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BRING IN THE WATER!

The scarcity of water in the business district as well as in outlying parts of this city is causing considerable unfavorable comment. It is dangerous too, for in case of fire to any of the buildings deprived of their water supply, the consequences would be very serious. The question is, what can be done to remedy the evil? Grumbling accomplishes nothing of itself, and the fault does not lie at the door of the city authorities.

One cause of scarcity is the willful waste of water by its users. Taps are allowed to run in sinks and other outlets. Water is used extravagantly on lawns and sidewalks. The regulations issued by the Superintendent are ignored. The more some people are warned not to waste water or use it for more than the allotted time, the greater seems their desire to let it run lavishly and long.

The Mayor has issued his proclamation as authorized by City ordinance, limiting the sprinkling of lawns and yards to each Tuesday and Friday, in the upper district between 7 and 10 p. m., and in the lower district from 5 to 7 p. m. If this regulation is complied with, the needed pressure at other times will be restored, measurably at least, and the danger from scarcity will be considerably lessened.

But this proclamation will be of little avail, unless its provisions shall be enforced. There are many people who will pay no attention to it or will treat it with defiance. They should be prosecuted and punished. Good citizens should not be backward in giving information to the waterworks department, of flagrant violations of the ordinance and the proclamation.

In view of present conditions, what is to be thought of obstructionists who are seeking, by means of any trick that can be resorted to and any petty technicality that they can discover, to hinder the consummation of the plans by which the Cottonwood waters can be brought into the city, and furnish a full and permanent supply for the inhabitants, and even for a much larger population than this city has at present?

Who, except a few plotters against the peace and welfare of the public for personal ends, cares whether the great water plans shall be completed under a Democratic or a Republican or a mixed administration, so long as the end is achieved and the city is saved from the probability of a water famine? The work for its accomplishment should go on vigorously and speedily, in spite of every petty outcry, and stupid objection, and malicious misrepresentation raised by factional opponents. Push the project forward, and let it be finished as soon as money, work and brains can bring it to a satisfactory conclusion!

HO! FOR THE BOULEVARD!

There seems to be a good prospect for the completion of the boulevard, so long in contemplation and interest in which has been recently revived by the Commercial club. That body has succeeded in raising more than half of the sum required for the work, the city will build the viaduct in the canyon necessary for the success of the project, and with the aid that may be expected from public-spirited citizens, and people who expect to use the splendid driveway for all kinds of equipages, we may reasonably anticipate the subscription of the balance required. When that causeway is completed, this city will have one of the most beautiful carriage roads in the country. The view therefrom will be magnificent, and every citizen will be proud of it, while visitors and tourists will make it the talk of the land. Hurry up and gather in the shekels, and then forward the work without delay. Hurrah for the boulevard!

BENEFITS ACHIEVED.

One of the benefits to the Salt Lake public from the passage of the ordinance, consolidating and extending the franchises to the Utah Light and Railway company, will commence to be felt today. Ticket books of fifty rides on the streetcars with transfer privileges will be issued from this date at Two Dollars. That means a four-cent fare on the extremely long distances covered by the streetcar system, and until the population largely increases a continued lack of dividends for the stockholders in the company.

The reduction in the rates for incandescent lighting is already in effect, and is another benefit to the citizens arising from the new franchise. It will or ought to be duly appreciated, with the further results from it which the city will gain in free light and power furnished by the company.

All these show what an excellent bar-

gain the city obtained in passing the ordinance referred to, and when it is considered that, in addition, the city secures without the cost of a dollar and without litigation the valuable water rights belonging to the company, ceded in the terms of the franchise, the Mayor, the City Attorney and the councilmen who, against formidable opposition secured these great advantages should receive the commendation of every sane and public-spirited citizen.

When the small population of this city is considered with the great area it covers, entailing great expense both in construction and maintenance, reasonable people will concede that we have a remarkably good and cheap lighting and streetcar service, and should join with numerous visitors in praising, instead of complaining against the Utah Light and Railway company.

MORE LAND TO BE HAD.

Many also registered for a chance of drawing a prize in the Utah lottery will, inevitably, be disappointed, the applicants being so much more numerous than the valuable homesteads. In many cases the disappointment will not be very keen, because they never intended making their homes on the reservation. In other instances the failure to draw a chance to locate will be more serious. Several home-seekers, some of them aged, came long distances, from Ohio and other eastern states, and if they draw blanks, they will, no doubt, feel the loss of time and money.

Home file home-seekers who may not obtain land this time, should be reminded of the fact that there are other chances. Just now the Texans are advertising that on Sept. 1 an area of 8,000,000 will be placed on the market for the benefit of that class, at the price of \$1.00 an acre, and higher, and a long period of time to pay up. The lands to be disposed of are part of the school fund domain. They are situated in every section of the state, the larger portion being close to the western and northwestern frontier. When irrigated, these lands are said to be of exceptional fertility. All qualities of land are represented—grain land, cotton land, sugar and fruit and rice land, as well as oil and mineral land. And this is not the only opportunity.

In Oklahoma and Indian Territory the Indian lands are to be leased for agricultural purposes, the rental to be ex-acted ranging from 75 cents to \$2.50 an acre. About 500,000 acres are available under this plan.

It has been predicted that the time will soon come, when Uncle Sam has no more land to dispose of for homesteads, but that time is not yet at hand.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

When the governments of Russia and Japan, at the suggestion of friendly powers and more especially of the United States, agreed to send delegates to Portsmouth for the purpose of discussing peace terms, it was generally accepted as a foregone conclusion, that the Czar had decided to accept reasonable terms, and make peace. Even the pessimistic utterances of M. Witte, on his way to this country, were regarded as a shrewd move on the diplomatic chess board, to tone down at the outset the Japanese demands. This opinion was perfectly natural, in view of the disasters that have overtaken the Russian army and navy; the revolutionary agitation at home; the attitude of French money lenders, refusing credit; and the sentiment in Europe and America, in favor of peace. But it appears that M. Witte stands on the dignity of the country and refuses to consent to the payment of an indemnity, as well as the cession of Russian territory. He is, in other words, perfectly willing to buy peace at the expense of Korea and China, as long as Russian property is but slightly involved. His attitude in this respect is rather surprising, since his government could not be ignorant of the fact that the Japanese would make an indemnity and the cession of Sakhalin among the chief features of the peace treaty. It was not necessary to come to Portsmouth to learn that. Japanese ministers abroad had long ago intimated these conditions, almost semi-officially.

We can hardly believe that Russia is seriously thinking of backing out now, and taking the risk of having to consider still more humiliating propositions in the future. M. Witte, in all probability is playing to the galleries, in this instance occupied by the various civilized nations of the earth, for the purpose of exhibiting public sentiment in favor of his country. Hence, no doubt, his ostentatious attendance at church; his un-Russian clamor for "publicity" of the proceedings of the congress, and his sensational accusation of the Japanese of ulterior, sinister motives. M. Witte hopes that Russia's interests can be served by making the terms of her opponent appear excessive. And this is, we hope, the only motive for the refusal to consider the indemnity and the land question. Japan on the other hand, must appear to make Russia unreasonable, and even arrogant, in her rejection of the terms offered, and if these are moderate and fair, the object will be gained. The world holds Russia responsible for the war, and considers that Japan is entitled to the fruits of victory.

In a few days it ought to become clear whether the peace negotiations have been entered into in good faith or not, by Russia. If the war is to go on, the party that is responsible for the failure to arrive at an understanding, will have the sentiment of the world to combat as well as the army of the enemy.

IN BAD TASTE.

The famous Chicago preacher, Dr. Gussakus is reported as having paid the following tribute to President Roosevelt, all the more remarkable because woven into a Sunday sermon: "The one man of the world who matches Jesus Christ in seriousness of purpose, in purity of life, is the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt." We can hardly be mistaken if we say that to President Roosevelt

felt himself such senseless gush must be extremely distasteful. President Roosevelt is a man endowed with a great deal of common sense. Consequently, he knows how meaningless is that comparison. It is really an insult, too, for it insinuates that the President is not free from the contemptible weakness of character that made tyrants of old times upon the hypocritical eulogies of the parasites that used to flit around thrones and crowns. Dr. Gussakus' ideal Christ must be considerably below the biblical standard, which makes Him the image of the Father, the person in whom all the "fullness" dwells. How can he preach salvation, if his savior is not "lifted up" above the life of a weak mortal? Mr. Roosevelt is a splendid specimen of American manhood and an excellent president, fulfilling the duties of his high calling conscientiously, and with success, but in reference to the Son of God he, as all other men, must retain the place of a humble disciple, not an equal.

The sharpest man has his blunt points.

One of the stamps of civilization—a red two-center.

The older lambs on Wall Street are beginning to look sheepish.

Capt. Torgart has apparently discovered that wedlock is a padlock.

It generally takes a derelict to raise a laugh out of the Standard Oil people.

To the fashionable physician an automobile is often more essential than skill.

It takes a run of hard luck to bring a man out—at the knees and elbows.

Once in awhile some of these current newspaper stories get a head at the expense of the tales.

Those astronomers who watched the eclipse of the moon last night were space reporters.

It is as easy to get wool from a hydraulic ram as to get inside information on this peace conference.

And now China has boycotted the Standard Oil Company's products. Will Tom Lawson claim the credit?

Some National Guardsmen seem to interpret Milton to the effect that they also serve who only stand and kick.

Wasn't it Benjamin Franklin who said, cracks, china, and reputation are easily cracked and never well mended?

The fact that M. Witte donned a light overcoat yesterday morning does not of necessity imply that he was getting cold.

No man ever realizes how attractive his home is until he offers it for sale and reads what the real estate agent says about it.

If Rockefeller gives that \$50,000,000 to the Chicago University, President William Harper will have occasion to develop into a regular gusher.

According to press dispatches, J. Pierpont Morgan brought 127 pairs of trousers home with him from London. Breaches of trust, so to speak.

Former Statistician Hyde of the Department of Agriculture writes Secretary Wilson that he cannot return to the United States until he has seen a specialist. Legal or medical?

"Thirty-two million pounds of plug tobacco are said to have been made during the past year in a single town in North Carolina," says the Boston Transcript. Now then, all together, ex-pertorate.

The numerous friends of Bishop George Romney will join with us, in offering him cordial congratulations on reaching the seventy-fourth year of his active and useful life. His family and descendants, with a number of invited guests, assembled in the Twentieth Ward annex to do him honor last evening on the occasion of his birthday; and the love, esteem and appreciation of his sterling worth and faithful services to the Church of his choice then expressed, gave evidence of the sentiments entertained towards him. We unite with them in wishing him many more years of life, health, prosperity, and the confidence and affection of a host of relatives, friends and acquaintances.

"IS THE CAUCASIAN PLAYED OUT?"

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
"Is the Caucasian played out?" was the question put by Bret Harte after recounting the nefarious conduct of Ah Sin during the "game he did not understand." Avoid the same query suggests itself among others, on reading that Lord Selborne, British high commissioner for South Africa, has received a grievance committee of the Transvaal Miners' association asking for more protection for white miners. Protection from whom and what? Disease or untamed Kaffirs or foreign business competitors? Not a bit of it. The white miners in the Transvaal ask to be protected against the Chinamen recently imported by thousands to take the place of native blacks.

THE DICKENS SPELL.

Waterson in the Louisville Courier-Journal.
The Dickens spell did in a generation the work of centuries. It descended into the hearts of the people. It cheered the weary. It inspired the well-to-do. It made the fairy world and peopled it with angels. Everywhere its influence may be seen; on every hand its monuments rise to God. Who shall wonder at the "Dickens revival?" Even as one crying in the wilderness he spoke, and it is something more than the echo of his word which stirs the rich to action, and wakes the drooping spirit of the lowly and the poor in all lands, but most of all in England.

LAWYERS.

London Saturday Review.
I have seen something of legal practice on both sides of the Atlantic, and my opinion is that our profession would gain immensely by combining the two

branches, pretty much as they are combined in the United States and Canada. It is obvious that the solicitors would profit by such an agreement. They would have the right of audience in all courts and the opportunity to qualify themselves for promotion to the bench. In America the young lawyer goes into an office, where he makes his merit known by steady attention to business. There will always be two kinds of lawyers—those who stay in their offices, dealing directly with clients and attending to matters of routine, and those who advise on points of law and argue cases in court. These two orders of men are clearly distinguished in America, but they work together as partners, to the great advantage of the client.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

Kansas City Times.
The rumors of a new alliance between Great Britain and Japan may be timed with reference to its effect on the peace conference now in progress, but it is not necessarily a fiction designed to influence the negotiations. In fact, it is more than a plausible report. Great Britain braved sweeping criticism in entering into a compact with Japan when the fighting strength of the little nation was an unsolved problem. Certainly, having passed through the fire of abuse with entire composure, only to find its foresight vindicated by the success of Japan against Russia, Great Britain is now more anxious than ever to strengthen the bonds with the leading power in the Far East. Japan is bound to have an ally, or several of them, and so far as Asiatic interests are concerned it is better for a nation to be Japan's ally than to be on the other side of the proposition.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The list of contents of Appleton's Booklovers' Magazine for August is as follows: "The Mill of the Fin Gods," a story, David, "The Passing Guest," a poem, Duncan Smith; "The Master of the Norfolk Hunt," a portrait, Charles Hopkinson; "A Biological Enlightenment," a story, Melville Chater; "The Vireo," a poem, Abigail James; "The Turtle Doves," a story, H. B. Marriott Watson; "The Reckoning," a serial story, chapters 4 and 5, Robert W. Chambers; "Some Visits and Adventures, 1797-1819," extracts from the Journals of a Friend of Washington, Lafayette H. Latrobe; "What We Know About the Sun," Waldemar B. Knappert; "The Passing of Joe Reed," a story, Berkeley Smith; "The Question of Our Speech," an address, Henry James; "A Motor Trip Through Normandy," Kirke La Shelle; "Absence," a sonnet, Helen A. Saxon; "Old Dixie Goes," a conclusion, Lloyd Osbourne; "An Old Playbill," reminiscences, Barton Hill; "The Fiction of Our Foreign Trade," Harold Bolcer; "What the Carriers Library Does for Tuskegee Students," Booker T. Washington; and "Current Reflections," Edward S. Martin—D. Appleton & Co., New York.

"Waiting for a Bite" is the title of the front page picture of the August American Boy. This number contains an account of the American Boy day at the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Or., with pictures; and also of the celebration at Bedford, Pa., with a group picture. These fine continued stories, "For the Mikado" and "A French Frog and an American Eagle" increase in interest. Among other charming features are "The Boy Who Works and the Boy Who Shirks," a few of the larger articles are: "The Oldest School in America," being a historical description of the Boston Latin School, "Lesson Clutches," "Easier to Supply a Good Manager than a Good Office Boy," "A Remarkable Boy," "The Boy Who Works and the Boy Who Shirks." The various departments of the Boy Mechanic and Electrician, Stamp, Coins and Curios, The Boy Photographer, Boys as Money-Makers, Order of the American Boy, and Tangles, are all replete with good things. There are over 75 illustrations.—The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

The August Four-Track News opens with a delightful article, entitled "The Call of the Wilderness," by Richard A. Haste. "The Rejuvenation of Jones," by C. R. Harvey, is a description of a canoe trip on the Genesee. J. Frederick Lovejoy tells the story of "The Tip End of Cape Cod," "Below the Grand Canyon" is one of George Wharton James' interesting articles on the land which he is so familiar; "With Washington at Newburg," by B. H. Dean, tells the important story of Washington's life during the most exciting period of the Revolution. There are many other features of equal interest. The illustrations are especially fine, and possess a great deal of life and human interest.—East and West, New York.

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