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THE WATER SYSTEM

All the money the city raised, on a bond issue, \$35,000 for the construction of a new water system, has been spent. It's all gone, and the system is not completed. Water from the new pipes has been connected with the old system, and now citizens of the city, (most of the time) have water.

But the city is in a mess as far as the water system is concerned, and a lot of mistakes were made, and excuses provided for the mistakes, etc., etc. That's all water over the dam now. It's done, let's forget it.

The thing to do now, as The News sees the picture, is to quit screaming to the top of the world about this one and that one and somebody else, but to change our thinking and do some tall thinking about getting along with each other and offer some CONSTRUCTIVE advice instead of a lot of criticism.

We can take a lot of that advice home — for we've indulged in some highfaluting language of our own in the matter. But we just discovered it won't work and now we want to offer our good intentions and try to get us all in a frame of mind to help each other and quit putting monkey wrenches in the machinery.

There isn't any of us so "lily white" that we don't forget once in-a-while and speak right out loud that we don't like the way so-in-so is doing things. If it was me, I'd do it so-n-so, etc., etc. You know what we mean. These thoughts only spread more so-n-so's, and each time it gets a little bigger, until finally the whole works is cockeyed and everything is out of joint, and the one who first started the so-n-so would not recognize his own story.

We've got a marvelous little city—It's on the up and up, and the only thing wrong is, we are growing so fast we can't keep pace with it all, and it makes us a little irritated because we can't do the things we see should be done, because we haven't the wherewith and the wherefore to do it, and maybe, also, we haven't the personnel and experience other larger cities have. But this can be corrected as time goes along, if we all give a helping hand instead of a kick in the pants.

An old maxim — "Change your thought, my little man, then I'll help you all I can." That's just plain darn good advice. Let's all change our critical thoughts and send out some encouraging echoes. You will be surprised how it spreads. AND, we're going to take our own medicine: Pop Reed has done a good job with what he had to do with. Blake Miller has given us more than any other citizen would have—on his own time as his own expense. The city council, mayor, and let's include the city recorder, all have worked to the best of their ability, and when you analyze the entire procedure—It's not so bad—believe you me, it could be a lot worse.

Now we've thrown the roses—Let's get back to another subject—When in h—ll is the city council going to get started on the sewer system. And winter will be here before you get the street curbing in so the state can pave our main street, if you don't step on it.

We're for you, we're going to help all we can, but we are just suggesting (constructively) that you get on the ball and move a little faster.

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