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**WEAKNESS IN MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.**

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 tax payers, 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 into its being no special business of any citizen or tax payer, 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 tax payers accept any kind of report, just so there is the appearance of all being right, and light, water, sewerage, etc., are given.

No personal business can be conducted successfully, unless there be careful management, yet tax payers will bond and pledge themselves for hundreds of thousands of dollars, and then let a half dozen men have complete control and charge of the properties for which they, the tax payers, stand liable, and only the most meager accountings will be gratefully accepted, when if the matter was a personal business transaction, everything would receive the closest scrutiny.

It is this indifference and neglect on the part of tax payers that make note of municipal affairs, which makes municipal ownership of public utilities a hazardous and expensive matter. The theory of municipal ownership, with its great saving to each tax payer, the extra service given, and the great profits resulting, can all be placed in figures beforehand, but it is a failure, unless the tax payers shall give earnest and serious heed to the conduct of these public utilities, for unless this is done the tax payers are to wake up some day with broken down properties, and a big bond issue to make good, because no sinking fund has been provided against the day of reckoning. And it is not necessary to go far from home to make application of these weaknesses in municipal ownership.

**THE PRESENT STATUS OF MARION BUTLER**

The announcement of the invitation to Mr. Marion Butler to make an address at the time commencement of the University of North Carolina, has provoked both public and private comment, most of it of a tenor of surprise and chagrin and even from those not personally interested, there has been expressed genuine surprise.

That either surprise or disapproval has been expressed, by press or individual, indicates that Mr. Butler must have some status different from the average university graduate, or any person who may be deemed worthy of the honor of being invited to make an address at a commencement of a great university.

For the most part the press of North Carolina has been very quiet on this matter, Mr. Butler's invitation, no question it being due to the respect felt for the educational institution to which the ex-Senator has been invited. The South Carolina press has been decidedly frank in its expressions on the subject, and its criticism has been one of surprise that such an invitation has been extended to even a graduate, with such a personal record made since his leaving the university.

Others have said in explanation, that the invitation was extended by the students, that the faculty and trustees had nothing to do with the matter. And another reason advanced has been that the invitation, that of asking for an address at the commencement exercises, was the usual one extended to a former graduate, or a man who had a public following.

Accepting the situation in its best phase, every excuse offered seems fatuous, and to the ordinary person, it seems remarkable that any speaker should be invited to address the great gathering which must assemble at the State's University, for whom a single explanation or apology was necessary. Certainly the University must have among its graduates, men who need no apologist, men whose address would mean everything to their audience, for the reason that the speakers themselves stood always for the best of North Carolina citizenship.

The Journal has to say for its parts, that educational advance and progress is not worthy of a name of honor, if Marion Butler, stands as a sample of what it does for this State's young men.

**THE SERIOUSNESS OF LOST SCHOOL DAYS**

The young child first attending school cannot of course recognize that tardiness at school or a day's absence from school, is a specially serious matter, or loss to the child which so disregards attendance.

At this season of the year, the teacher has much to contend with in keeping up the attendance of pupils, for almost everything serves as an excuse for a pupil's tardiness or absence for one day or several days. Those parents who will visit the graded school in this city, or those who will see that this season is particularly hard upon the teacher, who must use all means to sustain school interest so that the pupil will not be lured away by outside attractions, and so lose time from school, and so suffer at the close of the school year, the result being a setback, or the necessity of going over again at the next school term, the lessons neglected during this term.

In a recent lecture before the Woman's Club in this city, by Mrs. Cotton, on the child's study department, the speaker made a most able presentation of the subject, and specially was the necessity dwelt upon, the need of the parent's co-operation with the teachers. There is much stress, rather overmuch, on the teacher's responsibility, as the person to successfully solve the problem of school attendance. Too much is expected of the teacher as the one alone to solve the child's mental, moral and physical needs, and solving these, to direct the child and successfully develop and produce the well balanced man and woman.

But to prove this success, the teacher must be given the child every school day, and the child must be on time, and in a mood which shall give the teacher a receptive pupil. How is the child to be on time, regular every day at school, and in a thoroughly receptive mood, unless there be the home influence of the parent to give this daily impetus to the child, and so prepare it for the teacher? It is the parent first, who must impress the child with the seriousness of each day's value at school, that a day lost, is as it were, a bargain lost, which can never be found again. If the child should be early impressed with this idea, there will be no need of the push, the hurry, the excitement, which so often is to be found in homes every morning as children and parents struggle together, to get the children away to school. The child feeling the seriousness of the school day and is so impressed that it needs no urging to get ready, but is daily found ready and in trim, and then the trouble of school attendance will vanish, and the teachers work will be half done, as the child comes prepared and liking every school duty. It would be education with no compulsion of any kind.

**Deafness Cannot be Cured.**

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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**THE WONDERFUL WEST.**

An Interesting Letter From A. B. Morris, a Former Resident of Craven County.

The friends and relatives in Vanceboro and elsewhere of Mr. A. B. Morris will be pleased to hear from him through the columns of the Journal and we gladly publish his letter:

La Verkin, Utah, April 30, '06.

To My Beloved Friends and Relatives, Greetings:

It is with the greatest pleasure I take up my pen to write you a few words about this wonderful country. First of all, I want to tell you that I cannot express the pleasure I have in reading the letters from the different places where I am acquainted in old Craven, as I see them in the Journal and I assure you the Journal is a very welcome visitor twice a week to my home.

Since my last letter we have moved 20 miles up the Vigor river, where it comes through a long, deep canon. There is a hot sulphur spring near here in which the water is as hot as one can place his hand, and one hundred feet higher is a sulphur mine. This mine is about a quarter of a mile from our home; pieces of sulphur from the mine average five pounds in weight.

La Verkin is a pretty place to live in and is noted throughout this section on account of the sulphur spring. People from all over the country come to bathe in this spring, principally those affected with rheumatism but victims of other diseases find successful treatment in the waters here.

We are enjoying good health and are well satisfied with our new home. We wish we could solve all the mountain mysteries that we see around us. Where I am sitting now I have only to turn my head and look out of the door to see a big old mountain covered with snow, and yet at the very foot of it fruits and flowers, almost tropical in their nature, grow luxuriously, enormous trees grow on the side. This mountain is about ten miles from me and yet the air is so clear I can see it plainly, snow, forests and all.

Here the weather and climate are delightful. It is warm and pleasant. The fruits grow finely; almonds and apricots are over half grown; peaches are about as large as hickory nuts and grapes have formed. We are working on a large ranch where there is nothing much raised but fruit. We have had a late spring, as there has been a great deal of snow in the hills. The days are warm but the nights are cool and pleasant. I thought I should see some very cold weather during the past winter, but it has not been so. The temperature does not vary much the whole year round.

We have been getting garden vegetables since April 1, such as asparagus, lettuce, radishes, &c. Strawberries are now in tune and they are cultivated here with great success. There is but little rain here which fall mostly in the winter. We depend largely upon irrigation for moisture of the earth.

There were eleven tons of almonds and grapes on our place last year and you can judge from that what a fruit and farming country this is. We are looking forward this year to as large a crop if not larger than last years. Our grape vines have just begun to bear fruit but they are strong and hardy and we look for good results from them. Sometimes the grapes run 50 pounds to the vine. The cultivation of grapes here is an industry by itself and is quite profitable.

The people are going to have a grand celebration here on May day and we expect a lot of strangers and a good time. There is little drunkenness here, people are all quiet and refined. If any of my old friends and neighbors wish to ask me anything about this country I will be glad to furnish them with any information that is in my power.

I should be pleased to see a letter in the Journal from the Zarah & Askin correspondents and other places in the vicinity of Vanceboro.

Wishing you all the greatest success, I remain your truly,

A. B. MORRIS.

Has Stood the Test 25 Years.

The old, original GROVE'S Tasteless Chill Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay.

**Better Service Needed**

It is not so long ago that the Journal mentioned the Northern connection matter and again we make bold to speak of it. The question, as has been said at different times is really more important than one would think at first. We believe that money is lost and many disappointments have resulted from the failure to receive the regular (or what would be) mail each night.

A record has been kept in this office this month on the failures of the A. C. L. and A. N. C. trains to connect. Of the first ten days there were five days when the trains failed. The service is getting to be rotten and the indignation of the people will show itself in no uncertain way.

It has been suggested that the chamber of commerce, board of trade or merchants' association take this matter up and affect a better order of things.

**HIDDEN DANGERS**

**Nature Gives Timely Warnings That No New Bern Citizen Can Afford to Ignore**

**DANGER SIGNAL NO. 1** comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are sick. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or a thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediment and irregular of passage.

**DANGER SIGNAL NO. 2** comes from the back. Back pains, dull and heavy, or sharp and acute, tell you of sick kidneys and warn you of the coming of dropsy; diabetes and bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and cure them permanently. Here's New Bern proof:

L. A. Smith, Supt. of Crystal Ice Co., 19 Griffith St., residing at 13 Griffith St., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills for my kidneys and back. The secretions from the kidneys were all out of sorts; and too frequent in action. Doan's Kidney Pills stopped all this. My little boy was troubled with a kidney weakness and the secretions were highly colored and full of sediment. I gave him some of the pills and they cleared the secretions up to their natural color. I cannot but consider Doan's Kidney Pills an excellent kidney cure and do not hesitate to say so. I obtained them at Bradshaw's Pharmacy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents a box. - Foster-McIlwain Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sole agents for the U. S.

It is understood that notwithstanding the change in the Chinese customs system, Sir Robert Hort will remain inspector-general.

To Cure A Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure E. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25c.

**Sunday Sickness.**

From the Church Standard.

A writer who has thought much on the subject of Sunday non-observance thus writes concerning "morbus Sabbaticus" or Sunday sickness: The attack comes on suddenly every Sunday; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well, eats a hearty breakfast; but about church time the attack comes on, and continues till services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he feels much better, and is able to take a walk and talk about politics; but when it is again time for Evening Prayer he gets another attack and stays at home. He retires early, sleeps well, and wakes up on Monday morning refreshed and able to go to business. No recurrence of the symptoms is felt until Sunday comes round again.

**Sore Nipples.**

A cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with the best results. Price 25 cents per box. Sold by Davis Pharmacy, and F. S. Duffy.

**To the White Voters of Jones County**

At a meeting of the Democratic County Executive Committee of Jones County, held at Trenton, N. C., May 7th, 1906. A county convention was called to meet at Trenton, N. C. on Saturday, May 26th, 1906, at 12 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the Senatorial Judicial Congressional and State Conventions, and to transact such other business as may come before said convention.

The Democratic voters, and all other white voters who intend hereafter to vote the Democratic ticket are urged to meet in their respective voting precincts at usual place of meeting, on Saturday, May 19th, 1906, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a precinct executive committee of five members, electing delegates to the county convention and transacting such other business as may come before said primaries.

By order of the committee.

T. D. WARREN, Sec'y.  
T. C. WHITTAKER, Chm'n.

**Juggling With Dynamite.**

Is no more dangerous than to neglect kidney disorders. Foley's Kidney Cure corrects irregularities and has cured many severe cases after other treatment has failed. It builds up the worn out tissues and restores health and vigor. "I was troubled with kidney complaint for about two years," writes A. H. Davis of Mt. Sterling, Iowa, "but two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure effected a permanent cure." For sale by Davis' Pharmacy.

**Bradstreet's Trade Report**

Richmond, May 7.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say for Richmond and vicinity: As a paper market Richmond is prominent, both in manufacturing, wholesale and jobbing. Dealers are entering new fields with satisfactory results, and prospects for the future are encouraging.

The tobacco market is strong with good demand and high prices for common grades of fillers and good wrappers. The crop for 1905 has practically all been marketed. Large foreign shipments are noted. Dealers expect as great an acreage to be planted this year as the present scarcity of labor will permit. The produce market is strong with light supply, good demand and high prices. The weather for the past week has been favorable for shipments of southern vegetables. Collections generally are good. Retail trade continues somewhat depressed on account of unfavorable weather.

The Paris police believe they are on trail of a number of Russian nihilists now in France.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of  
*Charles H. Fletcher*

It is Dangerous to Neglect a Cold.

How often do we hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy counter-acts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and has gained its great popularity and extensive sale by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It always cures and is pleasant to take. For sale by Davis Pharr and F. S. Duffy.

The Massachusetts company which made a specialty of insuring mothers against financial losses incurred by births is trying to wind up its business because of the high birth rate.

What's the good of keeping from him Any good things you may see, That will lift his load of labor  
Like Rocky Mountain Tea  
For Sale by F. S. Duffy.

Reports from localities in Pennsylvania, Delaware and other States tell of the destruction of fruit, cotton and other crops by frost.

**A Guaranteed Cure For Piles**  
Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding, Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure in 5 to 14 days. 50c.

**Postmaster Robbed.**

G. W. Fouts, Postmaster at River-ton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For twenty years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters; which cured me and have kept me well for eleven years." Sure cure for Biliousness, Neuralgia, Weakness and all Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bladder derangements. A wonderful Tonic. At all Drug Stores. 50 cents.

It is reported the Zulus have cut up a detachment of 50 members of the Natal Rifles in South Africa.

**Fertile Missouri.**

"When I was a druggist, at Livonia, Mo.," writes T. J. Dewey, now of Grayville, Mo., "Three of my customers were permanently cured of consumption by Dr. King's New Discovery, and are well and strong today. He was trying to sell his property and move to Arizona, but after using New Discovery a short time he found it unnecessary to do so. I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as the most wonderful medicine in existence." Surest Cough and Cold cure and Throat and Lung healer. Guaranteed by all Druggists, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

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**SOCIAL.**

**The Last German**

The concluding dance for the season of the Clarendon German Club was given Thursday night at the Armory and was one of the most delightful of all the pleasant gatherings that have taken place since the organization of the club in the fall. The attendance was large and every one was in a spirit to enjoy the occasion and each one seemed to contribute unconsciously to the pleasure of the dance. The German was led by Mr. Will Dunn.

The music was furnished by the K of P band in a most satisfactory manner. They have a number of dance selections which they rendered in a most pleasing manner and the dancers all expressed themselves as highly pleased with their music. It was through them that the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced.

Following are the names of the couples:

Messes and Messrs: Hughes, William Dunn Jr; Fillyaw of Wilmington, J S Wahab; Greenbaum, Mr Wahab; Rice, J W Smith; Guion, Jack Street; Kaine of N J, Street; Congdon, Robards, Donavan of Md, W A Smith; Thorpe, Charles Wyatt; M E Street, S K Eaton; Percival of Va, A M Rountree; Rawlings, J P Rawlings; Biddle, J A Nunn; Stewart, C T Brain of Texas; Smith, Garrison Farrow; Mrs Harris of Wilmington, T W Waters; Willis, C L Stevens-Tisdale, Tolson; Mr and Mrs H C Lumsden; Mr and Mrs H McL. Crosson; Mr and Mrs A P Rawlings, Mr and Mrs R A Stickney, Mr and Mrs L C Tolson.

Patrons:—Mrs S C Whitford, Mrs S W Hancock, Miss Griffin, Mrs J T Hollister.

Stags:—J C Green Jr, O G Dunn, M C Dill, T C Daniels, J S Claypole.

At Cards

Miss Nettie Rawlings charmingly entertained a number of her friends at a card party last Tuesday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Percival of Petersburg, Va. Euchre was the game of the evening.

The Bridge Whist Club was entertained last Wednesday afternoon by Mrs J R B Carraway.

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**A PRETTY MATRON OWES HEALTH TO PE-RU-NA.**



MRS. ANNA N. KAISER, Had Suffered Severely From Pelvic Catarrh—Cannot Praise Peruna Too Highly—Read Her Letter.

MRS. ANNA N. KAISER, Two Rivers, Wis., was a sufferer from pelvic catarrh to such an extent that she could scarcely do her own work. In describing her symptoms, she wrote:

"I have such terrible backaches and pains below my shoulder blades, way down my back and across my hips, and at times pains in the pelvic organs, so that I am not able to lie down or sleep. I also have pains through my left side and am afraid I may be getting heart trouble."

After taking Peruna and following Dr. Hartman's instructions for several weeks, Mrs. Kaiser reported as follows:

"I feel much stronger and do not get nervous as I used to. The pain is entirely gone, except when I work a little too hard. The medicine has done me wonderful good. I am taking Peruna and Manalin. My bowels are also in good condition."

Revised Formula:—For a number of years requests have come to me from a multitude of grateful friends, urging that Pe-ru-na be given a slight laxative quality. I have been experimenting with a laxative addition for quite a length of time, and now feel gratified to announce to the friends of Pe-ru-na that I have incorporated such a quality in the medicine, which, in my opinion, can only enhance its well known beneficial character.

"S. B. HARTMAN, M. D."



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