

State are fully exacting, in fact, what public service corporation created by this body has ever submitted to the reasonable restrictions imposed, while enjoying to the limit all privileges granted?

Consider your railroad companies, these public highways that with the same hand offer us inadequate service, demand unreasonable rates therefore; and so it is with all public service corporations, mere creatures of this body that they are, they acquire every privilege that the cunning of their attorneys can devise and the unblushing effrontery of their projectors demand and in return, are guilty of furnishing poor service at high rates.

Who has ever heard of a street car company giving every passenger a seat and charging less than the legal limit for a ride, or of paying its fair share of the taxes? Who has ever heard of a gas company furnishing good gas at less than the highest legal rate, or of paying its fair share of taxes? And so it is all down the line.

Gentlemen of this body, the watermen of the Chesapeake say to you "Control the creatures you have already legislated into existence. Show your good faith by controlling for the public weal the quasi-public monstrosities that were conceived in former sessions of this body and which in their grasp for gain, stint labor and throttle industry, and then with cleansed hands and no suspicion of ulterior motive, come to us, and we will willingly say in the beautiful and expressive language of Holy writ, "Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find," the brave, hardy and generous watermen ever ready to concede any point for the public welfare.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Dodson,

A bill entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, section 46 of Article 72. of the Code of Public General Laws, title 'Oysters,' sub-title 'Locating Oyster Lots.'"

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries.