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ARE WE TOO POOR?

Four times within the past two years the people of Birmingham have rejected at the polls as many plans to extend the water works system of the Village. There is, evidently, something the matter with the plans presented during these two years. But, despite these four rejections, are we going to go to sleep and continue for an indefinite period to be without water? We wager no.

Projects have been submitted for the approval of the people, ranging in price from \$23,000 to \$115,000. Although each election but one showed that the majority of voters were in favor of extensions to our water works, the required sixty per cent was lacking, and the issues did not carry.

The question might arise in the mind of an outsider as to whether the people of Birmingham could afford any expenditure for additional water systems—and rightly, too. Over the highways and beyond of Michigan has been sounded forth a statement that "the Village of Birmingham is without sufficient water for the comfort and well-being of its inhabitants." And the pity of it lies in the fact that the statement is partially true. Can we, therefore, expect to increase the size of our Village, (and proportionately decrease our individual tax rate) when a condition such as lack of water exists within our confines? Of course we can't.

The Village of Birmingham is not so poor that it cannot afford an expenditure of money for more water. If the only way to get water here is to spend a million dollars, then we believe that the people of Birmingham would subscribe to that sum of money. But we do not need to spend a vast sum for more water—and there is nothing mysterious in the ways or methods that it may be obtained. To get more water for Birmingham is merely the application of business methods, of knowing where water can be found and what kind of machinery should be installed to get it.

Not very many people visited the Board of Review meetings held in the Village Hall June 1, 2, and 3—which is the usual thing in American life. The time to "kick" about assessments is at such meetings, not when the tax collector comes around.

We certainly hope that there will be enough water in the town to allow the firemen to stage a "water battle" on the Fourth of July. By the same token, we hope that no serious fires visit us until the people can see their way clear to adopting some kind of proposition for water works extensions.

Whether it is merely a handbill or a two hundred page book that you want printed—just trot it over to the Eccentric office. We are equipped to print anything but postage stamps and dollar bills.

Village President McBride is fond of water—he is spending the Summer at Walled Lake, where they have plenty of the protozoa stuff.

Honest, friends, isn't it a shame that Birmingham cannot arrive at some sort of reasonable solution for a sufficient water supply? If you have an opinion on the subject, Dear Reader, just send it into our office; we'll gladly print it and there will be no charge attached.

The dirt streets in Birmingham are looking better than they have for a long time—they also "ride easier". Keep up the good work, Manager Starr, the people appreciate it.

To date but three local boys have signified their willingness to attend the military training camp at Camp Custer. Evidently the mothers of many Birmingham youths remember a song in vogue during Woodrow Wilson's term of office, entitled, "I did not raise my boy to be a soldier."

Never mind, folks, tax time is still several weeks off, and then you won't be bothered again until next Winter.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-Four Years Ago
J. F. Hundel is prepared to buy wool of one or all the farmers in this vicinity. Mr. Hundel is personally known by practically everyone in this part of the country, and all can testify to his honorable dealings.

At the Village Council last Tuesday evening the petition remonstrating against the laying of a walk from Library Hall to the corner of Mrs. Hopkins' lot was turned down and the walk must be laid. What is the matter with our town anyway? Can't you see we have got to grow? We are going to be one of Oakland County's best towns in a few years, but not if we keep on defeating such issues as laying walks in the center of town.

The clerk of Oakland County is talking about having a convention to come to some understanding as to collecting fees. They say that they can get but 50 per cent of what they should get under the present system.

R. E. Trowbridge, of Birmingham, was appointed by Gov. Groswell to be a delegate to New York City June 13 to aid in organizing the World's Fair, proposed for 1880.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Word was received at the Birmingham schools that graduates would be receiving at the University of Michigan on the credit of their diploma.

That speaks mighty well for our little school.

Customers are invited to visit my shop and taste my goods before they buy. If they do not like them they do not have to buy them. The Hamlin bakery.

Poison is being used at the cemetery. Please keep your dogs on a leash. The new U. P. church on the main street.

The new fountain at the little depot gets many compliments from people passing through. It is only a few weeks old.

If some gravel is not placed on our main street this summer what will we have next year but mud, mud, and still more mud! Let's do something.

Ground has been broken for Maple Avenue opposite the postoffice for two new brick buildings. Getting to be some town!

Ground has just been broken for the new U. P. church on the main street.

The first regular trip over the Oakland Railway from Pontiac to Detroit was made Wednesday of this week. There were three passengers: E. L. Torry, Rochester, F. E. Rankin, Detroit, and Joseph Toynton, Pontiac.

The latter was the first to pay his fare, amounting to 25 cents. The trip was pronounced a delightful one and was made in one hour and thirty minutes. We see a great future for this railway. Hope to live to see it work out!

William Ebling and wife are enjoying life these days with their brand new carriage.

PRESS PICKINGS

The Michigan Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Detroit Chapter of Disabled American Veterans of the World War plan to raise more than \$21,000 by popular subscription to establish a camp for disabled soldiers on a 100 acre site at Scotch and Cross Lakes, just north of Union Lake, 15 miles west of Pontiac.

It is estimated that 500 people visited the little cemetery at Mt. Vernon on Decoration Day.

The Methodist church at Clarenceville has installed a fine radio and is having concerts for the benefit of everyone.

Last Saturday Walled Lake had a celebration to commemorate the laying of the corner stone of the first consolidated school in Oakland County.

Ideal weather prevailed last week at Redford for the Masonic ceremonies when the first sod was turned for a new Temple. A large crowd witnessed the services.

Playing on the streets of Farmington last Friday afternoon, little Mary Ella Spicer, aged seven, ran pell-mell into an automobile. It is said, driven by George F. Haven, Jackson. She was instantly killed.

Bonds of \$210,000, recently authorized for the construction of two new schools in Royal Oak, have been sold to Detroit bond houses.

NEW D. U. R. SCHEDULE

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