

of various councilmen in search of easy work at high prices. The lists were padded with a number of laborers far beyond the needs of the plant. So many were there that had all the employees stood shoulder to shoulder room could not be found for them on the grounds of the plant. Some favored ones only turned up on pay day, and all such made voluntary contributions to the party in power. Coal was bought from favored firms only. The residual tar and ammonia went to a single firm. Coke the same way. There was a secret blanket account of \$100,000 a year and a large expenditure for ice, matches, drugs and horse medicine. Small and rotten mains and service pipes were left unrenewed, causing a leakage of 30 per cent. of the gas manufactured. Antiquated machinery was kept in use at great loss to save expenditure. In place of public gas lamps, light was bought at high prices from gasoline and electric lighting companies. These were private concerns, in which councilmen and their friends were interested."

BANKRUPTCY.

Carlyle, in one of his brilliant essays, says: "Great is Bankruptcy," "Honor to Bankruptcy." "Ever righteous in the great scale,