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WATER WORKS MADE GOOD

On Wednesday morning our water works system was put to a severe test and it came through with flying colors, more than paying for the complete cost of installation practically from the start, since had the fire which started in the Fred Morgan building been given a headway, to which it would have gained, had the water works not been working, we would have had a fifty thousand dollar fire at the very least, as it would have been but a short while before the adjoining row of buildings and the frame buildings so near them, would have been food for the flames.

We can surely be proud of our new system and our only regret is that we did not get it sooner, and now the next thought in our minds is when and how shall we cooperate and fight these fires with the tools, that we now possess. A volunteer fire department has been suggested, and this seems the only way in which the matter could be satisfactorily handled, and the purpose of this article is merely suggestive, and in an effort to bring the matter before the attention of the citizens. We will be glad to publish any letter or suggestion furnished us, that would be towards the advancement of this idea.

There are several ways by which to organize a volunteer fire department, first from among the public spirited citizens calling a meeting and submitting a proposition, and then financing the same through popular subscription, and, second, thru the city officials, who might at this time have some ideas along this line, and call a meeting of the interested property owners and from the meeting making a selection of a fire chief and the appointment of a volunteer company of from eight to a dozen men to assist the chief. It is to the city's advantage to have an efficient fire fighting organization, and that the organization operate under orders from a chief, who will have the authority and the support of the townspeople, and it is important that very careful consideration be given to the appointment of a fire chief, as he must necessarily be cool headed and use good judgment in delegating his instructions to his men, as quick action is necessary, combined with the best of judgment with any fire.

The financing of the fire fighting company is perhaps the greatest task, that we would have to face in an organization of this kind, but it has been satisfactorily arranged in neighboring towns and could be arranged here equally as well. The company could be organized upon a strictly community non-partisan basis, by the city officials naming a chief, who would probably have the supervision of the water system, or should have at least, and then the balance of the members appointed from volunteers from a meeting called by the chief for this purpose. The city could out of its general fund pay a stipulated sum for each fire attended by the members of the company, which would compensate them to an extent. Funds for the securing of the necessary coats, hats, and boots could be had through the public spiritedness of the good people of Hayti, who have never been found wanting the time of need was at hand, could be raised by the holding of bazaars, entertainments, given for the sole benefit of the fire company. Another plan that has worked out satisfactorily is to make a social club of the fire fighting company and recruit volunteers from the membership, which would change from time to time, giving more interest to the cause, and the entire expense be handled by the club with the exception of a fire fighting apparatus. The city probably will furnish an up-to-date hose and ladder truck of the latest design.

In any event it should be arranged to erect a suitable brick building in some central location, for the proper housing of the fire truck and the necessary fire fighting equipment and right here would be another good feature for the securing of a community or social quarters, to be overhead. This arrangement would answer a two-fold need in the city, as we are in need of some kind of a social center where the young men of the town might congregate and enjoy clean, wholesome amusement of an evening, in which we are without now, and in this way stimulate

proper interest in the fire fighting company, as a great deal of enthusiasm is required to put the company over as a success. This building need not be an elaborate affair, but give plenty of room for the fire fighting apparatus on the lower floor and the upper floor be arranged with several social rooms or an auditorium, which might be used as a social room and also for meetings of the company.

The question of the location of the building if this plan should materialize is a large one and could not be settled at once without more or less discussion. Several suggestions have already been made as to the proper location and the kind of building required, but this matter should properly be referred to a committee or committees and careful thought be given the matter. We do know, however, that several public spirited citizens have already expressed themselves to us in favor of this sort of plan, and have also offered the services of their employees in event of a fire, leaving their place of business upon the sound of the alarm. They have also suggested ways in which locations could be secured in event a building was considered, and so these things are possible if proper action is given the matter.

One or more members of the city administration have stated that the city would be always ready to cooperate with the citizens on this matter.

Another matter: that of the fire alarm system, which could be arranged by the installation of fire alarm boxes, say five or six, in different parts of the city, these connected with the chief's quarters or home, each alarm box indicating just the district of the fire, the chief having the central call each member at once giving the place of the alarm.

These are only suggestions, but it would seem they are timely, and if the citizens are thoroughly interested in these crying needs of our community, proper action should be displayed and a meeting called either by the city board or some one, and the matter discussed fully, and the matter given the proper publicity and interest created, so that we may avail ourselves of even better protection than at present, and possibly solve both a social problem and one that will probably save property and life. Let's have a meeting for the good of Hayti.

HAYS AND HIS \$150,000 MOVIE SMILE



Postmaster General Will Hays has announced his resignation from the capital to take a position as director general of all national moving picture productions at a salary of \$150,000 a year. He posed, as shown here, after a conference, in which President Harding gave his consent to his leaving the cabinet.

BAIRD JURY HANGS: NEW TRIAL IS GRANTED

After 24 hours deliberation the jury failed to reach a verdict in the murder case of the State vs. Everett Baird, who is charged with the murder of Walter Jenkins, near Netherlands several months ago. Judge McCarty dismissed the jury when it became evident that a deadlock could not be averted, it being reported that the vote being 10 for acquittal, and only two for conviction. This fact is quite encouraging to Mr. Baird. A new trial is set for May 18.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Special music will be had at the Baptist church Sunday evening, and hear a good sermon as well.

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Miss Edna Teague of Campbell spent the week-end over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. L. J. Banner. Miss Erma, another sister will arrive this afternoon for a few days visit.

CONFLAGRATION AVERTED BY NEW WATER SYSTEM

Wednesday, perhaps one of the most disastrous fires ever visiting this city would have occurred had not the new city water system been in the pink of condition. The alarm sounded, the fire was discovered to be in the upstairs of the Morgan two-story brick. Several months ago Mr. Morgan had used this portion of his building as a rooming house, but later turned it into first class office rooms, and in one of them had stored a majority of the old furnishings. In this room was a flue opening, also some bad electric wiring, and it is a mystery whether the fire occurred through a spark falling from the flue opening or through faulty wiring. Several citizens rushed to the room which was sending volumes of smoke out the window, and burst the door open, this giving a daunt to the flames, which quickly spread over the entire upstairs. Three lines of hose from the new water system sent tons and tons of water onto the flames, and through every effort it was extinguished after almost gutting the upper half of the building.

The loss to the building is perhaps covered by insurance, Mr. Morgan saying he will probably suffer a loss of probably six or seven hundred dollars on personal property and fixtures. The water in its downpour literally drowned the Pearl Market owned by R. L. Popham, his loss, we are informed will probably run between a thousand to fifteen hundred dollars, without any insurance. Those having offices in the building were also damaged to a small extent, mostly from the amount of water thrown. The work on the part of those who answered the alarm were simply splendid, and they deserve hearty thanks for their efforts.

Wanted—a housekeeper; must be a good cook; honest. Must furnish best of references. Will pay good wages. Phone 55, Mrs. H. J. Reinhard, Hayti, Mo.

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PEMISCOT FARM BUREAU NEWS

Arrangements have been made with some of the local banks to loan deserving boys and girls money with which to buy eggs if they desire to belong to the poultry club, and pigs if they want to get into the pig club. One hundred eggs will cost about \$7. Pigs weighing from 40 to 70 pounds can be purchased for from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Bred gilts that will farrow in February or March can be bought for from \$25.00 to \$30.00. We have in sight a few of these bred gilts that are real bargains and some hustling boys and girls should have them. We are trying to get at least five club members grouped, so that we can get them together occasionally for a little meeting. If any person is interested in putting over one of the club projects in his community, please get in touch with the County Agent at once.

The cheapest and one of the best food products that we have in this county is sweet potatoes. We have about 6,000 bushels of this crop stored in the potato house at Caruthersville, and the farmers as well as the grocery men should make it a point to patronize their home industry and leave this money here in the county. Some of these potatoes are very good and some will bear inspection before purchasing. All the farmers who have stored potatoes this year no doubt have learned a lesson and some of them have learned it at some expense. The lesson is that sweet potatoes must be handled very, very carefully if they are to be kept in good condition. If you have not gotten your sweet potatoes for eating purposes make arrangements with some farmer who has them stored at this house, or your grocery man. We also have a large quantity of seed potatoes and they have been inspected by an expert. He stated that our potatoes here were freer from disease than he had seen them in any other section of the state. Make arrangements for your seed at home this year and get them at a greatly reduced price over what you have been paying for them.

At this time of the year farmers are beginning to think of buying seed. It has been demonstrated in the past that some very poor seed have been distributed in this county. A good many of the farmers are now waging a battle with Johnson grass and other seed pests. There is no reason for a merchant to handle this low grade of seed if he will take advantage of the test that can be had free. These tests will show him what kind of foreign seeds are in the alfalfa seed and the number of these foreign seeds that will be sown per pound. This work of testing should be carried out very carefully and any merchant who plans to handle seed should see that it is done. The farmer who buys these seed should request his merchant to show not only the germination and purity test but what kind of weed seeds are in the sample. The fact that the salesman states that the sample contains no dodder seed is not worth very much. This very same sample may contain daisies, buckhorn plantain, Johnson grass, whitetop and many other weed seeds. No farmer can be too careful about the grade of seed that he sows. Also we have been a little careless in the kind of seed corn that we have purchased. A good grade of common corn sold the farmer for seed is not the kind of corn that he is looking for. He should be able to buy this kind of corn at a very little above the market price and he should be furnished with tested and graded seed if he is to pay the tested and graded price for it. These little things often determine the success or failure of the year's work.

The Pemiscot County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting at the Court House, Friday, January 20th. The regular line of business was transacted. The financial report showed that the Farm Bureau had received from membership dues for the year 1921, \$80.00, for membership dues for the year 1922, \$75.00, from the County Court appropriation for year 1921 \$1000.00, County Court appropriation left over for the year 1920 \$300.00, contributed \$7.24, membership dues \$1.00. (Continued on page 4)

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