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OTHER SIDE OF THAT SPENDING ORGIE

At a time when Federal propagandists are busy "viewing with alarm" the spending orgie of states, counties and municipalities, a series of articles by William J. Ballenger, in the form of an interview with Eli Seebright, former mayor of South Bend, Ind., are most opportune.

The propagandists would have us believe that the states and municipalities are prodigal and wasteful of the people's money while the nation is setting a fine example in economy and pointing the way to a reduction in the tax burden.

Mr. Seebright in his statements shows up both sides and gives convincing proof that state and municipal spending is constructive while that of the Federal government is somewhat at sea.

Comparing the services Federal and local governments, Mr. Seebright says:

"Compare the services of the Federal Government and of the local governments. Just look about you. You can not turn in any direction in which you do not see evidences of the services the cities are performing for you. But you must wander about a long way before you come into contact with the Federal Government.

"The benefits it confers upon the average citizen are of the most illusory, indirect and intangible character. Those conferred by the local government are of the most intimate, direct and tangible character. Of course you see the letter carrier every day but remember you do not get his services in return for your taxes. You must pay out in stamps for everything he does for you.

"But what of your city? It polices your streets and protects your homes; it guards them against fire; it builds and operates schools for your children; it constructs and maintains highways and streets at an enormous expense; it guards your health; it supplies parks and libraries; it supervises your street railways and your public utilities; it collects your garbage and rules your traffic and regulates your buildings; builds and maintains wharves and docks; hospitals for your sick; asylums for your young and old; and prisons for your wicked. At every hour of the day the city is giving back to you in some service a return for the taxes it collects.

"And yet in spite of all this the cities collect very little more than the National Government does."

REMOVE SIGNS AT CROSSINGS

Automobile associations and others enqueued in the work of averting grade crossing accidents can do no better than to encourage the removal of signs at railroad crossings for the prevention of advertising signs at or near railroad crossings.

There should be nothing at or near crossings to cause distraction. When the driver of a vehicle is approaching a crossing, he should have his mind on that very thing and not be reading signs or thinking of something else.

Signs are likely to attract his attention, and though only for a moment, it is at a time when he should be watching for trains and thinking of nothing else.

It is for the safety of the motor driving public that signs at crossings be removed, other than those required to indicate a railroad crossing, and auto drivers and public authorities should co-operate to effect their elimination.

WELL BALANCED TICKET

The 1926 Republican State ticket is regarded as one of the best balanced ever nominated in Michigan by any party. Fred W. Green, for governor, is an outstanding business executive, possessing law education. Luren D. Dickenson, for lieutenant governor, previously has served in that capacity. John S. Haggerty, for State secretary, Frank D. McKay for treasurer, Wm. V. Potter for attorney general, O. B. Fuller for auditor general and Justice E. A. Snow for supreme justiceship are the men well fitted for the tasks for which they have been nominated.

"THE PAPERS SAY"

Mr. Green's statement that if elected he will favor inquiry into the past conduct of state departments is very gratifying.—Adrian Telegram.

The Jackson Citizen-Press observes that the recent Democrat State Convention has hardly strengthened the case for the charges against Mr. Comstock. It says "they might have done better in the way of fashioning a more efficient instrument," meaning the party platform.

In proposing to counsel sportsmen's organizations on certain aspects of conservation, "Governor" Green offers the out-of-does people opportunity for constructive help to the state.—Sault Ste. Marie News.

Indications are that Gov. Crossbeck will have to back down on his charges against Thomas E. Johnson, superintendent of public instruction. Michigan people generally will be of the opinion that the governor was wrong.—Bay City Times-Tribune.

"THE PASSING SHOW" NEW 1926 EDITION

High Speed New York Winter Garden Revue Opens at the Shubert-Detroit, Sunday.

The New York Winter Garden Revue, "The Passing Show of 1926," with dancers in swarms of gay and gay novelties. Speed is the slogan of musical stage this year and the newest Winter Garden Revue has set out for a record in that direction with the production of "The Passing Show" New 1926 Edition, which comes to the Shubert-Detroit Opera House, Detroit, commencing Sunday, October 24. The new spectacle will be a long running first rehearsal to premiere in four calendar weeks, but that doesn't tell the story. Into every day of that period was crammed from twelve to fifteen working hours of all concerned from J. J. Shubert down to the tiniest chorus girl. All for the prestige and profit of beating competitors to the wire in this year's Sweepstakes of the stage.

There is so much of the new "Passing Show" that nearly four hours will be required for the usually large company to pass a given point through 33 scenes and yet it will move at high speed from overture to final curtain. The producers appear to have aimed for a high degree of entertainment in settings of opulent beauty. Instead of spending the stage with stars of international renown, they apparently sought for exceptional performance on the part of every participant, and they succeeded to an unusual degree in this year's New Winter Garden Revue. There will be found the well-known players including Ted and Betty Healey, Walter C. Kelley, Grace Hayes, Bob Nelson, George Anderson, Ruth Gillette, Lola Rains, Gordon Keith, Louise Frazer, Ruth Moore, Oliver Reese, Salt and Pepper Galloway and Gordon, Gayle Moore, Nicholas Grey, Fred Harper, Petterson and Blair, and the famous Winter Garden Beauty Brigade of 100 famous beauties.

Music by Maurice Rubens, Fred Coats, Herman Hupfield and Sam Timberg. Lyrics by Clifford Gray. Dances by Larry Ceballos. Settings by Watson Barratt. Dialogue directed by Charles Judels. Staged by J. C. Huffman, with the entire production under the personal direction of J. J. Shubert.

STARS DIVIDE HONORS AT DETROIT TEMPLE

Helen Mac Kellar, well-known legitimate star, and Ella Shields, London's greatest male impersonator, divide headline honors at B. F. Keith's Temple Theatre beginning Sunday matinee. Miss Mac Kellar, who burst into stardom a few seasons ago at the London Gaiety, plays "The Storm," off-broadway for her vaudeville tour. Elliott Lester's condensation of her stage success, "The Mud Turtle." Miss Shields is a male impersonationist. She portrays three types of men. A swaggering young naval officer, a London "dude" and a millionaire "hobo" with appropriate songs for each characterization. Others billed: Helen Higgins with George Brown, Fred O'Brien and Horace Bentley in a dance flash called "Rainbeaux"; Ed and Tom Hickey in "Two Elegant Gentlemen"; Mel Klee, "The Prince of Wails"; Dances from Clownland; the Six Galenos and the screen subjects.

Flyer Sees Speed of Six Miles a Minute

After attaining a speed of 302.3 miles an hour, an unofficial world's record up to that time, with a 2,200-pound Curtiss racer, Lieut. Alford Williams, United States navy, declared that he believed he could better that rate by nearly 50 miles, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The tremendous momentum was gained by diving from a height of 3,000 feet and then "flattening out" on a straight course.

A drop of 9,000 feet would permit the six-mile-a-minute pace, Lieutenant Williams believes. The racing plane measured 22 feet from wing tip to tip, by 19 feet 8 1/2 inches long and 8 feet 1 inch tall. The material in the wing-type radiators is thinner than the average sheet of paper, and water circulates at the rate of 75 gallons a minute. The propeller is of duralumin. It is not damaged by rain, hail or tall grass and can be bent without breaking.

The cockpit is so sheltered that it would be impossible for the pilot to free himself, but a pull on a wire automatically opens it and allows the aviator to leap out.

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ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the City of Farmington:

In compliance with Act 351, Part 4, Chapter 3, Section 1 on Page 570 of Public Acts of 1925 you are hereby notified that General Election will be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 1926, in every precinct in this County and State of Michigan for all political parties participating therein for the purpose of voting for the election of the following offices:

State and District
Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
State Treasurer
Auditor General
Justice of the Supreme Court (to fill Vacancy)
Representative in Congress
State Senator
Representative in State Legislature.

County
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff

County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
Circuit Court Commissioners
Drain Commissioner
Coroners
County Surveyor
One Road Commissioner

NOTICE—In obedience to Act 351, Part 4, Chapter 3 Public Acts of 1925 the Polls of this election will be opened at 7:00 a. m. at Farmington Town Hall, Eastern Standard Time or as soon hereafter as may be and continued open until 8:00 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

N. H. Power, City Clerk,
Farmington, Mich.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION and REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR SUCH ELECTION

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON:

NOTICE is hereby given that a special City Election will be held at Farmington Town Hall in said City, upon the 15th day of November, 1926, at which there will be submitted to the vote of the electors of the City, the question of ratifying a certain public utility franchise contained in an ordinance adopted by the City Commission at its meeting held upon the 4th day of October 1926, which said ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to acquire, lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places, and to do a local business in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

On the date of said election the polls will be open at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and will be kept open until 8 o'clock P. M., when they will be finally closed.

The City Clerk will be in his office upon the 23rd day of October, and the 30th day of October 1926, said dates being the fourth and third Saturdays, respectively, preceding the date of such election, for the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such qualified electors as shall appear and apply therefor, which registration may be made upon said dates between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

N. H. Power, City Clerk,
By Order of City Commission.

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Section 1. That wherever the word "Grantee" occurs in this ordinance, it is hereby intended to designate, and shall be held to refer to the Consumers Power Company, a corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns.

Rights Granted

Section 2. The right, power and authority is hereby granted and vested in said Grantee to acquire, lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the streets, avenues, alleys, and other public places, and to do a local business in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

Obstruction of Streets

Section 3. No street, avenue, alley or public place used by said Grantee, shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair and shall be restored to the same good order and condition as when such work was commenced. No part of the streets, avenues, alleys or other public places of said City shall be permitted to remain in a dangerous or unsafe condition by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by said Grantee, and it shall be liable for such damage as may be suffered by any person or corporation by reason of its negligence in the use of such streets, avenues, alleys or other public places, and shall save harmless said City from all damage and liability on account thereof.

Section 4. The Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said City for gas, the rates as shown by the schedule now on file in the office of the City Clerk, unless and until the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, to which Commission the authorities and jurisdiction to fix and alter gas rates in said City is hereby granted and conferred, shall fix and establish different rates, in which case the rates so fixed and established, if just and reasonable, shall prevail. Such rates shall be subject to review and change at the end of every ten years' period during the life of this franchise, and at any other time, upon petition therefor being made by either the City of Farmington, acting by its duly authorized representatives or by said Grantee.

Bills Payable Monthly—Meters
All bills for gas furnished by the Grantee shall be payable monthly at its office in said City. The Grantee may charge the minimum rates as specified in said schedule. The Grantee shall also furnish and maintain commercially accurate meters to measure the gas so furnished, and it shall by its representatives, have at all reasonable times, access to the premises of its consumers, for the purpose of reading, inspecting removing and replacing such meters.

Extension of Mains

Section 5. Said Grantee shall extend its mains to said City during the year 1927, and shall commence such work as early as practically during each year. Grantee agrees to install mains, so as to make gas service available to at least one hundred houses in the City of Farmington during the year 1927. Grantee's agreement to perform such work at the time aforesaid, shall be deemed to constitute the consideration and a fair compensation for the franchise hereby granted. It shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said City, and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein, whenever the amount of gas to be furnished thereby shall provide an adequate and reasonable return upon the cost of making such extensions and providing such service.

Franchise Not Transferable

Section 6. This franchise shall not be leased, assigned, or otherwise alienated by said Grantee except with the consent of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, and in the manner and subject to such conditions as said Public Utilities Commission or its successors may impose.

Not Exclusive

Section 7. The right and authority herein granted are not exclusive.

Subject to Rules of M. P. U. C.

Section 8. Said Grantee shall as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said City.

Obligations of Grantee

Section 9. In consideration of the rights, authority and privileges herein granted, all of which shall vest in the Grantee for the period of thirty years, as aforesaid, Grantee shall continue to provide gas service in said City during the term of this franchise and shall faithfully perform all things required by it herein, and such performance by the Grantee shall be in lieu of all license fees and charges of every kind and nature, except lawful taxation upon its property, which the City might otherwise levy or impose. Franchise Grant Subject to Approval by Electors

Section 10. The franchise granted by this ordinance is not subject to revocation, and shall be and become valid and binding only upon its approval by the affirmative vote of at least three-fifths of the electors of the City voting thereon at a general or special municipal election to be held in the manner provided by law. Such franchise shall not be submitted to the electors unless the Grantee shall, within 30 days after the adoption of this ordinance, file with the City Clerk its written acceptance thereof subject only to such approval; and such franchise, when accepted by the Grantee and approved by the electors as herein provided, shall constitute a contract between the City and the Grantee and shall be in force and effect for the term of thirty years from and after the date of the approval thereof by the electors as aforesaid. We hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, duly enacted by

the City Commission or the City of Farmington, Michigan, on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1926.

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