

Escanaba, Michigan, Sunday April 1, 1906.

Turn Out to Polls And Protect Your Best Interests

Vote for A. J. VALENTINE for MAYOR and
Protect the City from the Franchise
Grabbers

The people of this city should inform themselves as to what each candidate for Mayor stands for and then vote for principal. It is admitted that the taxpayers ticket was organized by less than five men not for the purpose of giving this city a pure and decent administration but simply for the purpose of obtaining valuable franchises for nothing. If M. Perron is successful for Mayor he is pledged to give certain people a water franchise and a gas franchise. He will not give any other person, company or corporation a franchise. He is not pledged to give franchises for the best interest of the people but simply to certain persons. Who is doing all the work in this campaign for the tax payers ticket? Do you find any of the candidates doing it? Not one. Who is it? Only the franchise grabbers or their tools. There is not \$5000.00 owned by the whole ring who are trying to obtain those valuable franchises for nothing. They cry pure water but any person with common sense knows that they cannot get capital to invest in this a second water works system. The franchises which they are seeking to obtain for nothing are worth at least \$50,000.00. They do not intend to build another water works system or to improve our gas lighting system. They simply want the franchises as they know they are as saleable as government bonds. What did John Cummsiskey or H. P. Lucas ever do for pure water? It is ludicrous when people stop to reflect upon this question. Will any person vote for M. Perron for Mayor when he stands pledged to grant away your rights and your property without consulting you? Will the people of this city support M. Perron for Mayor when he is pledged to grant franchises to certain people without consulting you or referring it to you? They have selected a person for Mayor who cannot read or write his own name. It does not require any argument to show that any

person cannot fill the office of Mayor without an education. That is a part of the scheme of this ring. They know that it will be necessary for him to call upon some one to do the business.

These same people will tie this city down for the next thirty years with franchises. It simply means an extension of impure water. We now have a franchise existing in this city running to the present water company which COMPELS them to furnish pure water to this city. If you cannot make this company furnish pure water you certainly cannot make two companies furnish pure water.

Vote for M. Perron and you vote for John Cummsiskey. Why is it necessary for them to deny this. Did not John Cummsiskey organize the tax payers party? Did he not make up the ticket? Is he not the tool for this ring? Why are they so much interested in expending their time if they do not intend to get it back out of the people? Do the people of this city expect to see two water companies doing business in this city? NONSENSE. There is not a city in the state even with a population of 50,000 which supports two water companies or can do it. It looks like a conspiracy to rob the people of this city through the head of the Tax payers ticket and if the people do not rouse themselves and go to the polls and vote for A. J. VALENTINE for Mayor, their franchises will be gone.

After placing a cross at the head of the ticket, take a slip and paste the name of A. J. VALENTINE over the name of that candidate for mayor.

If every good citizen turns out Monday for the purpose of doing the right thing and vote for the interest of the people of this city and in accordance with the dictates of their own reason, you will vote for A. J. VALENTINE for Mayor and he will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

What is there to the Report that if M. Perron is Elected Mayor the Street Railway Company will not be forced to pay the \$2300 which it owes the city for its portion of expense of paving Ludington Street.

The Street Car Company has to pay, under its franchise, for the expense of laying the pavement between its tracks. "Besides its entered into a special contract to pay the city for this work which the city did for the company." The bill amounts to \$2300. The city is now suing for that amount. The company is trying to dodge payment. Will the people elect officers who will throw this additional burden onto the tax payers of Escanaba?

AT LAST THE CITY IS SAVED

Three Hundred of the most prominent and influential business men of our city, Barring the Big Four—endorsed and sanctioned the move of the present incumbent when he made up his mind at the Eleventh Hour to run for the office of mayor of our

city. He also has the support of every voter who is looking for his own interest and good government. A vote for A. J. Valentine will be a nail in the coffin to franchise seekers, a vote for A. J. Valentine will be a vote for an honest administration. Let us all go to the polls on Monday to defeat the machine.

Who will be the "power behind the throne" if the Tax payers ticket is elected?

Organized for Special Purpose

Taxpayers Party Organized by Persons for Purpose of Securing Valuable Franchises from next City Administration without Compensation.

The Party Stands Pledged to Grant a Water and Gas Franchise to it's Originators Regardless of the Benefits to the City

It is well-known to all people of the city that the tax payers party was organized by less than five men for the purpose of securing franchises from the next city administration without compensation. The franchise of the present water company has but ten years to run. In other words two-thirds of the life of the franchise has already expired. The older a franchise is the more valuable it is. The shorter a time a franchise has to run before it expires the less valuable it is. Franchises are valuable property. They can be taxed the same as any other property. A water franchise running for 20 years in a city the size of Escanaba with its prospects for the future is worth at least \$50,000.00. As soon as it is obtained by any person or corporation it can be sold without doing anything under it, for many thousands of dollars. Under the guise of pure water the tax payers party proposes to give away this franchise to the persons who organized the party and are running it today. The stench became so strong in the nostrils of the people that the candidate for Mayor found it necessary to come out in a written statement to the people repudiating the campaign manager who is simply a tool for the so-called water company. People do not know it, but as a matter of fact there is no new water company in existence and no steps taken to form one. It is simply a myth. Not a candidate on that ticket has done a thing to advance the cause of pure water. One of the great fights that the people have in nearly all of the cities of the United States is to keep their franchises from being given away without consideration. Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, is a good illustration. He is fighting the franchise grabbers with all the ability which he possesses. The people are supporting him. The present water company has a franchise which compels them to furnish pure wholesome water to this city. If they fail and neglect to do it as they have, take steps to annul the franchise and put them out of business. If the people do not want to adopt this course and want to

be furnished water from artesian wells, let them elect candidates who will carry out their will and in doing this not favor any person or corporation, but have only one object in view—the best interest of the city. The only object that the tax payers candidates have in view is this unborn new water company. This same company also wants a gas franchise and if they are successful in securing a water franchise for nothing there is no reason why the same company will not receive a gas

franchise and the people will wake up some morning and find all their rights gone with their hands in empty pockets. They have appealed to nationalities and are waving the red flag of impure water in the eyes of the people for the purpose of diverting their minds from the real issue. Do not be deceived in this matter. The people can obtain pure, wholesome water in their own way. "Artesian well water" is a deceptive term. It is only used for the purpose of obtaining franchises for nothing and not for the purpose of furnishing the people of Escanaba pure and wholesome water. Do not tie down your hands and the hands of the next generation after you are dead with franchises which were given away without compensation. There ought to be some remuneration. If the people do not want any remuneration for these valuable franchises they ought at least be ready to let all persons, companies and corporations have an opportunity to at least make a proposition. Vote this time for whom you know to be safe and who can read every franchise. Vote this time for principle and as to what the candidate represents.

There is a great issue before the people in this election. The people cannot say afterwards that they were deceived in this election. The originators have been too bold. They have called meetings; the people have refused to respond. The issue in this campaign is the granting of franchises for nothing. Shall we grant franchises without proper remuneration? Do the people want to grant franchises at all? If so do they want anything to say about granting them? Do the people want a voice in these matters. That is the issue. Is the Taxpayers party is successful, the people will have no voice. In fact as in name the same parties will do the granting and receiving. That is what the Taxpayers party was organized for.

One thing can be said in favor of the Taxpayers party. The originators have let it be known what it was organized for. They have been bold about the matter so that after election if their candidate is successful the people will be to blame for electing them.

Vote for Abe Valentine and you wont have to apologise for living in Escanaba.

According to our emigration laws, no man can be admitted to our country who cannot read the constitution of the United States in his own language. Will it be said that Escanaba does not approve of that?

THE NEW WATER DEAL

If you have one bad boy who keeps you tired spanking him, you dont try to remedy matters by praying for another one like him—only worse. Yet that's the way the Taxpayers party is trying to remedy the water question.

If we can't make one company comply with it's franchise, where would we be with two, companies with about identical franchises? Dont think for a minute that the parties who have employed an attorney to prepare this franchise and who are trying to elect M. Perron mayor in order to get the franchise passed intend to build the plant. It would cost \$200,000 to do that. Where

is the money coming from? Its not coming from anyone who is asking for the franchise, the whole bunch would have to sell everything they owned including their false teeth and dress suits in order to raise any substantial part of \$200,000

They want to get a franchise for nothing and sell it to home outside bonding company for \$30,000 or \$40,000 and divide the profits.

That \$30,000 or \$40,000 belongs to the people of Escanaba.

Dont elect men who will give it away.

THE CHICAGO CONTRACTS

The contracts for paving Ludington street WERE prepared and signed in Chicago last May." This was done because the Barber Asphalt Co. attorneys were there. It did not cost the city one cent extra and saved two or three weeks time. MAYOR VALENTINE READ EVERY WORD IN THE CONTRACTS BEFORE HE SIGNED THEM AND DID NOT HAVE TO RELY ON ANY ONE ELSE. They were the best paving contracts the city ever had.

The contracts for paving the other streets were drawn in Escanaba by the same attorney who will draw all the city contracts if Mr. Perron is elected." These were the most unfavorable contracts the city had. It does not make so much difference WHERE contracts are drawn as it does WHO draws them.

If Mr. Perron is elected Mayor, you all know WHO WILL SIGN THEM—WITH A RUBBER STAMP.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

People who are seeking valuable franchises or other rights from the people without paying for them necessarily must have the support of corporations and persons who are in the same business. There is important litigation now pending in the courts between the City (People) of Escanaba and the Escanaba Street Railway Co. The company refuses to pay for paving between its tracks. The officials of the Street railway know that there is no way to escape the payment of this claim except to enter into a partnership with the taxpayers party. It was a part of the

party that the Attorney for the Street Railway Co., would be appointed City Attorney if that party was successful. It can be put down as a certainty that the attorney for the Street Railway Co., will be the City attorney if the taxpayers ticket is successful. Of course an Attorney can not represent the City and a corporation which is in litigation at the same time. A person cannot have two masters. Elect the taxpayers ticket and it means many thousand dollars out of the Treasury in the City in this one matter alone. Will the people be fooled?

No Machine.
No Gang.
No Party to grind out franchises.
Vote for A. J. Valentine on slips.

The party known as the Taxpayers are circulating a sheet in which they claim that a vote for Valentine is a vote for Smith by this action it may be plainly seen they are trying every means conceivable to accomplish their ends. Citizens of Escanaba will not be led to the polls to vote on Monday for Perron or Smith on the Strength of such an assertion. As they have watched the Valentine administration and signified willingness to support the present incumbent on slips.

Mark a cross in the Circle at the head of your ticket, then paste the slip "Abram J. Valentine over whatever name for Mayor that is under the circle.

The people have at last become alarmed for the future welfare and honor of the city and prevailed upon Abe Valentine to allow the use of his name as a candidate for mayor. They know where he stands and what he stands for, and that he is fully qualified to read and judge every document affecting the city.

Can the people of Escanaba afford to accept a candidate for mayor who cannot do this? Can we afford to go backward for the sake of satisfying vanity?

A PROBLEM IN ARITHMETIC

In case H. P Lucas and his assigns—principally his assigns—gets a water franchise.

Selling price of franchise to some bonding Co.....	\$35,000.00
Cost of franchise, outside of campaign expenses..	00,000.00
Net profit to H. P. Lucas, and his assigns and attorneys.....	\$35,000.00
Net loss to people of Escanaba.....	\$35,000.00