

CITY'S WATER IS MUDDY, BUT DON'T WORRY OVER IT

Caused by Open Winter—Cheer Up! Some Day It Will Be Clear.

The reason the water all over New York is so muddy and offensive in appearance that nobody cares to drink it is that there is a freshet in the Croton water shed. This is official, coming as an explanation from G. W. Birse, chief consulting engineer of the Water Department, who to-day told an Evening World reporter that he is surprised at the number of complaints coming to the department. As a solace to the perturbed stomachs of the citizens, he says it is his opinion that New York water is really more healthful than mineral waters. It is as ambrosia compared to the fluid of Lake Michigan, drunk in Chicago, or the yellow mess from the Mississippi inflicted upon St. Louis.

From the wilderness of Westchester to Battery Park every faucet has been pouring forth a mixture that looks like a cross between chocolate and bog water from the County Mayo. Above Central Park the chocolate appearance predominates. Below the park the water is of various degrees of opaqueness. And the only explanation for this is the same explanation that applies to the rise in the price of locusts—the open winter.

There is really nothing to be alarmed about, said Engineer Birse in his office on the fifteenth floor of the Park Row Building to-day. "We have had an open winter and very little ice has covered the streams in the watershed. Then we have had a great deal of rain recently. Last Saturday the rainfall measured three inches, and this caused a freshet. It brought down mud from the hillsides and stirred up the soil in the streams.

Now, there are no settling reservoirs north of Central Park. That is, there is no great receptacle in which this water may be allowed to stand until the mud and silt settle. That is why the water further north, you go in the city the more muddy the water is. When it enters the aqueduct it is brown and dirty looking as it comes fresh from the streams. "In the Central Park reservoir it has a chance to settle somewhat. The reservoir has a capacity of a thousand million gallons and an amount used from it daily is about two hundred million gallons. Thus we calculate that most of the water drops to the bottom of the reservoir has had about four or five days to become clear. Of course this isn't sufficient to make it crystal in appearance, but still it is only a peculiar opalescent white.

"There is no danger of disease from this water, whether it is muddy or clear. Of course some people have a prejudice against it. But they can easily remedy that. At my home I use filters of custom flannel. The flannel is made into a bag with the fuzzy side inward and is tied over the faucet. Water running through this is cleared of mud and looks only a little milky."

MILITARY HIGH MASS.

Imposing Service to Be Observed by the Irish Volunteers.

The First Regiment of the Irish Volunteers have accepted the invitation of the Rev. Father Hoyal to participate in the military high mass next Sunday at 10.30, at the Church of St. Francis de Sales, Ninety-sixth street, between Lexington and Park avenues.

The festival of St. Patrick will be celebrated by the Volunteers at the Grand Central Palace on Saturday night. The moving pictures of Irish life, which will be exhibited on that night, have been taken in Ireland exclusively for this occasion. The most prominent men of the race in New York and vicinity have been invited. There will be a dance after the review and vaudeville.

PEABODY ESCAPES; THREE ARE KILLED

New York Man Rescued from Wreck on Delaware and Hudson.

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 8.—George Foster Peabody, millionaire banker and prominent Democrat, narrowly escaped death last night in a wrecked passenger train of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, bound from Rutland, Vt., for Troy, in which three were killed and three injured.

While held up by a disabled freight train ahead, near Saratoga Springs, the passenger train was run down by the Montreal Flyer, approaching from the rear. Two passenger cars of the Delaware and Hudson train were telescoped. Firemen dragged Mr. Peabody through a broken window, and then searched for others. In the fourth seat in front of where Mr. Peabody sat were found Mr. Charles Edmond, of Gansevoort, and her seven-year-old daughter, Gertrude, both of whom had been crushed between the seats. Both died early to-day.

Mr. Peabody, a traveling salesman, of Buffalo, caught in the same way, was instantly killed.

Of the injured, Frank Cardes, of Albany, is in the Saratoga Hospital with internal injuries. The doctors think he has an even chance of recovery. Frank Tere, of Albany; Nelson M. Varney, of Sandy Hill, and Berton B. Bowney, of Saratoga, bruised and suffering from shock, were taken to their homes or cared for by friends.

Mr. Peabody was on his way to visit Spencer Trask. He said that he attributed his escape to an act of Providence.

The engineer of the express had been warned to look out for the local train, but, owing to slippery rails, due to rain, was unable to slacken speed before crashing into the train.

HUDSON RIVER OPEN.

Close of Navigation for Twenty-six Days Marks a Record.

Navigation on the Hudson between New York City, Newburg and Poughkeepsie is opened after being closed only twenty-six days. This is sixty-six days less than last year, and marks one of the shortest winters on record, as reckoned by interrupted navigation.

The river still has days of danger by floating ice, but at Dobbs Ferry and vicinity enthusiasts have sailed and used motor-boats during the entire winter.

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LOST PURSE ON CAR, HAD MAN ARRESTED

Pocketbook Was Found but Manager Butler Was Locked Up on Mrs. Brant's Charge

Mrs. Catherine Brant, the pretty young wife of a Western railroad manager, who is stopping at the Hotel Margaret, in West Forty-seventh street, to-day appeared before Magistrate Whitman in West Side Court to prosecute Jesse J. Bettler, New York man, manager of a hit automobile concern. She had Bettler arrested yesterday on a Sixth avenue car after missing her pocketbook. The purse was found, it is said, as Bettler was being led away from the car, but in spite of this he was locked up. He was discharged to-day.

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