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AMBITIONS.

When I was young I hoped to be a pirate on the deep blue sea. I'd sail a long, low, rakish craft wherein fierce men like demons laughed, and overhead the ships of Spain, and hid my wealth upon the main. And later longings filled my breast to slaughter red men in the West; I hope to roam the forest aisles, and leave my victims there in piles, and to be called from sea to sea, "The Bad Man of the Rickaroo." These visions passed and I became ambitious of the fighter's fame. The great John L. had conquered all; I hoped his wreath would some day fall upon my brow, and there remain, while bruisers scuffled for it in vain. I used to lie awake at night, and see myself absorbed in fight; my face red, bruised, and bleeding; my shirt white, unfastened, and bowed, and beamed upon the frantic crowd. Such dreams are gone, and now my hopes are not for blood or prize ring ropes. I think I'll hump myself this year and try to be an auctioneer.

WALT MASON. (Copyright, 1911, by George Matthew Adams.)

THE WATER PROBLEM.

We take it every one in the city is deeply concerned in the water question. Certainly The News is, and it stands ready to support the proposition which offers the best solution.

Mayor Hawkins and a great many gentlemen who have studied the question are of the opinion that the only solution is the river. In fact it is possible that the majority of citizens believe this way. As to the cost of such a project, opinion differs widely, some, who have figured carefully, estimating that it will require at least three quarters of a million dollars to complete the project, others making estimates which range even under the half million dollar total.

And yet while the majority consider the river the only proper solution, there are a great many citizens, whose opinions are worthy of respect, who hold different views. Some would prefer to see the artesian well possibility thoroughly investigated before spending close to a million dollars on the river scheme. Some believe that ample supplies could be had elsewhere.

The writer during the past few days has heard dozens of pertinent questions. One man desired to know why Briar creek was abandoned. Another wished to know if it would be possible to secure an ample supply without going to the river by utilizing the water from Briar creek, and several other streams.

Another asked why the supply at the old Rudisill mine could not be utilized as a surplus. Still another wondered why the lake near Elizabeth, which was drained by official orders, was not transformed into a reservoir, to be used in case of impoverished supply elsewhere.

Still another favored bonds to a sufficient extent to go to the nearest mountain supply, urging that it was a question whether or not the river water was contaminated.

Still another wished to know how the river water was to be secured, whether direct from the stream, or from wells sunk nearby—a method employed with success in certain foreign countries. It was pointed out only yesterday by a certain gentleman that it would cost \$750,000 to complete the river project. This estimate was based upon careful figures of the work in detail, and by a man who has had experience in work of this nature. In his opinion it will be impossible to get a satisfactory water shed anywhere near the city. He believes the river is the answer, but declares it will require much more than is asked at present to complete the project.

It will be seen from the above that the water supply question is one about which every one is talking. Some of the solutions offered will appear unreasonable to one man, and will sound plausible to another.

One thing is true; we are all anxious to secure an adequate supply of good water. It is the one vital need of the day. Supplied, thus, there is no reason why many manufactories could not be attracted here. A water supply sufficient to meet all demands through the years to come will do more to make Charlotte the 100,000 city than anything else.

The News is anxious to see the question solved properly. It favors bonds for the purposes to the extent needed in the right solution.

But because there is such a wide diversity of opinion it would seem that an open discussion of the matter would be most beneficial, and an invitation is herewith extended to every one who has studied the matter to state his views.

The matter should be investigated by experts.

What is the water consumption of the city during the year?

What is a fair estimate of the amount needed to meet all demands during years to come?

Is it possible to secure an adequate supply without going to the river?

If so it is manifestly poor business to throw away a half million or a million on a proposition which is not necessary.

The city is hard run. It is willing to issue bonds, no doubt to any amount, for the right solution of the water problem.

What is the right solution?

If there are engineers reports on the various streams about the city let them be published. Give the public all the facts in the case, and then each man can do his own figuring.

State the amount needed. State the amount possible to be obtained nearer home, and the quality of same, and trust the average citizen to form the right answer to the question.

If, after a full and thorough investigation, it is shown that the river is the only hope, trust citizens to support the issuance of bonds for that purpose.

But as yet the public is not fully satisfied that this is the only solution, hence the necessity for all the facts in the case.

Let every proposition be thoroughly investigated.

Has an expert been called in to look over the field and make a report?

If so, let us publish his findings.

If not, why has such step not been taken?

Is this not a matter of sufficient importance to call forth the best of advice?

The best of us can do our own figuring, but most of us are inexperienced in such matters, and desire more authoritative facts on all phases of the subject.

We need better streets, and will get them in time.

Our needs are many, but none compares with the necessity for an adequate and pure water supply.

The News opens its columns to a discussion of all phases of the question. We are anxious to give the public all the information obtainable on the subject, and it is the duty of those who have formulated ideas to lend them to others.

COLORED REFORMATORY.

The News is pleased to learn that Senator Pharr has introduced a bill providing for the incorporation of the proposed colored reformatory. It is our sincere hope that the measure receives the attention from legislators to which it is entitled. The Greensboro Telegram has this to say in favor of the institution:

"State Senator Pharr on Saturday introduced a bill to incorporate an industrial reform and manual training school for colored youths, carrying \$5,000 appropriation. This is one of the crying needs of North Carolina. Every one knows that in our cities and towns there are hundreds of negro boys who are on the way to criminality, and providing a place where they can be taught to work, under the direction of trained instructors and away from the influence of criminals, is one method of diminishing the number of petty thieves, purse-snatchers, and pilferers, generally, among the race. The better class of negroes deplore the fact that so many negro boys are being educated on the streets for anything but a life of useful toil, but they cannot cope with the situation without aid from the whites; and it will be wise economy for the state to provide just such an institution as the proposed reform school."

Instead of lumping the proposition, why not let citizens vote on the various improvement propositions submitted separately? By such means, it will be possible to ascertain just what pressing needs the majority desire to have supplied with the bond salve.

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Employees Are Locked Out

By Associated Press.

Winona, Minn., Feb. 15.—The employees of the Winona Railway and Light Company, following a conference which was not concluded until early this morning, have been locked out as a result of an attempt to organize a union. The company officials declare they will maintain an open-shop policy.

At midnight all of the men were called in and asked to either give up the union or their positions. They chose the latter and only a few cars, manned by officials of the company, were taken from the barns this morning. The officers declare they will be able to resume under normal conditions within a week.

Rich Woman Smugler Released.

New York, Feb. 14.—The prison sentence of three days in the Tombs imposed last Friday upon Mrs. Roberta Menges-Corwin-Hill, divorced wife of Capt. Arthur Hill, of the British army, who pleaded guilty to a charge of smuggling, expired today, and Mrs. Hill was released. A big crowd of the curious was in waiting when Mrs. Hill, closely veiled appeared on the arm of her father, Morris Menges, Mrs. Hill was escorted to a waiting automobile which started to a rapid clicking of camera shutters.

Twenty Voters Indicted.

Petersburg, Ill., Feb. 15.—Twenty voters of Menard county, several of them residents of Petersburg, were indicted by the Menard county grand jury yesterday on charges of selling their votes.

Rear-End Wreck.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 15.—Engineer Welch and a negro fireman were killed and several others of a freight crew were injured in a rear-end wreck one mile south of Spring City on the Cincinnati, Southern Railroad at 7:45 o'clock this morning.

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