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Philadelphia's "Low Tax Rate" and Its Gruesome Humor—How the Contractor Issues Bonds to the Citizen and Juggle Municipal Finance to Suit Their Sinister Purposes—The Annual Gas Gouge Explained.

"The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

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"Friends in England frequently ask how we can be doing any good in carrying on the work. Some friends in Philadelphia consent for payment of such sums, some of these I personally believe expect, and has made me cause for a time, yet there was in the depth of my mind a struggle which I never could get over."—John Wanamaker, Speaker.

Better government in Philadelphia is being keenly struggled. The Bonnemeyer administration of a few city offices improves better government and is completely in an anti-Tammany administration town in New York. The real fingers of "The Organization," Philadelphia's Tammany, reaching boldly through a placid minority in Councils and effects another method, are pressing hard on the mortgage. Issues grief off by the people forecasting of better government must cease.

It is another palpable defeat for organized machinery and great hosts of contrary Philadelphia have had the real manifestation of better government. They pay the name. It is for them to pay less for public lands should be organized. Their support about means better government. The mind that was or and of people who had a feel they are sometimes so tired to study a public subject.

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Experienced one read in an advertisement of a [illegible] the acquisition of a certain piece of ground was selling at $1.50 a yard, but argument was made for purchase the land administrator that the price really was $1.00 a yard, only one need not pay the extra 50 cents right away [illegible]

By ordinance of Councils the city has [illegible] the assessed valuation of property at some point for school purposes. The cost of city government in this year should have been $[illegible] (exclusive the joint expenditures for [illegible] according to the city controller, were $[illegible]). But only $[illegible] was laid for current expenses, the controller going to borrow new money and pay the bills. So the tax rate should have been $1.[illegible] instead of $1.50 per $100 of assessed valuation.

Now bearing in mind that the people were to believe the tax rate, comparing themselves to be financially embarrassed, arrangement for means to meet a part of the yearly deficit by borrowing an installment company contracts for statements. This means the merchant selling a piece of the power to every other corporation from selling the same goods to the outside company handled in the first [illegible] transactions.

Now, this an unpopular city expense and was a percentage of every dollar collected for money. The same fate of [illegible] to a genuine appropriation from money of our particular product. [illegible] the [illegible] and our [illegible] allowed [illegible] to the consumers of the method of the city [illegible] and [illegible] $1.[illegible] per $100 of assessed valuation.

Common sense and [illegible] will money and efficiency in [illegible]. Why does a prime manager [illegible] the city of Philadelphia [illegible] and [illegible]? Why are the [illegible] of gas especially [illegible] which [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]?

[illegible] the [illegible] gas [illegible] of [illegible] years. The contract [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]