

having to suffer for a lack of water or light.

The water works were built twenty years ago at an original cost of \$100,000 (that was the amount of first bonds). Since that time there has been issued \$25,000, \$20,000 and \$35,000 of bonds for the enlarging and improving the works. Of the first \$100,000 of bonds, \$25,000 was paid eighteen years before they were due, and the \$20,000 issue has been paid also.

This will give you an idea of the cost of the water works—\$325,000 short of \$500,000. The bonds are being paid off as fast as they become due. The next bonds are not due until 1910. Notwithstanding some \$10,000 worth of improvements last year to the works, and a like amount to be expended this year, the water works had, and will have, a balance in the treasury.

The bureau of statistics of public works in Ohio, if examined, will show that the Martins Ferry, Ohio, water works is among the best in the state of Ohio. The people of this little city are justly proud of their public works and have no disposition to relinquish them into private hands.

The original cost of the light plant was \$30,000. Since, bonds to the amount of \$13,000 have been issued. Of this indebtedness every dollar has been paid as it became due. The plant furnishes the citizens as cheap, if not cheaper, current than any city in this section of the country, besides furnishing the city with ninety-seven arc lights and twenty-three to a railroad at crossings. The electric plant was built in 1895 and has at present over \$5,000 surplus on hand.

The net proceeds last year from water works were \$12,175; from the light plant, \$868.64 after paying bonds due, interest, etc. The total bond indebtedness at the present time is \$232,853.31, with estimated valuations of \$1,000,000.

Last year the receipts from public utilities were \$45,000 and the excess of receipts over expenditures which went into the hands of the sinking fund trustees enabled that board to purchase many thousands of dollars of city bonds at a great saving to the taxpayers of this city.

The last bonds sold were \$20,000 this month; the city received a premium of \$1,810. These bonds were sold to pay the city's share of public improvements. The city is willing to prove to anyone wishing to investigate that it is in a healthy financial condition, and that there is no danger of the relinquishment of municipal ownership.

The statement that the machinery has been damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars by having inexperienced men employed on short notice to fill the places of men dis-

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SURPASSING ELOQUENCE

Says Bryan's Commoner: "Honestly, now, you pert paragraphers, did you ever hear a sweet young graduate discourse on 'Beyond the Alps Lies Italy?'"

If the paragraphers have not, others have; and, Mr. Bryan may depend upon it, it was worth going miles to hear, not to mention the graduate being worth going even still more miles to see. No commencement was ever complete without "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy." Devoid of this oration, such an event would be dull, flat, insipid, and not worth while. It would be as profitless as a populist convention in these piping times of political innovations, and as contrary to public peace as a Bryan platform from which Mr. Roosevelt could not snatch something new, grand, gloomy, or peculiar, ever and anon.

We have various ideas of eloquence, we American people. There are those who find the climax of superiority in orations that sweep conventions like whirlwinds, and, incidentally, make presidents—or, at least, make nominees. Then there is the soft pedal variety that lulls and soothes, and woes care away—a sort of "safe and sane" quality, of gently worded eloquence as it were. Then again there is the oratory of predatory wealth, a "money-talks" species of eloquence. This latter is very persuasive at times, and has brought about many curious conditions.

Before the shrine of the sweet girl graduate and "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," however, we may all meet in common fellowship and render unto Miss Caesar the things that are Miss Caesar's. None of the above cited shades of oratory, eloquence, or talk, as you may please to call it, is comparable with this last mentioned kind. When she says "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," who is there in all the world to dispute? What brain can conjure up any sort of contentions adversary intent on locating Italy elsewhere? Who views with alarm; who fails to point with pride? Italy is located, at once and forever; it is there, just beyond the Alps. She says so; and what she says goes!—Washington Herald.

CARROLL OF CARROLLTON

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the richest man of the colonies, who died in 1832, was the last surviving signer, and on August 2, 1826, the year of the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the declaration, the year which found three signers living but left him the sole survivor, he made a reaffirmatory declaration showing that August 2 was the date on which the document received his signature, with most of the others:

"Grateful to Almighty God for the blessing which, through Jesus Christ our Lord, he has conferred upon my country in her emancipation, and upon myself, in permitting me, under circumstances of mercy, to live to the age of eighty-nine years and to survive the fiftieth year of American independence, and certifying by my present signature my present approbation of the Declaration of Independence adopted by congress on the fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, which I originally subscribed on the second day of August of the same year, and of which I am now the last surviving signer, I do hereby recommend to the present and future generations the principles of that important doc-

ument as the best earthly inheritance their ancestors could bequeath them, and pray that the civil and religious liberties they have secured to my country may be perpetuated to the remotest posterity and extended to the whole family of man.

"Charles Carroll of Carrollton. "Baltimore, August 2, 1826."
—Chicago Record-Herald.

HOW TO TREAT BURNS

In cases of burns death may be due first to asphyxia, secondly to shock, and thirdly to septicemia.

The medical man seldom gets to the case in-time to treat the first condition; the second is essentially a general condition; while the whole success in preventing the third depends upon the immediate local treatment. It is, therefore, the condition which must be considered here. Among the public it is a gen-

erally accepted idea that the thing to do in the case of a burn is to dust flour over it or to cover it with oil and indeed even in some comparatively late text books on surgery a mixture known as "Carron oil" is advocated.

The use of such applications can not be too strongly deprecated, and, indeed, if the lay mind could be taught that the best thing to put on a burn before the doctor is called is a hot compress which should contain some boracic acid, if there is any in the house, it is probable that the majority of deaths due to septicemia after burns would be prevented.

For the whole aim and object of the local treatment is to prevent sepsis; flour and olive oil may be soothing and may allay the pain, but there is no antiseptic property in them; rather they are excellent culture media for bacteria.—London Hospital.

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