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MUST HAVE WATER

A proposition which confronts the citizens of Monmouth is a bountiful supply of pure water, and it must necessarily come up in the immediate future, as protection of health, progress and safety from fire, all demand that we exert ourselves to overcome this deficiency.

According to inquiry and observations made the reservoir system, supplied from wells, will prove the cheapest, and we believe the best that can be put in operation for the city, and this will cost in the vicinity of \$15,000, so that a probable bond issue of \$20,000 will be necessary to make certain that the project will be achieved when operations have begun.

Now don't get a tax-scare on when we mention this sum for the tax will not fall upon the tax-payers but upon the water-users, as an individual and a house-holder we expect to pay at least \$12 a year into the fund that will liquidate the interest and finally wipe out the bonded indebtedness but we do not expect to pay one cent in taxes for the purpose of putting in and maintaining the system, as the funds which come in from those who use the water will doubtless be ample to pay all the expense of running and repairs, besides leaving a surplus to be used in liquidation of the bonds.

QUESTIONABLE HONOR

Andrew Carnegie's public gifts have now reached the colossal amount of over 180 million dollars, a sum so great that it is hard to realize the amount of property it represents, and perhaps there are but few minds able to comprehend its vastness.

If a man earned \$1000 each day and worked 300 days in the year it would require three and a third years to acquire \$1,000,000, and to earn as much as Carnegie has given away would take 640 years not counting expense of living, and yet what Carnegie has given away is but a representative of the wealth which he still holds.

How did he get it? Is it an honor to hold up the gifts as a representative of the man? We are inclined to think otherwise. He could never have earned so great amount according to the schedule of wages paid for the best skilled mechanic, hence he must have obtained it through questionable methods—in other words he has held up the public just the same as the Standard Oil Company and other trusts have done.

Another question arises out of this condition: Is Carnegie to be censured for taking the advantage he did? Well we think he is, but there are wrongs and faults elsewhere. Carnegie

had helpers on the one hand and on the other was a sleepy public who were not awakened to their own interests.

The masses of the people were, and are, asleep to conditions such as have made the multi-millionaires of the country. They have never come in touch with the advantages and perceived the opportunity. Those who did as a general thing took advantage of the occasion, controlled by that degree of selfishness which guarded the secret until the prize was attained, and in case one could not control or overcome conditions that presented, aid was sought sufficient to the accomplishment without publishing the secret, and thus the selfish attributes have been whetted and fostered to the degree that has produced the inequality and unrest that is almost everywhere visible in civic and national life.

How much better it would have been had those whose minds opened up to the higher possibilities labored diligently and raised the rest of the human family to higher intelligence and greater activity.

The world has reached a high degree of intelligence, but if the selfish instinct had been eliminated and all have wrought together the increased mental power would, without doubt, have reached to higher and grander results.

LIKED THE FRYING PANS.

Indians Found an Exciting Use For the Cooking Utensils.

The Indian, however averse he may be to any kind of useful labor, is not slow to avail himself of a new source of amusement. This was shown some years ago when among the supplies sent by the government to a certain agency in the west were several hundred large frying pans with long handles.

These the Indian agent found in stock when he took possession, and at the end of the year the number had not been diminished. Thinking that perhaps he had not discharged his whole duty in the matter of supplying Uncle Sam's wards with these culinary utensils, the agent began making special efforts to induce the red men to use them.

At first it was hard work, but by the time he had given out about two dozen there came a sudden change. Not a day passed in which the agent did not have applications for at least a dozen, and some days he disposed of twice that number.

When the supply was nearly exhausted he noticed among the applicants some to whom he had previously given pans, and naturally enough he became a trifle curious to know what use they were making of them. He questioned several of the men to no purpose, but at length a young buck more communicative than the rest gave him to understand that if he would visit a certain part of the reservation not far away he would find his inquiry answered.

The next day, therefore, the agent rode out in the direction indicated. About two miles from the agency he noticed on the crest of a narrow spur of the mountain three or four Indians who suddenly disappeared on the opposite side of the ridge. At the same time he heard faintly the cry of many voices.

On turning the point of the ridge he saw a crowd of several hundred Indians who were shouting as if greatly excited. He noticed also several objects, which he at first supposed to be bowlders, descending the side of the mountain toward them with tremendous rapidity.

Instead of fleeing from these moving objects the Indians simply applauded and shouted. Soon he saw other objects like the first descending, and in a short time the whole situation was plain to him.

Having selected a long, smooth slope of the mountain where there were no stones, the Indians had converted it into a sort of earthen toboggan slide and were utilizing the frying pans as toboggans. Seating themselves in the pans, they grasped the handles with both hands; then, crossing their legs over their arms, they went spinning down the slide with great rapidity. The agent let them have the few pans that remained in the storehouse, but did not order a new supply.—Harper's Weekly.

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" " 7:30 p. m.
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