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A COMMON SENSE PLAN.

The citizens of Sweet, Canyon county, Idaho, have a novel way of obtaining water for domestic and irrigation purposes. The water is dug out of the hillside, with wells run like tunnels, and not down in the earth as ordinary wells are dug. East of the town, there is a bluff out of which sparkling mountain water can be procured almost anywhere by merely running a tunnel in from twenty to forty feet.

At one point in town, a stream sufficient to irrigate a fine orchard and garden, besides an ample supply for domestic use and for watering all the teams that pass that way, comes pouring out of the 40-foot tunnel. Neither the spring freshets nor the summer droughts affect its flow.

This plan of getting water is similar to that advocated by Councilman Smith and Boyer for the development of a water supply on the Thomas ranch. There is no reason to doubt that it would prove successful. However, it would require considerable time and the city needs a gravity system for the purposes of fire protection and for supplying consumers in the more elevated residence districts of the city as speedily as it can be secured. The Statesman believes, therefore, that the plan of Councilman Glasford is the most feasible, economical and expeditious yet suggested for the solution of the water problem. He proposes to make use as speedily as possible of the flow of water already developed at Thomas springs in connection with the city's present source of supply, which cannot be excelled for coldness and purity. The present system is adequate for the use of all the residence districts except the elevated district east of Howard street. Mr. Glasford, who is a man of strong, practical, common sense, whose long residence in this community has made him thoroughly familiar with the water question in all its bearings, proposes that the flow now in sight at Thomas

springs be used for the business section of the city and the residence district east of Howard street, relying upon the present system to supply the remainder of the city.

It has been estimated by City Engineer Clark that a gravity system would necessitate the expenditure of \$48,000 for new pipe within the city limits, in order to have pipe strong enough to withstand the increased pressure. Councilman Glasford's plan would obviate the necessity for much of this expenditure, as new pipe would be needed only in the business section and east of Howard street. Even in those districts no great amount of new pipe would be needed for the reason that for several years all pipe laid there has been selected with a view to the installation of a gravity system at an early date. It is plain, therefore, that Mr. Glasford's plan would save the city many thousands of dollars in the cost of new pipe.

Moreover, the adoption of the Glasford plan would be only a step toward the final adoption of the plan of water development proposed by Councilmen Smith and Boyer. As the population of the city grows more water will be needed, but under the Glasford plan there would be plenty of time to have the work of development done in a thoroughly scientific manner. The danger of a water famine would be averted and from time to time a greater supply could be developed in the vicinity of Thomas springs.

Another strong point in favor of the Glasford plan, besides its greater cheapness and speediness compared with other plans proposed, is the important fact that it would guarantee the purity of the supply of water now furnished consumers in the residence districts, and there is no reason to doubt that the flow from Thomas springs would be equally pure. This would be much better than running the risk of getting an impure and tepid water supply from Mill creek under the Wells plan.

TOO MANY GREEN MEN.

The annual report of Acting Adjutant General Hall of the army, shows that there is still a demoralizing flux in the army. The total strength of the army is given at 59,181, yet in the past year it lost 29,279 officers and men. All but a thousand of these left the service because of expiration of term of enlistment, disability, court-martial, desertion and retirement. It is hardly possible to develop regimental pride and maintain a high degree of efficiency with so many old men leaving the service and being replaced with new and, usually, green men.

The army is still suffering from the results of the sudden expansion in and following the Spanish war. When the war began the regiments were mere skeleton regiments. Subsequently they were filled up with new men, while many of the veterans were lost in battle or through disease. Then came the doubling of the strength of the regular army which added a lot of entirely new regiments. Thousands of men were taken into the service at approximately the same time, with the result that their terms expire coincidentally. The army, thus has very little opportunity to assimilate one influx of fresh material before another arrives. This evil will gradually correct itself, but at present its effect on the army is very

noticeable. The army of 60,000 is not what the army of 25,000 was.

COLORADO STRIKE MEDIATION.

A Denver dispatch states that a meeting of the business men of that city was held to formulate an appeal to the president to act as mediator between the parties to the formidable strike of the miners in the coal regions of the state of Colorado. They believe that, if the president will so act, the miners will consent to return to work and submit their demands to settlement through arbitration.

The outlook for a coal famine is, unfortunately, very promising. Many industrial establishments have only limited supplies of coal ahead, notably the beet sugar factories now beginning the grinding season, while some manufacturing concerns have had to close down for lack of fuel. Coal is very abundant in Colorado, so abundant that there has been small difficulty getting supplies heretofore, and such a great strike as the present one was not looked for by consumers. The coal miners seem to command the situation. The appeal to the president to perform the functions of mediator is doubtless based upon the success of such mediation with reference to the serious strike in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania last year. The president will probably say to the Denver petitioners that, if the citizens of Colorado have exhausted all possible measures to bring the operators and the miners together and both refuse positively to yield to suggestions of state government or citizens, and, if it is shown that the reports of great suffering in consequence of the cutting off of supplies of fuel have not been exaggerated, the request may be taken into consideration. It does not appear that all means of persuasion are exhausted. The strike began only recently and the public has not yet asserted itself very strongly. It was seen in the case of the anthracite miners' strike that the \$100,000,000 approximate loss fell chiefly upon the public, through famine prices for coal; the stoppage of industries; the throwing of employes out of work because of lack of fuel, and the paralysis of business in the mining region, while the state had entailed upon it a heavy burden in the maintenance of the national guard in active service in the mining region. The direct and indirect losses to the public were undoubtedly much larger than estimated. The operators, in the Pennsylvania case, lost nothing, for they had the advantage of a fifty-cent-a-ton advance on coal above the normal rate, which enabled them to recover all the losses they had sustained.

Colorado does not want to incur like losses by a prolonged strike of coal miners, which will inevitably close all her industrial establishments, throw thousands of employes out of work and paralyze business. The report of the anthracite coal strike commission, which was appointed by the president to investigate the Pennsylvania strike and determine the right and wrong of it, its determination to be accepted by operators and miners, laid down very clearly and indisputably the undeniable right of the employer of labor and the undeniable rights of labor he employs. Conceding the rights of both parties, neither has right under the common law to misuse his rights, even if the object of his action may be commendable from the standpoint of labor union or employer, to ignore and trample upon the obvious rights of others, "others" standing for the public. Upon the basis of its legal and inalienable rights, the Colorado public, confronted by a threatened business and industrial catastrophe and dire physical suffering, after exhausting its powers and influence within the state to avert the evil, would be justified in asking for the mediatorial offices of the president, which would probably be accepted by the parties to the strike.

A PROSPEROUS INFANT.

The Prescott Spectator says: With this issue, The Spectator comes

down the home stretch and passes under the wire, marking its first year upon earth, amid the applause of the office devil. In other words, The Spectator is a year old today, and very glad that it is alive to tell the tale. Birthdays are always of joyful importance to the young, and this great newspaper is no exception to the rule, when it comes to things joyful. When the little codger was born, all the Wise Ones said that it could not possibly live as its mother (the town) was too small and weakly to suckle it, and of course cow's milk would not agree with it. But with its pants legs tucked down in its boot tops, and its chubby little hands resting contentedly upon the rotundity of its stomach, it is, today, a picture of the well-fed youngster, and its mamma is none the worse for it either, if we may believe what everyone says—and we can, in this instance. For everybody remarks how the little lady has improved in the past year. In fact you would hardly recognize her as the same, dear little party that gave birth to The Spectator, a year ago, she has improved so much.

SURVEYING FOR BRIDGE.

Plans of Northern Pacific for Crossing Columbia.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 17.—A corps of surveyors are at work below the city on the Columbia river running a line from the lower end of Sauvie's island to a point on the Washington shore. The work is supposed to be for a route of the proposed bridge across the Columbia. At first, some years ago, it was decided to build the bridge across at Vancouver, but this idea, it seems, has almost been given up. But the Northern Pacific intends to erect a bridge across the Columbia at some convenient point and the surveyors are working in an endeavor to find a place where a bridge can be built with the least expense and where approaches to the river are easy. The latest route surveyed and where the bridge may be built is about six miles below Vancouver and not far from St. Helens. The track would leave the branch line from Kalama to this city and go across, joining the main line in Oregon. The plan appears feasible.

A man who is well connected says he has reliable information to the effect that active construction of the road from Kalama to the mouth of the Columbia opposite Astoria will be begun by March next. The route is to be surveyed at once, he says. From all indications it looks as if the roads would be built.

WANTS WIFE WITH MONEY.

Clergyman Looks For Rich Maiden or Widow.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 17.—Rev. William Covert, pastor of the Church of God at Bloomfield, Greene county, who has had charges in several northwestern states, has sent out circular letters to friends in various places asking them to assist him in finding a wife. He puts in his letter that he has received an offer from "a rich maiden of St. Louis" and another from "a charming widow of Kansas City," but he is not fully satisfied in either case. His wants as set out in the letter takes this form: "Now what I want is a companionable wife—woman of good character, sound of body, who has a few thousand dollars, who would be willing to help me in furnishing means so that I can go on the platform and lecture and sell books and put them before the public. Now there are many excellent women, widows and maidens, who have fortunes and who would willingly spend part of their fortunes on me and my sciences if they only knew of the opportunity."

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