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A MATTER OF FACT

This paragraph deals with a question of fact. Whether or not there ought to be a tariff on crude oil is one question; whether the men who are in Washington advocating that tariff are Standard Oil agents, or are independent producers, is another question. That there should be much confusion on the latter question is not surprising, since it has long been the custom of the Standard Oil company to do business under many aliases, and to cloak itself in inscrutability. The matter is settled by the following paragraph from a letter written by Miss Ida M. Tarbell:

"There is no question in my mind of the entire independence of the oil producers and oil refiners who are now in Washington petitioning congress for a duty on crude oil. I have known many of them all my life, and am more or less familiar with their business careers. As to their contention that free crude oil would be a serious handicap to them in their competition with the Standard Oil company, and an advantage to the Standard, they are undoubtedly right, if Mexico turns out the tremendous oil producer that oil men are predicting. If the field does not develop as they seem to think it will, there is nothing in the world for them to fear from free crude. As you know, I am myself a thorough believer in free raw materials, including oil, and I wish that the independent oil men felt that they were in a strong enough position to risk free crude oil. Their courage would be a great help in tariff reform, for undoubtedly, as things look now, there will be much more reason for a duty on crude oil than there is for on wool, hides, coal, or iron ore."

If congress puts the tariff on crude oil, the consumer in the immediate future will pay more for his petroleum, just as he will pay more for his steel and his clothes and his shoes if congress puts a tariff on iron ore and wool and hides. So much is undeniable. Oil is in that respect on the same footing as other raw materials. A wonderful pool of oil, of unexampled richness, is discovered within a few hundred miles of the boundary of the United States. To make the patch between this store of natural wealth and the citizen who uses kerosene just as broad and smooth as possible ought, it would seem, to be the most obvious function of government. If it is true that doing this would play into the hands of a great monopoly, then there should be some more direct means of dealing with monopoly than through a high tariff. This is free-trade doctrine, and perhaps it is the counsel of perfection. On the other hand, for the independents who, during the past ten years, under favorable state and national legislation, have fought a slowly winning fight against a great monopoly, sympathy is human. And two matters of fact are clear: it is the independents—not the Standard Oil Company—who are asking for the tariff on oil; and a congressman who votes for this tariff is in exactly the same position as one who votes for a tariff on lumber, or ore, or coal, or hides, and is entitled to credit for the same degree of good faith.

—Mark Sullivan in Collier's for May 29.

TWINKLES

Marks of Conservatism.
"Why are you reading that old-fashioned book?" asked Maude.

"How can you tell at a glance that it is old-fashioned?" rejoined Maymie. "Because it uses an initial and a dash to indicate a swear word instead of spelling it out in big type."

Precaution.

"If there is anything a trust hates to do," said Mr. Dustin Stax, "it is to break a law."

"I understand," answered Senator Sorghum, "that is why you have so often tried to have the law made to suit you in the first place."

The Lay of the Listener.

"Money talks," the sages say: "But when I hear its dulcet tone It always seems so far away I have to use the telephone; And as I wait its voice to hear, And care brings furrows to my brow, Fate answers in a tone severe, "Ring off; the line is busy now!"

Forceful Remarks.

"I understand your husband is some-

The Water Works Franchise**ACTION OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB**

The movement on foot to afford Richmond with better fire protection and a consequent lowering of the insurance rates is a good one on the part of the Commercial club. Briefly stated, there can be no bettering of either condition here until the Water Works company makes certain improvements in its service. These are, as we understand it, higher pressure, gained by an adequate pumping service and another water main from the pumping station to town. These are the things which the insurance experts demand, as well as minor things such as more fire plugs, etc.

A NEW FRANCHISE

As is well known, the franchise of the Water Works company will expire in 1912. Naturally the company will not make these improvements now unless it is given a new franchise in return which will assure it that it can be repaid for its improvements by a subsequent continuance in business. So it is, that if there is to be any improvement made at the present time, it must be that a new franchise is given to the company. And this is only fair.

THE VALUE OF A FRANCHISE

At the same time the citizens of Richmond should be aware by this time that a franchise is not a thing to be lightly considered or one to be given away without due return and consideration. The question should be, what will the Water Works company give in return for a franchise for a number of years? And on the part of the city it should be also borne in mind that the city must have water and fire protection.

It should be remembered that on the one hand, the city should have adequate return for the privilege it grants the Water Works company; on the other hand, the Water Works company is like any other business, entitled to such provisions as will give it a fair return on the investment of its money.

POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED

In short most of the things to be considered are: Fire protection; rates; the duration of the franchise; the possibility of a state public utilities commission; the right of the city to buy; the comparison with other franchises; the rights of the city; the rights of the company; the procedure in granting the franchise.

FIRE PROTECTION

Taking these things up one after the other, the city should have assurance from competent authorities including the insurance companies, that the terms of the franchise will give the city real fire protection not only for the next few years—but for the entire term of years that the franchise may be in existence. There should be enough pressure assured—not only for the buildings now in existence, but taking into account Richmond as a growing town and the possibilities of higher buildings being erected in diverse parts of town. This service and pressure should be uniform in all parts of the town so that one section shall not be less favored than another. The water mains should be made large enough and strong enough to give the city real fire protection during the life of the franchise and should not preclude in the franchise the possibility of more being added if found necessary by the insurance authorities in the life of the franchise.

In other words the city should receive real fire protection during the existence of the company's operation. Suitable and sufficient bond should be given that the work be done in a reasonable period of time and bond should be required that the pressure and mains are up to the specifications of the franchise. In event that fire protection is not furnished the terms of the franchise shall be null and void and the bond forfeited.

THE COMPANY'S PROTECTION

On the part of the city it should grant the franchise for a term of years long enough to protect the rights of the company, but this should be for a limited number of years not exceeding twenty-five. Suitable articles for the company's protection should be given.

RATES

The rates charged by the company should be made in accordance with the terms of the most modern franchises and should allow of no possibility of their being raised by any joker in the franchise nor should they be in excess of the present rates. Now is the time for the consideration of the question as to whether the consumer should pay for the measuring of his water by the company, and the question of payment for tapping in, should be thought over. The company should at least bear the expense of the tapping in to the property line and the ordinance should provide that any one within the corporate limits of the town should have water and fire protection from the company. Also suitable arrangements equitable to both the company and the city should be made in regard to the tearing up of streets, alleys and other public property. Bond should be required that the repairs shall be satisfactorily made—the same to be judged by the city authorities.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The company should be willing at any time to surrender its franchise and to operate under the law of the state concerning public utilities corporations, in event of such a law being passed within the duration of the franchise. The city should have the first option and the right to buy the plant at any time during the term of years granted. Also if at any time it shall be found that the company is making over a reasonable rate of interest on its investment that the city should have a certain percentage of the gross earnings of the company. The city should have the full powers to have access to the books of the company and to examine witnesses etc., etc., to determine the earnings of the company. In other words this franchise must compare favorably with the franchises which are being granted in other municipalities. The city must look after its own interests. There must be no loop-holes for aggrandizement—nor must the city be content with what seem fair things in the present, without regard for the growth and future development of the town in population and business interests.

PROCEDURE

We should demand that the company make no attempt to railroad this franchise through in a few weeks. We suggest that there shall be at least six months for the town to consider this franchise from the time it is accepted by the Board of Works to the time it is first considered by council and that in that time the city shall have assurance from proper and competent authorities and from the insurance companies that the terms of the franchise are such as will provide fire protection during the life of the franchise.

We are more insistent on the manner of procedure in which the franchise is granted than on any other particular, for the simple reason that the only way that the city can be sure of what it is doing in this matter is to have due time for examination into all the matters which pertain to the franchise.

It may be that there are other considerations which we have not mentioned and that some of the things which we have set forward are unjust either to the company or the city. We only suggest them as things which are to be well considered before anything is done. We are sure however that the matter of procedure is one which we cannot be mistaken on. If due time and consideration is taken in this matter there will not be reason for fear that either the company or the city will be mistreated. This we are insistent on and we shall demand that time be taken so that the citizens know what is going on. This is the only way that the company and the city can act together with good results for all parties concerned.

thing of an after-dinner speaker."

"Yes," answered young Mrs. Torkins, "what Charley is liable to say after dinner is the reason we can't keep a cok."

"People will praise my work after I am dead," said the playwright, gloomily.

"Perhaps," answered the cold-blooded actor; "but isn't it a good deal of a sacrifice to make for a little praise?"

The Sunday Church Services

First Church of Christ Scientist—Masonic Temple. Sunday services 10:45 a. m. Subject "Ancient and Modern Necromancy or Mesmerism and Hypnotism." Wednesday evening experience meeting 7:45. Public invited. Reading room 10 North Tenth street. Open to the public daily except Sunday 9 a. m. to 12 and 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

First English Lutheran—Corner of Eleventh and South A streets. E. G. Howard pastor. Morning service 10:30 a. m. Vespers 4 p. m. Sunday school 9 a. m. Lee B. Nusbaum superintendent.

Universalist—Rhode Temple. Rev. Martha Jones will preach at 10:30 a. m. Memorial sermon. At 7:30 p. m. "This One Thing I Do." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Junior Y. P. C. U. 2:30 p. m. Bible reading and sermon topics. Wednesday, June 2, at Mr. Cokerel's, 112 North Twenty-first street. Friday at Mr. Benjamin Fritz's, North Sheridan street.

Grace M. E.—W. M. Nelson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. preaching by the pastor at 10:40 a. m. Subject: "Future Recognition" and at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Two masters." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.; prayer meeting 7:30 Thursday evening.

Fifth Street M. E.—J. Cook Graham, pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a. m. O. Foss, superintendent; morning worship 10:30 a. m. Sermon by pastor, subject: "The Life That Now Is." Epworth League at 6:30; evening worship 7:30. You are welcome.

First Presbyterian—Thomas J. Graham, pastor. School 9:15 a. m.; morning worship 10:30; preaching by the pastor. Theme: "The Proportions of God's Purposes." Chorus choir under the leadership of Prof. Wm. E. Hart. Evening worship 7:30 o'clock. Subject: "Faith and More of It." Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. The public invited to worship and study God's Word with us.

First M. E.—Corner Main and Fourteenth streets. R. J. Wade, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.; morning worship at 10:30. Memorial sermon by the pastor to G. A. R. W. R. C. etc. Class meeting at 11:45 a. m.; Junior league at 2 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:30; evening service at 7:30. Sermon by Rev. T. S. Johnson, M. D., forty-seven years missionary to India. Public reception to Dr. Johnson, who went out from First church, at the church Monday night under auspices of the Brotherhood. Music by choir directed by Mrs. Grace Gordon. A cordial welcome to all.

Second English Lutheran—Corner of Pearl and North West Third streets. Rev. G. Emerson Harsh, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.; preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme: "Pentecostal Benedictions." Evening: "The Disallowed Christ." All are welcome.

Second Presbyterian—North Nineteenth street. Robert H. Dunaway, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30 with sermon on "Standfastness." Evening: "That Exceeds the Righteousness of Scribes and Pharisees—Christ's Second Illustration."

Sabath school at 9:15 and Christian Endeavor at 6:45. Psalm twenty-one for Thursday evening at 7:30. The most successful church is the one from which the community gains.

Earlham Heights—Public school building. Robert H. Dunaway, minister. Sabbath school at 2:15; J. W. Snyder, superintendent. We are asked frequently, "How are you getting

along with the building at Earlham Heights." Come and see, and you will help finish it immediately. It is almost done. A little money is all we need.

South Eighth Street Friends—H. R. Keates, pastor. 9 a. m. Bible school. John H. Johnson, superintendent.

Study, "Believing and Doing"; 10:30 a. m. meeting for worship; 6:30 p. m. young people's meeting. Topic, "Heroes of Home Missions." A cordial invitation is extended to all, especially to any who may be without local church membership.

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First M. E.—Corner of Eleventh and North B streets. M. Hobson, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "A Look Into the Sky." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening subject: "The Alternatives of Life." A cordial welcome to all.

Third M. E.—Fairview Temple. A. H. Kenan, pastor. Sunday school 9:30. Morning service, 10:30. Class meeting, 11:45. Junior League, 2:00. Epworth League, 6:30. Evening service, 7:30. Sabbath school, 9:15 a. m. All are cordially invited.

United Brethren—Corner of Eleventh and North B streets. M. Hobson, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "A Look Into the Sky." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30. Sabbath school, 9:15 a. m. All are cordially invited.

St. Andrew's Catholic—Fifth and South C streets. Mass at 7:30; High Mass at 9:45; Vespers sermonette and benediction at 3 o'clock. Rev. Frank A. Roell, rector. Rev. H. J. Gadlage, assistant.

St. Mary's Catholic—Masses every Sunday at 8 and 9 o'clock and High Mass and sermons at 10:30; Vespers and benediction every Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. J. F. Mattingly, rector. Rev. Thomas A. Hoffman, assistant.

Reid Memorial—Corner Eleventh and North A streets. Rev. S. R. Lyons, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. No evening service. Sabbath school, 9:15 a. m.

First Christian—Corner Tenth and South A streets. Samuel W. Traum, pastor. Bible school 9:05 a.