

FIGURES FROM MUNICIPAL AND WATER COMPANY'S REPORTS.

Twenty million gallons daily is now consumed, but for the future we must count on a consumption of 30,000,000.

WATER EVERYWHERE.

According to the statement of the Spring Valley Water Works (Municipal) report of 1893-94, approximately 1,229 the amount collected from private consumers and from the City for the year ending January 1, 1894, was \$1,617,114.18.

THE LAST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADVOCATED MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The question came up then, as it has on numerous other occasions, and the Water Committee of the old board saw no obstacle in the way of holding the election and making the plant a success should the matter be approved by the people.

LESSON OF THE PARK SUPPLY.

The Union for Practical Progress in its search for materials to back up its petition for a special election on the question of the municipal ownership of water works and lighting plants is taking great interest in the municipal reports that tell of the actions of the last Board of Supervisors on the water question.

REGISTRAR EVANS PREVENTED THE QUESTION FROM GOING ON THE REGULAR BALLOTS.

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HAD A LIVELY COURTSHIP.

Suit to Recover a Parrot That Entered in a Love Affair.

VIEW OF AN EXPERT.

James J. Robbins Gives Some Facts and Figures on Cost and Expense.

HOTEL IMPROVEMENTS.

The Pleasanton Undergoes a Complete Transformation.

MANUFACTURERS OBJECT.

Methods Adopted by Eastern Agents to Secure California Trade.

THE OLD SCRAP-IRON STORY.

Leading Manufacturers and Steel and Iron Dealers Defend Home Productions.

COMING OF KIER HARDIE.

Arrangements to Be Made for It at the Earliest Day.

THE SOCIALIST LEADER WILL BE ASKED TO SPEAK IN THIS CITY AND OAKLAND.

James Keir Hardie, the world-known socialist leader and lecturer and member of the English Parliament, is to appear and lecture on his favorite subject in San Francisco, Oakland, and, perhaps, other of the important cities of the Pacific Coast.

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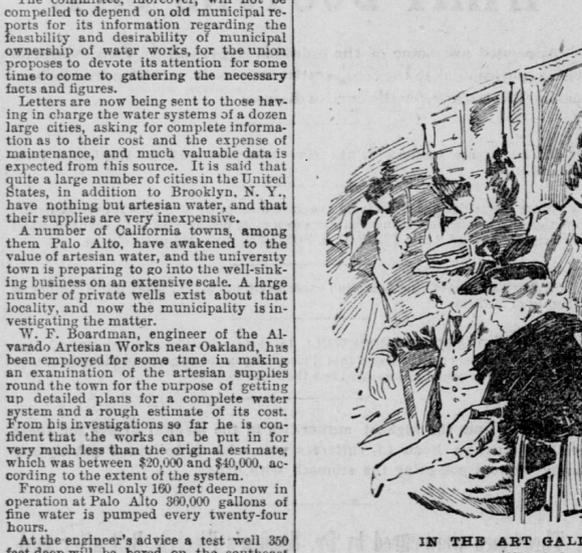
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IN THE ART GALLERY AT THE FAIR.

of James Godfrey, who stood by with a wan, sickly smile of disapproval on his flushed face. Godfrey had had his turn on the witness-stand and had devoted most of his time to describing the umbrella, watch and chain and prize parrot that she had "beat me out of when she pretended that she was going to marry me."

It was a lively courtship, according to Godfrey. First he had loaned Miss Nugent \$425 with which to buy a lodging-house. Then he had turned over the umbrella, the parrot and other favors of his love till at last he had offered her himself.

"She coaxed me on," he explained, "till I went one day and got out the marriage license."

"But I never knew a thing about it," protested Miss Nugent, with flaming cheeks and blazing eyes, from her corner of the court.

"Sh! Keep still! Order!" interjected half a dozen voices. Somebody pulled the excited Godfrey back into his seat and the case went on.

"Well," continued Godfrey, wiping his perspiring brow and glancing at his watch, "I went to the house and—and I was attacked, basely and brutally attacked."

"You mean you got what you deserved," sneered the attorney for Miss Nugent. "What happened?" inquired the court, curiously.

"I went there to marry her," said Godfrey, "and some of the other men she was leading on the same as me under promise of marriage set upon me and broke three of my ribs and an arm and—and—"

"Beat you up—all up," interjected his attorney, coming to his assistance.

Godfrey nodded vigorously. Half a dozen arrests followed and the court was kept busy for a month trying to grind out justice to the belligerents. Later on Miss Nugent returned Godfrey his \$425 and an opinion of him that made his ear tingle.

She got a receipt from him, but in the way that followed the receipt disappeared. It was this missing receipt that led to the present suit, because Miss Nugent had nothing to show that Godfrey had received everything "in full."

She admitted having had the umbrella and the parrot, but denied ever having seen his watch and chain, so the court tackled the dispute over the parrot and the umbrella.

"I refused to give up the parrot till he paid the \$15 board bill on it," explained Miss Nugent.

"She fed it cream wafers instead of soda cracker and it died," said the attorney, protesting Godfrey.

"And truffles and nightingales' tongues, too, I suppose," interjected Miss Nugent's attorney, with a sneer.

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"Gout—overfed, I suppose," ironically interposed the other attorney in his turn.

"That settles the parrot question, anyway," concluded the court, in relieved tones.

"Oh, no; there was another—an educated parrot," rejoined Miss Nugent.

Then both sides tugged and strained for possession of the educated parrot, but Miss Nugent triumphantly carried it off on showing that she had paid Godfrey \$850 at a time when his love had not passed beyond the dollars and cents stage.

Then the weary court turned to settle the hot dispute over the umbrella. Miss Nugent flung it down scornfully in court. It was a very frayed and very tattered cotton affair and evidently needed a deal of shelter and protection in an ordinary rain-storm.

"That my umbrella!" was all the indignant Godfrey could say.

"This one you left at my house, anyway," answered Miss Nugent, in her most dignified way. Having won the parrot she felt herself above petty disputing over such an umbrella.

"I'll not take it," announced Godfrey, in resolute tones. "I want my rights, my umbrella or its equivalent in money."

"That's what I want," is an old complaint of yours, Mr. Godfrey," sne