

Shovel the snow off your sidewalk and enjoy a clear conscience in that respect at least.

Joe Parriott remembered the rural carrier Monday and presented Ed Knapp with some fresh pork.

The condition of Willie Yates doesn't improve and he is suffering a great deal. It is hoped there will soon be a change for the better.

The young man that has a horse and cutter was strictly in it this week and was the envy of all the other fellows who were not so fortunate.

A number of our citizens were intending to go to Lincoln Tuesday to see Norris Brown elected United States senator, but backed out on account of the storm.

Victory lodge No. 195, I. O. O. F., installed their officers Saturday night.

Noble Grand—Harry Russell.
Vice Grand—E. A. Howe.
Sec'y—Dr. W. W. Frazier.
Treas.—John I. Dressler.
We did not learn the names of the other officers installed.

C. W. Roberts has bought Mrs. Ellen Flack's residence property in Nemaha, paying \$1350 for it. He gets possession Feb. 1, but will not move in at that time, as he will build an addition and make repairs previous to moving. We are glad to have Mr. Roberts become a citizen of our town.

Work is being pushed as rapidly as possible on the Farmers' and Merchants' Mutual telephone line. The switchboard has been installed in Rufus Rowen's home and the wires have been stretched in town and on nearly all the country lines. The linemen are now working on the line to Shubert.

The Advertiser is not up to its usual standard this week on account of the absence of one of our angels, Miss Grace Peabody, who has been in Auburn for the past eight days, having her eyes treated by Dr. Dillon. She sends word that she will be home tomorrow, so we will be all right again.

E. E. Hill went to Filley last Saturday and visited with relatives over Sunday, and then went with his wife to Lincoln where they attended a wedding of his brother, C. E. Hill, who was married to a Miss Hill. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hill returned home Wednesday afternoon. C. E. Hill, the bridegroom, is a member of the firm of Hill Bros., druggists.

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Another Passenger Train

It now seems to be an assured fact that we will have another passenger train soon. The train now running from Nebraska City to Lincoln and return will run from Lincoln to Falls City, via Nebraska City and Nemaha. Superintendent C. B. Rodgers of Wymore informed F. L. Woodward a few days ago that this had been decided upon, and all that was now necessary was approval from headquarters, and this would undoubtedly be given. Supt. Rodgers said it would take about thirty days before the change went into effect. Trainmaster Rice told Nemaha parties the same thing, and the trainmen say this will be done. We understand the freight now running from Nemaha to Beatrice will not lay over at Nemaha but will go on to the city, and that the Nebraska City and Falls City freight will be discontinued, the passenger train carrying the freight from Nemaha for Shubert and Verdon. Mr. Rodgers says the new passenger train will lay over at Falls City over night, leaving there for Lincoln about 5 o'clock a. m., getting to Nemaha about 6 o'clock. Returning the train will get here about 5:30. This will enable our people to go to Lincoln and return the same day, having about three hours in the capital city. It will be a great accommodation to Nemaha, Brownville, Peru and Shubert.

Clarence Williams Acquitted

Last Friday afternoon, after being out almost three days and nights, the jury in the case of the State vs. Clarence Williams, charged with murdering his father, Isaac Williams, returned a verdict of not guilty.

After the first ballot, we understand, the jury stood ten for acquittal and two for finding the prisoner guilty. On the first ballot eight voted for acquittal. The two men who stood out so long were L. L. Jesse of Howe and S. P. Robertson of Brock. About 10 o'clock Friday forenoon one of these gave way, and at two the last one consented to a verdict of acquittal.

The dark, dismal, gloomy, cloudy weather still continues. We haven't caught sight of the sun for a week.

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HOW TO SHOW A PROFIT.

Tricky Bookkeeping Puts Losses on the Profit Side.

The printed report of a municipal electric light plant in Indiana has just been received. It shows a profit. There is no question about it. It shows a large profit. The figures are there in black and white, and they show a profit equivalent to 30 per cent of the gross income and 18 per cent on the capital invested. That is what we call a profitable business.

How was this plant able to make so good a showing? In a way so simple that any municipal plant could adopt it with success if its superintendent were good at figures. And the best of it is that it makes competition by private plants impossible because—well, stockholders are too inquisitive.

In the first place the fixed charges for interest on the capital invested and for depreciation were entirely ignored. Then no allowance was made for taxes lost by having municipal instead of private ownership. Next, while full charge was made against the water department and the city offices for lights and supplies, the superintendent conveniently forgot to charge the lighting plant with the water used in its boilers and condensers or with its share of the salaries in the city accounting department. Insurance was also overlooked. Finally, to make assurance of profit doubly sure, a number of items properly pertaining to maintenance were charged to "new construction." At the same time the charge for street and public building lights was quite as high as in surrounding cities served by private companies, which had somehow or other to provide for all these omitted items.

It is perhaps needless to add that except for the judicious way in which the superintendent prepared his report a considerable deficit would have appeared instead of the gratifying profits. Of course the taxpayers will have to provide the money to make good these paper profits, but they may not for some years see the connection between their profitable plant and the higher tax rate, and meanwhile are happy in the contemplation of its profits and will doubtless testify enthusiastically to the benefits of municipal ownership.

From the above we may deduce the following rule for showing a profit: First, omit all items of expense that can without too much danger of detection be saddled upon the general tax list or other departments; second, charge in as vague a way as possible to new construction as many items of maintenance as may be necessary to show a large profit. (N. B.—The profit must be large to provide for the contingency of some carping critic discovering one or more of the concealed items of expense and ruthlessly drawing them forth from their hiding places.)

If the above rule is scrupulously followed there seems to be no reason why every municipal plant should not show a profit.—"Concerning Municipal Ownership."

GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.

Millions Sunk in Unsuccessful Municipal Lighting Plants.

During the past few years at least sixty cities and towns in the United States have sold, leased or abandoned their lighting plants. In a few cases they still retain their distributing system, buying the current from some company, but in most instances they have gone out of the business entirely. A number of other places have made unsuccessful efforts to dispose of their plants.

As with few exceptions municipal lighting plants have been in operation but a short time, this is a remarkable showing of failure and one, it need hardly be said, that is sedulously avoided by those who for ends of their own are urging other cities to make similar experiments.

As it usually takes some years for a city to realize how great a burden it is carrying in its lighting plant, it is probable that the number of admitted failures will increase rapidly from now on, for, as an eminent electrical engineer recently said, "There are already indications that a considerable number of these municipalities which have engaged in improper undertakings are entering upon a period of financial difficulty."

Faults Enough as It Is.

The political machine that dominates New York city is strong because large powers are delegated to it, and the expenditure of \$100,000,000 is given absolutely into its keeping. We have faults enough without municipal ownership in most of the cities of this country, and the ordinary business man fails to see the wisdom of making the situation more complex and dubious than it is by adding the problem of municipal ownership with all that it implies.—Binghamton Herald.

Who Would Fine the City?

An exchange notes the fact that a city council recently fined a water company \$1,000 for supplying impure and unwholesome water. That is right. But if the waterworks had been owned by the city—

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

All Right in Theory, but Breaks Down in Practice.

Theoretically there is so much in municipal ownership of public utilities that the practical carrying out of its attractive features appears simple and of no serious moment, and for a municipality to take over and run water, lights, sewerage and even transportation appeals to taxpayers, and the trade is made without the first assurance that the conduct of these properties will be along practical and business lines.

It is the failure to assure the practical that works the evil, for municipal ownership is a general ownership, and a general ownership results too easily in its being no special business of any citizen or taxpayer to look into or inquire after the conduct of the properties under control. This leaves the management to a few, who soon find that they have only themselves to account to, that people are too busy to demand accountings and taxpayers accept any kind of report, just so there is the appearance of all being right and light, water, sewerage, etc., are given.

It is this indifference and neglect on the part of taxpayers to take note of municipal affairs which make municipal ownership of public utilities a hazardous and expensive matter. The theory of municipal ownership, with its great saving to each taxpayer, the extra service given and the great profits resulting, can all be placed in figures beforehand, but it is a failure unless the taxpayers shall give earnest and serious heed to the conduct of these public utilities, for unless this is done they will wake up some day with broken down properties and a big bond issue to make good.—Newbern Weekly Journal.

As a Socialist Sees It.

Every recognized authority on Socialist economics, from Marx to Ferri, has been and is an avowed economic evolutionist. They all without exception recognize that public ownership under capitalism must come before the full Socialist programme can meet with realization.

When the Socialist party shall succeed to power in municipality, state or nation it will fall heir to the holdings of its capitalist predecessors. Every dollar's worth of property that we can wrest from private capitalism through public ownership will fall into the hands of the Socialist party without a struggle upon its succession to power.—International Socialist Review.

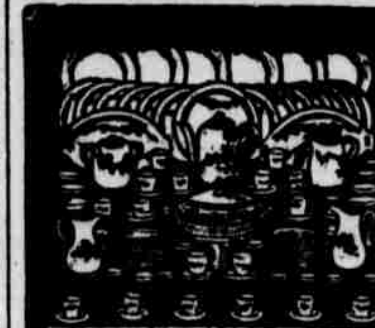
What Government is For.

It is the appropriate function of the government to safeguard the individual and to see that the game of business is fairly played, that the cards are held above the table and that everybody is given a square deal. It is not the appropriate function of the government to sit in the game.—Hon. Leslie M. Shaw.

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