

THE NEW WATER WORKS.

IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACTED FOR ARE NEARLY FINISHED.

A Reporter Visits the Plant and Notes its Progress.—The Committee in Charge of the Work—The Pumps to Have a Capacity of 1,000,000 Gallons a Day.

If those who feel like censuring the committee on water works improvements for not having the new works in operation by this time would consider the extent of the improvements, their words of censure would be changed to those of praise. Never in the history of the city were such extended improvements made. When change of location was first discussed...

The important details of the work were arranged by the committee originally appointed and their task was a laborious one. While it is questionable whether the recommendation of the purchase of the Rank mill was the proper thing to do it was made in good faith.

When a representative of the INTELLIGENCER visited the works on Thursday afternoon he found only a few men at work. This was in marked contrast to a former visit when there were many masons, bricklayers and laborers there to work by the dozen, but each carefully did the work assigned.

The contract for the erection of the building for the engines and boilers was awarded to Amos S. Urban, and this contract also included a contract for the erection of a boiler and the erection of screen walls. This latter part was the most particular part of his contract, and John Krekel, the well-known stone mason, was given that part of the work to do.

The contract for the erection of the boiler room and in it are placed a double set of improved boilers made by Babcock, Wilcox & Co. These boilers are of a new make, covered by several patents and are considered the best boiler made in this country.

The two steam pumps to be used have a daily capacity of 1,000,000 gallons. Both are of the Worthington make. The one which is now being placed in position is the 800,000 gallon pump and the capacity of which is being increased to 5,000,000 gallons. The work of enlarging the capacity is done under the direction of Mr. Slenger, men, of New York. He superintended the removal of the pump from the old works.

Another part of the work which was speedily done was the laying of the large main from the new works to the city. This was done under the direction of Frank Hinder. Some of the owners of property through which the pipe is laid will present claims for damages to the committee, and if not allowed the city will probably be the defendant in a number of suits.

It will be a handsome plant. The amount appropriated for the improvements was \$25,000 and that fund will practically finish the work. When the debris is removed from about the building and the grounds leveled and graded, the city will be the owner of a fine piece of property.

On the one side of the property a stream of water which in ordinary seasons is a small run. With heavy rains and the usual freshets the stream becomes very large. To protect the city's property, walls have been built on the sides of this stream the whole length of the ground occupied by the city. These walls were made so high that an overflow is almost impossible. David Kitch had the contract for this work and David Harlan was the stone mason in charge.

THE TERRIBLE END OF A YOUNG WOMAN'S LIFE.

WENT OVER NIAGARA FALLS.

The Terrible End of a Young Woman's Life.—A pretty young married woman who went out for a walk on the Niagara river in a sail boat, Thursday afternoon, lost her life in a tragic manner, and the young man who accompanied her barely saved his.

An INTELLIGENCER man interviewed a number of tobacco men in this vicinity on the restoration of the old rate of duty on tobacco in the Mills tariff bill. Here are some of the varying opinions:

Adam Trout and half a dozen packers and samplers who were with him, favored the higher tax, believing it would help growers, packers and manufacturers.

Harry C. Moore says the striking out of the Mills section is a complete Democratic back-down, showing the party's lack of policy, not principle. The change was made for the purpose of capturing Connecticut. He says it won't win.

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THE TARIFF ON TOBACCO.

WEATHER LOCAL DEALERS IN THE LEAF HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT.

Some Think a Uniform Lower Duty Would Have Been Better. But Nearly All Agree on the Wisdom of Keeping up the Old Rate—Political Expediency.

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FREE RAW MATERIAL.

Strong Letter from a New England Manufacturer Formerly a Prominent Republican.

The following letter has been sent to the chairman of the finance committee of the Holyoke, Mass., Republican club in response to a request for a campaign contribution.

I have found the making for a contribution for the Republican club. I am, of course, deeply interested in the tariff as regards the Hadley company and also in the tariff on woolen goods.

The Democratic members of the ways and means committee and to hear of the plans and views of others, and am convinced that the tariff on woolen goods is a matter of great importance.

The Republicans now refuse to aid in shifting the market on the free list, and certainly in New England free raw material has been considered an element in protection almost as essential as the duty on the manufacture of articles.

From my business experience in both importing and manufacturing I am fully convinced that the maintenance of the tariff on woolen goods is a matter of great importance.

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MANY PEOPLE LOSE LIFE.

ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE DROWNED IN THE VICINITY OF WHEELING.

While Watching the Flood in the River Bridge Upon Which Were Forty Persons Falls Into the Current—Extensive Destruction of Property by Rain.

There was a cloudburst at Wheeling, W. Va., on Thursday evening about 6 o'clock, and for nearly two hours the rain and hail fell until the city and surrounding country were flooded to the roof tops.

The first loss of life was on Caldwell's run, where four houses were swept away, and the time will have to be ascertained beyond the city is much greater.

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FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS.

OVER TWENTY-TWO MILLIONS TO BE APPROPRIATED.

The Large Sum to Cover the Work for Two Years—The Amendments of the Senate Agreed to by the House—Canal Projects Passed Completely Over.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—House.—The conference report on the river and harbor bill was presented in the House this morning. As agreed upon in conference the bill appropriates \$22,717,116, an increase of \$2,734,353 over the amount in the bill as passed the House.

The Senate passed the bill on July 19. It contains amendments striking out the appropriation for the purchase of the land and dam on the Monongahela river.

The increase in the bill consists principally of the following items: Potomac river, \$300,000; harbor of Philadelphia, \$500,000; Baltimore, \$500,000; Chesapeake bay, N. Y., \$400,000; Chesapeake river, \$200,000; York river, \$100,000; Cape Fear river, \$145,000; Columbia river at Casco, \$125,000; Kennebec river, \$55,000; Great Kanawha river, \$60,000; Tennessee river, \$25,000; Penobscot river, \$40,000; Houston river, \$25,000; Red-nose river, N. C., \$35,000; Flat-Clair flats ship canal, \$20,000; Lower Wilmot river, \$20,000; Green and Barren rivers, \$15,000; Mississippi river between Des Moines Rapids and mouth of Illinois river, \$50,000; Norwalk, Conn. harbor, \$25,000; Onondaga, Wis. harbor, \$15,000; Helena, Ark. harbor, \$75,000; White river, Ark., \$75,000; St. John's river, Fla., \$25,000; for examinations, surveys, \$75,000.

After an unsuccessful effort on the part of Mr. Weaver (La.) to secure an eye and navy vote, tallies were appointed and the report was adopted by a vote of 154 to 44. The Senate amendment for the purchase of the improvement known as the Green and Barren improvement was agreed to. There is no appropriation in the bill for any project. The Senate amendment from its amendment providing for the purchase of the Portage Lake canal and the Lake Superior ship canal railway and Inca company canal. The Senate amendment for a survey of a canal from Lake Michigan to the Illinois and Des Moines river was agreed to. The Senate amendment providing for a survey and location of a canal from the Illinois river to near Hannibal on the Mississippi; also the Senate amendment for a survey of a canal connecting Lake Michigan with the Calumet river. A bill was introduced providing that the government is not to be committed to these projects nor to any other project for which a survey is ordered in the bill. The House conference was in closing their report: "The last river and harbor bill to become a law was that approved June 15, 1888, which was enacted for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887. Two years have elapsed without a river and harbor bill. The present bill therefore really carries appropriations for two years, making the amount for each year a little over eleven millions."

The House has passed the Senate bill appropriating \$22,000,000 to aid the state house for disabled volunteers.

MR. FULLER CONFIRMED. The Senate Attorney General to Succeed the Late Chief Justice Waite.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Senate.—A bill past today the Senate went into secret session. It is to consider the nomination of Mr. Fuller for the chief justiceship. After some remarks by several senators the nomination of Mr. Fuller to be chief justice of the United States supreme court was confirmed.

The vote was 41 to 20. Nine Men Killed. Louisville, Ky., July 20.—Two firemen and seven deck hands were killed last night by the explosion of a steam pipe on the Louisville and Nashville steamship.

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