

A PUBLIC BENEFIT.

The special meeting of the city council last evening for the purpose of considering the proposition of granting a new franchise to a water company was of great value, and the discussion of the matter should not be allowed to rest.

Everybody knows more than anybody. It is only by a full, free and fair discussion of public matters of such vital interest to the future welfare of the city that the best plan of operation can be decided upon.

Last night's meeting demonstrated the fact that the preponderance of opinion favors the owning and controlling of the city's water works by the city.

There is this to be said against granting a franchise to supply the city with water:

It is difficult, if not impossible, to so restrict the corporation that they cannot to a considerable extent defy the laws that were made to control them.

Those who are in favor of granting a franchise to a water company say that the company should be so bound and restricted that the city will not be the victim of a greedy monopoly.

The city is now suffering from restricted water, which is quite a different thing.

It is believed by many that the price of water has not been sufficiently restricted; that it comes too high, while others living on the hill, and the children at the Court street school think that it doesn't come high enough.

But, really it seems as if the water was very cheap considering how scarce it is.

So it appears that the first necessity is more water.

The inhabitants of this city may be able to struggle through the moist season with the present inadequate supply, but the prospect of going through another summer and fall in this way is appalling.

The city should own its water works.

BEAUTIFUL women are always at a premium, but it was left for the genius of a Macon man to offer a prize for a lovely woman. He offers \$2,000 for the loveliest woman in Georgia who will ride on his display wagon or float during the trades display parade at the State Fair.

WONDERFUL, indeed, is the record of the Cunard Steamship Company, which employs over 10,000 men and has been in existence forty-four years, carrying millions of passengers, yet has never lost a single vessel nor a life through accident.

"THAT FELLOW IS A YANK."

Story of a Three-Card Monte Game on a Boat Out From London.

Not long ago a tall, slim-built, fair-complexioned, brown-haired young man entered a first-class carriage on the London and Southwestern railway at Waterloo station. He strook his umbrella in the rack, opened his favorite paper and began to fill himself with information. He looked up as the door was opened by a modest-looking gentleman who murmured "Excuse me," as he passed by the entrance of the carriage and encircled himself in a set near the window. The door opened again. The newcomer looked like a country curate. He sat himself down opposite the modest-looking gentleman and looked out of the window as if he were greatly interested in the advertisements which met his eye. The door opened again. The newcomer looked like a well-to-do farmer. He sat down alongside the modest-looking gentleman. The train started. The modest-looking gentleman suggested that he had at various periods of his life and under a large variety of circumstances observed some weather.

As he made this observation he looked at the country curate. The latter, in a hesitating way, agreed that there must have been at various periods of England's history worse weather than he saw in his vicinity at that particular time. The well-to-do farmer joined in the conversation with a growl. It might be fine enough weather for people who had nothing to do, but it was death to the crops. The modest-looking gentleman seemed surprised to hear this, and assured his audience that he was perfectly willing to be soaked through and through if the discomfort attached to such an experience would be of any value to the rural population.

The conversation then became general, but at the end of ten minutes flagged. Then the modest-looking gentleman drew from a pocket a pack of cards and amused himself by tossing three of them about in an apparently aimless way, talking to himself as he did so. The well-to-do farmer stood this sort of thing for a few minutes and then asked what the game was. The modest-looking gentleman said it was a little invention of his own. The point was to guess the position of a certain one of the three cards—the queen for instance. The well-to-do farmer, after noticing that it was possible to see the faces of the cards while they were being manipulated, said he could place the queen for a "quid." His offer was at once accepted. The well-to-do farmer was, apparently much to the chagrin of the modest-looking gentleman. The latter lost three sovereigns in quick succession, and the ease with which the well-to-do farmer pocketed the same excited the curate, who finally ventured to wager a sovereign that he could place the queen also. He did so twice, and became quite hilarious as he fingered his easily acquired gains.

All this time the tall, slim young man had been reading his paper. He hadn't once looked at the game. Finally the well-to-do farmer nudged him and whispered that there was a chance to make a few sovereigns. The young man paid no attention to the advice. Then the curate suggested that it seemed like flying in the face of Providence not to accept such a chance. Still the young man proved obdurate. The modest-looking

ing gentleman then came to the front. He had lost 45, he said, but still he had confidence in his invention. He was willing to wager any reasonable amount of money that the tall, slim young man could not place the queen. When the young man paid no attention to the modest-looking gentleman became indignant, and was supported by the well-to-do farmer and the curate. The train stopped at Putney. The tall, slim young man rose, and opening the door of the carriage, said: "This is my station. I was wrenched on three-card monte several years ago." The trio who remained in the carriage looked at one another until the modest-looking gentleman broke the silence with the remark: "That fellow is a yank and probably chucks the cards himself."—London Edition of the Herald.

A gentleman who wrote concerning the price of board in this country, town is said to have received this telegram in reply: "Board \$20 a week, including washing up the carriage and piano agent. Robinson." He wrote in answer that, though both agent and carriage needed cleaning, he was not accustomed to such charges in a board bill, and soon after learned that the original copy had run thus: "Board \$20 a week, including washing, use of carriage and piano. Agnes Robinson.

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NEW TO-DAY. Certificate of Authorization. TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, WASHINGTON, August 21st, 1890.

Whereas, by said-fact-fact evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Astoria National Bank," in the City of Astoria, in the County of Clatsop, Washington, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking. Now therefore, I, EDWARD S. LACEY, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Astoria National Bank," in the City of Astoria, in the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in section 5136 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. In testimony whereof, my hand and seal of office this 21st day of August, 1890.

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Notice. ALL PERSONS HAVING ACCOUNTS against the estate of the late Philo Callender are hereby notified to present the same to me for settlement forthwith. M. P. CALLENDER, Knappa, Wash. August 24th, 1890.

Notice. THE DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1 will meet as a Board of Equalization on the 10th day of September at 10 o'clock a. m. at the school house in Astoria. J. G. BUSTLER, Chairman. J. W. CONN, Clerk. Astoria, Aug. 29th, 1890.

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C. R. F. P. Union Notice. THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union will be held at the reading rooms, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1890, at 7:30 p. m. All members in good standing requested to attend. By order F. McREGGOL, President. V. LEX, Secretary.

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