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AN EXPENSIVE LESSON

The future of government-in-business is not so bright as it seemed awhile ago.

The people have discovered something. They have found that the only way their community can build, for example, a power plant, is to float a bond issue. They have found that this requires vast sums of additional tax money—laid on top of already onerous taxes. They have found, too, that when such technical endeavors as power plants are operated by politics, deficits often occur. These, as well, must be paid by the people through increased taxes.

Again, they have found that bookkeeping for a publicly owned utility, not subject to public regulation, is of a curious sort. Pleasant reports are issued, which take little or no account of overhead, depreciation, wear and tear. When the time comes for replacement of broken-down machinery, there is usually no money in the till—and the taxpayer is again called upon.

People are learning by dear experience that when government goes into business in competition with its citizens, they have lost, not gained—that such service furnished them “at cost,” means generally “at cost” to their own pocket books. The proponents of schemes to put government into business never put up the money. They put up the “spill” to oblige the taxpayer, and then they absorb tax funds through countless new jobs.—Geauga Republican Record, Chardon, O.

PARKING ORDINANCE

The one hour parking ordinance, now in effect, may serve several good purposes, but we believe it is ill advised in at least one respect.

Rural residents who work in Chicago are in the habit of parking their cars within a convenient distance of the depot during the day while they are in Chicago. The convenience of so doing seems to be a privilege the village ought not to withhold. As railroad commuters the rural residents are customers of the Chicago and North Western Railway, one of the Barrington's chief taxpayers. If they cannot park their cars in Barrington, they probably will drive to work and cease to be customers of the railroad. These people may cease to be as good customers of Barrington stores, also, maybe taxpayers in the village.

We have respect for the judgment of the present village trustees. No doubt there was some condition of crowded traffic resulting from abuse of the parking privileges. But we wonder if the police will penalize customers of the railroad and of local stores, who are also friends of the village of Barrington, in too broad an application of the revised ordinance which was meant primarily to curb parking hogs.

EDITORIAL SHORTS

Many people know through bitter experience how easy it is to get into debt and how difficult it is to get out of it again. Pay as you go is a good habit to get into; that is, if you can.

It is said that members of the senate consumed 500 aspirin tablets at the expense of the taxpayers during the past year. But just think how many aspirin tablets the taxpayers had to consume because of the senate.

“Every production of genius must be the production of enthusiasm.”—Disraeli.

“No one ever would have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship in the storm.”—Charles Kettering.

Most people are very pleasant as long as you don't try to collect.

Many people admit that honesty is the best policy but the sad commentary is that it often takes an inquiry to make them realize it.

The tactful Mexican artist who painted Lenin on the Rockefeller building would probably paint Luther on the walls of the Vatican.

The chap who asked for exemption from paying an income tax because he had fallen arrears reminds us of the fellow who stopped going to church because the electric lights were taken off the wall and suspended from the ceiling.

The greatest miracle that I know of is my conscience. And if God had been able to work that one, there are none of which He is not capable.—Vincent.

A smile will confidence and friendship, while a frown will lend discouragement to yourself and to your neighbor.

A smile will help your business and costs you nothing.

A smile is a good tonic for any one at any time.

It is not because men like to fish so well but because they are cleaning house at home.

Before the government guarantees all bank deposits it might be well for congress to pass a bill compelling all men to be honest.

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