

HOTTEST DAY DRIVES CITIZENS TO LOUNGE IN COOL CITY PARKS

Yesterday was the informal opening day for the parks of the city, and if there were any automobile owners who had left their cars in winter storage, they had them out last night.

The thermometer soared in the morning, and soon reached 85 degrees, which was the maximum for the day, and the hottest of the year, exceeding by one point last Tuesday's temperature.

The suddenness of the change from cool to warm weather, seemed to take the energy out of many, and street cars were heavily loaded. There were also many pedestrians who sought the shadiest places possible with the half foliage of the trees.

About one thousand persons attended the baseball game at Athletic park in the afternoon. Hundreds were in Glen Miller and Morton parks. At Morton park during the day there were about fifteen or twenty swimmers who found the water in excellent condition.

Many Boats in Use.
The rowboat season in Morton park was opened yesterday, and the business warranted a general opening next Sunday. The passenger boat and refreshment stand probably will be doing business then.

Since the street car line to the park is not in commission, Monger's dray line will equip a truck for fifty passengers and will make regular trips from Eighth and Main streets to the lake.

Hundreds of automobilists who made trips east, north and west, and who had been around Richmond, had had avoided the immediate vicinity of this city. Soda fountains and refreshment stands had a banner day, and hundreds of dollars were taken in for cooling drinks and ice cream. Glen Miller springs were surrounded most of the day.

Wednesday will be Dollar Day—look in tomorrow's issue for Dollar Day Bargains.

MILTON PUPILS SHOW WORK IN CLASS ROOMS

MILTON, Ind., April 26.—Exhibits of work done in the classrooms from the first grade up to the high school, and fold drills and athletic contests made up the program for the closing day of the Milton schools. Students had on display all kinds of basket work, spelling books, drawing, manual training work, maps, pillows and cooking.

Teachers who have charge of the departments which exhibited are Miss Floy Leech, domestic science; Miss Nellie Jones, drawing; and C. A. Cartwright, manual training. The folk games, in which children from the first and second grades participated, were under the direction of Miss Nellie Jones. The Dublin baseball team lost on the school diamond to Milton by the score of 11-3.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank our relatives, neighbors and friends for the kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother. We also wish to thank the ladies of Golden Eagle and Germania Rebekah lodges, the Quaker City circle, the F. O. E. degree team, the employees of the Wayne Works and her many friends for the beautiful floral offerings.

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CAR HITS BUGGY

MILTON, Ind., April 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zook had quite an experience Friday night. They were returning from Cambridge City where they were caught between the street car and an auto. In order to save the horse from injury Mr. Zook quickly turned the horse and threw the buggy in the way of the car which struck it and badly mangled the vehicle. No one was hurt.

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RICELAND, La., April 26.—James Lee, colored, once famous as a jockey, is dead at his home here. Seven years ago Lee rode all six of the winning horses in one day's meet at Latonia. On the New Orleans track he was the star performer, riding five victors on each of two days the same week. He was aimless when he died.

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Theatrical Notes

Premises of the Press Agent.

For the first half of the week the stock company at the Gennett theatre will produce the four act western drama, "What Women Will Do." This play is on a par with "Paid in Full," and must be seen to be appreciated. There is a good moral lesson taught in this, with exciting situations and thrilling climaxes. Oscar Cook and Mabel Hawthorne will be seen in the leading roles. Matinee Tuesday. Ladies free tonight under usual conditions.

BARNEY COMES EAST

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 26.—California's racing season has come officially to a close with the departure of Barney Oldfield for the next Indianapolis 500-mile race. Earl Cooper, Louis Disbrow and several others outstayed the majority of drivers who competed in the recent coast classics, but Oldfield was the last to go. The few local men who are left will occupy the rest of the year preparing for the next big show.

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While young Henry Fulton was studying his correspondence course in the art of motion picture acting yesterday, his mother fell down the cellar stairs with a bucket of coal.

BAVIS SHOWS FALLACY

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mally accepted by the Light, Heat and Power company as being correct, and procrastination in this case would be the murdering of a splendid opportunity. If consolidation is desirable let's have it now.

A very intelligent business woman said to me: "I am afraid if competition is removed the quality of service will be lowered and a monopoly remove the incentive to efficiency of service and to reducing rates."

Monopolistic conditions, it is true, engenders a feeling of independence and there is a positive danger of the standard of efficiency being lowered. Such a danger is the most forceful argument against consolidation but the danger perhaps can be minimized by a strict enforcement of rules of discipline.

The possibility of increase of rates due to the absence of competition was possible under the old order of things, but rate increase or rate decrease is subject to state regulation and is not left to the sweet will of city officials.

The state legislature acted wisely in so providing. We now come to a suggestion made by very responsible business men, whose loyalty and civic pride can never be questioned, who, I am sure, would subordinate any personal gain to the general welfare of the whole. They suggest that the city lease its plant to the Light, Heat and Power company.

This suggestion comes notably from Mr. John M. Lontz, of whom there are few better informed on matters economic, and I am glad to note, if he is quoted correctly, says: "It is a big

question and I do not care to enter into any detailed explanation of my way of viewing the question," making the suggestion less positive.

The principal reason given by Mr. Lontz why the city plant should be leased to the Light, Heat and Power company is because he doubts the city's qualification to handle a half million dollar institution as efficiently and practically as a private owned corporation. Second, that the superintendency of the plant is, and will continue to be, a choice political plum.

It is obvious, therefore, that Mr. Lontz thinks by leasing the city plant to the Light, Heat and Power company, we would be taking the plant out of politics.

Believes in Management.
That the plant should be taken out of politics there can be no two opinions among those who desire a clean, efficient management of this utility; but why draw the line at the city plant? If efficiency of operation is dependent upon non-partisan management, why should not the same method of reasoning be applied to every department of the city's business?

Would the leasing of the city plant to the Light, Heat and Power company take it out of politics? Far from it. While the plant would be subject to state control, under the public service law, every municipal council have certain defined authority in the regulation of such utilities, such as determining the quality and character of each kind of product or service to be furnished or rendered, also conditions upon which they shall be permitted to use the streets of the city, to determine necessary extensions to its physical plant, to provide penalties for non-compliance, etc., which would make it very necessary for the United Gas and Electric company, or any other corporation, to render active participants in our local politics to see that such men are elected who would be of the least resistance to any proposed laxities on their part.

Believes in Efficiency.
We are not strangers to such conditions, or so foolish as to invite recurrence.

I am in hearty accord with Mr. Lontz in his desire to take the plant out of politics, but not with his method of doing so. My method would be to take the entire city government out of partisan politics and put every department under civil service rules. It will come to that some time and God speed the day.

A comparison of the records of the two plants hardly justifies Mr. Lontz's fear as to the city not being able to administer a half million dollar industry as efficiently and practically as a privately owned corporation.

Company Gets Profit.
The present condition of the plant of the Light, Heat and Power company, after the remarkable money-making period through which it has passed, when it demanded \$90.00 per year for each street light, which is now supplied at a profit for \$32.00, also charged 15 cents per kilowatt for lighting purposes, which is now sold at a profit for 6 cents, does not show any marked degree of efficiency in

management, or any over yearning desire on their part to give the best possible service under monopolistic conditions, and in all fairness, I ask, if the plant was leased to the L. H. and P. company, it would have to be on such terms as to admit of a profit being made by them, what justification is there for giving to the L. H. and P. company the profits that rightly belong to the people?

The construction of the city plant

was made necessary by the unbending inflexible policy of this same corporation to maintain rates and charges which has since been proven to be beyond all dreams of avarice. Yet the expediency of using a part of these vast earnings to the modernizing of their plant was subordinated to the then present day dividends and profits.

Shall we now award them for their

prodigality by placing a profit making plant in their hands? Absolutely not! The plant is the peoples and the peoples it must remain.

It has now reached that period where it will be of greater benefit to the general industrial and commercial life of the community and to surrender it at this time under any terms that would make it profitable to the L. H. and P. or any other corporation would be criminal.



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