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## WOULD INCREASE SUPPLY OF WATER

### MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN INVESTIGATE THE SYSTEM.

Find Intake Pipes Don't Feed Reservoir With Full Supply Furnished By Springs.

Mayor Koozts and members of the city council explored Athena's gravity water system yesterday and found water that should be running into the pipes, bubbling out of the ground. There was found to be more water running through the upper maohole than comes into the reservoir from the gravity source, proving that the intake pipes are clogged up so that water will not circulate through them.

The trip was made by the mayor and council with the view of ascertaining the true condition of the system. On investigation in addition to finding a goodly supply of pure, clear water at the upper maohole, which is located at the upper end of the system, water was found to be running on top of the ground at the middle springs, the lower maohole had accumulations of mud, grass and rubbish in it, and about six inches of mud covers the bottom of the reservoir.

The mayor and council will take action at once, and a force of men will be put to work cleaning out the intake pipes and flushing the reservoir, and until such time as this is done Mayor Koozts advises that water users boil their water.

Mayor Koozts and Councilman Waits of the water committee did not say there was sufficient water in the gravity system to supply the city, but both stated that only a small percentage of the water supply is now finding its way into the pipes.

The mayor favors digging to bed-rock below the springs after the pipes have been thoroughly cleaned out, and then if it is found there is sufficient water, to construct a concrete retaining wall to raise the water up to the intake pipes.

The councilmen are unanimous in the belief that with the intake pipes opened up, quite a supply of water will again flow into the reservoir.

The water committee of the council under whose supervision the work will come, is comprised of Homer L. Waits, W. P. Littlejohn and J. E. Froome.

cared for. By going into the question thoroughly it has been determined that Whitman, with its present revenues will need in addition about \$7000 annually if the present standard is to be maintained. This, however, will come easily for it the indebtedness, if cared for, endowments amounting to at least \$50,000 will be forthcoming. This will more than place Whitman on a sound basis.

The churches and commercial association have taken the matter up with the view of assisting the college to make provision for the indebtedness. It is realized that the closing of the college would not only be a blow to higher education in the Inland Empire but to the whole Northwest as well.

**Athena Player Won Game.**  
It took two bingles from Roll Brown's nifty willow to win the opening game for Walla Walla in the Western Tri-State league Tuesday before a large crowd of admiring fans. The ex-captain of the pennant-winners in the Blue Mountain league got a two base hit, was sacrificed to third and scored on a single. In the fourth inning Garrett grooved one over and Brown promptly lifted it over the fence for a home run. Pendleton scored once. Athenas fans who witnessed the game say Pendleton has a fine team and that it will give an account of itself before the season is over. Strad pitched for Walla Walla, and Brown, who is playing first, caught the game, owing to an accident to White, the regular out-of.

**Prominent Lodge Man.**  
Le F. A. Shaw, one of the best known lodge men in the state of Washington, and a pioneer resident of Walla Walla, died at Oakland, California, Tuesday from hemorrhage as the result of an operation for cancer. Mr. Shaw had a wide acquaintance not only in Walla Walla but throughout the state and the northwest as he attended most of the conventions of the various orders to which he belonged and took a prominent part in them, holding a number of the highest offices in the power of the grand lodges to give.

**Want Sunday Ball.**  
A referendum vote upon the subject of Sunday baseball in Milton resulted Monday in the defeat of the ordinance standing on the books prohibiting the game. The ordinance was passed by the city council several months ago, at which time it was not taken seriously by the base ball fans. The measure was recalled by 40 majority.

**Circus Day in Athena.**  
Wednesday Al G. Barnes' wild animal circus came to town and gave two exhibitions at the grounds near the O. W. R. & N. tracks. Always a good show, Barnes gives a better exhibition than ever this year. His show is larger and under his management improves with age.

### TESTED THE ANTS.

Experiments That Seem to Prove the Insects Have Memory.  
Experiments are continually being made to test the memory of animals, such as the elephant, the dog, the bull, but it would seem a thankless undertaking to ascertain whether the ant has a memory. Nevertheless a scientist in South America thinks he has succeeded.

Isolating two of the largest specimens of tropical ants he could find, he arranged their receptacle that they could get no food without climbing over a circular slant into another compartment. Over this slant when the food was not there he placed a crimson cord, and the ants very soon learned to interpret the signal and never attempted to climb over it.

Thinking after a time that there might be something in the color that repelled them automatically, as the bull is affected unpleasantly by red, he replaced the red cord by cords of varying colors, always with the same result after the ants had made a few excursions over the slant and come back hungry. Then he tried plain cloth and even paper, but the result was invariably the same. After a number of trials the ants refused to climb the slant when there was any sort of "signal."

Finally the scientist reversed the signal, having food beyond the slant only when it was visible, and after an indefinite number of trials the ants accommodated themselves to the change.—Harper's Weekly.

### LABOUCHERE'S COPY.

After It Was Finished He Lost All Interest in Its Fate.

It was a matter of absolute indifference to Labouchere what became of anything he wrote after he had written it. When he had corrected the proof or if he was away from England when he sent his copy to the post he took no further interest in it whatever.

Before I had discovered this trait in his character I used to write and apologize for cutting, perhaps six columns down to two, or sometimes after an excuse for not using any of it at all. At last he wrote to me: "You need not sentimentalize about my stuff. I send it to you to do what you like with."

But one felt a lingering compunction long afterward about consigning the fruits of so much labor to the waste paper basket, and, after all, Labouchere was the proprietor of the paper. Once or twice, therefore, I have excused myself for "not sentimentalizing" about some article that he had sent.

One such occasion he writes: "Dear — I am the only person, I believe, on the press who does not care in the least whether his incubations do or do not appear in print. It has always appeared to me that the making of an article requires two persons, one to write it, the other to cut it down, and generally to cut out what the first man most admires."—London Truth.

**Wanted His Money Back.**  
A young man had taken his wife to a show, and as there was no one to look after the baby they had brought it along. It cried lustily all through the first act. At the close of the act an usher came down the aisle and informed them that if they could not keep the baby quiet they would have to go to the box office, get their money back and go out.

**Carnegie's First Library.**  
When Andrew Carnegie was a mere lad in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad he with the other boys of the old first ward, Allegheny, Pa., now the north side, Pittsburgh, had for many years the use of the private library of a Major Anderson. Mr. Carnegie, while speaking at the installation of his libraries, often said that much of his success was due to the influence of the books obtained in this library and that when he became wealthy the building of the Allegheny free library was one of his first acts.—New York Sun.

**Their Difference.**  
"The baby likes to play with my hair."  
"But you don't trust him with it when you are out, do you?" inquired her caller.

**Near Art Note.**  
"By George, old chap, when I look at one of your paintings I stand and wonder."  
"How I do it?"  
"No; why do you do it?"—Chicago Tribune.

**Diplomatic.**  
"How did you get your wife to forego her desire for that expensive evening gown?"  
"Told her it was just the thing a plain woman needed."—Judge.

**Customer's Name Is Peck.**  
Barber—You are losing your hair very fast, sir. Are you doing anything to save it? Customer—Yes; I'm getting a divorce.—Boston Transcript.

### ANIMAL SUPERSTITIONS.

Chief Among Them in Japan is the Fear of the Fox.  
Chief among Japanese animal superstitions is the fear of the fox, which is believed to have supernatural power. Shriines called "Inari Jinsha," in which the fox is enshrined as a deity, are numberless. The name of the deity written in Chinese characters signifies fox, and from this it came to be generally accepted that the god was really a fox. Its natural cunning is greatly enlarged upon, and it is believed to be capable of misleading and deceiving human beings, which causes many to pray to placate the fox god.

The badger is the next most dreaded animal in the superstitious mind. It is believed to have power to annoy people, its particular habit being a transformation into a Buddhist priest, in which disguise it is guilty of various deceptions and impositions. The crying of wrens and the baying of dogs are considered evil omens, and such insignificant happenings send a shudder over the believers.

On the other hand, a light colored mouse in the house is a sign of happiness, good omens are presaged by what are considered the pleasant cries of crows in the morning, while the so called unpleasant notes forecast death and other dire disasters. If a spider falls from the ceiling in the morning he brings pleasure, but if at night it is thought reverses will follow. To see a centipede at night means happiness.—Pearson's Weekly.

### A POOR TYPE OF CITIZEN.

The Good Man Who Lives by and Exclusively For Himself.

I know a certain type of man who poses as a good citizen, says Bert Walker. He breaks no laws, lives morally, pays his honest debts and is never tangled up in lawsuits. But he lives of himself, by himself and for himself only.

When a call is issued for volunteers to take hold of the car of progress and give a lift he never answers. When calamity has befallen people in a certain locality and charitable humanity flies to their rescue he is never one of their number. When money is needed to glid the spite of public enterprise his name is never on the list. When he sees some neighbor stuck in the mud he goes around to avoid him. In fact, were he standing on the shore and should observe the ship of state fast sinking in the surf, never a life line would he throw. He didn't bore the hole in the side of the vessel that lets in the water, so it is none of his concern what happens.

But were all mankind made of this kind of clay have you ever thought what would happen? There would be no churches, no hospitals for the sick, no institutions for the unfortunate nor rest rooms for the weary. Civilization would roam in jungles and the strongest would rule. He is not a good citizen, but gets mad if you say so.—Kansas City Journal.

**Wagers in an Old Betting Book.**  
Many events of human life figure in the old betting book of Brooks'. The frequency of bets on births is illustrated by Lord Mountford's answer when he was asked whether his daughter was going to present him with a grandchild: "Upon my word, I do not know. I have no bet upon it." Eight bets running in Sheridan's name range from the question whether the French had occupied Amsterdam to the question whether the shortest way from one house to another was by Sackville street or Bond street. There are fifty guineas on the double event that Lord Elchester gives his first vote in opposition and his first vote in his first ten pleasantries, and "Lord Clermont has given Mr. Crawford ten guineas upon the condition of receiving £500 from him whenever Mr. Charles Fox shall be worth £100,000 clear of debts."—London Chronicle.

**A Surprised Ventriloquist.**  
"The biggest surprise I ever got in my business," said a ventriloquist, "was in England when playing at a little theater in the outskirts of London."  
"When I came on the stage I threw my voice up in the rafters and inquired 'What are you doing up there?' To my surprise a small voice answered, 'I came here to see the people and hear the music.' 'Very well,' said I; 'stay there and don't let any one see you.'"  
Then I bowed to the audience amid thunderous applause.—Columbus Dispatch.

**He Would Indeed.**  
"What's this word, pa?" asked Willie, pointing it out in his book.  
"Phenomenon," replied pa.  
"Well, what is that?"  
"That, my son, is exactly what you would be if you never disturbed your father with questions."—Catholic Standard and Times.

**Of Course.**  
Tom—I told her father that I expected to inherit several pieces of fine property. Dick—What did he say? Tom—He said that deeds speak louder than words.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

**Artistic.**  
"Did you find the play to be as artistic as it had been reported to be?"  
"Yes. It was about the finest three hours I ever lived through."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Every man has his chance; nay, every man has his certainty. If he does well, he will be honored and aided.—John Ruskin.

## CLARK CAPTURES THE CONVENTION

### STEAM ROLLER METHODS OUST WILSON DELEGATES.

Bryan Adherents Spring a Scare Into the Clark Camp for a Few Minutes.

Washington state will send an un-instructed delegation of 38—each with half a vote—to the national democratic convention in Baltimore, the delegation pledged however, to vote as a unit and knowing that the sentiment of the convention which named Clark was overwhelmingly for Champ Clark for president, which amounts to an instruction.

The convention at Walla Walla was marked with heated arguments, good hot fights and what amounted to a walkout on the part of half the contending King county delegation, the primary delegates, who when given half a vote refused to take it, but left their places in the King county delegation.

An attempted Bryan stampede, which flashed in the pan was the spectacular feature of the convention. The stampede was noisy enough but it resulted in changing but six votes from Clark to the peerless leader, the Missourian's enthusiasts refused to follow the loudly shouted injunctions to get in the band wagon for Bryan.

Clark's strength became known in the morning but it was not brought to the attention of the convention at large until a roll call was started to show how the delegates stood on the question of national candidate. The vote was, Clark, 456; Wilson, 106; Bryan, 135 1-2; Harman, 1 1-2.

Work of the Clark men in lining up the delegations showed plainly as county after county swung into the Clark column. Fend d'Orville county announced a solid Bryan vote of 8 and San Juan followed with 5 for the commoner. Joseph Sessions of Davenport, a Clark man, changed the Lincoln vote to Bryan, and about this time something happened, and the Wilson men were the cause of its happening. Delegations began to switch votes for Bryan and eight switches were made. Paul Pattison, Judge Ronald and others cried out that the move was fostered by Wilson men to stop the Clark sentiment but the move went on and on.

The Clark forces lost only six votes by the change. The votes lost were 12 in Lincoln and one in Jefferson, and these were compensated by a defection of three from Wilson to Clark in Yakima, four in Pacific and one in Pierce.

Even though the stampede did not get through, there were some exciting moments when the Wilson and Bryan men were on their feet shouting for the Nebraska. From the noise made it looked like the Commoner was going to go through, hands down.

### MRS. PRICE BADLY INJURED

Horse Scares at Automobile, Runs Away and Turns Buggy Over.

Mrs. Mary Price, who resides near Adams, was badly injured Tuesday forenoon when her horse, scaring at a passing automobile on the road below the wheat warehouses in the west part of town, ran away, overturning the buggy and throwing Mrs. Price and a lady companion to the ground.

The automobile was from Pendleton, had four passengers and some of them went back to see what damage resulted, although, according to the two ladies the men could not help knowing the horse was badly frightened and was beyond control when they passed it. The number of the machine was ascertained when it passed through Weston, and in all probability a damage suit will be brought against the owner.

Mrs. Price was brought to Dr. Plamondon's office where it was found that she had sustained a compound fracture of the left arm, and the right was broken at the wrist. With the assistance of Dr. Sharp, the fractures were reduced and Mrs. Price was taken to her home during the afternoon.

When the vehicle turned over Mrs. Price was precipitated into a mudhole, otherwise she might have been worse injured. Her companion escaped with a few slight bruises. Mrs. Price is well known in Athena, where she has a large number of friends and acquaintances.

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**Bells and Bees.**  
It is a foolish notion to suppose that the ringing of bells or "tangling" of tin pans will cause a swarm of bees to settle. The real origin of this custom dated back to the reign of Alfred the Great, who, in order to prevent disputes regarding the ownership of a swarm, ordered that the owner should always ring a bell when his bees swarmed, and ever since then the good farmer's wife has been rushing out with ringing bells whenever the bees swarmed, and the fact that they settled verified, in her own mind, the belief that the bell did it.—London Standard.

"I guess, Mr. Shoogand," said the observant customer to his grocer, "that you never took music lessons."  
"I never did. Why?"  
"Oh, I thought maybe if you had you might be more correct in your scales."—Browning's Magazine.

**Serie Comic.**  
"And so this is the end," said the hero as he bent over the form of the dying heroine, while the orchestra played soft sad music. "Thank heaven for that!" exclaimed a pathetic voice from the gallery.—London Tit-Bits.