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THE STREET SPRINKLING.

The sprinkling carts are at work now on the streets of Pendleton. They have not yet been in operation for a time sufficient to demonstrate that the plan under which they are run is comprehensive enough to suffice permanently. It may be necessary to make some changes. It is even possible that the three carts will be insufficient to keep down the dust appreciably to the town as a whole.

The first season is necessarily one of experimentation. Pendleton has gotten along for all the years with one cart run by a man who had no attention paid to his enterprise by the people generally. When the question came up as to more general street sprinkling, it seemed to be necessary to place the enterprise on a quasi-public basis. The matter was taken up in connection with the mayor and councilmen and water commission, and the present plan was the outcome of the agitation, the expense of maintaining the enterprise being carried by private subscription, the wagons having been bought by the council and the water given by the water commission.

Just now, when the first contract has been freshly signed, is the time to make a suggestion. This suggestion should be heeded by every citizen: Remember that general street sprinkling is new here. The first year may prove that plans radically different from those now obtaining should be adopted. And, most important of all—any district in the town can have the same arrangements as those which will now be sprinkled, if it raises the money and apply to the city officials for permission to make the arrangements now in force in the districts for which provision has been made.

The presence of the sprinkling carts is another of the most excellent forward moves made during the incumbency of the present city administration.

This improvement and the others that are familiar to the citizens are highly creditable to the mayor, the councilmen and the water commission. They deserve chaplets of laurels as adornments of all the people. Let all the people praise them for their most excellent public works, and remember the large amount of time and the sacrifice of their personal interests. They have labored for the advancement of Pendleton, and have inaugurated industrial and economic reforms in the method of conducting the city business. Business principles have been applied. Expenses have been reduced. Public policy has been broad and comprehensive. In their assignments of credit for all these things, the phraseology of the psalmist may fittingly be used: Let all the people praise them for their most excellent work. Yes, let all the people praise them.

NEW YORKERS AFRAID.

New York yachtsmen are afraid of Boston's boat, Independence. If this assertion be untrue, then appearances are deceitful. Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, has caused the construction of a yacht intended as an entry in the trial race to determine which shall defend the historic trophy of the America. In the construction of the rule of the New York club, the Boston boat was excluded. Mr. Lawson then offered to charter to any person designated by the club an interest in the boat sufficient to bring it within the rules. To this Mr. Lawson at last reports had received no answer. Mr. Lawson is justified in assuming

that the New York men are afraid to permit the Boston yacht to compete. Even with all technical objections removed, so it appears, the Gothamites are disposed to keep out the craft from the hob city. Such action tends to spoil the enthusiasm of the people for the cup races. That trophy really ought to be considered a national affair, and, if Boston can build a surer defender, let Boston build it and let the boat do what it can to keep the cup, here in the United States for another hundred years or so. Technicalities of law as interpreted from the deed of gift can easily be gotten over, and Lawson has offered so to do. The American people are prone to love sport, but not to admire the arrogance of Gotham, which seems to think that New York is the whole national IT.

VINDICATE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

There seems to be an impression abroad among federal officeholders that the national merit law is to be honored in the breach rather than in the observance. Several instances of deliberate and inexcusable violations of its provisions have recently been brought to light by the national civil service reform league. The most flagrant of them is that involving Charles E. Sapp, internal revenue collector at Louisville. He is charged with manipulation of his office for political purposes and with levying political assessments on his subordinates.

A special committee has made a searching inquiry into the case and its report demands the removal of Collector Sapp. The charges in regard to assessments are summed up as follows: "Payment was demanded both by letter and in person, and often in the building occupied for official duties. Potomac represented that he was authorized by Sapp to levy these assessments, and that he made monthly reports as to the employees who had or had not paid; that on the basis of these reports the assignments to duty of these employees were made. Those who made contributions were given appointments with good pay, while those who failed to contribute were given assignments which reduced their compensation; and some of them were dismissed from the service."

It seems that the demands and collections were made by a man named Potomac, who produced to the collector authorizing him to promote the nomination of Taylor, now a fugitive from justice for governor by levying the assessments in question. The fact that the prostitution of the office by Sapp led to a reduction of the republican majority in the district he operated in from 12,500 in 1896 to 3,700 in 1898 does not lessen the gravity of his offense. His methods failed, but that furnishes no ground for overlooking the matter.

Some weeks ago a communication was addressed by the league to President McKinley setting forth the evidence in the case and calling his attention to the provisions of the civil service act forbidding solicitation of campaign contributions and political coercion of federal employes. Sapp richly deserves separation from the service if he can make no satisfactory defense. It is to be hoped that the president will act promptly and convince the spoliators that the merit law is not a dead letter.—Chicago Post.



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BITS OF INFORMATION.

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