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FIRST STEP TOWARD SECURING MOUNTAIN WATER

SALEM PURCHASES WATER SYSTEM COST IN ROUND NUMBERS \$360,000

BILL FATHERED BY ELLIOTT--- PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN INDORSE IT UNANIMOUSLY

Move Has Many Delays and Much Hard Sledding, But Carries by Vote of 8 to 6---City Pays \$205,000 Cash, Assumes a Bonded Indebtedness of \$125,000, and Agrees to Pay for Certain Betterments Estimated at \$30,000, Making Total Cost \$360,500---The Greatest Progressive Step Salem Has Ever Taken.

With a majority of one vote, the final balloting standing eight to six, the city council last evening voted to purchase the water plant of the Salem Water company, voted to acquire a system of pure water for which there has been unceasing, insistent, crying demand by the progressive element for years, and henceforth the city is destined to win an enviable reputation abroad for the purity of its water as it has had an unenviable one in the past for its impurity; and that means more people---more homes, more business and business institutions and a greater and a better Salem.

How the Vote Stood.
The ordinance which had for its object the purchase of the plant had passed its first and second reading and came up for its third at the end of the evening's business of the council. Councilman Durbin who has opposed the acquisition of the plant ever since he was elected a member of the council, spoke against it. Councilman Huckestein, who has always allied himself with the progressive element and who has always been a staunch advocate for pure water for the city made an able reply, and then the previous question was moved and the vote taken.

Councilmen Elliott, Hatch, Huckestein, Low, Manning, Sauter, Waring and White voted for the ordinance and Councilmen Durbin, Eldridge, Lafky, Moffitt and Pennybacker voted against it, giving it a majority vote of one and it was declared passed. The impression had gotten abroad that Councilmen Manning and Sauter were opposed to the purchase of the plant, but that this was an error and that they were right in line with the others marching for progress, was indicated by the stand taken by them last evening.

History of Movement.
The movement looking to the purchase of the water plant was inaugurated under Mayor George Rogers' administration. The services of engineers were secured to appraise the plant, the charter amended and many other necessary preliminary steps taken, but all were not completed so that the plant could be purchased before the old administration retired and the unfinished work was left for this administration. The present administration took the task up and it has been vigorously pressed forward and last night the final chapter was written, and it is one which will spell progress and prosperity for the city of Salem.

What the City Acquires.
Besides acquiring the entire plant, the city secures a three-year lease on the water power of the company which is secured from the Mill creek race and also an option to purchase the power on or before the three years shall expire. The price of the lease is \$3,000 a year and should the city desire to purchase the water power right on or before its termination, it may do so at a price of \$44,000.

According to the ordinance the city pays \$205,000 in cash for the plant; assumes a bonded indebtedness of \$125,000, and also agrees to pay for all mains and betterments installed in streets which have been graded since May 8, 1909, and which will probably be some \$30,000.

Means Much to City.
The purchase of the plant will come as cheering news to all advocates of progress and pure water. Councilman Elliott, father of the bill, and who has fought for it from the beginning to the end, is elated over the victory gained last night, and so are Councilmen Low, Hatch, Huckestein, White and Waring. Councilman Waring ever since his election has been a strong advocate for the purchase of the plant and has done much work to bring about the victory obtained last night.

Ever since the typhoid epidemic several years ago Salem has been branded as a city of impure water. That this stigma cast upon it has had an effect discouraging to the building up of the town goes without saying. The acquisition of the plant means the removal of this stigma and the result will be more homes for Salem, a greater volume of business, and increased prosperity.

Business Men Approve.
There are general expressions of approval among Salem business men and property owners at the action of the city council in buying the water plant. They are all glad that the city can now go ahead and improve the source of supply, perfect the service and extend the mains without litigation, and remove all causes for criticism on the water supply of this city. Mayor Lachmund says he will take the ordinance under consideration.

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BIGGER THAN THE PEOPLE

Princeton, N. J., May 2.---Following a denunciation of the initiative and referendum and ridicule of the progressive movement at the Daily Princetonian banquet here, Attorney-General Wickersham today is placed flatly among the standard element by his auditors, of whom Governor Woodrow Wilson was one.

"We are a law-ridden people," said Wickersham, "and this tendency is stimulated by those seeking public favor through their pointing out of easy remedies for obvious evils. The idea that a busy, prosperous, commercial people can make and administer laws better than their chosen representatives has been proven a fallacy."

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A BOOM FOR MARSHALL.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 2.---A presidential boom for Governor Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, was launched here today in the National Monthly, edited by Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee. The article pays considerable attention to Marshall's tariff views.

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SCHOONER CAPSIZED CREW PROBABLY LOST

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Milwaukee, Wis., May 2.---A two-masted schooner, believed to be a trader, has capsized off Whitefish bay, half a mile out in Lake Michigan, and it is feared her crew of at least five men have perished.

Life savers have been trying to reach the wreck, but a heavy sea is running, and the rescuers have not yet succeeded.

MR. COREY HAS BEE IN HIS BONNET

SEPARATES HIMSELF FROM A \$8000 A YEAR JOB IN ORDER TO GO INTO TRAINING FOR THE RACE FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

Finding the call of the people for his candidacy for secretary of state so urgent and strong that it proved irresistible, H. H. Corey, chief clerk in the office of secretary of state, just a little after the sun went down last evening in a "blaze of glory," as the poet would put it---tendered his resignation to Secretary of State Olcott, in order that he might groom himself and be in readiness to make the race for the office two years hence, he not being like the sun, in a going down mood.

Now, that is his version of it, but there is also another version, that the old veterans of the political arena who played the game when Corey wore four sack breeches (we allude to the style only) and according to it, when the sun sank to rest it also incidentally went down on the political career of Corey, but leaving out the blaze of glory, that he will find that when the two years rolls around, that, while he may run for the office, as many another good man has done in the past, that he has misconstrued the call---that it was a "call to the wild"---a back to the soil call, instead of the call of the people, and he will be an "also ran."

Bee Buzzed for Some Time.
The secretary of state bee has buzzed in the bonnet of Clerk Corey for some time, say politicians. It began humming, they say, when assemblyism was born in Portland last spring, but the late Secretary of State Benson proved too strong, and he was made a candidate on the assembly ticket as well as that of the people. After assemblyism received a crushing defeat at the polls on election day, it began singing a song again, when the legislature met, when he allied himself with the Bow-

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MIDDLE WEST AND EAST IS SWEEP BY TERRIFIC WIND AND SNOW STORM

Los Angeles, May 2.---James Edwards, who pleaded guilty last Friday to an attack upon Miss Julia Koebig, when she discovered him in the act of robbing her home in the Westmoreland Park district, was sentenced to life imprisonment at San Quentin by Judge McCormick today. Edwards received the sentence stoically.

The case established a record for speed in the Los Angeles courts. The assault was committed last Tuesday; Edwards was arrested Wednesday night, held to answer Thursday and pleaded guilty Friday. He will leave tonight to begin his sentence.

SAID DIAZ MAY GIVE UP OFFICE

Wise Ones in El Paso Say the Great Mexican Sees the Handwriting on the Wall and May Resign May 5.

El Paso, Tex., May 2.---Judge Carbajal, the peace enjoyer of President Diaz, has been delayed in arriving here because of insurgent activity near Laredo and Gomez Palacio. He may not reach El Paso for several days.

Despite this delay in opening the peace negotiations, Madero seems to have no uneasiness, and, though rebel activity is increasing daily in Sonora, Coahuila and Chihuahua states, the rebel chief apparently believes he can control the bands of insurgents in case he desires to stop their raids. Many others here, however, fear that if a Diaz-Madero agreement is not soon reached the situation will be beyond the grasp of the provisional president, and that intervention will be the final result of the rebellion.

Abram Gonzales, the provisional governor of Chihuahua, says the insurgents, as a preliminary to peace, will insist upon an agreement for the partition of the large estates of the country, especially the estate of Governor Terrazas, in Chihuahua, complete autonomy of all the states, a fair election and representation in congress.

It is believed here that President Diaz has seen the handwriting on the wall, and that he will soon retire from office. This may possibly come May 5, the anniversary of the battle of Puebla, of which he was the hero. Diaz makes a pilgrimage to Puebla annually, and it is believed that this year he may seize the opportunity to retire as a national figure.

There is great interest here and in Jaurez today in the appearance in Madero's camp of Ignacio Fernandez, a high officer of the second congress of Spiritualists.

Both Madero and Minister De La Barra are strong spiritualists, and it is quite possible that the belief in the occult phenomena and the persistence of the intelligences of the dead may play a prominent part in the peace negotiations.

TRYING TO PUT LABOR ON TRIAL

ATTORNEY POINTS OUT THAT EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION IS TRYING TO INCULPATE UNION LABOR AND ABUSES IT FOR DEFENDING ITSELF.

Los Angeles, May 2.---Leo M. Rappaport, representative of Clarence S. Darrow in the defense of the men accused of dynamiting, today gave out his first interview since his arrival. He refused absolutely to discuss any phase of the case affecting the evidence which may be presented by the defense, but aside from that talked freely.

"Labor," he said, "is not on trial, only as the National Erector's Association tries to place it on trial. Of course, when that is done labor will fight back. This case is simply a big criminal trial, and labor's stand is taken because it has been thrown out by the prosecution that not only these three men, but labor as well were on the defensive."

Plain Case of Kidnaping.
"Reports that Clarence Darrow will not be in the case, and hints that money is at the bottom of it is wrong. Mr. Darrow will arrive in Los Angeles when his presence is needed. When that will be I cannot say. I can say this, that there has never been any discussion between Mr. Darrow and the labor leaders as to the fee he will receive for his work."

Concerning the kidnaping charges made against the detectives who arrested John McNamara, Rappaport said:

"This was a plain case of kidnaping, with a representative of the National Erectors' Association present. This man, Walter Drew, accompanied by a detective, was there. Guards were thrown about the place, and it was impossible for McNamara to secure or consult an attorney."

Rappaport declared that, from present indications, there will be no request on the part of the defense to

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PAROLED A BAD ONE.

San Francisco, May 2.---After serving seven years of a 25-year sentence for robbery, Mike Dolan is today a free man, having been paroled by the board of police commissioners. Dolan brutally beat Mrs. Emma Matthews, an aged woman, when she refused to divulge the hiding place of money and jewels valued at \$4000, which Dolan later found.

WASHINGTON, MAY 2.---FROST IS PREDICTED TONIGHT IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION, THE OHIO VALLEY AND THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC AND NEW ENGLAND STATES. THE FORECAST WAS SENT OUT FOLLOWING A COLD WAVE WITH AN AVERAGE DROP OF 40 DEGREES IN THAT TERRITORY.

It is feared that fruit crops may be heavily damaged.

LAKES STORM SWEEP.

Chicago, May 2.---Gid King Winter again demonstrated that he belongs to the ranks of those who "can come back" returning yesterday with snow, rain and high winds, which imperiled navigation and caused thousands of dollars damage on the Great Lakes.

Yesterday was the coldest May day Chicago has known in many years, the temperature nearing the freezing point early last night. High winds and a cloudy sky alone prevented a heavy frost, according to reports from the weather bureau.

Over all the Great Lakes vessels were blown about by the winds, and many were forced to seek the shelter of the nearest port. In other instances, masters of vessels were afraid to enter ports because of the high winds, preferring to remain in deeper water.

The streets presented a scene of great activity. Moving vans were in all the thoroughfares, hauling loads of drenched and weather-beaten furniture. At night thousands of Chicagoans were driven to the hotels or forced to sleep in damp and cold beds. Leaders in the anti-moving day crusade prophesied that today would be Chicago's last "official" moving day.

Storms Are General.
Reports received show the cold and storm were general throughout the United States. In Southern Illinois a heavy rain fell all day.

Lightning and wind, which accompanied the downpour, wrought thousands of dollars' damage to crops and buildings. At Duquoin, the Christian church was struck by lightning and burned. The loss from the storm in Perry county is estimated at \$25,000.

Throughout Northern Indiana a storm raged, which at times was almost a blizzard. Much damage to property is reported. For two days rain storms have swept the northern portion of Kentucky. Streams are reported overflowing and driving hundreds of farmers from their homes. In many instances houses have been washed away.

Four States Shiver.
Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Northern Oklahoma shivered in the grip of a severe storm, following a drop of 50 degrees of the temperature. At North Platte, Neb., the mercury reached 24 degrees, the coldest ever recorded for the month of May. Throughout the Northwest states snow storms and high winds raged. In many sections fruit trees had begun to blossom and fruit was killed.

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KENTUCKY STREAMS FLOODED MERCURY DROPS 50 DEGREES TWO FEET OF SNOW IN DAKOTA

Vessels Were Tossed Like Corks on the Great Lakes and the Whole Country From the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Felt the Biting Cold---Storm Was of Almost Cyclonic Proportions and Immense Damage Was Done---A Heavy Frost Is Predicted for Tonight, and Fears That All Fruit Will Be Killed Are Expressed.

FROST PREDICTED.

Washington, May 2.---Frost is predicted tonight in the Great Lakes Region, the Ohio valley and the Middle Atlantic and New England states. The forecast was sent out following a cold wave with an average drop of 40 degrees in that territory.

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turbance. At Somerset the wind was almost a cyclone, uprooting trees and moving houses from their foundations.

Omaha, Neb., May 2.---Reports from Dallas, S. D., show a fall of two feet of snow on the level during 24 hours. Heavy rain or snow storms also visited portions of Southern Wyoming and Northwestern Nebraska.

Although the temperature has fallen it is believed it will not drop to the point where growing crops will be seriously damaged. In this city the temperature dropped from 69 to 38.

SIX HUNDRED PAINTERS RETURN TO WORK TODAY
Portland, Or., May 2.---Six hundred union painters, who yesterday declined to work, as a protest against the action of employing painters in advertising for additional painters in the East, returned to work today. The unionists assert that there are more members of the craft in Portland than jobs for them.

Do Not Like Mr. Kerbaw's Zits.
New York, May 2.---To guard the hirsute adornment of the Rev. Basil N. Kerbaw, a Greek priest, Mayor Gaynor has assigned a detective as a special guard. The priest complained that boys and young men "hurled obscenities, decayed vegetables and other things at him."

OUT WITH A SEINE FOR M'NAMARA
THE BURNS OUTFIT NOW TRYING TO CONNECT HIM WITH SOME MYSTERIOUS CRIME SAID TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED NEAR CHICAGO.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., May 2.---James B. McNamara's finger prints, taken ostensibly for the purpose of connecting him with the party which loaded dynamite on board the launch Pastime, disguised as the "Peerless" at Giant, Cal., shortly before the Los Angeles Times explosion, are to be sent East. They are to be used in an effort to connect him with a crime near Chicago, according to District Attorney Fredericks, but what that crime was District Attorney Fredericks will not say.

According to Fredericks, the prints never were intended to be used in connection with the "Peerless." Fredericks said that the prosecution was satisfied all along that the man known as Caplan left the marks found on the "Peerless," and that it would be useless to even compare McNamara's with them.

It is easy enough to explain a thing away, but it frequently refuses to stay away after the explanation. You can't keep a bad man down. He always bobs up with a plea for vindication.