

Newspapers' and Utilities Spreaders of Democracy Declares Noted Journalist

**Economic and Industrial Forces
Rather Than Political, Most Vital
in Service Rendered by Two Agencies.**

(By WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE)
America is lighted with electricity,
lighted more generally than any other
country because of a number of things
vastly removed from electricity.

Public education for one thing
has introduced the newspaper univer-
sity into the home of the com-
mon man. The newspaper reader
has created a demand for the kind
of public lighting service America
requires.

Schools make the demand for
light, and any newspaper or any elec-
tric employe who sets his face
against voting the bonds for a new
school house is just a plain, unvar-
nished dun.

The demand for electric power in
a home is a concomitant of democ-
racy. Democracy, by giving men and
women political power, has developed
a certain amount of economic free-
dom shorter hours, better wages,
self-respecting conditions of labor.
The householder, growing up in
those conditions of self-respect, no
longer is willing to drudge. Hence
the demand for electric power.

And the more democracy we have,
the more freedom we give to the com-
mon man who works with his
hands, then the more light, heat, and
power we are going to sell that man
one way or another. And the news-
paper or the public utility man who
objects to democracy is just biting
off his own nose to spite his own
reactionary face.

We are in for a period of broad-
ening democracy which does not
necessarily mean much politics. The
democracy which really counts in the
world does not mean universal vot-
ing and the use of the political weap-
ons of democracy. The democracy
which really counts has come as the
result of industrial and economic
forces.

Democracy means more in its
economic and industrial phases than
it means in its political phase. For
indeed the political aspects of democ-
racy are merely instituted to secure
the economic benefits of democracy.
Let me illustrate: Twenty-five years
ago the automobile was an aristoc-
ratic institution. It has been democ-
ratized; thirty years ago the elec-
tric light shone only in the proud
windows of the rich. Now electric-
ity has been democratized and light
heat, and power go into the homes
of the workers.

There is no distinction between
the light of the poor man's cottage
and the light of the rich man's
house, either in the rate one pays or
the character of the illumination.
We have democratized electricity as
will have little to do with the forces
democratized the phonograph and
the telephone. Our politicians have
had very little to do with it. They
will have little to do with the forces
which are about to extend democ-
racy further and further into our
lives.

And we who sell service, whether
it be light in the form in which I
sell it, should welcome this democ-
racy and not fear the chatter of the
politicians.

It all comes down to this: We who
are selling service are the distrib-
utors of democracy. It is the man who
sells service the man who makes
well and distributes cheaply the ma-
terial things of this civilization—
that man is the guardian of our in-
stitution.

America is safe and sound. Amer-
ica is impregnable to the assaults of
some inner commercial prescience,
some deep economic intuition, sees
that a great majority of her people
enjoy the blessings of this mar-
velous civilization which American gen-
ius creates. Every time you put
a wire into a bungalow, you anchor
five people to stable government, to
American ideals. Every time you
establish a labor-saving device in
a home, you save that home to democ-
ratic institutions. You run on the
wire which brings them light and
power something strong, something
more than the juice you sell.

No matter what your political prin-
ciples are, no matter what your eth-
ical standards are, you too, who sell
the juice, you who thing you are
merely peddlers of service are mistak-
en. You are something more, some-
thing mysteriously controlled, some
part of the great ethical forces
which are binding modern civiliza-
tion into a great spiritual fraternity.
You are selling, no matter what your
ethical standards are, you too, who
sell the juice, you who think you
are merely peddlers of service are
mistaken. You are something more,
something mysteriously controlled,
some part of the great ethical forces
which are binding modern civiliza-
tion into a great spiritual fraternity.

You are selling, no matter what your
low notions of salesmanship are, you
are selling altruism, brotherhood,
the coming of a new and finer era in
this old world. You and all like you
who sell service to humanity are

priests of a new order, torchbearers
for a new era, agents provocateurs of
a broader democracy which shall not
come through political changes, not
manichations of demagogues, not
in revolution but in the irresistible
evolution which must come from
mass production distributing its
goods commercially, but with eternal
justice among all the sons of man.
This equitable distribution will re-
move discontent, will equalize oppor-
tunity in this world, and will surely
bring to the individual and to nations
peace among men of good will.

SIGNALS AND HEAVY RAIL FOR MACON-FLORIDA LINES OF SOUTH- ERN RY. SYSTEM

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 26.—Carrying
forward plans for the improvement
of its lines between the Ohio river
and Florida, the Southern Railway
System announces that it will install
electric automatic block signals of
the new color light type on the line
of the Georgia Southern and Florida
Railway from Macon to Jacksonville,
262 miles, and will lay 85-pound rail
on 250 miles of track equipping all
parts of the Macon-Jacksonville line
with lighter rail, and the en-
tire line between Valdosta, Ga., and
Palatka, Fla., 134 miles.

Installation of electric automatic
signals between Macon and Jack-
sonville will give the Southern the ad-
vantage of this protective system on
its entire line between Cincinnati
and Jacksonville. The system is now in
service between Cincinnati and Chat-
tanooga and is being installed be-
tween Chattanooga and Macon. All
bridges and other structures between
Chattanooga and Macon are being
strengthened so as to permit the op-
eration of the heaviest locomotives
and longer passing tracks have been
provided to accommodate the longer
trains that will be handled.

Longer and additional passing
tracks have also been constructed be-
tween Macon and Valdosta and be-
tween Valdosta and Jacksonville as
part of the Southern's plan for the
improvement of this line.

National Meet to be Held as Part of Exposition for Eight Days Begin- ning September 4; Many "Thrillers" on Program, In- cluding Night Circus

More than 600 airplanes will take
part in the twenty events to take
place in the National Air Races which
will be held as a part of the Sesqui-
Centennial International Exposition,
in Philadelphia, for eight days be-
ginning September 4. More than
\$30,000 in prizes will be distributed
and trophies annually competed for
will be awarded.

The events will take place from
the Aviation Field, a 260-acre tract
owned by the city of Philadelphia,
under the direction of the Depart-
ment of Aeronautics of the Sesqui-
Centennial Exposition. Howard F.
Wehrle is head of the Sesqui aero-
nautics department.

Night performances, which will in-
clude entries from all parts of the
country, with army and navy partici-
pants, will be a feature of the meet.
Aerial warfare, parachute, an "a cir-
cus" and other stunt flying are
among the "thrillers" to be shown.

Night circuses will be given for
the first time in America. Huge spot
lights will play on the flyers above
the aviation field. Prizes are offer-
ed for fights to the air meet from
distant points. This event is open
only to civilian planes and serves to
demonstrate the cross-country ability
of the craft.

The opening event will be the "on-
to-the-Sesqui" race, which serves to
assemble the participating airmen.
Entrants can start any time after
August 24 and must arrive at the fly-
ing field by midnight, September 3.

The United States Postoffice De-
partment will establish an air mail
service, connecting the aviation field
with the eastern terminus of the
transcontinental air mail at New

Brunswick, N. J., to facilitate the
service between Philadelphia, New
England and Pacific coast.

The meet will take on the appear-
ance of an aeronautic convention, as
designers, inventors and manufactur-
ers of airplanes will assemble to
view the latest developments in the
industry.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned will apply to the
Governor of North Carolina for a
conditional parole for Alonzo Rhodes
who at the June Special Term 1921
Superior Court Polk County submit-
ted to murder in second degree and
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gather for devotions. Thus it will be in Tryon, and thus it will
be throughout Christendom—not merely this week, but on every
Sabbath to the end of your life.

Why?
Here is a force that persists—that surrounds you. The
point is that it is here, present, living.

You cannot possibly ignore it.
What are you going to do about it?
Let's go! When? Next Sunday. Where? To Church.
Which Church? The Church of your preference.

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