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The Water Supply.

A woman taxpayer writes to The Journal to inquire who are the individuals who are so persistently anxious for our health as to favor the issue of filtration bonds and what evidence is before the public that the filtration proposed and the cost of the same are right.

The people who are chiefly solicitous are the physicians of the city. They have done more to promote the cause of filtration than anybody else. Their warning would seem to be worth considering. They tell us that unless we improve our drinking water supply we are going to pay for it some day in many lives sacrificed to neglect.

The evidence before the public that the filtration plans proposed and the cost are right is that of experts selected by the city council consisting of the present city engineer, a former city engineer and a non-resident sanitary engineer of national reputation.

As to whether filtered water delivered thru the present dirty mains will stand the test when drawn out, the flushing of the mains would doubtless cleanse them, also, as the inquirer admits, they must be dirty from carrying the present supply.

There is nothing to prevent anyone who wishes from filtering water in his own house as used. The trouble is not many people will do it, and as to the use of an unlimited supply of naturally filtered water, we are not aware that it is an unlimited supply.

New York complains of a chorus girl famine. They do get pretty hungry about 12 o'clock.

Weeding Out the Fake Mine.

While it is still the privilege of the citizen who will invest in mines to throw his money over the transom, it is no longer necessary to do it. The American Mining congress has established at Denver a bureau of inquiry thru which information may be obtained concerning mine prospects.

The American Mining congress is a national organization of mining men whose directors are men of national reputation. It is working for a department of mines and mining in the national government, and for the enactment of laws in various states making the concealment or misrepresentation of any material fact regarding a mine prospect for which stock sales are solicited a criminal offense.

The Pension Roll.

The New York Tribune records what it calls the "ebb tide in pensions." The list, despite an average loss by death of about 50,000 names annually, has remained stationary at a little under 1,000,000 during the past eight years.

The great expansion of the pension system dates from 1890, when congress passed the dependent-pension law. The pension roll on June 30, 1890, contained 537,944 names. Under three years' operation of this law it rose to 968,000, and has now begun to drop off again.

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The most noteworthy fact about the pension list today is that it has gotten out of politics. There is no longer any clamor about the country being eaten up by the pensioners. The expenditures in that direction go directly back into the channels of trade.

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with an enormous task and has acquitted itself with remarkable credit. If there is any excuse for dissatisfaction, it is not on the part of those who imagined the bureau was going too fast, but with the veterans' who knew it was going too slow to put financial help between them and wait. Yet the bureau could not go any faster than it has with all the safeguards thrown by the law and its rules about the examination of applicants.

The survivors of the civil war who will soon march thru the streets of Minneapolis have the satisfaction of knowing that they at least have out-lived the alumnus which formerly attacked the pension roll. The services of their comrades to the country which are being very modestly recognized by the government are more and more largely appreciated by the rising generation of Americans.

Washingtonians are trying to make the capital city a great jobbing center. Something of that kind has been suspected there for some time.

Russell Sage and His Relatives.

Unless the late Russell Sage's will shall prove a pleasant surprise to his numerous relatives, there is likely to be a contest of the will. A lawyer who has been "retained" has already discovered that Mrs. Sage employed a man named Reilly to go about with Mr. Sage as a bodyguard and that the business of this man was to prevent Mr. Sage from talking about changing his will.

If Mr. Sage started any such foolish talk it was Reilly's chore to switch the conversation to stocks or the weather, the two topics on which Mr. Sage would talk fluently. "Many witnesses" will be brought to prove that Reilly had Sage under his thumb, so to speak. It will also be shown that Mr. Sage, during the last four or five years of his life, was really of unsound mind.

This will be a great shock to Wall Street, which had not noticed any falling of powers on the part of R. E. Sage during the last excitement in the street, when the rate on call loans went up to about 95. Mr. Sage, the somewhat enfeebled physically, managed to get to his office and, opening the strong box, let out several millions, for which he received about double in return.

There was no evidence of falling mind or tricky memory, for Mr. Sage had a distinct recollection of one man who had failed to make good on a loan in '79, and him he turned down without a cent.

But when a man makes a will and disposes of his property to suit himself his mental capacity is more closely examined into than when he gets married, or even when he runs for office.

F. W. Martin of Beloit, Wis., has just paid \$3,000 for Lord Bacon, the highest price ever given for an American-bred hog. It is a pity that Mr. Donnelly is not here to enjoy this triumph.

Voting Machines.

While the city council would not have been justified in investing \$100,000 in voting machines at this time and thus equipping the city fully in this particular, it might profitably lease a few machines for the purpose of testing them and determining by trial whether any machine has yet been built which will meet all the emergencies of our primary system, and if so, what machine it is.

There is some merit in the complaint of the representative of one of the voting machine companies, that the council have not given the manufacturers a fair hearing.

The fairest trial of a hearing would be a trial in an actual election and two or three machines would have been enough to make a fair test.

It is true there is no crying demand for any kind of a machine. We are doing very well with our Australian ballot system applied to the primary as well as the general election, but we are paying a lot of money for the privilege of casting our ballots according to the present method.

Mr. Hearst's Checker Board.

The New York Sun goes on record with the prediction that the next governor of New York will be a democrat, and that the next president of the United States. This prediction seems to leave out of account the settled security of Mr. Bryan as the next nominee of the democratic party.

There is no possibility of Mr. Bryan becoming the next governor of New York. Nor is there any certainty that New York will have a democratic governor. Mr. Hearst will either get the democratic nomination or he will run on his own platform as the candidate of the Independence league.

People who are calculating upon the moves of Mr. Hearst in politics must give up the idea of confining him to the democratic checker board. He has enlarged the board to one hundred squares and is playing the Polish game. From the democratic party as at present constituted, Mr. Hearst can hope for little preferment.

He might hope for some republican help. There are many men in the republican party who would not follow it in the next campaign if its candidate were known to be lukewarm on the question of pursuing the big rogues while intensely hostile to the infraction of the statutes against petty offenses.

When you find that the dollar is not so strong and does not go so far as it formerly did there may be some consolation in the exact statistics. Dun's index figures show that the buying value of the dollar you pay now to the buying value of the dollar you borrowed a year ago as 98.213 is to 105.216; so much have prices increased in the year past.

Mr. Compers is going to knock out Mr. Littlefield of Maine because that congressman has not always voted in accordance with the orders of Mr. Compers' distinguished organization.

Of Gorman's army of 15,000 men engaged in slaughtering natives in South Africa, 2,120 have been killed, 1,000 have returned to Germany as invalids, and another 1,000 are in the field hospitals.

The insurance scandals cost the New York insurance companies a matter of \$250,000,000 in 1905, as compared with the previous year, and if it had not been for Paul Morton it would have been \$10,000,000 more.

Nine wagon loads of San Francisco relief whiskey are missing, and the foreman of the grand jury declares he will trace it if he has to subpoena General Greely. Is the general suspected to that extent?

Senator Dryden testified on the stand that his ability commanded his \$65,000 salary. As president of the company, Mr. Dryden passes on his own ability, and so sets a modest figure.

The editor of the Kingman, Kan., Journal, who came out in low-necked shoes and peak-a-bog stockings, complains that his dog bit him. Here was a dog of good taste.

Rochester, N. Y., is considering a subway. Thank fortune that there is outdoors enough left here so that we do not have to travel in a wormhole to get anywhere.

Banana flour is being recommended by eastern physicians for dyspepsia, but it is doubtful whether banana flour as a cure can ever overtake bananas as a cause.

Kipling's great poem will have to be rewritten by some good parodist: "On the road to Oyster Bay where the politicians play."

Chicago has taken off her last cablecar. New York still has some horse ferries on, and we suppose there are rope ferries on the Schuylkill.

The Drago doctrine that we shouldn't be forced to pay our bills will never meet a cordial reception in the Grocers' association.

Chelsea, Mass., has an aldermanic graft investigation on. And the postoffice was just about to give Chelsea up as a dead one!

Mr. Cleveland's gout is a little better, but he does not feel sure enough of himself to lead the singing for Bryan.

With Mr. Hearst abroad, Boss Murphy feels like declaring New York in a state of extraordinary security.

If Salvador and Guatemala have any more fight in them let them turn loose on the mosquitoes.

There are a good many people now who know the douma was going to get it.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES.

This year's convention of the American Civic association will be held in Milwaukee in October. A day will be given to San Francisco, when former Mayor James D. Phelan will read a paper on "San Francisco's Opportunity and How She is Using It."

Lakota, N. D., would know wherefore it was darkening when other cities of lesser name and fame are electric lighted.

Kenosha, Wis., now paying \$78 a lamp for 300 lamps, figures that a city plant can be erected and thoroughly equipped for \$17,000, operated for \$12,000 annually, and the cost per lamp reduced to \$40.37.

Detroit, Mich., whose park board cuts and puts up ice-velocity water for its own use, is figuring upon enlarging the plant to supply ice to the people thru the city water department. Kansas City is moving in the same direction.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- JULY 26. 1471—Pope Paul II. died. 1765—Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat, born. Died Feb. 24, 1815. 1785—New York ratified the federal constitution. 1863—Surrender of Morgan, the guerrilla leader, at New Lisbon, Ohio. 1866—Laying of Atlantic cable finished. 1874—Many lives lost in floods at Pittsburg, Pa. 1882—George Francis Train completed 100 days' fast, subsisting on chocolate. 1887—Haukeaus, president of Santo Domingo, killed. 1893—W. R. Merriman, governor of Minnesota, appointed director of twelfth census. 1905—Paul Morton elected president of Equitable Life Assurance society.

Minnesota Politics

Buckman Has the Organization, but Lindbergh is Working Up a Counter Organization in the Sixth District. Where an Interesting Struggle is Assured—Senator Wilson Files for Another Term.

Sixth district politics are at the boiling point. Prominent republicans from various parts of the district, who have been in Minneapolis and St. Paul this week, agree on one thing. They all say that the congressional contest between the Buckman and Lindbergh is going to be one of the tightest and most interesting in the recent history of the state.

Buckman has proved his qualities as a fighter in two previous campaigns, and but for his abilities as an organizer and a mixer, he would be left at the post in the present campaign. He has a good organization, and while it has been broken up in some sections of the district, he has been busy since returning from Washington, and has succeeded in patching up his fences in places where they were worst broken down.

There are more leading republicans in the district, however, enlisted in the fight against Buckman than ever before, and the present contest is more hostile. There is a pronounced feeling against the congressman, a good deal stronger than he had to face two or four years ago.

It will be a wonder if this does not overcome his organization at St. Paul. It will if anything like a full vote is registered. Lindbergh's problem is to build up an organization in each county and voting district, which will see to it that the votes come out his way.

He has a number of speeches, and will also spend considerable time in each county, meeting as many individual voters as possible. He has never made a speech in the district, but is making a favorable impression wherever he goes, and seems to take to the political game like a duck to water.

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Politics in Hennepin

A neighborhood gathering of South-east Minneapolis citizens was held Tuesday evening at the residence of Professor H. F. Nechttrieb, 905 Sixth st. SE, to talk legislation—Minnesota over with B. H. Timberlake, who will soon file for renomination to the house.

The discussion was entirely informal, and especially on university questions. Mr. Timberlake reviewed the work of the last session, including the passage of the Perley bill removing the university from the board of control. He expressed the opinion that the university people should always be frank in asking for what they want from the state, and should state exactly what they want in plain language, so the legislature may act with full understanding of the facts.

A number of the ninth precinct supporters of Benjamin G. Sheldon in his candidacy for alderman from the second ward have organized a committee of 200 voters in that precinct to push the campaign. The committee is representative and covers systematically every section of the lower end of the ward.

Michael A. Gerber, alderman of the first ward, is the most envied politician in the city. There are no indications now that he will have any opposition from fellow democrats for the nomination or from the republicans for election. In this event his campaign expenses will be limited to the two filing fees, and will not exceed \$15 unless he chooses to expend more.

The Gerber baths have made the alderman the most popular man in the ward, and the general opinion is that no one will undertake to oppose him either at the primary or the general election. The first ward democrats work together nicely. There is a tacit agreement that the Germans shall have one-half and the Irish another.

John Ryan holds over so Mr. Gerber should have nothing to fear from the Ryan following. He is said to be entirely satisfactory to the German contingent. A member of the campaign committee made the prediction that the nomination of Mr. Gerber would be unanimous.

"Mike" Gerber is almost as popular among the republicans as among the democrats. One of the leaders in the ward, a former candidate for alderman, said that there was no use in trying to beat him. There was not a republican in the ward who could expect to land, and if the party should put a man forward, it would simply be as a matter of form to make the municipal ticket complete.

The Sixth Ward Republican club will hold a meeting tomorrow evening in Hegna hall, Cedar avenue and Two-and-a-half street. The principal address of the evening will be by T. J. Caton, who will talk on municipal ownership. Other speakers who are on the program are W. E. Bustin, W. D. Washburn, Jr., H. Hall, G. P. Wilson, G. Merrill, Henry C. Hanke, J. W. Stokes and others.

MISS VINCENT TO SING

POPULAR SOPRANO WILL GIVE SEVERAL SOLOS WITH BAND ACCOMPANIMENT AT LAKE HARRIET TONIGHT.

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Half Fare to State Fair

Secretary E. W. Randall of the Minnesota State Fair has received the official notification of the reduced rates for coming fair from the northwestern railroad companies. The Chicago lines, which belong to the Western Passenger association, had already made their announcement, but the Soo Line, Great Northern and Northern Pacific, which are independent, had not formally declared themselves. Their action completes the usual half-fare arrangement for the Minnesota State Fair and brings into touch with the fair the people of three great states—Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota—and those of large parts of Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota—and those of large parts of Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and northern Michigan.



The rates on the Soo line will give people half-fare to the Minnesota State Fair, from every point on the entire system, from Sault Ste. Marie on the east to Fort on the west and Emerson on the north. The Northern Pacific rate goes west to Dickinson and the Great Northern to practically every point on the system in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Half rates will be given from Sept. 1 to 8. By starting on Saturday, Sept. 1, or on Sunday, everybody can reach the city in time for the opening day, Monday, Sept. 3. Tickets are good returning on until the Monday following the fair.

Railroads

BIG SYSTEMS HEAD FOR MILWAUKEE

NEW LINE OFFERS CONNECTIONS AND TERMINALS.

Burlington, Wabash and Illinois Central Roads Said to Plan Trackage or Traffic Relations with Milwaukee Southern, Which Is to Construct Air Line to East St. Louis.

Milwaukee, July 26.—That Milwaukee may be placed on the direct lines of the Burlington, the Wabash and the Illinois Central systems, which is expected to be a probability, providing the Milwaukee Southern railway succeeds in building to this city and securing a desirable West Side terminal, was the subject of a conference with the Burlington system, in company with an attorney, said to have been held to ascertain as quietly as possible just what terminal property the Milwaukee Southern controls in this city.

This information, it is said, is desired by the officials of the Burlington preparatory to the consideration of a proposal to enter Milwaukee over the lines of the Southern from DeKalb or Rock Island, Ill., in connection with an agreement to which the Southern would be a willing party.

The Southern is the road which proposes an airline from East St. Louis to Chicago already secured a right of way into this city.

COAST ROADS TO EXTEND

Portland Has Hopes of Securing Gould Lines.

Portland, Ore., July 26.—The Oregonian today says that the Corvallis and Astoria and the Astoria & Columbia River railroads will be extended south and east from their present terminus. The first will probably be extended to Ontario, Ore., and the Astoria & Columbia to Nevalam and Tillamook, Ore.

It is said that this move is preliminary to a conference with the lumbermen of California, Nevada and Oregon, a road running from Reno, Nev., to Alturas, Cal., near the Oregon state line. This, according to the Oregonian, would insure the entrance of Gould's new line, the Western Pacific, into Portland.

CHARGE FOR WEIGHT

Minimum Lumber Rate Is to Be Modified Again.

Altho minimum weights will not be less than those provided in the present tariff, representatives of the transcontinental lines in session at Chicago will make a conference with the lumbermen on the subject of a basis for charges on shipments from north Pacific coast points to the middle west. This will eliminate the possibility against which the lumbermen have been contending, that because of a lumber weight in the car which it was impossible to load.

The supplement to the tariff, providing that the weight of lumber be in weights according to the cubical capacity of cars, originally was to go into effect June 1. Later it was amended, after a conference with the lumber shippers, making the schedule effective July 1, and now it has been decided to make it operative Aug. 1. The supplement, as amended, is better as far as it is now stated, because it will guarantee that the cars will be loaded to their capacity.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Yellow pine from states south of the Ohio has begun to arrive in Minneapolis in large quantities. Altho some of it goes into the hands of the lumbermen, it will be especially the tariff is unfavorable to shipment of this pine to places outside of the Ohio valley, and against western lumber. A drop of a thousand is in force.

DUSS' CONCERT TONIGHT