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Deep Waterways Plans. We have already referred to the halcyon project of the Mississippi Valley boomers to supersede all existing arrangements, eliminate the United States army engineers, and stimulate the creation of a new department, the Department of Public Works, with a seat in the Cabinet, an impressive portfolio, and a purely civilian machinery.

Retiring or pension system for Government employees appear to overlook or disregard the fact that a large part for such a purpose must be drawn from those whose yearly income is less than that of the beneficiaries of the proposed system.

The special danger in any such system is, once established, it will grow to indefinite proportions. A fixed age of retirement would take some, and perhaps many, whose work is better done than that of not a few of their juniors.

for the falling of the ceiling of his room upon him where it was alleged that the accident was due to negligence or the want of reasonable care on the part of the landlord. It was said in that case that "the defendant's duty is not to insure his guests but to see only that they do not suffer from the want of reasonable and proper care on his part."

It is a logical outcome of the duty on the part of an innkeeper to take reasonable care of the persons of his guests to hold that such care must extend to the food which is furnished for their consumption. This is the doctrine of the oyster case just decided in England.

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