Mr. D. A. Tompkins, in Exhaustive Atticle, Argues That It is Not the Part of Wisdom For a City to Vest in Local Board the Power to De-

clare What Rates Shall Be Charged

by Public Service Corporations— The Essentials to Prosperity, Fair Treatment of Labor and of Capital— Plea For Judicious Consideration

-Belief Expressed That the Law is Not a Good One.

In view of the apparent discontent

of the public service corporations

with that clause in the new charter

which gives a rate-making power over

these corporations to an executive

ommittee of the board, an Observer

reporter has asked Mr. D. A. Tomp-

kins to express his views on this mat-

ter. Everybody is interested, of course, not to have the Southern Power Company move its offices away

from Charlotte, and not to have the 4C's crippled in the operation of its

present plant or in its extension. It s earnestly desired that some company go to the river with an electric

line, and that Gastonia and Concord at least be connected up with Char-lotte by trolley. Mr. Tompkins has prepared and handed the paper the

napicing hands of the Corporation Commission

ESSENTIALS TO PROSPERITY.

The permanent prosperity of a

Fair treatment of labor and cer-

Fair treatment of capital and the

willingness that it shall bring to the

investor reasonable and regular earn-

The present leading position

this city is due to her fulfilment of these essentials. The advantage of

one city over another is a differential quantity: The advantage may be lost

or gained by very small events, some-

times by small accidential circum-

stances like the tosing of the South-

ern Rallway shops or the works of the

these had to come here. The land

Both went away for lack of hospitable

the Southern Manufacturers' Club has

here we would be more than willing

to give either or both every sort of welcome. Being here we should not

make the existence of either one of

them unsafe or uncertain by harsh

conditions, even though there may be

no purpose ever to execute the pow-

ers of a harsh law to anything like

its limits. The officers of these properties may feel quite sure of the lib-

THE INVESTOR DOMINANT. The investor controls the situation n modern public service corporations.

The big banking institutions back en-

can offer the securities to the genral public, and safely advise the gen-

orphans that the money put in these

must be no control authorized by

law, except that of the courts or of

some body as free from the possi-

bility of political prejudices as the

appear to the investor to be carrying

regulation to an unsafe extreme ex-

last seemed to back up extreme meas-

they move when the small advantage

river or not, I expect to live here the balance of my days. But it does

whose roots have not yet grown into

the ground, whether they live in a town well connected up by inter-

a public service institution, and even

balance of my days.

an unimportant factor.

Whether the 4C's ever go to the

ures to the undoing of prosperity.

actly as the Legislature before this

'A local rate-making body would

ould be safe and the income regu-

To fulfil these conditions there

eral public, including widows

courts themselves.

outside investors know this?

for the shops was already

There were those who thought

"The Greater Charlotte Club is most

"We have two big institutions here,

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man Can tonish anybody to know what a large proportion of the producing population of an advancing city elect the place of their activities for a very no observable.

ARROGRETATAL GIVEN. make a difference to the new people Louis trive Reciful A Delightful

urban trolleys, well fixed as to recreation and modern in its character are necessary to the growth of the city and therefore hospitable spirit alone NOT FOR LOCAL BOARD TO SAY. "It would seem to afford ample protection if public service corporations had to live under control of the State Corporation Commission. temon- None doubts or denies that the pubwhich lie service corporation ought to be testion under control of some ample power to protect the people's interests. But to invest a local board with sovereign power, even though the power of appeal is reserved, sufficient to ruin

though the power may never be ex-ercised, is enough to alarm the safe o tonal Stant almiinvestor who has to stand sponsor for the distribution of securities to all ons that classes. "It may be perceived that the progress of the 4C's is lagging behind its part in her schedule. Its car line should have been already extended to the river. But never mind the 4C's and the Southern Power Company. Assuming that these being here will stay, are we going to abandon the conditions which brought them here? There are always other corporations with enterprises Kipling's which will investigate the treatment

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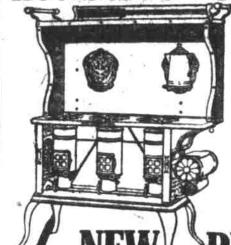
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attanta con. already accorded before the come. The making of rates, which means by Muss the making of selling prices, is one which could be used at any time to work ruin. No merchant would ever the spirit carry a stock of goods into any city tennett where a local board existed which TRUB Il seler.

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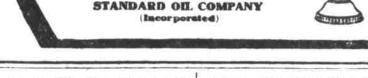
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was vested with such power over mer handise.

"With a local commission holding ate-naking powers, it would seem self-evident that whatever service corporations are already here would have to take a hand in politics looking to get a friendly board. Such orporations as may not be here already would naturally avoid the necessity for this by going to some other city not so hampered. We appreciate that the line between proper regula-tion and control and an improper exercise of arbitrary power conferred by law would be difficult to define ex-The people's interest must be protected, but this protection must be by means of powers so judicially exercised that there is no possibility of entangling it with local politics. The Corporation Commission would lives here seem to give conservative and absoate protection to the people's inter-

Everyhody here at home knows tives in England. that investments in securities of valuable as a hospitable agency and Charlotte or of the public service corporations is secure. But we must keen this fact manifest to the outinvesting public in the future as we have in the past.

Company. If either was not already THE WELFARE OF CHARLOTTE. "What I am saying relates to the gress. It is not meant to be either elopment elsewhere more and here

The present situation is that the Legislature meets. The experilight upon the fairness of its oper-If in the interim it transpires that it is unfair to the corporations it will doubtless be repealed If after two years' operation it is found unobjectionable then every will be satisfied. Meanwhile, those who object should protest, then be patient for two years and turn every helping hand they can to help build up the My.

Personally, I believe the law is bad one, a very had one, and ought to be repealed, but inasmuch as there is no recourse now against a trial of I helieve we all ought to join to give it a fair test."

Civil Cases to Be Tried.

der and wife against the board of wa. son City 8:05 p. m. ter commissioners, Miss Daisy A. Long against Dr. J. A. Austin and L. A. Harris against the Southern Railway Company were continued. The first cation the Elizabeth Mills This has been prevailing routes. tried once recently, a mistrial result-

THE DEATH RECORD.

Harold N. Clare, director of music at Englishman and a graduate of Schome several of his compositions were on the programme. For a time after his arrival in this country he was organist at St. Mark's Cathedral. Grand Rapids. Mich. Later he came South Greenville just a year ago. Professor

No arrangements have been made for the funeral, pending the receipt of an answer to a cablegram to rela-

Statesville, April 26, -Mrs. Johnnie Bell Echerd, wife of Mr. Daniel Echerd, of Hickory, died Saturday morning at Long's Sanatorium. She was brought to the sanatorium about two conditions which seem to me neces months ago for an operation, but it sary for the continued growth of the was found that this would accomplish city, and its continued superior pro- nothing, as her case was hopeless. She was suffering with a complication of for or against the two public service diseases and her condition gradually corporations now existing. It is dif- grew worse until the end. The remains ficult to see how the Southern Power were taken to Newton Saturday afing, excepting that by taking head-quarters elsewhere it would press de-some miles from Newton Sunday.

Mrs Echerd was about 25 years old less. It is plain to be seen that the and is survived by her husband, he welfare of the 4C's is permanently father and a number of brothers and tied up with the welfare of Charsisters. Her father is Mr. Alfred Brown, a well-known citizen of Catawba county. She was a grand law is fixed for two years. It can-daughter of Mrs. Walter Hart, of not possibly be changed until the Statesville, and a cousin of Mrs. T. N. Gillon, Mr. W. L. Brown and Miss Mundy Hart, of Statesville

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