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Bonded Water Will Come High

Suppose, for the sake of argument, the citizens bond Tillamook City and put in a \$60,000 water system, what would be the life of the iron or steel pipe in this country where there is a tendency for iron to rust much faster than in other sections? Would it be under or over 30 years? We will place it at 30 years. The interest on \$60,000 at 6 per cent for 30 years is \$108,000; total, for principal and interest, \$168,000, and at the end of 30 years a system that was stilled out and the bonded indebtedness still unpaid. To pay the bonded indebtedness in 30 years, \$5,600 would have to be raised each year from water rent or taxation, and in addition to that the operating expenses and repairs to the system, for these would be larger items than most people imagine on a long pipe line, for iron pipe bursts quite frequently and cannot be repaired like wood. At a conservative estimate, for the 30 years, it would take from \$500 to \$1,000 each year for operating expenses, for there will have to be someone to collect water rents and do the clerical work and another to look after the pipe line, or one person might fill both positions, but he will have to be paid, and the figures we have placed for that work is none too high. Say it takes the maximum figures we have given for operating expenses, it leaves the city to raise \$6,600 annually from the water system or taxation, and yet for all that at the ending of 30 years the life of the system would be played out. It is true that if a sinking fund was created it would reduce the interest some, but very little for several years. Now as to receipts. Provided that the city had no opposition, the receipts for the first year would not be more than \$2,200, leaving \$4,400 to be made up by either raising water rates three times what they are now or by levying a tax to raise the deficiency, should the present water company remain in business and reduce the pressure and cut its rates down one half, it would retain most of its patrons, leaving the city probably another \$1,000 to raise annually. Is it not wise, then, to make haste slowly by such an expensive undertaking as decided upon? The headlight man is content to be called a "knocker" for opposing the agitation to bond the city, and the above figures he offers in justification of the position he has taken. Figure it out yourself, gentlemen, not forgetting that the population of this city has grown for the past seven years, and from present indications is not likely to do so very much for the next seven years. Another thing, when plans and specifications are drawn and a detail estimate of the cost of a pipe line from Killam creek is made, including the piping of the city, it looks more than probable that \$100,000 will not be enough money to complete the system. Anyway, it seems a foolish thing to us for the citizens to jump at something before they know the actual cost and whether the city has enough credit to complete it, for it would not surprise us much to hear that it had run up high than the approximate estimate. To go on "tick" for a new water system, and make no provision for a sinking fund, is certainly an unbusiness-like procedure. An instance of this can be found in the old school building.

Immigrants Going Back.

The number of recent immigrants to the United States who are transforming themselves into emigrants will surprise the country. One steamer has just left New York with 1500 steerage passengers for Liverpool, which is the largest number ever carried by any vessel from any port of the United States. It is said that the number of recent arrivals who have left New York for their old homes in Europe in the past week is about 10,000. Nothing like this has ever been seen in the past, although some emigrants leave New York every day in the year for the old world. In the past fiscal year the number of immigrants to the United States was 857,000. This was not only a larger number than came here in 1902, but was larger than that of 1882, which held the record until the year just closed. Many of these were objectionable persons, whom the country would be better off without, but the great bulk of them were calculated to strengthen the country. One serious drawback, however, attending the recent migration is that a large majority of the arrivals concentrate in four states—New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Illinois—and most of them flock to the big cities—New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago—where the labor market is already flooded.

This is one weakness of the recent immigration movement. It is also doubtless one cause of the present exodus. Finding no work, the immigrants suppose the whole country is overstocked with laborers, and they return to Europe. While some of those who are leaving us can be spared without loss, most of the rest of them could find an acceptable and advantageous field in the rural districts, especially on the Pacific Coast. In making estimates of the country's population, based on the birth rate and on the immigration totals, it will be well hereafter for the statisticians to make an allowance for the persons who are going out. Tens of thousands, it is to be presumed, will leave the country before the end of the present fiscal year, next June. On the other hand, the influx in the year will be much greater than it was in the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1903. From present indications, the 1,000,000 mark will be reached in the immigration total of the current fiscal year, which represents a larger displacement of population than ever before occurred in that time since the world began.

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FIRE IN THEATER.

Great Matinee Throng Panic-Stricken.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—About 550 people were killed in 10 minutes this afternoon during a fire in the Inequity Theater, the newest, the largest, and, as far as human power could make it, the safest theater in Chicago. Estimates of the dead and injured vary. The police count is 536. The estimate of the newspapers is 550. There are 55 people missing at midnight, the majority of whom are probably among the dead in the morgue and various undertaking establishments. Eighty-six of the dead have been positively identified, and 92 others are known to be injured. Some of the people were buried to death, many were suffocated by gas, and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits. There are bodies lying by dozens tonight in the undertaking rooms, in the police station and in the hospitals, from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to those who know them best is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned toinders and their faces have been mashed into an unrecognizable pulp by the heels of the crowd that trampled them down as they fled for safety. The count of the dead was practically completed at midnight, but it is not yet accurate, and the exact number will not be known before some time tomorrow. Despite the utmost care, great confusion marked the removal of the bodies. In their haste the police transported bodies to undertaking rooms, and in many instances forgot to report the fact to their station. This is evidenced by the fact that in five different establishments bodies were received of which the police had no record whatever. Allowing for these discrepancies, the lists made by the police and the newspapers practically agree. The fire broke out during the second act of the play, "Mr. Blue Beard," which was the first dramatic production produced in the theater since its erection. The company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to flee into the snowy streets with no clothing but their slight stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none was seriously hurt. The theater was completed less than two months ago, at a cost of half a million dollars, and was the finest playhouse in Chicago. It was opened to the public on the night of November 23. The style of the structure, architectural, is French Renaissance, which has a strong suggestion of the classic. It has a total seating capacity of 1724 chairs, with plenty of good standing room on each floor. The balcony had seating for 475 persons. The records of the City Building Department show that the theater was completely in every detail and that it was absolutely fireproof, all requirements of the law having been complied with. One of the marvelous escapes that was made by the members of a theater party is given by Miss Charlotte Planondon, of Chicago. The party was made up of a number of society people, Miss Elsie Elmore, of Astoria, Ore., Miss Mary Peters, of Columbus, Ga., and Josephine Eddy, of Evanston, Ill. Miss Planondon was the first of her party to notice the fire, which crawled along the top of the drop curtain. The origin of fire. CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting, but the best reason given is that an electric wire on the lower part of a piece of drop scenery suddenly broke and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus, who were then engaged in the performance, to flee to the wings with screams of terror. The fire in itself up to this time was not serious, and possibly could have been checked had not the best of the curtain caught. As soon as the fire was discovered Ed die Foy, the chief comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain, and this was immediately done. It descended about half way and then stuck. The fire thus was given practically a free through which it strove frantically, aided by the doors which had been thrown open in the front of the theater. With a roar and a bound the flames shot through the opening over the heads of the people on the first floor and, reaching clear up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat. Immediately following this rush of flames there came an explosion which lifted the entire roof off the theater from its walls, shattering the great skylight into fragments. As soon as the flames appeared beyond the curtain a man in the rear of the hall shouted, "Fire, fire," and the entire audience rose as one person and made for the doors. It is believed the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater, causing them to burst. The Oregonian now, as ever before, sympathizes with the desire and requests of Tillamook for improvement of its harbor. That thriving and energetic community has merits of achievement that are fully abreast of its ambitions. The commerce that is existent and latent there is well worthy the attention and care of Congress.—Oregonian.

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ECHO, Or., Jan. 1.—Today's rabbit drive at the mouth of Butter Creek was the most successful ever held in Oregon, and it is estimated that a larger kill was ever made anywhere. Three miles of wire netting had been put up for the drive. Only about 300 people participated in the drive, which started at 11 o'clock, and was all over in about 20 minutes. A large crowd had been expected from Heppner and Pendleton, but the trains were so late that but few came, and they got here too late to be parties in the drive. It was an impossible task to count the rabbits slaughtered, but estimates of the number run from 5000 to 10,000. Not only was the total kill of rabbits, but along the wings there were hundreds of them, where the drivers had killed them. Two coyotes were also caught in the drive and clubbed to death. One thousand of the carcasses were brought here to the cannery, that being all that could be taken care of before spoiling. Harry Rogers took 1500 of them some to cook up for hog food, and the balance were left to rot upon the ground. The rapid increase in the number of rabbits in this neighborhood is phenomenal. The sagebrush is alive with them and they are becoming very destructive, especially so to young alfalfa. Drives have been held here every few days to decrease the number, but today's drive was the most successful of all, and on Sunday, January 10, there will be another drive at the same place. As four or five got away today, where once they were caught, it is expected that there will be many more kills in the coming drive as there were today. Mr. Ford, the official photographer for the O. R. & N., was here today and took many views of the drive. He will return to the next drive, at which there will be a larger attendance.

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