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WATER PROBLEM IS NOW PENDING

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS ASKED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF WATER SUPPLY.

A citizen of Astoria, deeply interested in the problem of future water supply for this city, has sent in the following communication in relation to the present status and immediate needs of the local system. It carries its own suggestions and is well worth the earnest consideration of every Astorian.

"Beside the selection of a superintendent and engineer for the system, to succeed Mr. Bergsvick, the members of the Water Commission are puzzling their brains over improvement to the whole plant. An adjourned meeting will be held on Friday night next to consider this particular subject.

"The question which is of the gravest import is, shall a reservoir of 20 million gallon capacity be built near the city, or one of 100 million gallons, be constructed at the headworks, eleven miles distant?

"The first will make up the deficiency in the shortened supply of dry seasons; it will furnish the city with water when the pipe line breaks, or is shut off for repairs, and will furnish water to the city when the present reservoirs are emptied for cleaning or repairs, or emptied by overdraft in case of fire, or cold weather such as prevailed this winter.

"It will furnish water to families living on the hills and fire protection to the property situated above the elevation of the present reservoirs.

"The reservoir at the headworks will keep up the water supply through the tardy season, but nothing more. Should the pipe line be out of repair, it would not even do that, but be useless. Under no circumstances would it meet any of the other advantages of the new reservoir near the town.

"The cost, also, is a heavy factor. The estimated cost of the first is approximately, \$100,000; of the 100 million gallon reservoir, \$30,000; of the 200 million reservoir, \$90,000.

"Should a reservoir be constructed at the headworks, there would still be the same demand, and necessity, for the additional reservoir near the city, and should the new city reservoir be built, there would be no demand for the headworks reservoir, or need of it, until the new pipe line of larger capacity shall be built from Bear Creek and when that shall be required, depends upon the growth of the city, or the life of the present conduit.

"Should a larger pipe line be erected, more than twenty millions reserve, or storage would be required to keep it full during the dry season and it would then be advisable to build a reservoir at the headworks, but, still, this would not lessen the necessity of the proposed new reservoir near the city. Of what capacity this latter will be, however, will not be known until the measurements of the Bear Creek at the headworks, now being taken, are finally reported in January next.

"The estimated cost of the new pipe line of larger flow, is \$250,000. "Which shall it be?"

SPANISH POLITICS.

Recent Royal Decree Causes Elections to Become Church Contest.

MADRID, March 2.—The royal decree abrogating the decree of last August permitting Catholics to contract civil marriages is very disappointing to the Liberals, who regarded it as the beginning of an era of reactionary legislation and a check to the anti-clericalism planned by the recent liberal cabinet.

However, they expect that the step will strengthen the liberal campaign for the coming elections. The election fight is already quite exciting and this decree, it is expected, will turn it largely into a church question.

PAY FOR TROUBLE.

Smoot Reimbursed For Expense of Defending Seat in Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate today passed the Deficiency Appropriation bill carrying slightly less than \$10,740,000. Among other items provided was \$1,000 to reimburse Smoot for the expenses incurred by him in defending his rights to a seat in the Senate. This was passed after some discussion.

WINTHROP APPOINTED.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—It is announced that the president has tendered to Beckman Winthrop, Governor of Porto Rico the position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Winthrop has accepted the appointment.

EXPLOSION INJURES MANY.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 2.—Fourteen men were seriously hurt and twelve slightly injured in an explosion of gas today in the Holden Mine at Taylor, four miles from this city. Four will probably die.

MARCHIONESS RIPON DEAD.

LONDON, March 2.—The Marchioness of Ripon is dead here. She was married to the Marquis, who is her cousin, and who survives her, in 1851.

ITALIAN Eruption.

NAPLES, March 2.—The crater of Zolfalara at Pozzuoli which we supposed to be extinct has opened up a new mouth and is emitting dense smoke. There have been slight earthquakes in Calabria.

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WILKESBARRE, Mar.2.—Two men were killed and five badly burned in an explosion of gas in the Woodmard mine at Klugston today.

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JUNIOR SOCIAL.

Third Year Class of High School Gives Entertainment.

The Junior class of the Astoria high school gave a very enjoyable entertainment last evening at the McClure assembly hall. A good attendance was present and the program, which is as follows was well received:

Instrumental Duet, Birdie and Louise Wise. Vocal Solo, Lena Fastabend, Instrumental Solo, Norman Anstenson. Recitation, Jennie Jeffers, Song Mabel Larson, Spanish Dance, Ethel Ellsworth, Instrumental Solo Maude Ross.

After the program refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in. The entertainment was a decided success, both socially and financially, netting the Junior class a sum which will later be used to assist in staging the class play.

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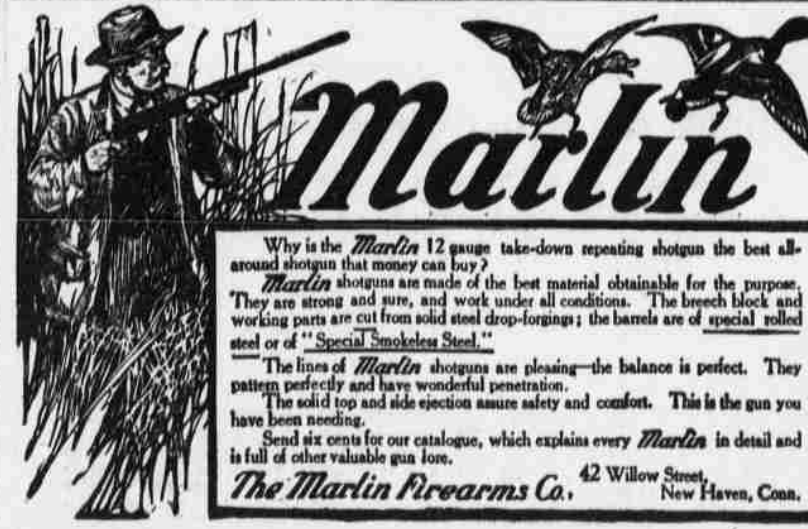
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