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SOME VIEWS OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The Chicago election last week with the issue of municipal ownership of public utilities, including street railways, has stirred up a variety of comment.

What of municipal ownership? Republican and Democratic papers are divided on the wisdom of the experiment.

"Judge Edward F. Dunne, who becomes Mayor of Chicago to-day for the purpose of putting the municipal ownership of street railways into immediate, or at least the earliest possible, operation, made a preliminary visit to this city to enlighten its people upon his plans and encourage them to the adoption of the same policy.

"The occasion is an appropriate one for pausing to consider what is the real impulse behind the movement for municipal ownership in this country, which has brought it support in unexpected places.

"The New York World (Dem.) makes this observation: "It may amuse our conservative friends to explain the Chicago election, as the New York Times does, on the theory that "in this great city of the West a large portion of the electorate is a semi-idle class so far as economic theory and practice are concerned."

"The Chattanooga Times throws out this for contemplation: "Among the blessings municipal ownership at Chicago holds out is the pledge that every man, woman and child who wants to ride on the city street cars shall have a seat or ride free, and that clearly indicates the probable financial failure of the public ownership idea.

"The result of the election in Winston-Salem on Tuesday shows that the people of that city are in earnest about the projected South-Atlantic road which Col. Fries and his associates propose to build.

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The Newbern Journal of Tuesday, says: "The revival of interest in Southport, N. C. as a coal-station, is but the natural return to a place which for many years, at intermittent periods, has been shown to the shipping and trade world, as the place for such a station.

Geographically and physically Southport is an ideal location. It has not only plenty of water for harbor and anchorage purposes, but the Cape Fear bar is only limited to its depth, so far as mechanical aid will deepen it for maritime needs.

It is never too hot in Summer or too cold in Winter. The revival of the interest in Southport, and the fresh putting forth of its claims as a coal-station, has at this time the support of the city of Wilmington. This is a force which ought to prove of immense aid, and be the means of securing the railroad connection which has been the crying need, in order that Southport might be in direct communication with the coal fields of Tennessee or Virginia, or even those of North Carolina."

Twinklings. "An Oiler Convert—"Kin ye give an old tramp 10 cents, mum?" "What for? To buy whiskey?" "No, mum. To buy chloroform."—Houston Chronicle.

Question of Fate—"Does Miss Skreacher sing?" "I don't know. The answer depends on whether you believe her mother or the neighbors."—Cleveland Leader.

Ho-jack—"Why are you consulting the dictionary? I thought you knew how to spell. Tom-dick-I am not looking for information, but for corroboration."—Chicago Journal.

Graves—"Which one of those girls is it that you don't like?" Gladys—"She'll hear you. When the crowd comes up I'll kiss her twice."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Physician—"Do you have any chronic trouble with your stomach?" Patient (with an impatient snort)—"Doctor, my salary is only \$14 a week!"—Chicago Tribune.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. Quoted daily by the Chamber of Commerce. STAR OFFICE APRIL 12. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at \$2.30 per barrel for hard, \$4.25 for dip. Quotations same day last year: Spirits turpentine, firm at 53c; rosin, nothing doing, tar, firm, at \$1.90; crude turpentine, steady at \$3.25.

RECEIPTS. Spirits turpentine 27, Rosin 74, Tar 100, Crude turpentine 53, Receipts same day last year—25 casks spirits turpentine, 53 barrels rosin, 68 barrels tar, 64 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON. Market, quiet; 7:50 for middling. Same day last year, nothing doing. Receipts—693 bales; same day last year, nothing doing.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. (Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Merchants' prices representing those paid for produce in consignments to Commission Merchants.)

PRIME—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, \$1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c. Spanish, 85c.

CORN—Firm; 60¢ per bushel for white, 55¢ for yellow. Long Island, N. C. BACON—Steady, hams, new, 12¢; 12-1-2¢ per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, dull, 10¢.

CHICKENS—Firm. Growns, 15¢ per dozen. TURKEYS—Dull at 13c for live; 15¢ for dressed. BEESWAX—Firm, at 26¢. TALLOW—Firm at 5-12¢ per pound.

PORK—Firm at 6¢ net. PEAS—White, \$1.50; black, \$1.40. SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60¢ per bushel. BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2¢ 3-4¢ per pound.

Baltimore & Ohio 109 1-2, Baltimore & Ohio, pfd 95, Chesapeake & Ohio 87 1-4, Louisville & Nashville 142, Manhattan L. 168 3-4, Mexican Central 34 1-4, New York Central 358, Norfolk & Western, pfd 82, Norfolk & Western 162 1-8, Reading 94 3-4, Reading, 1st pfd 91 3-4, Reading, 2d pfd 89 3-4, Southern Railway 34 1-8, Southern Railway, pfd 98, Amalgamated Copper 100 1-2, Tenn. Coal & Iron 107 1-2, U. S. Steel 102 1-2, U. S. Steel, pfd 102 1-2, Va. Car. Chemical 35 1-4, Va. Car. Chemical, pfd 107, S. A. L. com. 22 1-2, S. A. L. pfd 62 1-2, Standard Oil 62 1-2.

PRODUCE MARKET. New York, April 12.—Flour dull, unchanged. Rye flour, steady. Buckwheat flour, nominal.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. Chicago, April 12.—Damage reports from the southwest constituted one of the chief elements of strength in the wheat market here to-day.

THE STAR'S NEW DRESS. (Twin-County Echo.) The Wilmington Morning Star, ever progressive and up-to-date, greeted its many thousand readers, Tuesday in a brand new dress out and out and makes a most neat and attractive appearance.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

CATARRH REMEDY. Ely's Cream Balm. Gives Relief at once. It cleanses, soothes and heals the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. It is absorbed, Heals and Protects the Membrane. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Full size 50c. at Druggists or by mail; Small size 10c. by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York.

MAINE. Schooner C. T. Herman—4 casks spirits; 27 barrels rosin; 100 barrels tar; 53 barrels crude turpentine.

FINANCIAL MARKET. New York, April 12.—Money on call steady, 3@3 1-2; closing bid, 3 offered at 3 1-4. Time loans steady, sixty days, 3 1-2; three months, 4; and six months, 3 1-2@3 3-4.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

"We've just finished counting up the Philippines, and we find that we paid Spain for them about \$2.89 a head."—Baltimore Sun.

"Now that the Kaiser is known to be the author of the plan to save the administrative entity of China, it is up to the American newspapers to switch the deal and roast it."—Atlanta Journal.

"As soon as the President started on his Southern trip, King Edward, the Kaiser and other European monarchs decided it would be safe for them to pay some of their deferred visits."—Washington Post.

"The late census of the Philippines shows a total population of 7,635,426. It is officially stated that this census work was performed by 7,627 persons, of whom all but 125 were natives of the archipelago.

"The President is receiving hearty ovations in the South. The people who thought no language too bitter to use in speaking of him during the campaign, which resulted in his election are now hurrahing for him. All of which shows that it is unwise to regard auto-election charges or assertions as the real opinion of a people."—San Francisco Chronicle.

"After a long talk with the entire Government concentrated in the ponderous personality of Secretary Taft, Senator Cullom, who went to Washington with a copy of the riot act in his pocket, came away without reading it, and announces that everything is all right and the Senate will ratify the Santo Domingo treaty. After the treaty, after the President had been operating it for six months there would be nothing else for the Republican Senators to do."—Philadelphia Record.

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Food to work on is food to live on. A man works to live. He must live to work. He does both better on Uneeda Biscuit, the soda cracker that contains in the most properly balanced proportions a greater amount of nutriment than any food made from flour. Uneeda Biscuit 5 NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY. Don't forget Graham Crackers, Butter Thin Biscuit, Social Tea Biscuit, Lemon Snaps.

The Triumph of the St. Louis Exposition! WILMINGTON ONE DAY ONLY, Wednesday, April 19. Two Performances, 2:30 and 8:30, at Hilton Park. EXCURSION RATE ON ALL RAILROADS. Gen. Piet A. Cronje and the Great BOER WAR. En Route to Brighton Beach, New York. 600 Boer and British Actual Veterans. 350 Horses and All the Equipment of an Army. The Largest Show Ever Put on the Road. 3 Trains Necessary for its Transportation. Admission 50 Cents; Children Half Price. See Grand Street Parade Wednesday Morning. Capt. A. W. LEWIS, Gen. Mgr. MR. FRANK E. FELLIS, Director.

Ladies Are Cordially Invited to examine Children's Suits before Easter. Full stock of Men's Clothing; Hats a Specialty. Latest Styles and Lowest Prices. 24 North Front St.

HAMME, THE HATTER AND CLOTHIER, apr 9 t. ATLANTIC CAFE, Opposite A. C. L. Depot. ELEGANT ROOMS, Good Meals, Quick Lunches, Pleasant Waiters. The best of Wines and Liquors. We cater especially to the traveling men. GIESCHEN BROS., Phone 111, Proprietors, mch 28 t.

The Only Restaurant REGULAR DINNER 25c. Board by the Week \$4.00. Special rates by the month. jan 22 t.

Banister Shoes. Standard the World Over. We have them in every style and shape and the prices are \$5 for the Oxfords; \$6 for the Regulators. Neat fitting and wearing. Shoes are essential to the well dressed man. GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS, Wholesale and Retail, 108 North Front Street, apl 4 t.

Bankrupt Sale. ON TUESDAY MARCH 28, will begin the Sale of the Stock of Goods at Paris Millinery Emporium, 129 Market Street, city. The stock of Skirts, Hats, Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, Coats, Laces, Rugs, Blankets and other goods will be sold very cheap. We want to close it out in two weeks. The best of the stock will be sold at cost and quantities of it at less than half the cost. The first customers will get the best bargains. The prices will range about one-half the Regular Retail Price. Liberal discounts will be allowed to merchants. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFE TIME FOR SMALL MERCHANTS. The stock consist of up-to-date goods—Coats, Skirts, Waists, Rugs, Laces, Embroidery, Hats, Ribbons, Velvet Silk, Flowers, Feathers and Notions. E. H. FREEMAN, Trustee, mch 28 t.

Seed Potatoes Various Kinds! WHITE BLISS, ROBE, BEAUTY, HOULTON ROBE, BOVEE. Make your orders for shipment when ready.

The Worth Co. Wilmington N. C. jan 10 t.

Are You Keeping In Stock Cuban Blossom AND RENOWN CIGARS? They are as Good as Ever. Silver Coin Flour Can't Be Beat. H. L. VOLLERS, Wholesale GROCER AND DISRTIBUTOR, mch 28 t.

The Very Best Shoes Sole Agents For That Money Can Buy. We have them in almost every style, shape and quality and can fit the least wee foot to biggest man. It will pay any man to take a look at our tables of bargains. Some lots of Douglas and other staples are being closed out below prime cost. Come early and secure your size. Our Cash-on-Approval system still grows in popularity. Respectfully, Mercer & Evans Co. Feb 12 t.

EAT THE BEST FARRISS' ICE CREAM. Sweet cream used from the celebrated Three Sister Cows. MAY B. MIGHT B. MUST B. of the Shadeland Dairy. Call Phone 625. Apl 8 t.