

SAY ASHLAND MINERAL SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT COSTLY EXPERIMENT

Ashland Citizen Quotes Consulting Engineer of New York State Springs Reservation Commission as Doubting Development Under the Present Plans Will Prove a Failure, Because Saratoga Tried the Same Thing and It Absolutely Failed.

To the people of Ashland: Is the Ashland project for the development of the mineral springs a public benefit, or a public enterprise for private gain?

Concerning the plans the commission proposes to follow under the secret contract (never yet published) made with Smith, Emery & Co., the State Springs Reservation Commission of New York state, the best qualified authority upon the subject writes:

"Twenty years of experience and all the data in the files of our office could have been at the disposal of your water commission for the asking. * * In view of these facts can your development at Ashland as proposed by the city be anything but a costly experiment? * * I am positive that your Ashland development under the present plans will prove a failure because we tried the same thing here at Saratoga and it absolutely failed."—(Signed) Chas. G. Anthony, Consulting Engineer.

That \$100,000 Contract
One hundred thousand dollars of the people's money is proposed by the springs water commission to be awarded to Smith, Emery & Co., a firm of chemical engineers, for the installation of a plant for bringing certain mineral waters into the city of Ashland. The springs water commission was advised by the consulting engineer of the New York Springs Reservation Commission that if the plans for bringing the mineral water into Ashland were carried out according to the estimate furnished by Smith, Emery & Co., that the "initial labor would be wasted and the investment lost." The springs water commission and the city council of Ashland were further advised by the same high authority that the carrying out of the plans provided by Smith, Emery & Co. should not in his judgment exceed an outlay of \$70,000.

At the public meeting at the commercial club in November last, when Emory Smith of the firm of Smith, Emery & Co., was present and stated that his firm would install the plant for bringing the mineral waters into the city of Ashland for the sum of \$100,000, but would have nothing to do with it unless his firm was given the contract for the complete installation, that no plans and specifications would be furnished by them, that they must be given an absolutely free hand in the matter.

Suppressed Part of Letter.

At the meeting Bert K. Greer, representing the springs water commission, read a communication under date of November 16 from Chas. G. Anthony, consulting engineer for the New York Springs Commission to the effect that he would want entire charge of the installation of the springs project if he were employed as consulting engineer in order that the work might go along on the best possible lines without interference from others. This fair statement was garbled by Bert K. Greer to suit his argument at the time.

The whole of Mr. Anthony's letter was not read, the portion telling the commission that it would be suicidal to proceed on the lines of the Smith, Emery & Co. estimate was not given to the audience. If the entire letter of Mr. Anthony had been read those present would have gained a correct and different impression.

These statements of Mr. Anthony were supplemented by a letter to the springs water commission from Geo. Foster Peabody, chairman of the New York State Reservation Commission. This letter was in the possession of the springs commission at the time of the reading of the Anthony letter. If this letter had been produced and read at that time it would have shown the matter under discussion by Bert K. Greer and Mr. Emory Smith in a light not desired by either of them.

No Specifications Shown
In this contract with Smith, Emery & Co., \$100,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the \$175,000.00 bond issue are absorbed and used ostensibly for the piping of waters to the city. No plans and specifications covering the phases of the work, piping required, ditching, reservoirs, filters and carbonating machinery enumerated in the estimate of this firm will be made public, just a lump sum and a "free hand." Mr. Business Man and Taxpayer what do you think of it?
The Ashland springs water com-

mission has kept all manner of information and intelligence obtained by them absolutely under their control and not a sentence of it ever gets to the public except from the mouth of Bert K. Greer or the Ashland Tidings, his mouthpiece. Citizens, do you fully understand what this means?

Why did not the springs water commission employ some one competent to direct the manner of development to be undertaken, where so much was at stake? Why did they employ Smith, Emery & Co. after being told by them that the development of springs was out of their line, they were chemical engineers only?

Not Endorsed By Railroad

The springs water commission have allowed the impression that the Southern Pacific railroad, through its head officials has thoroughly investigated the manner of piping the mineral waters into the city and has pronounced the plans, methods and general scheme to be feasible and practical; and that their engineering department has checked everything up and passed on them favorably. This understanding of the matter has influenced many a reasonable man on the theory that what the S. P. gets back of must be all right.

The Southern Pacific, by means of a letter written by their engineering department and published in the Ashland Tidings state their position clearly and there is no need for any misunderstanding. The checking of the figures which had to do with the surveys relative to the pipe lines was found satisfactory by them but the Southern Pacific's communication plainly states that as to the manner of handling the waters they are not in a position to give advice. Notwithstanding these facts the fiction is still used for effect that the railroad is behind all the plans of the commission.

Nigger in Woodpile?

The springs water commission were offered the assistance of the state springs reservation commission of New York during the months of October and November, 1914, and all the large experience of the state of New York, all the data and details pertaining to an expensive and most thorough investigation of the subject of development of mineral waters, were placed at the disposal of the springs water commission of Ashland, and rejected by them. With such assistance the springs project would have gone forward in the best possible manner, the expenditure of \$175,000.00 would have been amply safeguarded, for the people would know that when the project was completed they would have an investment the best which intelligence, money, time and labor could build for them.

The springs water commission entered into contracts a year ago with J. J. Murphy and J. P. Dodge (J. P. Dodge is one of the springs water commission) whereby the city of Ashland is given the use of the mineral water at the Murphy and Dodge springs for piping into Ashland, exclusively for drinking purposes, on the condition that the owners of the springs have the surplus water during certain hours of the 24.

For Benefit of Individuals

What are the owners of the springs to do with the surplus water? What right has the springs water commission to enter into contracts with private individuals or individual members of the commission, whereby the pipe line owned by the city is made the carrier of mineral water owned by a private individual or enterprise?

Has the opportunity for the bottling of the surplus waters anything to do with the decision of the springs water commission as to the manner of bringing these mineral waters into the city of Ashland?

Is the mineral springs project primarily for the promotion of a private enterprise in which members of the commission might or might not be directly interested?

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Rings of violets and rosebuds cannot be worn with gloves, of course, but for home wear they are charming—and so very new.

destine manner.

With the appointment of a game warden for the Ashland district who is onto the job, look out for developments in due season. The basis for

these statements is the testimony of sportsmen who have been watching infractions of the game laws for the past few months and who know whereof they affirm.

AGED PIONEER DEAD AT ASHLAND

ASHLAND, March 31.—The passing of two prominent citizens occurred early in the week in rapid succession. With probably only one or two exceptions Albert G. Rockefeller, who died Sunday in his 90th year, was probably the oldest resident of this vicinity. Moreover, he was a pioneer, having come here in 1852. He was a native of Indiana, and was a man of gifted intellect, both as a writer of prose and verse. He was also a painstaking investigator in the realm of scientific research and wielded a ready pen in support of his contentions along these lines. Mrs. Rockefeller died years ago. One son survives, Alfred Rockefeller, of Seattle. Funeral was held Wednesday.

Corydon W. Holmes also died on Sunday in the 79th year of his age. He was a native of New York state, having been born in 1837. He was the father of H. P. and W. B. Holmes of this city. Another son resides in the vicinity of Ottawa, Kan., in which state the father was a resident for many years. The deceased was a civil war veteran. Funeral services were held Tuesday, interment being in Hargadine cemetery.

KEEP TAB UPON GAME POACHERS

ASHLAND, March 31.—Sunday violators of the game laws are sowing the wind to reap the whirlwind later on. This statement applies to this vicinity as well as others. Especially in this territory, however, offenders think they have full swing in the absence of a duly appointed game warden. They seem to forget that evidence will not count just because an official position is vacant for the time being. Both game and fish have been taken out of season and by unlawful methods. A tab is being kept on this sort of thing and trouble is brewing for the transgressors. Deer have been wantonly killed and prime cuts of venison offered for sale. Of course this has been done in a clam-

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