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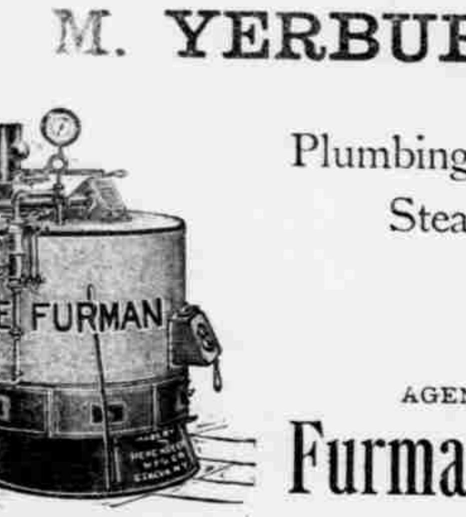


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## A NEGLECTED STREAM.

**The Needs of the Mississippi and the Duty of Congress Forcibly Discussed.**

Prof. Waterhouse, of Washington, has been studying the Mississippi and its navigation and thinks the government greatly at fault in allowing our great waterway to remain in the present deplorable condition. He says:

"I found the upper river in a condition discreditable to the government of the United States. On the way to St. Paul and back, 50 hours were spent on sand bars. The various detentions arising from low water protracted the round trip nine days beyond the schedule time. There was a sufficient flow of water for unobstructed navigation, if it had only been restricted to a narrow channel. On the upper river the wing dams are numerous and effective. Indeed, without them the shallows would be wholly impassible. But there are still scores of shoals which the government has neglected to remove. At only a few places were forces of men at work upon the improvement of the channel. The example of France in providing facilities for commercial intercourse affords an instructive lesson to the United States. In France, from the days of the great Vauban, an adequate expenditure of public wealth has hastened to completion every work that promoted the national interest. But in this country a false system delays the usefulness and increases the cost of public improvements. In consequence of the irregularity and insufficiency of the congressional appropriations, works commenced by the government sometimes fall into partial decay before they can be finished. Our present impolicy renders the upper Mississippi almost unnavigable at low stages of water, deprives our great waterway of its vast usefulness as a means of transportation and as a regulator of railroad freights, and debars the cities on its banks from the prosperity which a flourishing river trade would create. A statesmanship broad as the interests of our country and heedless of mistaken conceptions of public economy ought to make regular and adequate provision for deepening the channel of the Mississippi river.

Arguments such as this strengthen the cause of a river convention in the near future, and the movement started in this city to hold it here is very apropos of such a move.

Capt. George Lamont returned yesterday morning from Chicago. He did not go on to Washington, he and Capt. Osborne after arriving in Chicago, finding that President E. M. Dickey, of the Jo line, had left for Washington to attend the river conference the day before, and there would therefore be no necessity for any others representing that company to go.

Gen. Supt. F. A. Bill and Capt John Killeen of the Diamond Jo line, were in the city Saturday in consultation with Maj Mackenzie with reference to the Hannibal bridge.

**Entertainments.**

The Hanlons are to be at the Burtis at Davenport in "Fantasma" this evening and Tuesday evening. The piece is too well known to the public to demand special mention. The same old characters still retain their relative positions in the cast. There is Pica, the faithful, who cannot keep out of trouble; the villain, Zamaliel, who is in constant communication with Hades; Lena, who is abducted by the last named character; Arthur, her lover, and the fair Fantasma, who baffles the villain in every instance and restores Lena to her lover. "Fantasma" is a piece without a plot but replete with magnificent scenery. The several scenes are located in Elfland and afford excellent opportunity for a gorgeous display. It is astonishing and laughable. The specialties and novelties are of first order, and help to make the beautiful staging interesting as well as attractive. The company suits the play well.

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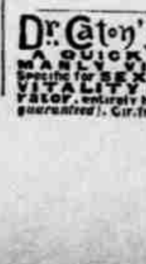

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