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PROPOSALS. Office of Constructing Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Washington, Md., January 28, 1908. Sealed Proposals in triplicate will be received at this office until 2 p. m. March 3, 1908, for furnishing and installing Screens Doors and Windows in buildings at Fort Hunt, Va. Information regarding plans and specifications may be obtained at this office and intending bidders will be furnished them upon depositing the sum of \$5.00, which will be refunded upon return of same. Proposals must be marked 'Proposals for furnishing and installing Screens at Fort Hunt, Va.', and addressed to the Constructing Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Washington, Md., jan31 feb3 4,5,29, mar2

Office of Constructing Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Washington, Md., January 28, 1908. Sealed Proposals in triplicate will be received at this office until 2 p. m. March 3, 1908, for the construction of Macadam Roads, Brick Gutters, Concrete Abutment, Catch Basins, Railroad Track, and the Resurfacing of Roads at Fort Hunt, Va. Information regarding plans and specifications may be obtained at this office and intending bidders will be furnished them upon depositing the sum of \$5.00, which will be refunded upon return of same. Proposals must be marked 'Proposals for Constructing Macadam Roads, etc., at Fort Hunt, Va.', and addressed to the Constructing Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Washington, Md., jan30,31, feb3,4,5,29, mar2

Office of Constructing Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Washington, Md., January 30, 1908. Sealed Proposals in triplicate will be received at this office until 2 p. m. March 3, 1908, for the construction of one double barracks building at Fort Washington, Md. Information regarding plans and specifications may be obtained at this office and intending bidders will be furnished them upon depositing the sum of \$5.00, which will be refunded upon return of same. Proposals must be marked 'Proposals for Constructing Double Barrack Building at Fort Washington, Md.', and addressed to the Constructing Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Washington, Md., feb4,5,7, mar2,3

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Artesian Wells. The theoretical explanation of the phenomenon is easily understood. The secondary and tertiary geological formations often present the appearance of immense basins, the boundary or rim of the basin having been formed by an upheaval of adjacent strata. In these formations it often happens that a porous stratum, consisting of sand, sandstone, chalk or other calcareous matter, is included between two impermeable layers of clay so as to form a flat porous U tube, continuous from side to side of the valley, the outcrop on the surrounding hills forming the mouth of the tube. The rain filtering down through the porous layer to the bottom of the basin forms there a subterranean pool, which, with the liquid or semiliquid column pressing upon it, constitutes a sort of huge natural hydrostatic bellows. Sometimes the pressure on the superincumbent crust is so great as to cause an upheaval or disturbance of the water. It is obvious, then, that when a hole is bored down through the upper impermeable layer to the surface of the lake the water will be forced up to a height above the surface of the valley, greater or less, according to the elevation of the level in the feeding column, thus forming a natural fountain of precisely the same principle as that of most artificial fountains, where the water supply comes from a considerable height above the jet.

A Perfumed Caravan. Everybody knows how subtle, penetrating and permanent is the rich perfume of attar of roses. The larger part of the world's supply of this delicious scent is made in Persia, where there are many hundreds of acres devoted to the cultivation of roses for this purpose. At certain seasons of the year long caravans of donkeys, laden with attar, and under guard of soldiers to protect the rich booty from attacks by robbers, journey from central Persia to the little port of Bushire, whence it is exported to Bombay. Other donkey trains similarly escorted proceed to ports on the Caspian sea, which, after Hindustan, are the largest consumers of the costly luxury. When the wind is in the right direction the approach of one of these caravans is announced by the scent long before it can be seen, and the line of its progress can be traced by the odor for days after it has passed by.

Pirates of the Caspian. The Turcoman dwellers in central Asia are terrible robbers. They are also slave dealers, selling all the prisoners whom they make in war or in their thieving raids. Besides plundering by land, they carry on their evil work by water, for they have a number of pirate ships on the Caspian sea which lie in wait for Russian and Persian vessels. They seize all the goods on board these ships, and the unfortunate crews are sold into slavery. The chief markets for slaves are Khiva and Bokhara. Sometimes they have a difficulty in finding purchasers for all their captives if these have been numerous, and they have been known to dispose of a Persian prisoner for a sum equal to 18 pence of British money. They keep many slaves to till their fields and treat them most cruelly.—London Answers.

The Crack in the Plate. There was company to dinner at Nellie's house in South Broad street, and the diners were enjoying the first course, which consisted of oyster soup. Nellie made away with hers for some time in silence until she had nearly cleaned the plate, when she suddenly paused and, looking at her mother across the table, said in a stage whisper: "Mamma, what you fink? Dere's a hair in the soup!" "Hush, Nellie," said mamma, frowning. "It's nothing but a crack in the plate." Nellie moved the bowl of her spoon back and forth over the supposed crack and then exclaimed triumphantly: "Kin a crack move?"—St. Louis Republic.

A Diplomatic System. "To what, sir," we asked a middle aged, happily married man recently, "do you attribute the success you have made of your married life?" "It's a bit of elementary wisdom, my son," he replied. "When my wife is in the wrong, I agree with her, and all is well. When she is in the right, I argue against her; she emerges triumphantly, proves me foolish, feels good all day—and again all is well. Learn this, my son, 'ere you marry.'"—Cleveland Leader.

An Oversight. "I want to pay this bill," he said at the hotel bar, "but I think you have made a slight error here in my favor. I've been reading over the extras, and I cannot find that you have charged anything for telling me you thought it might rain." "Probably," explained Mrs. Kadley. "I wonder why that woman is watching me so?" "Probably," replied her husband, "she's trying to find out why you are staring at her."—Exchange.

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REPORT NOT TAINTED

Civic Federation Investigators Not Influenced by Subscribers. Professor Parsons, an M. O. Member of the Commission, Denies That Corporation Contributions Had Any Influence on Its Report—Resents Newspaper Criticisms.

Professor Frank Parsons, president of the National Municipal Ownership League, was recently interviewed by a representative of the Boston Herald in regard to the testimony before the public service commission in New York to the effect that the Metropolitan Securities company had contributed \$15,000 to the expenses of the commission which studied the problem of municipal ownership here and abroad. "The testimony before the commission," said Mr. Parsons, "contained nothing that in any way reflects on either the Civic Federation or the committee of investigation. The sensational elements presented by the press were read into the case by an erroneous interpretation of some of the facts stated in the evidence in connection with some remarks of August Belmont in relation to the investigation.

"A large part of the funds were contributed by various corporations and industrial interests, the Metropolitan company among the number, and Mr. Belmont is quoted as saying that the result of the investigation was very satisfactory. Some newspaper men put those two facts together and concluded that the corporations had got what they expected and paid for. "As a matter of fact, however, Mr. Belmont's remark meant merely that the work had been thoroughly done and a valuable mass of facts brought out. How far wrong is the impression that corporations contributed had any influence on the character of the report, summing up the investigation, are signed by every municipal ownership member of the commission. "Another fact which has a strong bearing on the case is that the supervision of the engineers and experts in Great Britain and the disbursements of all the funds across the water were entrusted to Dr. Milo R. Malbia, now a member of the New York public service commission and well known as a writer strongly favorable to municipal ownership.

"The truth is that the idea of investigating municipal ownership took form in the Civic Federation as early as 1900, or long before Mr. Belmont became president of the federation. "About half the funds, or over \$40,000, was raised by scattered subscriptions from persons all over the country in amounts ranging from \$5 up, and the remainder of the fund was contributed by large industrial interests or men connected with them. "All the money was spent under the supervision of a committee of five, on which there were two well known municipal ownership representatives and the chairman of which was Professor Goodnow of Columbia university. "Chairman Ingalls of the committee on investigation, who is also chairman of the board of directors of the Big Four railroad, is one of the fairest and most honorable men in the United States, and the investigation from start to finish was conducted without a shadow of influence from the corporation contributions which were made to the finance committee.

"In fact, the committee on investigation did not know where the money came from nor who the contributors were, with a few trifling exceptions, until the investigation was all finished and the report was in type. "I wish to say further in all fairness that while I personally do not at all approve of many things in the history of Mr. Belmont's corporations there is no question in my mind but that he and the Civic Federation have acted with perfect fairness toward this commission on public ownership. "The engineers and experts worked in pairs, one of each pair representing municipal ownership and the other representing private ownership. This nearly doubled the cost, but resulted in securing a body of facts, signed by experts of the highest character and representing both sides of the question. This gives the report a very unique character and confers on its statements of facts so agreed upon a degree of authority far beyond that which attaches to any previous investigation."

More Profitable to Sell. The mayor of Harrisville, Va. states the situation there as follows: "Some eight years ago this little city purchased a (natural) gas plant at a cost of some \$10,000. The revenue from the plant paid for it and left a surplus. Two years ago we leased the plant to a private corporation at a generous rental. "So far as we know this is the only lighting plant transferred to private parties while being operated at a profit, as this one apparently was. It is noteworthy, however, that the people evidently believed that they could get better results from the plant if it were under private management or they would not have leased it.

Ordered Sold by the Voters. The lighting plant owned by the incorporated village of Waddington, N. Y., was sold after the voters had so ordered at a special election. The president of the village writes briefly, but eloquently: "The property was sold for \$3,000; cost, \$8,000; five years used. The village was sore on the property." "The 'pure food law' is designed by the government to protect the public from injurious ingredients in both foods and drugs. It is beneficial both to the public and to the conscientious manufacturer. Ely's Cream Balm, a successful remedy for cold in the head, nasal catarrh, hay fever, etc., containing no injurious drugs, meets fully the requirements of the new law, and that fact is prominently stated on every package. It contains none of the injurious drugs which are required by law to be mentioned on the label. Hence you can use it safely. "Very fine MAKARAIBO COFFEE, Freshly roasted, for sale by J. C. MILBURN. LEADBEATER'S Perfected Preparation of the Tansol Extract of COD LIVER OIL is on hand for 75c. For sale by E. S. LEADBEATER & SONS. 40 cent, 6c BLEND TEAS, suitable for food, at J. C. MILBURN.

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