

Danger of Public Ownership of All Utilities Shown

Manufacturers Association Gives Citations of Cases of Cost of Government Operation.

John Smith whose business has been conducting a grocery store, Adam Jones who has operated a clothing store, or Frank White who has been an attorney, would not think of suggesting to a public utility company, an insurance company, a railroad or an oil company, that they would like to get into one of the other of these lines of business and be made manager or president of one of such companies.

But what happens when Smith, Jones or White run for public office and are elected to a state legislature or congress? Too often, when they become public servants in high executive positions, they become imbued with the idea that they are competent to operate the most intricate lines of business under a public ownership program.

And herein lies the greatest danger of injecting government into business: Men who would be absolutely incompetent to manage the affairs of a private corporation, are, under political ownership, chosen as the managers and executives of public owned enterprises with the technicalities of which they are entirely unfamiliar. Public office does not, in itself, imbue an individual with superior knowledge. Public ownership of industry does not relieve that industry of any of the actual cost of operation, unless such cost is shifted to the shoulders of the taxpayers.

Whenever an attempt is made to launch the government into business the public sees stagnation, delay and capital discouraged from investing in private undertakings; the locality affected suffers the consequence.

Witness Muscogee Shoals! It will probably remain the plaything of politics to the end of time, and the people will pay the bill.

Look at flood control on the Mississippi river! From a specific problem to be considered, it has already grown to such magnitude and includes such far-reaching schemes that estimated costs are rising above the billion-dollar mark, and the country most vitally affected will probably stand in danger while competitive political interests wrangle over which locality or faction can get the biggest slice of a public expenditure.

Look at the Colorado river where a reasonably priced dam was proposed for flood control! The project has already been before congress for a number of years and has grown from a flood control dam to a gigantic government owned hydroelectric development and water supply scheme for the city of Los Angeles, the estimated cost of which has gone up to the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Witness such cities as Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco and New York which have run wild on tax expenditures for municipal industrial undertakings! In each instance, public officials who would never think of going to a private corporation and asking for a job unless they were thoroughly qualified by training and experience to handle it, feel entirely free and competent to manage municipal industrial enterprises involving the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars of public funds. The same thing applies in the public ownership schemes which our public servants propose for Muscogee Shoals, Boulder Dam and similar undertakings.

What is there about public office that causes men to feel they have super-qualifications of judgment and ability which they would never dream of having in private life? Herein lies the greatest danger to the people and taxpayers if they permit an expansion of public ownership of industry: The taxpayers or stockholders in the publicly owned enterprises, would in the majority of cases, have as managers for their properties, men who would not be qualified by experience and training to hold like positions in private corporations. The taxpayer would always be holding the sack and there would be no financial responsibility or personal incentive in the executive management.

Do we want to extend such a system in America?

Nationalist Guns Shell Foreigners

3,000 Japanese Defending Foreign Quarter From the Onslaught of Chinese.

London, May 5.—Foreign residents of Tsinanfu, which is overrun by 300,000 soldiers of the Chinese nationalist army who are apparently out of control of their commanders, were being subjected to artillery fire Friday night, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express.

Looting continues throughout the city and foreigners are being shot on sight, the dispatch said. The foreign settlement includes a number of Americans and Europeans. While no specific reports have been received that any foreigners other than Japanese have been killed, fears are entertained that some may have been murdered by the nationalist troops and Chinese residents who have joined in the looting.

JAPANESE TROOPS DEFEND QUARTERS

Pekin, May 5.—The capture of Tsinanfu, capital of Shantung province, is the greatest nationalist victory since the Nanking affair in March, 1927, and has been the occasion of a grave anti-foreign incident comparable with that at Nanking, threatening even more serious international complications.

In the attack against foreigners the Japanese have been the chief sufferers, the Japanese infantry at Tsinanfu filling the role of foreign defenders which the Anglo-American warships filled at Nanking. However, whereas disagreements obviated positive international action against the nationalists after the Nanking affair, Japan was virtually a free hand to deal with the present situation.

Already a Japanese brigade from south Manchuria is moving toward Dairen, en route to Tsinanfu, from which place 600 additional Japanese infantry departed Friday to succor their hard-pressed comrades at Tsinanfu.

ANIMALS CAUSING PANIC

Mexico City, April 28.—The newspaper Excelsior prints dispatches from the town of Cardenas in the state of San Luis Potosi, saying that panthers, lions and other wild beasts driven into the villages. No humans have been reported attacked, however.

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Music Week to be Extensively Observed Here

Civic Concerts and Special Programs in Churches to Feature the Annual Music Week.

From Saturday's Daily—The annual observance of music week in this city will be one of the most extensive that has been held in a number of years and one that will have a great value in developing an appreciation of music in the home, the church and the community at large. The program of activities that will cover the entire week is under the direction of Mrs. John F. Gorder, chairman of the music department of the local Woman's club.

The music week will open with the Sunday programs given in the various churches when the choirs will have elaborately arranged music offerings and also in a number of the churches there will be special sermons that will stress the value of music in the religious service.

On Monday evening the annual banquet of the Plattsmouth Woman's club will also feature the music week idea and which will be a feature that all of the members can enjoy to the utmost.

On Tuesday evening there will be a program presented by the grade children of the public schools at the High school auditorium and which will give an insight into the course of music in the grades.

On Wednesday evening at the court house lawn, if the weather permits, there will be a concert presented by the Eagles band under the direction of W. R. Holly and also the American Legion Junior band will be heard in two selections during the concert, the first public appearance of this organization of young boys of the community.

The Thursday evening program will be offered by the musical talent of the city at the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church and will be one of the outstanding features of the music week in the city with a large and varied program.

On Saturday evening the band of the 17th infantry will be here for a public concert and this crack military band will be a real feature of the splendid series of programs for the week in the city.

The last feature of the Music Week observance will be on Sunday, May 13th, when the chorus of the Nebraska City Musical club will be here for a concert at a place to be designated later.

The week has been proclaimed by Mayor John P. Sattler for general observance and calling on all persons to join in the celebration of the week.

HOLD FINE BANQUET

From Saturday's Daily—The Rebekah banquet at Hotel Perkins last evening, honoring Mrs. Aimee Conger, vice president of Rebekah assembly, was a very pleasant affair. All the guests were seated at one long table decorated with spring flowers, the colors, pink and green, being carried out in the menu, which featured elegant simplicity. At the conclusion of the banquet, the members of the Rebekah lodge, Bud of Promise, adjourned to the lodge room for a school of instruction under Mrs. Conger. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent and a mutual feeling of regret was evidenced when it came time to part with our capable and highly esteemed visitor.

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Death of W. E. Jenkins at Murray Thursday

One of the Best Known Residents Passes Away After an Illness of Some Duration.

From Friday's Daily—The death of Walter Edward Jenkins, one of the prominent residents of Murray, occurred at 4:30 yesterday afternoon at the home in that city after an illness of some duration and in the last few weeks of which his condition has grown worse and left but little hope of his recovery.

The deceased has been a resident of Murray for a great many years and for a long period of years he was engaged in the active operation of a business house in that place, retiring a number of years ago when the store was disposed of to W. H. Puls.

Mr. Jenkins was unmarried and has made his home with the family of his deceased brother, James Jenkins, the widow, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins looking after the care of Mr. Jenkins in his last illness.

The deceased was sixty-two years of age and has been very successful in his long career in the business life at Murray and his absence from the active life of his home community will be greatly missed.

There remains of the family four nephews and two nieces, children of the deceased being James Jenkins, they being Walter, Earl, George and John Jenkins, Mrs. Ray Dill and Mrs. Griffin.

Death Comes to Roy Pepperberg at Lincoln Today

Prominent Cigar Manufacturer of Lincoln Dies at Hospital After Severe Operation.

From Saturday's Daily—This morning at 2:50 at the hospital in Lincoln occurred the death of Leroy Pepperberg, former Plattsmouth resident and one of the best known cigar manufacturers in the west. The death of Mr. Pepperberg came as the result of an illness of an attack of mastoids and which compelled an operation from which he failed to rally.

Mr. Pepperberg was forty-two years of age and was born in Plattsmouth where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Pepperberg were early residents and it was here he received his education in the local schools from which he graduated and later attended the University of Nebraska. He leaves to mourn his death the widow and one son, Louis, aged 13, as well as two brothers, Abe Pepperberg of New York City and Leon Pepperberg of Dallas, Texas.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon from the Jewish temple in Lincoln.

WILL DONATE \$50

From Thursday's Daily—The chamber of commerce directors today voted the sum of \$50 to be given to the baseball team for their use this season, the stipulation being that it was the sense of the chamber of commerce that the funds raised here in the city for the support of the team should be expended here with the local people as far as possible. The retail section of the chamber of commerce also voted the sum of \$50 for the team.

FLORIDA NEWS

Miss Mayrila D. Propst who is employed in the National City bank of New York, in Havana, Cuba, has been visiting at her home in Lake Worth, Florida.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Propst, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Green and Mr. R. L. Propst motored to Miami, taking Miss Propst to the boat to sail for Cuba.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Commencement Activities are to Commence Soon

Junior-Senior Reception Opens the Program Which Culminates in Graduation.

From Saturday's Daily—As June means commencement time to most college students, so does the month of May bring all the thrills and joys of the high school student who for years has been looked forward to the time when, wearing the cap and gown, he may receive his diploma and enjoy all the glamour of graduation days. But with all its happiness and celebration for the graduate, May also brings a tinge of sadness for the father and mother who are loathe to admit that school days are over and more serious business life lies not far ahead for their boy or girl who seems to have suddenly become young men and women instead of boys and girls.

Plattsmouth high school commencement activities officially begin on Tuesday night when the Juniors entertain the Seniors at the annual Junior-Senior banquet. This colorful affair is to be held at the Legion building and the Legion Auxiliary will serve the dinner. The members of the Senior class will present "Smilin' Through" as the annual Senior play. This will be presented at the Parmele theatre, under the direction of Miss Mary Jane Tidball. Reserved seats will be on sale at the box office on next Thursday and Friday afternoons from one until five-thirty o'clock. "Smilin' Through" is a play that really needs no advertisement. It has already achieved a wonderful reputation for itself both on the screen and stage because of its fine theme and beautiful setting. There is nothing of the silly farce about this production. While the whole play is replete with clever lines, yet the audience is sure to feel that it has seen something worth while. The leading roles are carried by Alice Crabbill, Clement Woster, Robert Wurl and Edgar Wescott together with a fine supporting cast that should make the play this year one of the most pleasing in several years. The Junior orchestra under the direction of Prof. B. E. Woodward will furnish the music. Special music throughout the play will be played and sung by Harvey Johnson and the Senior class.

With the passing of the banquet and the play, the more or less social side of the commencement activities are over and the actual graduation ceremonies which have become traditional are in order. And it is about this time that both parents and graduates realize that the rollicking school days are about to become a thing of the past. The service this year will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, May 20. Rev. H. E. Satorp, pastor of the Methodist church will deliver the address. His theme will be "Spiritual Motives as a Basis for Living." The music for this occasion will be given by the combined choirs of the two churches under the direction of Miss Sylvia Cole, director of music of the public schools.

Then with the commencement exercises on Friday evening, May 21 in the auditorium of the high school, the curtain rings down on another graduating class of Plattsmouth high school. Sixty members of the class of 1928 will receive diplomas from Dr. Frank L. Cummins, president of the board of education. The commencement address will be delivered by Prof. H. E. Bradford, chairman of the department of vocational education of the state university. His subject will be "The Magic Touch."

With the exception of the banquet, these activities are open to the public and all are cordially invited to attend.

SHOWING NEW MODEL

The Smith-Berger Chevrolet auto agency has on display in the showroom one of the new Convertible Sport Cabriolets, which is the latest addition to the popular Chevrolet line of motor cars, a large ad in this issue of the Journal giving detailed description.

The local agency has been selling a lot of new Chevrolets in the past six weeks and also has an ad in today's Journal listing some exceptional used car values.

The newest addition to the line is in red duo, and can be converted from a coupe to an open roadster type by lowering the top. A rumble seat, permits of carrying additional passengers with comfort.

UNCLAIMED MAIL

Plattsmouth, Nebr., May 5. The following named letters, unclaimed, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office May 21, 1928: Mrs. M. G. Hunsberger, Jack Hergenrader, Anna Noel, Leonard Van Winkle, J. W. HOLMES, Postmaster.

DENVER MAN A SUICIDE

Denver, Colo., May 4.—Franklin Ballou, former Denver resident, who committed suicide at Forest Hills, L. I., today was prominent socially here. He was interested in sports and at one time was president of the Denver Tennis association. He had been active here in mining ventures.



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Cass County Woman Gets Into Trouble

Warrant Is Issued for Nehawka Woman on a Bad Check Charge.

Complaint charging forgery was filed in County Court Thursday against Mrs. Tillie Schwartz, wife of a Cass county farmer living near Nehawka, by County Attorney George H. Heinke. A warrant was issued for her arrest.

The complaint charges Mrs. Schwartz with uttering and passing a check for \$10.75, drawn on the Otoe County National Bank of Nebraska City and made payable to Grace Wallace. The check bore the name of Mrs. S. S. Wilson. It was cashed at the Heintzelman Basket Store, 116 North Seventeenth street last Saturday.

Mrs. Schwartz was arrested here last January on a charge of passing a forged check for \$6 at L. Wescott's Sons & Company store, drawn on the Bank of Murray and signed by J. H. Hallas.

She pleaded guilty in District court and was fined \$100 and costs by Judge James T. Begley. Further sentence was suspended and withheld on condition that she made good a number of other forged checks and refrain from writing any more.

MEADOW FOX HOME VERY INTERESTING PLACE NOW

M. N. Dahl, manager of the Nebraska Silver Fox corporation, of Meadow, was in town Monday and called at this office to place an advertisement for old horses, which are not wanted at the fox farm. These are used as food for foxes, ground up with numerous ingredients that keep them in healthy condition. Mr. Dahl has been with the company for a number of years, coming here from the northern part of Minnesota. His family live in one of the cottages at Meadow and they visit Louisville frequently to do their marketing.

He reports everything prospering at the fox farm, but states that this is the closed season for visitors and the farm will not be open for inspection before July 1st. This is a very interesting place to visit and attracts people from all over the country.—Louisville Courier.

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