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The Liberty Light and Power Company

The contention of the Liberty Light and Power company that, as a consumer, it is in a class by itself and ought to be exempted from paying the new rate, was effectively answered by the city.

The company's officials said that it paid all transformation and transmission charges, which the consumers of Richmond do not do, as this loss is borne by the municipal plant.

Far outweighing this contention, however, is the fact that the taxpayers of Richmond have \$800,000 invested in the plant, that no taxes are collected on this investment, and that the worry of the management of the utility rests with the city.

The Liberty company does not have to concern itself about the deterioration of the plant's machinery, about the necessity of purchasing new equipment, about the retirement of bonds, and the hundreds of details that demand attention to keep the plant in an efficient state.

The company buys its current at the switchboard. So long as the city is able to supply the current when needed, the Liberty company's main concern is to see that the current reaches its patrons in the towns which it serves. It has no money tied up in the form of an investment to generate electricity; it need not take into account depreciation on generating machinery, nor wonder if it will have enough money to replace worn-out machinery with new equipment.

In fact, the Liberty company is in a decidedly advantageous position financially as compared with a utility that both generates and distributes electricity, for its investment is confined solely to distribution, and the heavy in-

vestment in generating machinery is eliminated.

The fact remains indisputably true that the taxpayers of Richmond did not erect the utility to supply neighboring towns with electricity. The plant was constructed and is maintained to serve Richmond primarily. If there is surplus current and this can be disposed of to distributing companies, the policy should be one of protection for the city first.

Crime Waves

The Dayton News, commenting upon the many unsolved murders committed in the last six months, scouts the idea that "crimes come in waves" and insists that authorities must make a more intensive study of crime than they ever have previously.

In Chicago, where heinous crimes seem to be the order of the day, the newspapers believe that an abuse of the pardoning and parole powers is partly responsible. They are urging judges and juries to deal harshly with criminals found guilty of attacks on the lives and property of citizens.

If the criminally inclined class are confident of dodging the just reward for their evil-doing and of escaping the full penalty of the law, they wax bold. Housebreakers, yeggmen and stick-up men impudently go about their work, knowing that they will be able to beat the police in case of capture.

Rigid law enforcement is a mighty deterrent. No crook rejoices over the prospect of a long prison sentence. If he knows that judges are not moved by mawkish sentiment when law breakers come before them, the criminal will give the community in which that judge presides a wide berth. Efficient police protection must be backed up by effective action in the court room.

But the crime wave that has swept over the country has not passed by Richmond. Repeated housebreaking jobs and many misdemeanors show that criminals are working in our city. If drastic action is really a curb for the evil-doer, speedy conviction and a heavy penalty imposed upon the first violators should teach others of the same class the folly of persisting in their ways.

Answers to Questions

R. D.—How many vice presidents came from Indiana? —Schuyler Colfax, 1869-1873; Thomas A. Hendricks, March to Nov. 25, 1885, when he died; Charles W. Fairbanks, 1905-1909; Thomas R. Marshall, 1913-1921.

C. G. A.—Who is eligible for United States senator? —Senators must be not less than 30 years of age; must have been citizens of the United States for nine years; and be residents in the states for which they are chosen.

A. N.—How many special sessions of the Indiana legislature have been held? —Including the present thirteen. It is the second special session of the present general assembly.

READER—What form of government has Cuba? —Republican, with president, vice president, senate and house of representatives.

C. G.—In what states are precious metals found? —California, Alaska, Colorado and Nevada for gold; Montana, Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Colorado for silver.

Readers may obtain answers to questions by writing the Palladium Questions and Answers department. Questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

As an indication of the increased prosperity of the last year and of the more exacting efforts of taxing officials a gain of \$742,810 in the valuation of personal property in Wayne county was shown by a comparison of assessors' reports for 1909 and 1910. It was stated that the new high school building would soon be ready, complete in every detail from the big gymnasium and auditorium on the first floor to the elaborate art gallery and laboratories in the upper story.

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My reason
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Till I could gaze no more.

When I saw knees,
Some pink, some tan,
I gazed
Like every other man.
Then sighed
To think of Shelley, Byron,
Moore.

If I could lead
Those hands down here
Their pens
Would tell in song, I fear,
O boy!
That which only man should hear.

Winter could come,
For pipe in hand
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Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

The trouble about writing paragraphs is that every one must mean something, and quite often you pull a "dad" like this one, which doesn't mean anything.

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(From the Bluefield, W. Va., Telegram)
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Today's Talk

By George Matthew Adams

YOU NEVER KNOW.
The big happenings of the world, as a rule, are not planned affairs. Many of the details are—most of them, in fact. But the great event itself is a sort of happenstance—taking its cues and course from a combination of things.

As you grow, and learn, and work, it is your "bents" which tell you the way you ought to go. But you never know where they are going to lead you.

It's the mystery back of all possibilities that drives us on.
You never know what time is going to unwrap for you—in fame or fortune. But of this you may well assure yourself: if you keep doing definite things, and keep doing them efficiently and well, and never lose faith, or courage, or your sense of proportion—it won't matter what the big event spells out for you, it will be well worth working and waiting for.

And it never pays to give up—for you never know just WHEN some seemingly small event may be used as a pivot around which all the important subsequent affairs of your life will revolve.

There are times in the life of everybody—whether great or small, poor or rich—when everything looks dark.
But you never know what is going to loom up soon—maybe in great glory—after the clouds have rolled away!

So "don't give up the ship!" Stand by your guns. Be patient. Things take their turn at strange times and under surprising circumstances.
Your neighbor or best friend may take little note of you as you go thru this day. But on some tomorrow the whole world may want to know all about you. Because you may be just the one most needed for some important task.
You never know!

Dinner Stories

The most lurid of the Mexican war correspondents cannot hold a searchlight to the man who tells this one in the Potter Kammars.
"Some one had told him about the tarantulas and centipedes, and ever after he was greatly worried. Awake!

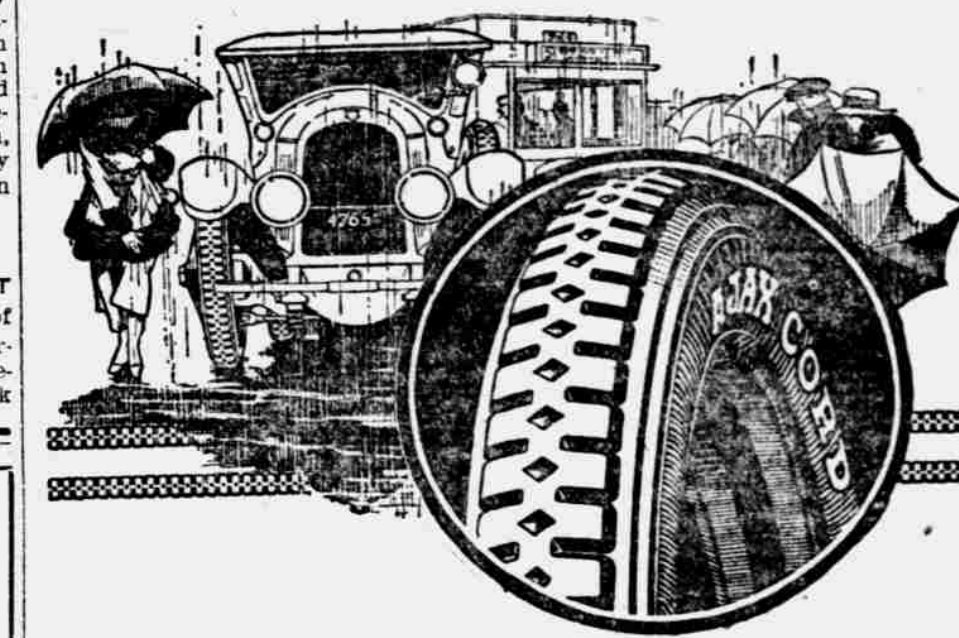
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