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TO THE VOTERS OF REIDSVILLE

In further explanation of its attitude in opposition to the sale of the Town's lighting plant and franchise, the Town Ownership League wishes to make the following statement of fact to the voters of Reidsville. It considers this question among the most important, if not the most important issue, that has ever come before the town. If a mistake is made it will be a matter of contract binding for sixty years which cannot be reconsidered and corrected when discovered.

Many false arguments are in circulation and there is much misstatement of fact. For example, we are told, and many good people apparently believe, that the business interests, particularly the larger factories, will be greatly injured if our plant and franchise is not sold to the Public Utilities Company; because, as it is alleged, the Town could not guarantee them sufficient electric power, as could the Public Utilities Company. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Under the plan of retaining the plant and franchise and buying current from the Southern Power Company, the Town would have at its command the entire available supply of the Southern Power Company, and the Public Utilities Company could do no more, as its sole source of supply also would be the Southern Power Company.

Under Town ownership and service it is proposed, at first, to put in transformers sufficient to supply 450 horse-power. The present consumption of the town is about 150 horse-power, so that immediate provision is made for a possible expansion in consumption of three times what it is at present; but this can be further increased at short notice to any desired amount within the capacity of the Southern Power Company to supply current, by installing additional transformers and it can be done just as quickly by the Town as by the Public Utilities Company. The Edna Cotton Mills, The American Tobacco Company or any other industry could get one thousand horse-power or any other quantity desired just as readily through town service as through the service of the Public Utilities Company and at just as low a rate. In fact the chances of a very low rate would be best from the town service because the interest in the development of the manufacturing industries of the Town is more

vital to the government of the Town than it could be to a private and foreign corporation. The town could if it chose give a rate at or below cost to encourage industry while a private corporation would be sure to want a profit.

It has been circulated that the Town would have to pay for 450 horse-power whether it used it or not. That also is a misunderstanding. The transformer capacity to start with will be 450 horse-power but the town will have to pay only for the current actually used.

Under the proposed plan of Town service the Southern Power Company will furnish current delivered at the transformers for 1.35 cents per kilowatt hour. The present price to consumers is ten cents per kilowatt hour for light and a variable rate for power, the maximum being six cents per kilowatt hour. If we sell out to the Public Utilities Company the schedule of prices fixed in the contract which the Town binds itself to accept will be at the same meter rate for lighting; but the flat or minimum rate will be higher, that is \$1.00 where it is now only 80 cents. Similarly their maximum rate for power will be higher starting at nine cents per kilowatt hour instead of six cents. This means that all small consumers of power, such in the majority at present, will be charged 50 per cent more for current after selling out than they now pay. It should be understood, furthermore, that these rates, higher on the whole than the Town now charges, will yield an enormous profit to the Public Utilities Company. Under Town service the present lower price for service could be maintained or even materially reduced and the profits turned into the Town treasury. The cost of the current delivered at the transformers from the Southern Power Company will be low, 1.35 cents per kilowatt hour or less, and it is estimated that the entire cost of delivering the current to the consumer, upkeep, office expense and all will not exceed 60 per cent of the gross receipts received from the sale of the current and very likely not over 50 per cent. The gross income from light and power last year, including a legitimate charge for pumping water, in round numbers amounted to \$24,000. The profits of the lighting plant considered alone, were in excess of \$10,000 last year which were used in meeting the deficit in the operation of the water and sewer departments and other necessary town expenses. The water service is a losing business, as it is in every town, and the Public Utilities Company has positively refused to include that service in the purchase.

Reidsville is steadily growing and gross receipts are constantly larger, which will yield constantly increasing net profits from the lighting service. Under the League's plan these increasing profits would be added to the treasury of the town instead of the treasury of a foreign corporation. If the plant is sold the profits will not be spent in Reidsville; the Town will have no opportunity to make special reductions in the price of current to encourage business because it will have sold that right; taxes will have to be increased to meet the deficit in operating the water service, or water rates be again advanced; and to meet

UNDER WHICH FLAG?

All voters who believe in municipal ownership and control of public utilities--thus making it unnecessary to greatly increase municipal taxes to make up for loss of profits now made in the operation of these public utilities--are asked to vote the following commissioner's ticket:

J. ED SMITH
DR. J. W. McGEHEE
J. H. BURTON
W. S. ALLEN
D. A. HENDRIX

All voters who believe in turning over Reidsville's most valuable and profitable utility -- the electric light plant--to an alien corporation and are willing to stand for increased taxes, are asked to vote the following commissioner's ticket:

JOHN F. SCOTT
G. E. CRUTCHFIELD
W. B. WRAY
J. F. SMITH
N. C. THOMPSON

many other expenses that the profits from the lighting service would cover. It should be understood furthermore and this is also a matter of serious importance, that in the event of the sale, we would be solely dependent on their current for pumping all our water both from the creek and into the stand pipe, a service which by the way will cost us at least \$7,000 per year to start with, and if a fire should occur at the same time their electric line was out of commission, we would be in a desperate condition and at the mercy of the flames. For this reason, insurance companies would certainly advance their rates on property and our larger industries would be greatly hurt. This would make it necessary for the Town still to keep up and maintain its steam plant as an auxiliary and running expenses would not be so very much less than at present, but as will be readily seen, all income will be completely cut off.

Reidsville is now only forty years old and before sixty years are passed, may, and very likely will have 20,000 people and the profits of the lighting service correspondingly increased which ought to go into the public treasury and not into that of a foreign corporation. And be it further remembered that after ten years there is no limit to the price the Public Utilities Company may charge. In other words we bind ourselves to them for sixty years, while they are bound to us at an extortionate price for current, for only ten years. We will be selling to them a virtual monopoly for \$30,000 that will immediately yield them forty to fifty per cent on the investment, and within the sixty year period in all probability at least two hundred per cent. And what will Reidsville obtain for this gift? for it is virtually no less. Nothing indeed in service of any kind that could not be obtained as well or better through Town ownership and service.

Is not this a rich and tempting plum for any corporation, soulless as they proverbially are? But the League firmly believes that full information is all that the voters need to promptly squelch at the first opportunity at the polls any such attempt to fish from us for a mere song the only profitable utility the Town has or is ever likely to have.

A number of towns in North Carolina have sold their franchise; but happily much the greater number have seen the truth in time to save themselves. In those towns which buy the current and maintain their own service, as the League proposes for Reidsville, the price to the consumer is much below what it is in those towns where the franchise is sold. In some cases less than half. Ask for detailed information about this.

The League much regrets the necessity of a political fight over this one sided issue so far as the best interests of our Town is concerned, and this is evidenced by the fact that only a Commissioner's ticket is put forward; but determined forces appear unmistakably at work, and the only sure means of defeating this unhappy proposal for the sale of our plant and franchise is by the election of a board of Commissioners pledged against such sale. This is why the League feels compelled to put forward a ticket, and incidentally we believe that it is composed of as able and conscientious a set of men, with interests fully identified with those of our beloved Town as any that could be put forward and worthy of the support of every voter in Reidsville aside from their attitude toward this all important question.

There is no desire on the part of the League to attack or criticize any member of the opposing ticket but it contains the names of men known to be (and are on record) in favor of selling the plant. They are trying to give the impression that selling out should not be made an issue in this election but we have reason to believe, that if elected they will at once take up the issue and vote for the sale. By provision of law it will then be necessary to call an election and submit the question of ratifying the sale to the vote of the people, and in fact, it cannot be so submitted to the people until the Commissioners have first voted to sell and approved the contract. If you are opposed to selling, as we

are confident a majority of the voters are, the holding of an election for this special purpose, would at least be an unnecessary expense. If you are opposed to selling the only sure method is to elect a Board of Commissioners known and pledged to be opposed to selling.

Therefore vote for
JOHN BURTON, J. E. SMITH, Dr. J. W. McGEHEE, W. S. ALLEN and D. A. HENDRIX.
Respectfully submitted,
TOWN OWNERSHIP LEAGUE

THE NEGRO IN THE WOOD-PILE

Those who got out the ticket of G. E. Crutchfield, J. F. Scott, W. B. Wray, J. F. Smith and N. C. Thompson, for Town Commissioners, tell us "that the question of selling the Municipal Electric Plant should be eliminated at this time and not made an issue in the election." Let us see whether they mean what they say and whether or not they are telling the truth. A proposition was made to one of the leaders of the selling out side that if the above named candidates for commissioners would come out publicly and state over their own signatures that they would not vote or make any contract, while serving as commissioners, to sell the town's electric light plant or to grant a franchise to the Southern Power Company or to the Southern Utilities Company that no opposition ticket would be put up, but they refused to do this. WHY? Because the above named gentlemen stand for selling out our electric light plant and granting a franchise, and unless prevented will do so. People of Reidsville, THERE IS A NEGRO IN THE WOOD-PILE. WATCH OUT.
Respectfully submitted,
TOWN OWNERSHIP LEAGUE

THE KNOCKER

Yes; gentlemen, the knocker ye have with you always. He is born a knocker, and a knocker he continues to be till death claims him, and we verily believe he kicks against the last usefulness of the human body--fertilization of the earth, and thus we have the cemetery; the soil robber of future generations.

A deputation of our citizens, men who have an eye open ever to the call of opportunity, made a hurried trip last week to Charleston, W. Va., that lively little town where our government recently decided to locate an armor plant. Speaking with one of these gentlemen upon his return we asked him what struck him most during his stay in Charleston, and his reply was: "I never met a single knocker while I was there. Real estate men boasted the town, and boasted one another. I never met a real estate dealer who, when he learnt that a brother of the craft had sold a piece of land (and they are selling them in hundred thousand dollar lots before breakfast every day) met you with a remark that had a better bargain to offer you. No, in every such case I was met by the frank statement that I had made a good deal. They are the kind of people in Charleston that, if one of them cannot get the business he does does forthwith proclaim the fact that every one else in the town in the same line of business is a thief and a robber, and, if he wants to save his skin he had better go over to some other town, where he will probably find an honest man like himself. Now we have not many of this kind in Reidsville. One is a plenty; an embarrassing plenty and the town would be better without him. You will invariably find that kind of citizen always on the verge of leaving the town out the town is never lucky enough to be able to shake him, and he lives out his life, a curse to himself, and a detriment to his community. There are none of that kind of bird in Charleston, and probably the United States Government took that into consideration when making a decision to locate a twelve million dollar factory."

The knocker--you will know him--is self branded. He does his own advertising, and does it plenty. If a chance occurs to get a factory, he is Johnny-on-the-spot with a hunch that it is all a fake; if a gambling chance occur to put over something by putting a dollar into it, he skirts the

fringe of civilization until the excitement is over; but he is very free with a promise of the town funds to some local institution, when by pledging them he can see a chance to win a few votes in the town election, or by offering this bribe--which in all probability he has no intention of ever making good, for he hates to part with money--secure concessions that otherwise would cost him good dollars as a return for a brief bask in the limelight. He is the incarnation of parsimony--unless there are dollars in sight before sundown, and even then, his greed is a sight to sicken the big hearted citizen.

The knocker is the most ignorant man in the community. He is so ignorant that he does not know that every knock hurts, not only the party he knocks, but his own interests as well. The only place for his breed is in a community set apart strictly for chronic knockers, where, like the Kilkenny cats, who

On pugnacity bent,
Demolished each other to such an extent,
As to leave nothing else but the tails.

he might actually perish like the Dodo and give suffering humanity a long needed rest.

NEGROES WANT REGIMENT ON EUROPE'S WAR FRONT

London, April 3.--America will be represented almost immediately in the field against Germany by a negro regiment, or at the very least by a company, if George Washington, negro doorkeeper at the office of the United States Consul-General, has his way.

Washington asked Consul-General Skinner for permission to start recruiting a body of American negro fighters today. Mr. Skinner is inclined to favor the plan.

Washington was a member of a colored cavalry regiment in the Spanish-American war and says he can easily raise a regiment of negro warriors here.

The enclosed clipping will be of interest to all the people of Rockingham county, but particularly to those of the Reidsville-Ruffin section.

George Washington Mitchell was born and reared near Ruffin, N. C.

When W. R. Walker of Spray, was in Hamburg, Germany in 1913, he, with his family, called on Consul-Skinner who then occupied the United States consulate there. "Wash" admitted the party of North Carolinians and was overheard to remark aside, "Here comes some of my folks!" He immediately took the little five year old daughter under his care and lost no time in discovering that he and the Walkers were once neighbors. He showed the deepest interest in his fellow Statesman and often visited Mr. Walker who was several months in Prof. Deutschman's Angenklinik in Hamburg. He was always eager to secure copies of The Reidsville Review.

He also told Mr. Walker of his leaving North Carolina with the Buffalo Bill show; of traveling all over the world with them until while in Marseilles, France, an epidemic of glanders among the horses necessitated the killing of the entire herd and ruining the management.

Not knowing what to do or where to turn, alone and without friends in a strange land, he applied for advice to Consul Skinner, then located at Marseilles. He was first employed as butler in Skinner's house and later became a valuable member of the Consul's official household.

He had become master of six languages and in those countries where negroes are so rare he was known as "Mr. Mitchell" by every one except the members of the Consul's family and his North Carolina friends.

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