regeneration." This play was dramatized from Kildare's book, "Mamie Rose," which told the story of his life and regeneration.
Arnold Daly, the manager, made many changes in adapting the play to the stage against the serious protests of Kildare, who predicted the failure.

And now the author and playwright is on the verge of insanity.
Born in a typical east side tenement of an Irish father and a French mother, the boy was orphaned at his birth. His mother died when he was born, and his father had died three months previously.

The child fell into bad hands and was abused and nearly killed by a drunken guardian. Driven to the streets, he abandoned his home at the age of five years, living the life of a waif. At fourteen years, being of a heavy build physically, he became the champion of the Park row "newsies." Kildare developed into a boxer and finally into a prizefighter and saloon "bouncer." As previously stated, he could neither read nor write when he was thirty years old. He was about the last man in the world one might have selected for reformation.

But one day he met his fate—his "Mamie Rose."
She was a settlement worker of great charm and tact and a woman of superior character. Kildare fell deeply in love with her. She taught him the rudiments of education. Dying shortly after his "conversion," the memory of her kindness kept him in the right way. Thousands of admirers of Owen Kildare will pray that he may recover his health. His fight for manhood was a gallant one.

Two things appear:
No man's estate, however low it may appear, is entirely hopeless. If Owen Kildare could make himself a man, who shall despair of his life? Drummond was right when he declared love is the greatest thing in the world.

Political Announcements

FOR MAYOR.

HENRY W. DEUKER is a candidate for mayor, subject to the Republican nomination.

Left Handed Honesty.

A certain young man who lives in the east end of town and sports an enormous "diamond" in connection with a local clothing store several days ago when one of the clerks, a practical joker, nabbed the stone out of its owner's tie.

The owner did not miss the "diamond" until he returned home, and then ensued a frantic search for the missing stone, which included advertising in the newspapers and reporting the matter to the police.

Yesterday afternoon the joker returned the pin to its owner.

"Gad, I am glad it was you who had it," gasped the delighted youth. "Some dishonest person would have kept it."
"So would I," returned the clerk. "but a jeweler to whom I took it said it wasn't worth more than 30 cents."—St. Joseph Gazette.

Mrs. Austin's famous pancakes make a hearty, wholesome breakfast. Fresh supply now at your grocer's.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Tuesday, Feb. 16—Richmond lodge No. 196, F. & A. M. called meeting. Fellow Craft degree.

Wednesday, Feb. 17—Webb lodge No. 24 F. & A. M. stated meeting.

Saturday, Feb. 20—Loyal Chapter No. 49 O. E. S. stated meeting.

Washington Once Gave Up
to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed, then "Bucklen's Arnica Salve" completely cured me," writes John Washington, of Bosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles its supreme. 25c. at A. G. Luken & Co.

PALLADIUM WANT ADS. PAY.

Council Was Burdened With Annual Reports

City Fathers Receive the Reports of the Heads of the Fire, Streets, Markets, Controller and Crematory Departments of the City, Also Report of the Reid Memorial Hospital.

Had it not been for the number of reports submitted to council last evening has been in use by the department of city government, there would have been little business done by that body. It required considerable time to read these reports, all of which were concurred in and will be printed in the year book of the city.

The reports contained invoices of all the property owned by the departments. The various lists were exceedingly long in some instances and enumerated everything from a furnace poker to incandescent electric light bulbs. Each report indicated that the respective department is in good condition.

A congested review of the reports follows:

HOSPITAL BOARD.

Report of committee to examine books of treasurer of Reid Memorial hospital for calendar year 1908:

Jan. 1, 1908, cash \$ 3,240.81
Nursing and board 6,334.89
Contributions 6,076.25
Interest and rent 1,609.00
Dispensary 11.00
Sundries 10.00
Total \$17,281.95

Disbursements.

Salaries and wages \$ 4,594.69
Food and light 2,663.77
Fuel and oil 1,359.61
Drugs and supplies 895.94
Improvements—repairs 836.32
Sundries—laundry, etc. 3,801.30
Total \$14,151.63

Excess receipts over expenditures, \$3,130.32.

Endowment Fund.

Mortgage loan \$15,690.00
Water works and bond 10,000.00
Zeller fund 500.00
Cash on hand 1,032.21
Balance \$27,132.21

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The most extensive of all the reports submitted was that of Ed Miller, chief of the fire department. His invoice included every thing from a bent brass-headed carpet tack on the third shelf above the bench in the basement to the latest improved chemical wagon.

The same recommendations were made by the chief that have counted in his reports for three years. He wants a new steam engine to be used when the fire pressure is low and for fighting fires out of reach of the city mains. He wants a new ladder truck. Although it looks quite new in its

bright red paint, the truck now in service has been in use by the department for twenty-five years. It is not large enough. The chief wants a seventy-five foot truck. He also would like to have a glazier nozzle and a life saving net. The latter is believed to be needed badly as a precaution against possible injury by jumping from an upper story in case some of the larger buildings of the city were on fire. The condition of the hose is not the best and the chief would like to have 1,000 feet of new tubing.

During the past year, the salaries of the employees of the department amounted to \$17,303.50; the miscellaneous expenses to \$3,147.83; the horse feed cost \$1,292.96, making the total expenses \$21,743.29. The credits were \$342.50.

The department is divided into five companies and is composed of a chief, assistant chief and nineteen men. It is equipped with one hook and ladder truck in fair condition, one steam fire engine in fair condition, five two horse hose wagons, three of which are combination hose and chemical, all in good condition. One hose wagon is kept in reserve. There are sixty street boxes for telegraphic alarms and twenty-four miles of copper wire used in the connections. During the past year 148 alarms of fire were answered. The water supply has been satisfactory.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

The report of the street commissioner shows that the most valuable asset of the department is the steam road roller, which is valued at \$1,000. An unusual stone crusher, which in reality is a pile of iron resting in the river valley is listed at a value of \$25. The invoice shows the total value of the property of the department to be \$23,328.50.

A summary of the report follows:

Street Commissioner.

For labor—appropriated \$25,700.00
Transferred 2,000.00
Balance 122.34

Total

..... \$27,822.34

Expended for Labor on Streets.

Repairing \$ 6,166.07
Cleaning and scraping 3,637.01
Sweeping 1,572.58
Flushing 133.82
Removing snow 2.65
Macadamizing 3,046.54
Sundry work, sewers, dumping, grounds, etc. 13,062.87
Alleys 1,074.47
Total expenditures \$27,696.01

Balance

..... 126.33

MARKET MASTER.

To the mayor, board of public works and common council.

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of the market master, and sealer of weights and measures, for the year ending December 31, 1908:

Receipts.

Rent of market stalls \$ 803.25
Rent, East End market place 63.00
Awning 75.00
Miscellaneous expenses 178.00
Total expenses \$1,023.30
Receipts 803.25

Net cost to the city of Richmond for year 1908

..... \$ 220.05

Under inspection of foods the following was condemned: 80 gallons of oysters; 65 pounds of mackerel; 10 pounds of fresh pork; 2 dressed chickens.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WALTERMAN,
Market master and sealer of weights and measures.

CITY CONTROLLER.

General Fund—Jan. 1, '09.

Cash on hand last report \$13,081.79
Receipts 14,719.37
Disbursements 15,573.74
Balance \$13,217.42

Sinking fund

..... \$14,024.35

Special fund

..... \$ 5,512.37

Cash Imp. fund

..... \$ 1,139.19

CITY CREMATORY.

Wet garbage consumed, 4,005 yards.
Dry garbage consumed, 545 yards.
Animals cremated, 207.

Expenditures.

Coal \$ 481.31
Sundries 53.50
Fire brick 82.38
Mason work 9.00
Carpentry 8.90
Water rent 5.25
Hauling 3,781.25
Salary, superintendent 720.00
Total \$5,141.43

Invoice.

Wagon tanks, wheel barrows, coal, pokers and miscellaneous \$246.30.

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