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WHO OWNS THE WATER.

THE SAME ORGANIZATION which has already exploited the other natural resources of the country for personal gain is now doing its audacious and crafty best to secure control also of the water. And unless the public does wake up and wakes in wrath sternly determined to protect forever the remnant of its birthright—twenty-five years will add to the present peage of Ironmasters, Coal Kings, Land Barons, and Petroleum Princes a vastly greater list of Monarchs of Water And an aristocracy of wealth, based on H₂O is more dangerous than any other; coal, iron, copper, and all oil deposits will some day be exhausted; properly conserved the water supply will last forever and wealth based on its control will go on increasing to the end of time.

To the myopic and indifferent public the idea of a few men getting control of the water supply and of drawing vast wealth from that control will sound like the foolish wail of a crack-brained sensationalist; it will arouse only a fatuous smile of ignorant contempt. But the readers of this magazine have heard of the turbine water-wheel; they know what is meant by the long distance transmission of electric power; they are able to realize what it means to hand over, forever, as a free gift to a little coterie of men the absolute control of the incalculable power developed by the rivers and streams of the United States. And pray God—once they do understand the situation, they will not smile, but smite. The Congress of the United States and the legislatures of the various states are the danger points which must be constantly watched if the people are to be saved from spoliation.

When the first cost of a water-power development and distribution plant have been met, it will put the richest gold mine to shame in the potent matter of profits. In the latter case the supply of ore must be continually dug from deeper and deeper levels; this ore must be crushed and the gold extracted at a considerable cost for labor and materials; and every night the mine-owner goes to bed with the fear that on the morrow his rich veins may be pinched out into a stratum of worthless schist. The owner of a water-power, on the other hand, if the water shed of a stream which he controls is properly protected—and this work the people will be forced, for compelling reasons, to do at their own expense, no matter who gets the incidental benefit—may sit snugly at home, knowing that at no cost for raw materials, no cost of manufacture or for labor—save the trifling required for the upkeep and management of his plant—his spinning turbines will deliver every day and twenty-four hours each day two, five, ten thousand horse-power available anywhere within two hundred miles at the end of a copper wire the size of a man's thumb. And in any market such power is worth upwards of twenty dollars per year for each unit. Most comfortable of all, the happy owner of a perpetual water power franchise rests secure in the certainty that, humanly speaking, the golden stream will to the end of time pour its forty, hundred or two hundred thousand dollars a year into the distant money bags of his most remote descendants — Technical World Magazine.

KIDNAPING.

THE ORDINARY KIDNAPER of today has a low conception of his trade.

By limiting the range of his business to the stealing of children for money-ransom he leaves the business upon a low and criminal plane that is unworthy the fine facilities and exceptional lines along which the venture must be conducted. There is a wider and ampler play for the artistic finesse incident to the work, that should be cultivated; the business instead of remaining an offense against the laws can be brought within the pale of the law, as it is yet "unwritten" and popularized to such a pass that even the prohibitory statutes may be rendered quiescent.

By making a bold stand for recognition as a kidnaper of objectionable people, people whom everyone would delight to know was kidnaped, the operator would soon attain to an idealistic standard of service that would make him and his business a household necessity and a commercial institution of the first class, and soon lay all legal antagonism now existent (owing to the exclusive, and offensive, field now occupied) and reverse the attitude of society altogether toward the cult.

If a Kidnaping Trust might be organized, heavily capitalized, and cleverly energized, to kidnap, securely, safely, silently, without harm, and with assured care and consideration, for stated periods, upon proper guaranty of safe and timely return, unscathed of mind and body, such people as over-weening creditors, bumptious rivals in love affairs, aggressive business opponents, strenuous political antagonists; the man-and-woman-in-the-way generally; it would do an immense instant and thriving business and be blessed of mankind, (at least such of mankind as was unamenable to its operations) and become one of the fixed and friendly institutions of a day and people that take but little notice of the ethical side of things, so long as they serve some definite and useful end.

Such an organization might kidnap E. H. Harriman and hold him as hostage until such time as he would complete the Drain road. This action would place kidnaping on a par with other operations in high finance.

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

We have no liberty to choose whether we will serve or not; all the liberty we have is to choose our master.—Sanderson.

The Cards of Life.

Life's but a game of cards we all must play,
 With Fate the dealer; in a puzzling way
 The deck is stacked upon us, and the hand
 We sometimes hold we cannot understand.
 For one a full house always, and for one
 A busted straight or flush, so luck will run;
 A queen for an unworthy knave's abuse,
 And for a king a woman who's the deuce;
 Diamonds for some, but better one true heart;
 For others clubs; and spades when all depart.
 Through life we plunge or pike; we practice guile;
 Bluff may be; try to win each other's pile:
 Until Death call us, whereupon we leave
 The table, with a few behind to grieve.
 Then gather in our chips, while outward goes
 The soul upon that journey no one knows.
 Grant when at last we stand at heaven's gate,
 Where Peter from Missouri lies in wait,
 That we can show him; grant, up there that we
 Can tell the good saint, with a conscience free,
 "Master, I know not whether I made good,
 But still I played my hand the best I could,
 And on the square; "then, even with our sin,
 Perhaps we'll hear those blessed words, "Come in!"
 'Tis not the cards that count beyond the skies.
 It is the way they're played wins Paradise!

—Malcolm Douglas.

The credit man's solo is "Simply Trusting Every Day."

The fellow in love looks upon the girl's father as the ideal man.

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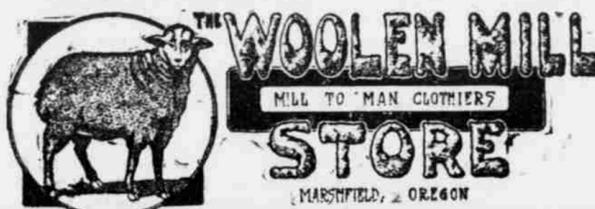


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