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**STRAIGHT TALK**

We see by the papers that the offer of the Cardiff Mining company is pleasing. It is in relation to the minimizing of the possible sources of contamination of the water of Big Cottonwood, President Ezra Thompson stating to the city and county commissioners that the company would be glad to substitute tractors for teams. That would remove six hundred horses from the canyon and eliminate the camping of ore haulers along the stream. No definite action was taken, but all present agreed that the road should be sprinkled during the coming season.

In this regard Mr. Thompson stated that the Cardiff company would pay the operating expense of one sprinkling wagon if some means could be provided to pay for the other two, it being thought that three would be necessary. The article gave the impression that the Cardiff Mining company, Mr. Thompson and others interested, made up a composit eleemosynary organization and were in truth public benefactors, inasmuch as they are willing to spend their hard earned money in an effort to assist the county and city commissioners to protect the public. We have other ideas on the subject.

Last summer the Cardiff Mining company ruined the road up Big Cottonwood canyon, a can-



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yon that is the leading attraction for those who cannot get further away from town during the hot weather. Not only was the road ruined and the ore traffic a menace to drivers of motor and horse driven vehicles and the people they contained, but the health of the entire city was menaced by the camps along the stream where the men engaged in the work and their horses were camped. That this was allowed was a disgrace and citizens are wondering if the menace is to continue without the city or county board or both demanding a change.

A tunnel to the Little Cottonwood side would not cost a great deal of money considering the resources of the Cardiff mine, and whether it would or not, it is more important that the people be served than one mining company.

If the commissioners decided to widen the road, well and good. The tractors suggested for the hauling of the ore, instead of being a detriment, will make one of the best automobile roads in the country, but in the meantime some definite action should be taken so that this community shall not be deprived of its right of travel in the canyon, and irrespective of that, there is no logical excuse for a private corporation menacing the health of an entire community on account of its commercial needs.

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What is the harm of the little news stands on the corners? They are certainly a great convenience to business men. If it be true that the movement begun before the city commissioners to revoke their licenses is inspired by the management of a newspaper for the reason that one of its small stockholders was formerly in the business and wishes to either control or ruin it, the commissioners should carefully investigate before taking action. If there be good objections to the continuance of these stands, this newspaper has ample facilities to make them public. Whether it be the removal of news stands or the tearing down of an office building, it is a matter of more or less public interest. The commissioners should not be guided either in the one case or the other by influences afraid of the light of publicity.

A newspaper constantly prating of its fairness should not be permitted to secretly use the city commission as a tool to the advantage of a man

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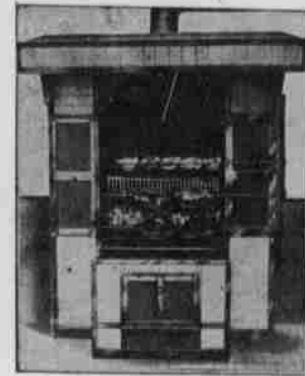
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