

MAYOR'S VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF PLANT

Municipal Light and Power Concern Boon to Citizens, He States.

Although he mentioned no names Mayor Zimmerman emphatically declared today that some of the most prominent members of the Richmond "boosters," who have been making trips in the vicinity of this city lately, could do a great deal of "boozing" if they would patronize the city light plant. He made this statement in answering the arguments contained in an interview with a local attorney published in last evening's issue of the Palladium.

The mayor declares that the city plant is self-sustaining and is a paying institution.

"The light plant was built by the city but it was not long until this money was paid back into the city's coffers and now the city is getting free light, which during the existence of the light plant has saved the municipality \$44,000, the light plant has \$15,000 in the bank and has \$8,000 in sinking fund which will be used in paying off the bonds of the plant," the mayor says. "If any man can show me where the city plant has cost the citizens of Richmond one dollar he can do more than I can."

The mayor says that had the light plant not been built the taxes would have been raised to the limit in order to pay for the city's lighting.

Supt. Johnson, as well as the mayor, declare that the Light, Heat and Power company will not receive another franchise for electricity if they can block it. They say that the city plant with a few additions will be able to furnish electricity to the entire city and will do it cheaper. They say that it is not the idea of the city to make money off the plant but to pay off the indebtedness and then to lower the rates as opportunity is afforded and give the citizens the benefit of it.

The mayor does not doubt for one moment that a municipal water works plant would pay. He says that on account of the constitutional limitation of city indebtedness that the plant cannot be purchased now, but that there will be a time when the city can come into control of the plant.

INDIANA EXHIBIT TO OPEN TUESDAY

An exceptional showing for the fifteenth annual local exhibition of Indiana artists is assured, as the period in which entries can be made draws to a close. All the pieces that are to be used this year must be in the hands of the committee not later than tomorrow, according to an announcement given out this morning by the officers of the local art association, in order to allow a few days for hanging the pictures and awarding the prizes. The final arrangements for the opening reception on Tuesday evening have been completed, and the officials believe that the exhibit will be the best and most representative of the entire state, of any since the institution of the annual show.

Richmond and the rest of Wayne county will be well represented in the exhibition this year. Frank Girardin, who has just returned from an extended trip in the west, will have several canvases, and many other local painters and handcrafters have entered exhibits.

The display will be opened to the public at seven o'clock Tuesday evening, with Prof. Earhart's high school orchestra present to render a special program. The announcement of winners of the prizes will be made at eight in the evening. The exhibit is to hang in the high school until the twenty-sixth of December.

City Statistics

Building Permits.
Josie Fleming, 119 South Eighth street, frame barn, \$50.

Contagion.

Edward Balling, 312 South Sixth street, has contracted diphtheria. Dr. Busche, who was erroneously reported to have diphtheria, is in charge of the case.

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DETHRONE GOMPERS

Socialist Faction of Labor Would Oust Leader.

(National News Association) ATLANTA, Nov. 17.—The dethrone- ment of Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor loomed up as a possibility today. Social- ist delegates openly opposing him have called a meeting for Sunday to prepare their plans. With the help of the western Federation of Miners, who are angered because Gompers referred to them as "rainbow chasers," his defeat could be accomplished.

SECURE FIVE FOR THE McNAMARA JURY

(National News Association) LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—After peremptory challenges were exercised today five permanent jurors had been selected to try James B. McNamara, charged with causing the Times explosion. They were Robert Bain, F. D. Green, Byron Lisk, J. B. Sexton and William J. Andre.

\$40,000 IN PRIZES FOR HORSE EXHIBIT

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—New York's twenty-seventh annual horse show, which is to open tomorrow, will have more than usual significance, for it will be the last of these famous gatherings in Madison Square Garden. For sentimental reason, if for no other, the management has planned to make the show this year more brilliant than any of its predecessors in order that the farewell to the old home may literally be made a blaze of glory. One feature that will contribute largely to the success of the event is the imposing array of prizes that have been offered, their total value being fully \$40,000. But what will add as much as anything else to the success of the show will be the array of foreign military officers who will compete with officers of the United States Army. Three American army officers, one English and one Canadian officer will judge the military events. The Americans are Lieut. Col. David S. Stanley, quartermaster's department; Capt. J. D. Long, cavalry instructor at West Point, and Maj. H. J. Allen, of the general staff. Lord Decies, who recently married Miss Vivian Gould, will represent the English army and Col. William Hendrie will represent the Canadian forces.

NO ONE IS BLAMED FOR THE FATALITY

After thorough investigation the police department has ascertained that the death of William Grotendick who fell from his buggy at Eleventh and South B streets Tuesday afternoon was not due directly or indirectly to the alleged fact that boys threw snowballs at his horse, frightening the animal and causing it to run away. Carl Koehring, son of Henry Koehring, and grandson of Mr. Grotendick, was in the buggy at the time, and the boy says that the horse turned sharply at the corner of Eleventh and B streets, throwing the aged man to the street. He says that no one threw snowballs at the horse at the place of the accident.

CAN'T TAX SURPLUS IN SAVINGS BANK

(National News Association) EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 17.—Circuit Court Judge Hawkins ruled today that the county auditor has no authority to tax the surplus in a people's savings bank because the money is the property of depositors. This is the first decision of the kind in this state.

CHINESE REBELS WON AT CHANG CHOW

(National News Association) AMOY, CHINA, Nov. 17.—Over a thousand were killed in three days' battle at Chang Chow. The revolutionists were victorious.

By official record the men serving in the Union army and navy during the civil war numbered 2,212,888. There are now on the pension rolls 529,884 of this number. The deaths among them last year were 35,243. The average age of the survivors at present is seventy years.

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COAL LAND LEASING

Advised in a National Park Report.

(National News Association) WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The acting superintendent's report on the Mesa Verde National Park, Col. was made public by Secretary of the Interior Fisher today. The item of most interest in the document is acting Superintendent Wright's report upon the leasing of the Mesa Verde coal tracts, under the new act allowing the Secretary of the Interior to permit the working of natural resources on the national parks.

Acting Superintendent Wright states that the coal mines on Mesa Verde are in working order and that they are supplying coal to the town of Colfax. During the year 226 tons have been produced from this mine up to July 1, 1911.

Acting Superintendent Wright suggests that the government relinquish its control on the territory surrounding Mesa Verde. He believes that the recent treaty with the Utes will bring under Federal jurisdiction property far more valuable than that immediately surrounding the park. Mr. Wright also says that it is impossible to properly police the surrounding country because of the small range force.

He further suggests that Congress be requested for an appropriation of \$41,615 for the maintenance and improvement of the Park during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913.

PHYSICIAN HAD A VERY CLOSE CALL

The slippery condition of North Tenth street, as a result of oiling last summer, is given as the cause for the automobile accident to Dr. Charles Marvel at Tenth and North A street on Friday morning. While driving south on the street, running at a moderate rate of speed, he turned to pass a wagon, his machine skidding and almost turning around, shot toward the east curb in front of the residence of E. G. Vaughn. The two wheels on the left side of the car were snapped off on striking the curb and the machinery damaged to a considerable extent. During the short interval his machine was part of the time skidding and the rest flying through space. Dr. Marvel had horrible visions but escaped without injury. He was not even shaken up. The machine will be in the repair shop for several days, new parts being needed.

M'NAMARA CASE PURPOSE OF MEETING

(National News Association) WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—United States Attorney Miller for Indiana conferred today with the attorney general regarding the prosecution of the McNamara brothers for the illegal transportation of dynamite.

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