

Filipino race. I doubt if education will take this out of them.

"The islands are a good place for an American with capital, and for skilled American mechanics. Skilled mechanics are quite sure of employment, while there is practically no opportunity for the American laborer. This is largely due to the fact that it is impossible for people not accustomed to the climate to perform heavy labor."

MAYOR JOHNSON'S WAY.

Mayor Johnson championed the newsboy and the huckster at the meeting of the board of control Monday. Director Salen presented a substitute for the ordinance introduced into the council last week by Councilman Schmoltdt, requiring hucksters and peddlers to furnish a bond in proportion to the amount of business and equipment they had.

The substitute measure offered by Director Salen provided for a \$10 tax on hucksters and peddlers. Only on payment of the tax and by conforming to the regulations of the ordinance could they use the city markets. Director Salen explained that the money thus raised would be used to clean the neighborhood of the markets which were kept in terrible shape by the hucksters and was a heavy drain on a depleted street-cleaning fund. Farmers had to pay a \$10 tax to use the market space, he said, and the city hucksters should be obliged to do the same.

Twice Mayor Johnson interrupted the reading of the ordinance to champion the rights of newsboys. The first time it was about a clause which barred all sellers of any kind of wares from the market unless, they were licensed. The second time it was a clause which prohibited the crying of the wares offered for sale or the making of noise calculated to attract purchasers. A special clause was reached at last, however, which exempted the newsboys from the provisions of the ordinance and the mayor dropped that phase of the question.

"Well, I am not satisfied with this ordinance anyway," he remarked at the close of the reading. "I am willing to vote for an ordinance which will provide for the licensing or any means of identifying hucksters to prevent frauds, and I would not object to the charging of a nominal fee for the license, but I am opposed to the city making revenue out of peddlers. It is the worst ordinance in that respect that I have heard of. If the city needs money to clean streets, raise it by taxation; don't pass the hat."

"We are going to vote for the ordinance anyway," remarked Lapp.

"I guess I have the last say at it," retorted the mayor with a laugh. The ordinance was referred to the law department for a report in one week. —Cleveland Plain Dealer of Jan. 14.

Superintendent Bemis yesterday completed his arrangements for protecting the intake at the old waterworks crib from anchor ice by the injection of steam into the water taken in. A 50-horse power boiler was shipped to the crib and the experiment will begin at once. The plan is a new one comparatively, although it has been tried with success in Milwaukee.

Anchor ice is a serious danger and has always been to the waterworks systems of cities along the great lakes. At Cleveland the mouth of the intake has been choked more than once by the tiny needles of ice which formed deep down in the water and then massed together in a solid dam. During the winter season of nearly every year it has been necessary to send divers down to the mouth of the waterworks tunnel or to employ tugs to churn the water above in an effort to break up the anchor ice.

This has been expensive as well as dangerous, as the risk was always present of the temporary shutting off the city's water supply.

Superintendent Bemis believes that with steam injection the whole problem will be solved. A double steam pipe has been thrust into the waterworks tunnel running clear to the mouth or intake. The inner pipe will convey the steam and the outer will prevent the direct contact of the cold water and condensation.

Right in the face of the flood of cold water pumped into the intake will be injected the hot steam which will spread itself throughout the wave, raising the temperature of the whole a trifle.

"The difference in temperature between anchor ice and safety to the intake is only half of one degree," said Superintendent Bemis yesterday. "I believe this attempt to solve the problem will be a success." —Cleveland Plain Dealer of Jan. 15.

"JOHNSON'S EMBARRASSING WAY."

Mayor Tom L. Johnson has an embarrassing way of putting politicians on record on important public questions, which has proved very annoying to certain "leaders" in Ohio. All

last year he tried to get the republican officials of the county in which Cleveland is located to vote for equal taxation as between the corporations and individual property-owners. They refused to make any change, whereupon Johnson accused them all of having been bribed by railroad passes, a charge which they did not deny. While these politicians had their own way about taxation, they had placed themselves clearly on record for the big tax dodgers and against the people. One result was that in November Cuyahoga county elected democrats, pledged on a Johnson platform, to all the county and legislative offices, for the first time in over 30 years.

The mayor is now preparing to administer the same dose to the legislature at Columbus. Republicans there will either have to pass tax reform legislation or go on record against it, which, up to date, has proved fatal to the political fortunes of the candidates who take such chances. Mr. Johnson has also introduced a bill to confer on municipalities the right to issue bonds with which to raise money to construct street railways, wherever such action shall be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the electors. This is in line with the three-cent fare ordinance just passed by the Cleveland city council, in which it is provided that the people of Cleveland may purchase the street railway plant at any time by giving six months' notice.

It so happens that Senator Hanna and Boss Cox, who in large measure control the Ohio legislature, are both extensive owners of street railways in Cleveland and Cincinnati. How these shrewd leaders will avoid being placed embarrassingly on record by the clever mayor will be a game worth watching.—The Buffalo Courier of Jan. 13.

"I tell ye, old Basswood Corners hain't dead yet by a long shot!" remarked Uncle Jackson, on returning one evening from the post office. "Within the last two days, as I heard to-night, Jed Sailor traded his roan mare to Ab Tuttle fer a Holstein cow and calf; Jake Heckman sold off his personal effects on the public square yesterday; Deacon Smith traded horses with a feller over in Mudsock; Eben Marlow traded his muzzle-loadin' shotgun ter Dug Todds fer his old hound and pups; and Bill Warty has hired out to the livery stable fer \$20 a month. Ter my mind such a showin'!"