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M. D. Swarts Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 h day of Nov. 1996.

ALBERT F. HEESS,
My commission expires Feby 27, '09. Notary Public.

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A Glimpse Into the Future of Municipal Ownership.

A Thumb Nail Sketch of a "Practical Politician"-The Profits of an All Around "Servant of the People, Who Seen His Opportunities and Took

"Honest graft" will reach its highest "Honest graft" will reach its highest level when, as predicted by the enthusiasts, the principles of municipal ownership are accepted by New York and the city controls the trolley lines, the electric light and gas works and all the ferries as well as the waterworks and the police, the fire and the size of departments.

Then such patriots as George Washington Plunkitt, for many years organization leader of the Fifteenth district in New York, will reap rewards of greater magnitude than they have ever

freater magnitude than they have ever been able to gather under the present order of things.

Perhaps you have never heard about Mr. Plunkitt's "honest graft" schemes. He told about them himself in a book published hast year, which was introduced by a paragraph indorsing him as a "veteran leader of the organization," signed by its greatest chief.

Plunkitt was sore because there were some objections to graft being made out of the city by men like him, and in the first chapter of his book he uttered a vigorous protest. "Blackmallin' gamblers, saloon keepers, disorderly people, etc.," he admitted to be wrong. That was "dishonest graft."

"But," he added, "there's an honest graft, and I'm an example of how it works. I seen my opportunities and i took isn."

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Mr. Plunkitt's explanation of how he

Mr. Plunkitt's explanation of how he did these things will illuminate the possibilities of ruture municipal ownership days, if they ever come."

After clucidating the ways he was "tipped off" at various times by members of his party—the party in power—when new bridges, new parks, new streets were to be opened, so that he might invest in real estate likely to rise in price from the improvements. rise in price from the improvements contemplated, he adds: "I haven't con-fined myself to land. Anything that pays is in my line," Then he gives a specific instance:

Learning that the city was about to

tell the story best:

"Was I done? Not much. I went to each of the men and said, 'How many of those 250,000 stones do you want?' One said 20,000, and another wanted 15,000, and another wanted 15,000, I said, 'All right; let me bid for the lot, and I'll give each of you all you want for nothin'.'

"They agreed, of course. Then the auctioneer yelled, 'How much am I bid for these fine payin' stones?'

lishmeuts advanced throughout the United States as follows: Compositors, male, 22.30 per cent; press feeders, female, 22.41 per cent; press feeders, female, 21.27 per cent; pressmen, 11.75 per cent.—H. T. Newcomb.

DO YOU OWN A HORSE?

Electric Light Plants Are Like Horses

auctioneer yelled, 'How much am 1 bid for these fine pavin' stones?'

"Two dollars and fifty cents,' says 1.

"Two dollars and fifty cents!' screamed the auctioneer. 'Ch, that's a joke. Give me a real bid.'

"He found the bid was real enough. My rivals stood silent. I got the lot for \$2.50 and gave them their share. That's how the attempt to do Plunkitt ended, and that's how all such attempts end." and that's how all such attempts end." To pay \$250 for a five-year-old horse. That's original cost. If you borgraft's" workings, to enlarge upon the extended opportunities that would come to the men of the Plunkitt stamp were the dream of municipal owner-bushesses. Either way it's interest.

Under municipal ownership of all public utilities in New York—and in most other cities in fact—politicians like Plunkitt, who at different times has been elected state senator, assemblyman, county supervisor and alderman by his fellow citizens, besides serving as police magistrate for one term, and who boasts of his record in filling four public offices in one year filling four public offices in one year and drawing salaries from three of them at the same time, would flourish lke a whole grove of green bay trees.

Go Slow on City Ownership. Until politics in America is purified far beyond its present condition any large experiment in government ownlarge experiment in government ownership may be called a "thief breeder" with much safety. The more authority there is vested in the hands of politicians (with all due deference to our national administration) the more corruption there will be. It is a short-sighted citizen who would take more business out of private hands and compit it to the tonder mercies of the poli-

mit it to the tender mercies of the poli-

Another Plant Abandoned. After many years' trial of its municipal electric lighting plant Alexandria, va., has finally leased the works to a private corporation for a period of thirty years. The lessee paid \$3,500 for the plant, which had cost the city

H. T. Newcomb Gives Facts of Inter est to Wage Earners.

From 1896 to 1904 the average retail cost of the ordinary articles of food used in the United States advanced no less than 17 per cent (16.96, to be more exact)—that is, the purchaser of food for a family had to pay \$1.17 in 1904 for the same quantity and quality of food that \$1 would purchase in 1896. These are official statistics compiled by the highly skilled experts employed by the federal government, and every

by the federal government, and every housewife knows that they do not overstate the advance. Other necessities of life have advanced in cost with approximately equal rapidity.

Unquestionably wages ought, generally speaking, to have advanced somewhat in proportion to the increase in the cost of living. In private employment this has apparently taken place, the average wages per hour reported by the federal bureau of labor being 17.3% ner cent higher in 1904 than in by the federal bureau of labor being 17.36 per cent higher in 1904 than in 1806 and the average weekly earnings 12.76 per cent higher. The advances thus represented are spread all over the country; they characterize every private industrial enterprise and have benefited all classes of workmen employed in private undertakings.

ployed in private undertakings.

How is it with public employment?
A few undertakings conducted under A few undertakings conducted under public ownership employ labor like that similarly serving private employers in the same communities, and in these cases the public rate of wages has slowly been advanced somewhat in proportion to the advance in the wages privately paid. But where any American government, municipal, state or national, is the sole or by far the largest employer of a particular class of labor the advances to meet increased cost of living have been so few that ed cost of living have been so few that the ordinary investigator will be unable to discover a single instance.

Throughout the postal service, among the 25,000 clerical employees at Washington, in the customs and internal revenue services there have been no advances in pay to meet the rise in cost of food, clothing and shelter. The pay of letter carriers, for example, remains precisely where it was fixed

mains precisely where it was fixed twenty years ago by an act approved on Jan. 3, 1887.

The largest printing office in the world is that maintained at Washington by the government, and there the federal government employs a large force of intelligent and highly skilled workingmen. A change in the basis of payment in 1899 from the piece work to the per hoar system prevents comparisons with dates prior to the change, but wages have remained stationary since March 3, 1899, although Learning that the city was about to repaive a certain street and so would have several hundred thousand old paving blocks to sell, he was "on hand to buy," and he "knew just what they were worth." But a newspaper "tried to do him" and got some outside men from Brooklyn and New Jersey to bid agabast him. Mr. Plunkitt's own words tell the story best:

"Was I done? Not much. I went the change, but wages have remained stationary since March 3, 1890, although the official statisticians report that the rate of wages was fixed by statute fully 12.25 per cent. During the same years the wages of printers in private book publishing or job printing establishments advanced throughout the United States as follows: Commositors.

Electric Light Plants Are Like Horses In Some Respects.

The subject of depreciation is well worthy of the careful consideration of those who are prone to ignore that item in estimating the cost of lights supplied by municipal plants. But as more people own horses than lighting plants it may be helpful to consider depreciation as applied to horses.

were the dream of municipal owner-ship to come true. Plunkitt says "most politicians who are accused of robbin' the city get rich the same way" he did. "They didn't steal a dollar from the "They didn't steal a dollar from the city. They just seen their opportunities and took them."

While in the legislature Plunkitt introduced the bills that provided for the outlying parks of New York, the Harlem river speedway, the Washington bridge, the Ore Hundred and Fifty-fifth street yladuct, additions to the Museum of Natural, additions to the bridge, the Ore Hundred and Fiftyfifth street viaduct, additions to the
Museum of Natural History and many
other important public improvements.
He is now a millionaire. Under the
proposed order of things, with city control of everything, he might become a
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provide an adequate depreciation for the life of the proposed order of the provide an adequate depreciation for the provider of the provide an adequate depreciation fund.

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any other feature. y other feature.

This is true of many department stores all over the country.

In many cities there is just one man who appre-

every day with as much zest and pleasure as they turn to

ciates the value of such interest. He breaks away from the old set style. He tells

something interesting in his space every There are lots of interesting things in business. Look over the miscellany page of any paper-look at its local news columns,

its telegraph news, for that matter, and you'll see that the majority of the items are more or less closely related to some business fact.

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down off his pedestal and talk in his ads. He needn't be flippant-far from it,

but let him not write as if he were addressing somebody afar off, and telling him about something at even a greater

The newspaper goes right into its reader's house-goes in and sits down

It is on the table when he eats, and in his hands while he is smoking after the meal. It reaches him when he is in

That's the time to tell him about your business—clearly, plainly, convince 701 Arch St., ingly-as one man talks to another.

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