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The Lecture of Dr. Jordan

Hundreds of citizens of Wayne county had the great privilege of hearing Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford university speak at the Coliseum Sunday afternoon. The lecture was free. Dr. Jordan was brought here through a committee of public spirited men who believed the city as a whole would benefit much by hearing this noted educator speak on a topic in which many persons are vitally interested just at this time, when the leading nations of Europe

are involved in the greatest war the world has ever seen.

The spirit shown by the men who brought Dr. Jordan to Richmond should be emulated. The city owes a vote of thanks to the leaders in the movement. It well behoves the citizens of a municipality to appreciate a good movement and to praise those who are its leaders.

Lately, it seems, many men have come to realize that they owe the city a duty and that full success in life does not depend upon the time and devotion one pays to his own private business. The measure of success can often be seen in the unselfish devotion to a noble cause, in the hours given to public enterprise, and in the endeavor to make life brighter and happier for the less fortunate.

The time and money which public spirited men spend for the public welfare is not misspent, neither is it unappreciated, even if the public does not seem to appreciate it with many loud spoken words of praise. There are hundreds of men and women who refer to the generous benefactions of public spirited men and women, and who do not stint the credit such men deserve.

The men who brought Mr. Jordan to Richmond did a public service and deserve to be complimented and thanked.

BAVIS SUBMITS ARTICLE BY ED WARFEL ON ANDERSON'S MUNICIPAL PLANT

I am submitting to you for publication a statement of facts as found by Mr. Ed Warfel in the city of Anderson, Ind., who sought at first hand every possible information leading to results, based on experience, of monopolistic management of Anderson's respective utilities.

The result of this investigation, made by a disinterested citizen, is so convincing in its revelations as to be worthy of thoughtful perusal by the entire citizenship of our city.

This is handed to you in the exact form in which he prepared it, and demonstrates very clearly the absurdities of certain objections raised against the city creating a monopoly of the electrical business in this city.

Personally, I would state, what Anderson has done, Richmond can do, and what is more to the point, will do.

ALFRED BAVIS.

... Facts About Anderson.

Anderson has enjoyed a municipal monopoly in electric lighting and power production and distribution since 1882.

Plant valued at date of purchase, \$48,000, now has a book value of \$270,000, which is being augmented by an additional unit to cost \$75,000.

Current is produced at a cost to the city, estimated by Superintendent Burke, of nine-tenths of one cent per kilowatt.

Rates for power are frequently as low as 1 1/4 cents per kilowatt, and have been as low as 1 cent per kilowatt.

Domestic rates range from 6 cents to 3 cents per kilowatt, with a minimum service charge of 25 cents per month, which minimum is one-half that effective in Richmond.

Anderson's plant produces annually 5,500,000 kilowatts, which is 35 per cent more than produced by the Richmond plant during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, and slightly more than the present output.

Anderson has practically no city debt, the light plant has more than paid for itself, has relieved the city treasury in time of stress, and made it possible for the city to municipalize the water works, which also is operated at a splendid profit.

Tax Rate 65 Cents.

Anderson has a tax rate of sixty-five (65) cents on each \$100 of property valuation, due wholly to the fact that the municipal treasury has been profiting through the public control and operation of its utilities.

Wholesale condemnation of the policy of the city council, characterized by threats of impeachment from many "leading business men," marked the municipal situation in Anderson, Ind., twenty-three years ago when it was proposed to municipalize the privately owned commercial lighting plant.

Municipal ownership was then in its earliest experimental stage, and was looked upon as a wild bit of Socialism fraught with all sorts of pitfalls and endangering the public treasury.

But the Anderson city council was game. And in the face of open charges of crookedness and idiocy, it borrowed the money and paid Charles L. Henry \$48,000 for what some of the so-called moulder of public opinion chose to call a "junk pile."

Henry had a franchise to operate an electric lighting and power plant in connection with the street railway system. Service was inadequate and the rates were high. Mr. Henry virtually charged the city for eliminating a possible competitor in the electrical field. Anderson then was lighting her own streets and spending about \$75 per arc per annum to do so. The city plant made no special effort to secure commercial business, such as might have been handled at a big profit, until Mr. Henry's plant had been salvaged. Then Anderson woke up.

From the first year of municipal monopoly, the possibilities of the plant became apparent. And although it has never approached the limit of its opportunities, the municipal electric lighting and power plant has contributed more to the comfort and prosperity of Anderson than any other one institution.

Shows No Set-Back.

During all the twenty-three years of municipal ownership the electric lighting and power plant has been "in politics." And yet, in truth, it has yet to be demonstrated where it has suffered from the experience.

There has grown up around the Anderson publicly owned utilities a sort of tradition that these must be saved from the speculator. Without being necessarily a part of the declared platforms of candidates for the council or mayorality, the people have come to accept as a matter of course, a policy of abiding loyalty to a strictly non-partisan, business administration of the public utilities supplying light and power.

WILLIAMSBURG ROQUE ASSOCIATION SENDS CHALLENGE TO TEAMS

Grounds Improved This Spring and Players Confident of Defeating Rival Claimants for Honors.

WILLIAMSBURG, Ind., June 15.—The Williamsburg Roque Association is improving the courts this spring. The walls are being recushioned and the entire grounds are being repaired. The local team is ready to meet the clubs in any of the neighboring towns.

Harold Hobbs of Muncie was here Friday on business.

Cecil Scanland is spending a short vacation at home when he will return to school in Muncie.

George Green spent Sunday in Muncie.

The Willing Workers Sunday School class of the Friends church was entertained Friday evening at the home of Rev. Lee Chamness in Economy.

William Farmer is seriously ill.

Mrs. Mollie Roberts was in Richmond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Martin returned home Saturday after spending a few days with friends in Richmond.

Miss Mary Harvey returned to school Sunday evening after spending the week end with her parents.

William Meredith of Lynn was here Sunday.

Clyde Cates spent Sunday in Muncie.

Miss Reynolds of Fountain City, spent Sunday with Miss Elsie Clemens.

Dr. and Mrs. V. C. Griffis spent Sunday with his father in Fountain City who is improving from an illness.

Noel Bundy called on friends in Webster, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Woolley entertained their son, Ruford Woolley and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jarrett of Richmond.

Earl Stegall of New Paris, is visiting his father.

Mabel and Kattie Voris of Indianapolis are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Caroline Campbell.

Fred Pearce is remodeling the property occupied by Mrs. Franklin.

Victor St. Myer visited his father at Winchester, Ind.

Children's Day will be observed at the M. E. Sunday School Sunday evening, June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Franklin and daughter Lydia, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Franklin attended the Decoration Day services at Greensfork, Sunday.

LYNN, IND.

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Hinshaw and daughter Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Will Swain and daughter, Mildred, Carl Bowen and family attended the David

mond, except as to minimum charges, these being lower in Anderson.

So that, in the final analysis, instead of proving a source of increased taxation, either direct or indirect, instead of a physically inefficient political plumtree, instead of a handicap in the form of inadequate service, instead of all the things the pessimists have predicted for Richmond in the event the present so-called "competition" is wiped out, the Anderson municipal monopoly in the manufacture and distribution of electric current has proved a God-send by keeping taxes far below the level that obtains here; by giving the community a very forcible argument why new industries should come to it; by remaining free from political intrigue or despotism; by maintaining an efficiency that is entirely satisfactory to all concerned; and this too while constituting a most effective safe-guard against the oppressive tyrannies of a privately owned corporation.

The people of Anderson are not harassed by the trickery and deception of an unscrupulous non-resident owner of a service plant. They are not worried over the prospect of being forced to pay a high price for electric energy in order to sustain a private institution that already has waxed fat through excessive and exorbitant charges. They are not deprived of the fullest benefit from the investment of the public money, nor are they asked to jeopardize their economic salvation, while the public utilities commission shields and protects the enemy, by a uniform rate schedule, that makes a farce of competition.

In Richmond the consumer pays the freight on duplication of overhead cost. He is disappointed in the contemplation of buying service and current from his own publicly owned plant, at the lowest possible cost. In Anderson he is favored not only with the cheapest service, but saves in taxes of the plant's net profits.

"Why, you didn't come all the way from Richmond to ask me whether you ought to complete this deal and make a municipal monopoly, such as we have, did you?" asked former Mayor Frank P. Foster, after hearing a hypothetical question based upon the facts as they exist here. "Surely any man of sense, if he will only investigate what we have done, and I know conditions in the two cities are not dissimilar, will promptly advise you to go ahead and buy the private plant. Your problem will never be solved until you do."

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Starr Jordan lecture at Richmond Sunday.

Miss Isabella Chenoweth of Winchester was the guest of her grandfather Murray Chenoweth last week.

Harry Young of Richmond was the Sunday guest of Mrs. Hill and family.

Mrs. Gus Gerlach and daughter Catherine are visiting relatives and friends from Fremont.

Rev. and Mrs. I. R. Godwin of Gas City visited their daughter, Mrs. Howard Chenoweth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Mr. Russell Swiper, Misses Jennie Eckler, Elizabeth Pegg autoed to Winchester Sunday and visited Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Moroney.

Russell Eisenbarger, who is a student at DePauw, is spending vacation with his parents.

Bob Mann of Indianapolis, has returned home after a winter's school in the city.

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Masonic Calendar

Tuesday, June 15—Richmond lodge, No. 16, F. and A. M. Called meeting. Work in Master Mason degree. Refreshments.

Wednesday, June 16—Webb lodge, No. 24, F. and A. M. Stated meeting.

Friday, June 18—King Solomon's chapter, No. 4, R. A. M. Called convocation. Work in the Royal Arch degree. Commencing at 7 o'clock. Refreshments.

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Elbert Hubbard

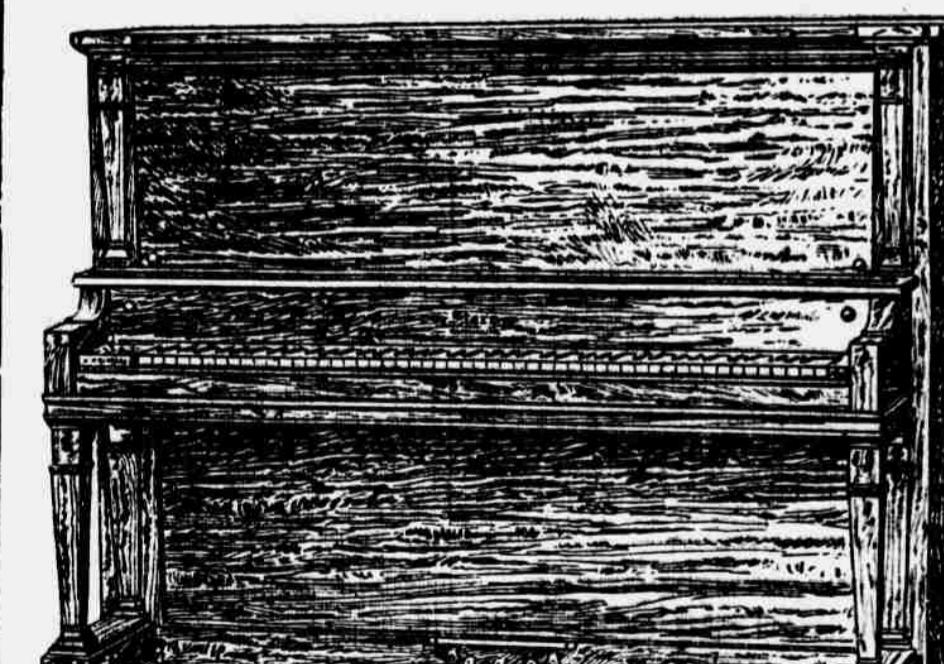
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