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The Municipal Light Plant

Business and professional men will meet Friday to determine the course they wish council to adopt relative to the municipal light plant. The committee of seven has gathered data on the financial condition of the institution and the report of its findings probably will be the basis shaping the policy adopted by the men who attend the meeting.

The light plant has been forced into the foreground of municipal discussion by the long contest waged between the city council and the board of works on the question of appropriating \$275,000 for the purchase of new machinery.

It may be well for citizens to recall the history of that struggle. The board of works made no recommendation to the city council until it had called in competent engineers to make a survey of the plant and report its needs. The board of works felt that experts were required to decide if the plant was working to its capacity, if the demands for current by domestic consumers and power users necessitated expansion, if new machinery was required, what its capacity should be, and scores of other details of a technical and semi-technical nature.

After this report had gone before council, it agreed that expansion of some kind was necessary in the plant. Then arose the squabble over the extent of the improvement. Competent engineers informed city officials that the machinery which the board of works recommended was the most efficient for the purpose for which it was required.

The board of works throughout the controversy was not acting without competent counsel and advice, but depended upon practical and technical men for recommendations and suggestions—a perfectly sound and business-like course to pursue. Council, however, persisted in its policy of obstruction, not because it denied the necessity of the improvement, but because it was feeding fat a grudge against the board.

In the meantime the financial affairs of the plant showed a temporary inability to meet current obligations, owing to neglect on the part of the board to ask for increased rates soon enough. But the deficit was small, and, according to City Controller Bescher, the plant will be able to meet all bills and the payroll by the end of the month. The plant is perfectly solvent. Any effort to deny this fact is foolishness. The plant's earning capacity under the new rate schedule will be sufficient, barring unforeseen contingencies, not only to meet obligations, but also to show a profit.

The necessity of buying new equipment needs no proof. If citizens want the assurance of continuous service in their homes and industries auxiliary machinery to supply current when accidents occur must be installed. If citizens want the plant, now working to full capacity, to be able to take on new customers, domestic and power, additional units are required.

Answers to Questions

M. J.—What is the object of Esperanto? Has it ever been adopted as an international language. Esperanto has never been accepted as an international language. Its object is to supply a ready means of communication for persons whose language is different, and to do away with the difficulties and irregularities of existing languages, particularly as regards international business correspondence.

Old Subscriber—Who composes the Electoral college and what is their function?—The electoral college constitutes the body of men elected by each state, the number from each state being the same as that which represents it in congress. These electors are required to meet at a certain place at the time provided by congress and cast their votes for president and vice president.

H. D.—What is the main address of the National Tuberculosis association?—It is 381 Fourth avenue, New York City.

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.

THE FORUM

REVERSE THE SITUATION

Look back to the year 1918, supposing it had been a German victory and the exiled kaiser with his following of kind-hearted generals held the whip First, would have been the drawing up of a set of peace terms which would have made the ones of today seem very mild. Next the allies would have had to carry them out, not two or three years later, but at once. If they could not and would ask for time and ignore them altogether as Germany is doing today, then we would be shown some more of that German culture which was so prominent in the world war. Our sons fought and fell that we might have peace, that the wrongs of Europe and the tragic death of those innocent souls on that ill-fated Lusitania might be righted, so this at least shows that we have not so soon forgotten.

It may be that Germany cannot meet all the demands of the peace treaty at the present time but that does not mean she shall ignore them altogether as it seems she is figuring on doing if she can keep putting the allies off. She prepared her own medicine; now let her partake of it. She cast a civilized world into a fiery hell because of a greed of world's dominion which had been burning within her breast for the past fifty years. Her military lords said the time was ripe to strike. We will have Europe on her knees in

six weeks. United States cannot get ready and she dare not raise a hand against us.

She did strike but Europe refused to go to her knees; she withstood the cruel stroke of the German mailed fist and the tread of the silver-heeled boot. United States got ready; took up the dare thrust at her and crushed the greatest military power of all time.

What is more disgusting than Germany's whining now that they are the under dog as was their bullying arrogance when they felt themselves to be masters? Other nations have fought and lost. They met the peace terms laid before them, so the thing for Germany to do, if she ever expects to be considered anything but an outlaw nation in the eyes of the whole world, is to meet the peace terms or at least show an inclination to do so, because the patience of the allies has been taxed to the limit and the time will come when Germany's squawking will go unheard.

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Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

An ordinance was to be introduced in council on regulating the kind of signals to be used on automobiles, motorcycles and other self-propelling vehicles, and also to modify the noise incident to the operation of these machines. Garage men would under the ordinance not be allowed to do any work of a noisy character between the hours of 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. A special train had been provided

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to carry members of the Knights of Pythias lodges of Richmond to the supreme lodge convention uniformed rank of K. of P. at Milwaukee, Aug. 1.

Belgian Olympic Shooters Will Use American Rifle

ANTWERP, Belgium, July 28.—The marksmanship title of the world is at stake in the Olympic target shooting events beginning today at the Belgian army range at Camp Bevarloot, about 30 miles from Antwerp, in the direction of the German frontier.

The best army and civilian trapshooters with army rifles, pistols and carbines, drawn from all corners of the earth, are competing with their chosen weapons. One unusual feature of this target shooting is that the American rifle is represented by two teams—the American and the Belgian. The latter decided that the United States army was the best in the world and secured permission from the war department at Washington to use it.

CHARGES OF GAMBLING UPSET JAPANESE SOLONS

TOKIO, July 27.—Disorder in the house of representatives was repeated today when the allegations that Baron Takahashi, minister of Finance, and other ministers had improperly used their offices by indulging in stock gambling were again discussed. Several

members of the opposition rushed to the rostrum followed by governmental members, and fist fighting was started. Guards were obliged to interfere.

A SAFE TEST

For those who are in need of a remedy for kidney troubles and backache, it is a good plan to try Doan's Kidney Pills. Ask your neighbor! They are strongly recommended by Richmond people.

Mrs. Sarah Platt, 454 S. Thirtieth St., Richmond, gave the following statement: "My experience with Doan's Kidney Pills has been very satisfactory and I advise anyone to use them who is troubled with weak kidneys. My back was hurting me and was weak, lame and aching. My kidneys acted irregularly, too. I had read a lot about Doan's Kidney Pills so I got some at Thistlethwaite's Drug Store. They rid me of the trouble, and I haven't been bothered since."

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Philadelphia, Pa.—Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weaknesses? If so, you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful free prescription. One man says after trying it: "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me." A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seemed clear. I can even read fine print without glasses." It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be wonderfully benefited by following the simple rules. Here is the prescription: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets. Drop one Bon-

Opto tablet in a fourth of a glass of water and allow it to dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times a day. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start and inflammation will quickly disappear. If your eyes are bothering you, even a little, take steps to have them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have been saved if they had cared for their eyes in time.

NOTE—Another prominent Physician to whom the above article was submitted said: "Bon-Opto is a very remarkable remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. The manufacturer's guarantee it to strengthen eyesight 50 per cent in one week's time in many instances or refund the money. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use in almost every family. It is sold in this city by all good druggists.—Advertisement."

Today's Talk

By George Matthew Adams

EVENING

Evening is the rounding up time. The buzz of the day lessens, the tired horses are put into their barns, the wheels of the factories stop running, lights sparkle from windows clear around the world. How we all look forward to Evening!

For Evening is play time—it's rest time. All the memories of the day are wrapped around the thought and talk of Evening. And it's at Evening, after the hurly-burly of the day is over, that we are able to get ourselves together in compact style and find out how far we've gone, wherein we have failed, and the manner in which we have achieved something worth while.

Let's not just accept Evening as something that comes around in the natural order of things. But let us make it something that meets us like the pleasant clasp at the door of an inn when we arrive for the night. And let's always be happy and cheerful at the Evening-time.

Evening is the hour of laughter, of good cheer, of reading, of reflection. Morning has its sunrise, its inspiring freshness and promise. Noon has its fulfillments. But Evening, with its opal sunsets, its darkening shadows soft as velvet, and its vapory touch of quiet, happy repose—what moment of life is quite like that of Evening!

Let us love our Evenings.

Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

HALF OF ONE.

Now, bobbed hair does not worry me. Bobbed skirts, I think, are dear; But I protest I do detest This very much bobbed beer.

Incompatibility of religious temperament was one of the reasons for a divorce in Topeka. The wife testified she didn't mind so much her husband being a Holy Roller. What she balked at was his coming in at 3 o'clock in the morning and saying he had been studying the Book of Revelation with a friend.

BY OUR OWN EFFICIENCY EXPERT
How much do we waste?
This is a startling question, yet how full of possibilities?

Neckties, for instance. Or cravats, as it were. Do you realize that 90 per cent of a necktie is never used, in fact is never seen. It is concealed under the vest. Only a small knot is visible, and when this wears out the remainder is left as bright and as good as new. But do we use it? No, we do not. Waste!

The tops of socks. What becomes of them after the bottoms are worn out? Have you ever stopped to ask yourself this question? Probably not.



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yet there is it. The tops of socks thrown away by the men of this country in one year would make mittens for the entire Bolshevik army. Yet, do they? Not if we know it.

Lead pencil whittlings, if saved and gathered, could be transformed into breakfast food which would sustain nobody knows how many people who would never know the difference. Celluloid collars. Few men wear them more than two years before throwing them away. The celluloid they contain (in the aggregate) would make 25 serial films of 67 episodes each, and everybody knows we need more serial films. Think it over and say you discarded collars.

Wind. It is a well-known scientific fact that there is a great propulsive power in wind. Every man who has ever operated a windmill can prove this assertion. All the wind in the country would operate many street car lines and factories, yet how profligate we are with it. Do you realize what could be done with all the wind that is annually wasted by being blown through musical instruments? The waste by amateurs and beginners and those taking lessons is beyond comprehension. Of course some used by members of professional orchestras is not always a waste, but frequently, even in this case, more is used than is necessary. The amount that is wasted by orators during a presidential year like this staggers the imagination.

A BRIDGE OF WIVES.
"Between 1 and 11 continual fighting took place between the Azerbaijan forces and Georgians, who barred the Tartar advance by destroying the bridges."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Dinner Stories

Mr. Tarzan Jones was sitting down to breakfast one morning when he was astounded to see in the paper an announcement of his own death.

He rang up friend Howard Smith at once. "Halloa, Smith!" he said. "Have

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you seen the announcement of my death in the paper?"
"Yes," replied Smith. "Where are you speaking from?"

Dibbins was dining with some people who were proud of the recent elevation of a member of the family to the house of lords.

"This," said the hostess, "makes the second of my husband's family in the peerage. Have you any relation in the house of lords?"

"No," said Dibbins, "but I've two maiden aunts in the kingdom of heaven."

"Doctor," said he, "I'm a victim of insomnia. I can't sleep if there's the least noise, such as a cat on the back fence, for instance."

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