

### **A Monopoly for Twenty Years.**

Whatever else the city may do, it is certain that it will not submit to a lighting monopoly for twenty years at monopoly prices, especially when no sufficient light is furnished by the monopolists. Public lighting is a convenience upon which the comfort of the people depends, and cheap commercial lighting is a business and private convenience of the utmost importance. Neither of those conveniences is now properly supplied, and the lighting question must not rest, and will not rest, until some satisfactory solution is reached. The Friedberg combination will never be permitted to dictate terms to the city. That combine must give better service or stand aside. Their pretensions must be repudiated and their illegal twenty year contract disregarded. That contract is monstrous in law and reason, and the claims founded upon it are baseless.

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