

THE HILLS WILL HAVE WATER.

Great Progress Being Made in Extending the Mains.

The City Water Company Extending Its Service in All Directions.

The Transformation Being Worked with the Old Citizens' Company's Lines. A Most Ingenious Pumping Power.

The people of the hill district can congratulate themselves that the time of their suffering from a want of water, both in quantity and quality, will soon be over.

The old Citizens' Water company had on College street two pumping stations for filling their reservoirs.

The City Water company is now busily engaged in remedying the defects which have heretofore existed and have inaugurated a large system of new mains to supply the hills and will discard the use of river water altogether.

As an indication of the amount of new mains being laid for this purpose and to further extend the water service of the city, the following statement will convey an idea.

For the territory heretofore served by the Citizens company a line of 12-inch mains is being laid down Everett place.

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These old reservoirs of the Citizens' company will be drained and gradually overhauled, and then they will be filled from the City Water company's beautiful reservoir south of the Southern Pacific's railway tracks and north of Elysian park, by a most ingenious contrivance.

Mr. Mulholland, the superintendent of the company, found himself confronted by a serious problem when his corporation was required to pump water to the city.

Mr. Mulholland decided to pump water to the city by the aid of a Pelton wheel arranged a hydraulic pumping power which forces the water easily over the distance named, into the storage reservoirs.

This wheel is run by a river water stream, but this water is used only for power, as it is not fit for any purpose being returned to the river.

The water it pumps is the naturally filtered fluid which comes from Crystal springs, eight miles up the river, through pipes all the way, not once being exposed to any dirt or impurity.

It may not be generally known that this crystal spring water never sees the light until it flows into the company's reservoir in this city. It is taken from an underground source, and is water which has been cleansed and filtered by its seepage through strata of gravel and sand until it is absolutely pure.

It is collected in subterranean pipes, conducted by a tunnel through which it passes into the company's main reservoir.

But to return to Superintendent Mulholland's Pelton wheel. This ingenious contrivance drives a massive pump which has a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons of water every 24 hours, and can safely be run up to 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 gallons.

All that is needed usually, however, is a 2,500,000 gallon capacity. The usefulness and ingenuity of the contrivance may perhaps be better understood when it is stated that all this water is pumped at no other expense than the pay of a couple of men to look after the machinery. It can be as easily regulated as steam power, being run at the rate of one revolution a minute or several hundred, according to need.

A stop cock is turned on, the water flows and the science of hydraulics does the rest. There is no expense for coal or oil; no smoke, ashes or dirt.

To make assurance doubly sure, the company has put in a battery of boilers and a big Corliss engine, to have on hand in case of any mishap happening to the present arrangement, but it is not expected that it will be necessary to use these latter.

This pump, as stated, takes the water from the company's storage reservoir adjoining the pump works. This reservoir contains a magnificent sheet of water, amounting to a volume of 15,000,000 gallons, and it is as pure as crystal.

HIS RACE FOR HIS MAJORITY.

Weber's Stakes Are a Handsome Wife and a Fortune.

He Wins If He Becomes of Age Before His Guardian Arrives Here.

A Young Dane and His Adventures Which Have Culminated in This City—The Outcome Will Be Eagerly Watched For.

Among the marriage licenses issued Wednesday last by Cupid Sam Kutz of the county clerk's office was one to Olaf Holger Weber of Copenhagen, Denmark, and Miss Elizabeth Leigh Davidson of Los Angeles.

The age of the young man, who is square-jawed, fair-haired and reddish-bearded, was given as 21 years, and that of the young lady as 19.

He flashes an ingenious flash over all of his jolly, frolic-looking face that was visible as he answered the questions put to him, frequently appealing to a good-looking young man who with him, and who was better dressed on American matrimonial forms than he was.

He was very anxious to know how soon he must use the license, and appeared greatly relieved when Mr. Kutz, with a reassuring smile, told him it was like some railroad tickets—good until used.

When the license, properly transcribed, was placed in his hands, the young man and his friend left the clerk's office, Mr. Weber talking earnestly as if some weight was lifted from his mind.

There is quite a romance connected with Mr. Weber, and behind his innocent and in reality green-looking exterior he conceals all the elements of the hero of a strange story.

Mr. Weber has been in Los Angeles since February, and during that time he has succeeded in falling in love at first sight with a charming and decidedly handsome young lady, Miss Davidson, who resides with her parents on Montreal street, winning her hand, and starting his guardian post haste from Copenhagen to prevent the marriage, if possible.

Mr. Weber is the youngest son of Olaf Holger Weber, deceased, of Copenhagen, who was two or three times a millionaire at the time of his death, and one of the most prominent business men of that city.

He left nine children, all of whom were of age except the young gentleman now in Los Angeles. By his will he appointed Otto Sally, a leading lawyer of Copenhagen, as his son's guardian. The children, and all have succeeded to the management of their shares of the estate, with the exception of this son, who has been under the orders of his guardian since his father's death, and will be under the orders of his guardian when he is 25 years old, unless he gets married.

Young Weber, from his statement of his treatment by his guardian, has felt the full weight of the authority of the estate Mr. Sally. The lawyer no doubt found the management of the estate a very nice thing, and as he saw Weber approaching his majority he realized that he would not have to do any of his own admissions he seems to have lived very extravagantly, and went through with a large amount of money in a short time.

He was not dissatisfied with the sense that he drank, for in this respect he is very abstemious. But he was fond of good living, and was exceedingly openhanded, as could be attested by his fellow students of Birkerød university, some 12 miles from Copenhagen, on a land island, and the numerous beneficiaries of his bounty after his college days.

His extravagance gave his guardian an excuse for thinking him crazy, and one night when he was in his room, his house two officers suddenly appeared in his room. They took him unawares, put muffs on him and spirited him away from his home.

He was lodged in a private insane asylum, where he was kept in a closely confined, and not allowed to communicate with the outside world. He had not lived in very close relations with his brothers and sisters, and they did not know what had become of him.

According to his account of the episode, his guardian was at the bottom of the plan for his imprisonment, and that it was an attempt to render him amenable to the laws of Denmark. By these laws the estate of a minor who is left with a guardian remains indefinitely in the hands of the guardian. Mr. Weber asserts that it was a cold-blooded scheme on the part of his guardian to fasten upon his estate and retain it for a longer time than would be possible in any other way.

After a terrible experience of six long weeks in the insane asylum, during which he nearly went crazy in fact from his inexplicable situation, he managed to effect his escape from the place by making a rope of his sheets and lowering himself from the window of his prison. That night he walked to Copenhagen, about twenty miles, and found refuge at the home of a friend, who sequestered him for several days.

In the meantime enough was ascertained to show that the young man and his friends that he had such a dangerous enemy in the person of his guardian that he came to the United States. Owing to the curious provisions of the Danish law, it was believed that he could better frustrate any schemes that might be formed to take advantage of him, if his almost helpless position under the power exercised by his guardian, in America than if he remained in his own country.

He was assisted in his flight by his friends and reached New York before his guardian had become aware of his escape from the insane asylum.

When the latter was apprised of the arrival of young Weber in America, he changed his tactics and gave it out that his charge had decided to take a trip around the world to complete his education. Weber did go to South America, and when he arrived at Portland he remained there several months.

He is not very experienced in the ways of the world, and while in Portland he came the victim of some people there against whom he now has a \$5000 suit pending. He entered into the practice of medicine there with a doctor who seemed to have plucked the goose that laid the golden egg too speedily, because Weber escaped with a loss of a few thousand dollars and left his claims in the hands of attorneys there before coming to Los Angeles.

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CHARLIE AND HIS ROPE.

THE KING OF COWBOYS BRAVELY STOPS A RUNAWAY HORSE.

Mr. Meadows Gives an Unrehearsed Example of His Skill With a Lariat and His Superb Horsemanship by a Gallant Act.

Arizona Charlie, otherwise known as Charlie Meadows, gave an unrehearsed performance on South Spring street yesterday, which for excitement fully equalled anything to be seen in his regular show.

It was about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and Arizona Charlie and his band of Indians and cowboys were parading along Spring street to the inspiring sounds of drum and trumpet. Suddenly a horse attached to a buggy belonging to the Llewellyn Bros. took alarm at the noise and dashed away at a breakneck rate down the street.

The road was crowded with men and women watching the parade, and as the frightened animal tore along the crowd scattered on all sides, several people escaping only just in time to prevent being trampled on. Just as the runaway reached Fourth street the crowd gathered on the sidewalk, and the horse started to cross the street. The shot half way over when she heard the shouts, and looking round the terrified woman saw the maddened animal within a few feet of her. Too scared to think of getting out of the way, she held on to the reins, while the horse at hand held their breath and waited for what appeared to be inevitable.

THE JUSTICE COURTS.

Minor Cases Which Were Acted Upon Yesterday.

Ab Hung, Ah Sue, Hoy Lee and Wong Jung were arraigned before Justice Seaman yesterday. They are the four Chinese who were arrested on Friday night for being concerned in a shooting affray, a full account of which was given in yesterday's issue of this paper.

Ab Hung filed a complaint charging Ah Sue and Hoy Lee with assault on committed murder. Justice Seaman fixed the examination for June 1st and admitted Wong Sue, the man sentenced to jail in the sum of \$1000. Wong Jung was discharged from custody, there being no complaint against him.

Thomas Pierre was arraigned before Justice Seaman yesterday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. David Valentine, the complaining witness, alleges that Pierre went to the agents of the Los Angeles Terminal road, and represented to them that he was authorized to draw the sum of \$18.50 from the company, money due to Valentine. Pierre pleaded not guilty, and time was allowed his attorney in which to file a demurrer to the complaint.

Richard Ryan, a well known character, was given 30 days "straight" for vagrancy by Justice Seaman. Ryan immediately solicited aid from a police officer who arrested him.

The hearing of the case against G. F. McLain was continued until Friday. Mr. McLain is charged with committing the offense of battery against S. W. Campbell on May 15th.

Detective Benson filed a complaint yesterday in Justice Seaman's court, charging John Nelson with petty larceny. Nelson is said to have stolen a set of lightning screw plates, valued at \$25, the property of F. Lambert, on May 26th.

The shooting contest arranged for Tuesday afternoon. The shooting contest between the police team and the challenging team from Company A, N. G. C., has been arranged to take place next Tuesday afternoon, the 30th instant, at 2 o'clock. It will be over the Downey avenue range.

The following are the names of Company A's team: Lieut. Henry Steere, First Sgt. H. C. Miles, Quartermaster Sgt. W. Clarke, Corporal D. Clarke, Corporal E. B. Haven, Privates J. S. McCrow, G. B. McLean and A. W. Splitstesser; Private R. W. Potts, alternate.

Both teams are practicing every day and the contest is creating much interest amongst their friends.

Each team has strong backers and there is much friendly rivalry amongst the adherents of each. The boys are quite reticent about their respective practice scores and there will be pretty lively betting by the time the day of the contest arrives.

THE HUSBAND WAS ALIVE. MRS. BRANNAN MEETS HER SUPPOSED DEAD HUSBAND.

A Romance Brought to Light Yesterday in the Divorce Court—A Wife Who Found Herself an Innocent Bigamist.

A very pretty young woman was in Judge Van Dyke's court yesterday, and her testimony brought to light as queer a romance as one can imagine.

She was suing for a divorce under the name of Mrs. Marie V. de Brannan from John J. Brannan, who was characterized as a gambler.

But while this is the name by which the lady appeared in court, her name outside the classic walls of the court house is Mrs. Herman, and she is the possessor of four pretty children, who call John L. Herman of San Pedro father.

The story which has caused this strange mixture of marital responsibilities began in 1885, when Mrs. Herman, then Miss Mary L. Gaston, married John J. Brannan. They did not live long together. In the course of a few months Brannan deserted his wife. She waited for him to come back, but he never did, and when the statutory time expired she began divorce proceedings against him.

Before the case came to trial she was informed that her husband had been killed in an accident at San Diego. Believing the news to be true, Mrs. Brannan discontinued the divorce suit, and began several months later to marry John L. Herman.

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