

He'p, Lawd.

'Possum time done ober,
'Taters all gone, too,
Done sop up all de soghum
Lawd, w'at I gwi' do?
Co'n ben lil po'ly.
Des made a nubbin er two,
Was bleedged ter go a fishin'—
Lawd, wa't I gwi' do?
Cotton iut pay tax,
Grass tek 'e, for such,
Long time twel watermillion—
Lawd wa't I gwi' do?
Pindar mak nuttin but pop—
Dey could't wo'k in de dew—
Rice neber ne heaf out—
Lawd, wa't I gwi' do?
Hog all dead wid chol'ny,
Neber see times sew blue,
'Int got er smell or bacin—
Lawd, wa't I gwi' do?
Muchant won' mek exancy—
Leveled on my ox fer true—
Leveled on all my crap—
Lawd, wa't I gwi' do?
Co-Col' done kill de plum—
La-Lawd, wa't I gwi' do?
Ef--fro--fros' bite de husklebery—
Boo--boo--boo--boo.
—SeVal.

Municipal Ownership.

Experience of Some Progressive Cities and Towns in Getting Water and Light.

From Macon, Ga. News.

It is an easy matter, with the evidence at hand these days to point the way for Macon, in the crisis that is soon to arrive by expiration of contracts in regard to water and light. There can be no question as to the propriety of going into municipal ownership. All progressive cities are going that way and many of them have been successful in the business for years.

Atlanta makes nearly 100 per cent per year in profits on its waterworks and Augusta pays every cent of city salaries, from mayor to dog catcher with its profit from the same source.

Both of these cities have done so well with waterworks that they are thinking seriously of going into the light business. Already each has had plans drawn and estimates made for lighting plants.

Chairman Kent, of the Augusta city council, who is in charge of the municipal lighting plant movement over there, has written a number of letters to mayors about municipal ownership. Most of the replies to his letters are concerning light plants as nearly every city, but Macon owns its own waterworks.

Mayor Horsey, of Athens, in a letter to Mr. Kent, says:

"In reply will say that Athens does not own her power plant, although I think we should, and we are looking forward to making an effort to do so very soon. It seems to me that some of the most important facts connected with this question are, that if it pays private corporations to invest in this it most assuredly would pay the cities, for they would not make such investments unless good profits were attached to them. Again it is as essential for a city to own her electric power as it is her waterworks. There is in all cities a demand

for more lights than they have the money to give, consequently if by public ownership cities can even give a greater number of lights for the same cost, it makes it the duty to do so."

Mr. C. C. McMahon, secretary of the mayor of Mobile, has the following to say on the subject:

"When our last contract with the local company was about to run out we agitated the question of a municipal plant, and went so far as to get up specifications and advertise for bids. The company had a franchise allowing them to charge as much as 25 cents per K. W. H., and now we have an agreement for a period of ten years providing for a net maximum commercial rate of 7 cents per K. W. H. (which is a very low rate) and a municipal rate of \$60 per annum for all night every night arcs for street lighting purposes. They are also to pay us 2 per cent of their gross receipts."

Thomson, Ga., went into the municipal lighting business over two years ago and as a result is now reaping a rich harvest. The city gets its lights free and enough profits are made in addition to paying all interest charges on the light plant as well as the waterworks system. Here is what Mayor Ira Farmer says about it in a letter to Mr. Kent:

In reply will say that we put in a municipal plant in the early part of 1905, and it has now been in operation a little more than two years. During that time it has paid all expenses of operation, paid the interest on the waterworks bonds, and given the town its street lights absolutely free. We do not do as some other towns that operate municipal plants, turn over to the managers of the plant the value of the street lights, but require the plant to give the town its lights free, and make its operating and all other expenses from the commercial lines. This it has been able to do and will continue to do, unless something unforeseen should occur.

In regard to rates charged the consumer, will say that we use the same rate charged by the electric light company of your city.

From the foregoing you will see that we have the benefits of electric lights in our homes, places of business, etc., and only pay the rate you people pay in Augusta, and at the same time we have our streets lighted without taxation—other than what is paid by private consumers for lights."

Ready for the Reunion.

Columbia State: From reports made by sub-committees to the executive committee yesterday at noon it is evident that all preparations for the reunion are in excellent condition and the plans arranged some time ago are being worked out with precision and system. The meeting yesterday was a satisfactory one from every standpoint and when the old soldiers come here on May 7, 8, and 9 they will find a royal welcome awaiting them and everything arranged for their comfort and entertainment.



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